

## County Head Praises College Defense Council

Praising the efforts of State College's borough and campus defense councils, Charles Freeman, Centre County defense chairman, who visited the College Defense Council's bi-weekly meeting last night, said that the local organization had achieved a reputation that all other communities in the county are striving to equal.

The College Defense Council in turn moved to congratulate the AAUW and the promoters of Tuesday night's successful "Victory Ball" for their worthwhile contributions to the defense movement.

It was announced that Penn State's representation at a statewide civilian defense meeting in Harrisburg tomorrow will consist of A. R. Warnock, chairman of the College council; Edward K. Hibshman, H. Leonard Krouse '42, Jean Babcock '42, and possibly several other women students.

The council requested Harold W. Loman, subchairman of the Committee on Conservation of Resources, to investigate a plan to place cards in dormitories and campus buildings as reminders to conserve everyday materials, and to look into the advisability of recommending the purchase of a civilian defense flag for the unused flag pole on front campus.

It was recommended that problems which would arise in regard to the evacuation of certain campus buildings in event of a practice blackout be brought under the consideration of the Council of Administration.

## PSCA Cabin Gives Students Weekend Recreation Center

Horizon-viewers standing in the tower of Old Main often point to Mount Nittany, but a glance to the Southwest shows the dim ridge of Tussey Mountain. Further scrutiny would call attention to a gap in the ridge, and perhaps a telescope could help discern the PSCA cabin on the West slope of the gap.

Built in 1927, the lodge is named after Dean Emeritus Ralph L. Watts, and represents an investment of \$7,800. Four and one-half miles of hiking on highway, roads and paths brings one to the stone structure surrounded by woods and backed by mountain ridges.

Two huge rooms with stone fireplaces, and a wooden porch which affords a view of State College as well as harboring a wood shed underneath, make up the first floor. One room is used as the kitchen where carefully labeled eating utensils for 65 persons are kept, as well as condiments. The other quarter is the social room.

On the second floor are two large bedrooms with sleeping accommodations for 40 persons. At mixed cabin parties, the College-approved chaperones sleep in separate rooms with their respective coed or male charges. Organized student and faculty groups, as well as religious organizations, may use the cabin by applying to the PSCA committee in charge.

Recently the stretch from the lodge to the top of the mountain was blazed with white paint, and other trails are marked with slight axe cuts. Trees, rocks, and brush clogs the region.

The Ralph L. Watts Lodge will be a popular place for recreation-hunting Summer semester students this year.

## 'Victory Ball' Profits Total \$477

Total net profits from Tuesday night's Victory Ball, sponsored by The Daily Collegian, amounted to \$477.71 as released last night by George L. Donovan, Student Union manager. This sum will be divided by All-College Cabinet at its next meeting among local defense agencies.

In addition to the 525 couples buying regular Victory Ball tickets, 142 single tickets sold by the AAUW were used for Rec Hall dancing, bringing the total to 596 couples.

From the 525 paid admissions, a total intake of \$577.96 was recorded. Deducted from this

amount was \$52.50 for Federal taxes, leaving \$525.56. The additional \$47.75 subtracted from the total was for the following expenses:

Checking, doormen, and ticket-takers, \$24; placards, \$4.50; sound truck, \$6; poster painting, \$1.25; transportation for bands, \$2; and music, \$10. With this \$47.75 deducted, the net profit of \$477.71 remains.

This sum will be divided between the local Red Cross, Mrs. Hetzel's Loan Fund, and the Thespian's Mobile Defense Unit, as All-College Cabinet sees fit.

The following groups and agen-

cies contributed their services free of charge in helping to make Victory Ball a successful dance and defense project: The Campus Owls, Aristocrats, Nittany Lions, and Penn Staters for supplying the music; the Thespian Mobile Unit for its floor show; Leon J. Rabinowitz '43 as master of ceremonies; the College administration for cooperating in building bandstands, waxing the floors, and donating the use of Rec Hall; the Campus Patrol for their services; and all the student organizations that made an effort to push Victory Ball as a worthy campus project.

## Draft Committee Lays Plans For Feb. Registration

With the appointment of three subcommittees yesterday, the registration committee of the College Committee on Selective Service began its preparations to conduct a registration for students and all College employees on the February 16 draft registration date.

Authorized by Local Draft Board No. 1 of State College the registration will be held in the Armory from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. under a set-up almost identical to that of the first registration on October 16, 1940.

The list of persons expected to register will be arranged alphabetically into groups, and each group will be designated a specified hour in which to register. Classes will not be suspended, but students will be excused from class during the time required for their own registration.

The estimated 1,500 persons who will register in the Armory includes all males who reached their 20th birthday on or before December 31, 1941, and those who will not reach their 45th birthday before February 16, 1942, and who have not already registered in a previous draft. Students enrolled in the advanced Reserve Officers Training Corps are not required to register.

Sample registration forms will be available at Student Union in advance of the registration day. These sample forms must be filled in, preferably by typewriter, before one will be permitted to register. They are needed for College records.

The purpose of holding registration on campus is to relieve students of the necessity of going home to register. After the registration day, the cards of all stu-

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## 5,600 Are Registered As 2nd Semester Begins

### Engineering School Enrollment Rises

Approximately 5,600 registered for the second semester on Monday and Tuesday, the two days of scheduled registration, William S. Hoffman, registrar, revealed yesterday as the first day of classes ended.

