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Student Fees

There will be little, if any, increase in the payment of student fees this semester, but the College is encountering another big headache in attempting to answer students as to whether, in future semesters, the fees will be increased.

Beginning with this semester, the College will be operating at a loss. Their budget, appropriated for the next two years, will be stretched to the breaking point in order to make up for the "third semester."

Student fees cover only one-fifth of the entire College operating expense, with state and federal appropriations accounting for the remaining four-fifths. With the addition of two more months of college activity to the budget for each year, the College will be forced to look toward other avenues or else increase the student expenditures.

What the College will do, what it can do, cannot be determined until the end of this semester. After that, the College will be forced to "pull an ace out of the bag." Maybe federal aid can be secured; maybe additional state funds can be procured; maybe student fees will be increased.

But, there is one aim that the administration is attempting to maintain. It is doing everything in its power to hold the student fees as constant and as low as possible.

Only time will tell, and, in this case, the administration will be compelled to wait until it can give a clearer picture of the war and its toll upon Penn State.

The Crystal Ball

Things to come!

When the Sandwich Shop recently announced that their supply of "cokes" had been rationed and advised the students to go on a milk ration, we were reminded of H. G. Wells' books entitled, "Things to Come."

Not only cokes will be rationed, but sugar, flour, and other "American necessities." European peasants consider as luxuries butter, tobacco, and ice cream, still common-day necessities to we Americans. But, gradually America is becoming conscious of a restriction of her luxurious necessities. One after another of these will be disappearing from the well-laid American table.

In times to come, we'll eat our bread and milk and like it. In "things to come" we see America going on a strict diet with her waist line showing a new streamlined slimness.

A Pat On The Back

Penn State lost a sincere and outstanding leader when Thomas J. Burke '42 graduated at mid-semester. He was the president of the Forensic Council and represented Forensic Council, Thespians, and Players' groups on All-College Cabinet. A good parliamentarian and hard worker, Burke gladly served on committees and was foremost in attempting to bring student opinion and reaction to the attention of All-College Cabinet. We give him an editorial slap on the back as he leaves to join Uncle Sam's armed forces.

A Worm's Eye View



"After all," said Ferdy, settling himself on a snowflake to cool off, "if my Aunt Phoebe wants to marry an undertaker, that's her own business; but the whole thing seems rather morbid to me."

"I take it you didn't like the wedding last week," I said.

"The only thing I like about weddings is the food," he said. "The rest of the procedure seems sort of silly. Of course, since the kids were home from school and Aunt Phoebe's rather prosaic, we had to drink our dew-drops straight. The mudpies were pretty good, though. I always did go for mud. It's nice for sling shots."

"Did the kids enjoy it?" I asked.

"Well, yes. Except that because of the war in the animal kingdom, they're being rushed straight through school for three semesters without vacations in preparation for it. They'd have had a semester vacation, but they had to cut their classes to attend the wedding under the new set-up."

"Were they griped?"

"What kid ever gripes about cutting a class? No, as a matter of fact, they think it's a good idea. Fifty-eight per cent of the kids at their school are in favor of it. I don't know what's the matter with the rest of them. Maybe they have to work during the summer."

"Who attended the wedding, Ferdy?"

"Oh, every worm from every family tree. The only ones who annoyed me were four of the kids from school. All they did was sit and play some game they learned there. Bridge, they called it. It seems they spend a lot of their time at it at school. You'd think that with this war going on, they could find something more constructive to do. Oh, well, maybe it relieves their nerves; or maybe it keeps them physically fit for defense."

"My nephew, George, wasn't there and I missed him. Of course, he's a chemistry major and they can't afford to cut classes, even for a wedding. He's a hard-working lad, like all chemistry majors. Sometimes I think they aren't appreciated. George wrote me last week, for instance, that he had been sick for a day and had missed one of his zoology labs. They must be pretty tough on them in the chem school because the prof would not give him any extra time to make up the work. It seems to me that they could make an exception to their hard and fast rules now and then."

By this time the snowflake Ferdy was sitting on had melted, and he had cooled off.

"Got my pants wet on that snow," he said. "Better go somewhere and dry 'em off," and Ferdy swung up into a tree. —PIX

Letters To The Editor

Writer Appeals To Penn State Spirit

To the Editor:

It seems everyone is trying to think up new ways of selling defense stamps and how to raise money to give to "Uncle Sam" instead of doing the job which has been started and thus far is not even half done. What's wrong, gang? Can't we lend a little cooperation to the task at hand?

"Blood donors needed." How many times have you seen those printed words in the last few weeks? Penn State, with an enrollment of 6,000 or more students and unable to rally 500 for a war emergency blood bank. Yes, only 91 students have signed to donate blood according to Jacques M. Schwartzberg '44, chairman of the drive. (The remaining 40 donors are townspeople, faculty, special students, etc.) But we are continually racking our brains for new ways to help the National Defense drive, when right in our midst is a task floundering for help. Yes, help which we are able to give and that doesn't cost a penny.

Don't tell me you haven't the nerve to stand an indirect blood transfusion. No, don't ever let it be said that a Penn Stater was afraid, that he failed to support such a worthy cause as building a blood bank, and that he shirked his first duty given him.

Come on, gang. Don't let the bottom fall out of this job at hand. Could you bear having someone tell you, "Yes, I heard about Penn State's defense spirit. They tried to build a blood bank and got only 91 students to volunteer." Fight-in' words, I call 'em, but then, if it happens, we are the ones to blame.

So what do you say we right shoulder arms, march up to Student Union, and sign over a little more red gold. It isn't painful. I have been a blood donor on several occasions and can truthfully say that there is no great suffering.

Schwartzberg, what do you think of the idea of keeping a score from day to day to see which class is leading in the drive