This figure is slightly lower than the corresponding number for last year's mid-year registration, Mr. Hoffman stated.

Although complete returns on total registration will not be available until next Tuesday, it was learned that the enrollment in the Engineering School has increased.

The registrar revealed that results were tabulated for 1,668 underclassmen who were asked if they would attend the "third semester" this summer. Fifty-eight per cent answered "yes," 9 per cent answered "no," and 33 per cent answered "undecided."

The remainder of the results have not been tabulated yet, but the registrar believes that the proportion will remain the same. The question was asked of freshman sophomore, and junior registrants.

## Vacancies Appear In College Choir

War, draft and defense industries have changed nearly everything and the latest victim of the times is the College Choir. This time it is about soprano, alto, and tenor singers.

Richard W. Grant, director of music, said yesterday that the choir has dwindled because of the second semester changes that have been made. Members have graduated and still others have withdrawn from College.

"We usually like to keep the membership in the choir around 100 persons. Now that several of our group have withdrawn, there will be several openings," Grant said.

He added that tryouts will be conducted in 200 Carnegie Hall from 4 until 5 p. m. this afternoon.

In addition to issuing a call for singers, Grant announced that a course in voice culture, Music 73, will be offered for beginners during the second semester. All interested students were instructed to consult Grant in 217 Carnegie Hall this week.

### Farm Movies Include College Campus Scenes

The campus premier of the movie, "Masters of the Soil," made by a gasoline corporation was shown yesterday at the final meeting of the Second Annual Farm Bureau Tractor Short Course.

Scenes of the College's Agricultural Experiment Station farmland and pictures of experiments now being conducted by the department of agricultural engineering, are included in the movies which were taken last summer. The movies will be shown to students sometime in the near future, according to Arthur W. Clyde, professor of agricultural engineering.

### Civil Service Announces Lithography Examination

Examinations for Civil Service positions as lithographers paying from \$1,440 to \$2,000 a year were recently announced by the Civil Service Commission. Applications will be accepted by the commission until further notice.

One year College study which includes six semester hours in lithography will be eligible for the examination.

### Froth Out—No Priorities

They did it before and they'll do it again — despite everything, Froth's January issue (just made the deadline) will appear today. Rumor has it that Betty Christman, Froth Queen for 1942, will adorn the cover. And for 15 cents too.

## Dry Dock Goes In The Hole Again; Admissions Fail To Meet Expenses

It's a full 50 cents worth that the students get when they go to Dry Dock, according to the figures released by George L. Donovan, manager of the Dry Dock. In fact the Dry Dock cannot make any money even if they have a "full house" every weekend.

Most students fail to realize what their 50 cents buys when they enjoy a Saturday evening at the Sandwich Shop. First of all, it takes a great deal of time and planning to put on a night club for 300 students, and secondly, the cost for the affair makes profits almost impossible.

With every one of the 140 table reservations filled, the gross proceeds of the Dry Dock is \$70. When the five cents tax is deducted the Student Union has \$63 with which to pay all of the various bills.

## Portfolio Contest Seeks New Talent

Throughout the opening days of World War II a special emphasis has been placed on the shoulder of the college-trained person in the post-war period.

A chance for persons to reflect their opinions on this or any other subject in the form of a poem, short story, or essay has been presented in the annual Portfolio contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Portfolio staff, is designed to discover any hidden writing talents on the campus and gives members of the College community a chance to express their views through some other method than the "bull session."

The staff has requested short stories of not more than 2,500 words and not less than 1,500, while entries in the poetry division are requested to be longer than ten lines, but not extremely lengthy.

The manuscripts should be double-spaced, but should not bear the name of the contestant since the entries are to be identified by a sealed envelope containing the author's name attached to the paper.

The judging of the contest will be handled by members of the Portfolio staff, with faculty opinion on the different forms of narrative, expository, and poetic writing an important element in influencing their decision.

Prize awards are to be given and the winning manuscripts will also be printed in a special contest issue this April. All copy should be handed in to Portfolio at Student Union before March 1.

## Late News Flashes...

**LONDON**—The naval battle at the Macassar Straits in the Far East has been termed as the greatest since the Battle of Jutland in the first World War. This six-day long battle was believed to have thwarted a Jap attempt on the invasion of Java, the headquarters of the Allied Far East Command.

**TORONTO**—The Lady Hawkins, a Canadian merchant ship, was sunk by an enemy submarine off the coast of Porto Rica a week ago Monday, it was announced yesterday. The Lady Hawkins was the second "Lady" type Canadian boat sunk since the beginning of the war.

**RANGOON**—The Japanese sent 39 planes over the capital of Burma in an effort to knock out the Southern end of the famous Burma road. Six of the planes were downed. Six more were probably destroyed and three were badly damaged. None of the defending planes were downed or lost, according to the Far East Allied command.

**MOSCOW**—The Germans have been putting up stiffer resistance near the vital keypoint of Smolensk, according to the Russian command. The Russians claim that they captured at least 79 towns on the Central front in the last 24 hours. Russian sources say that the Nazis are building three defense lines far in the rear of the present battle lines.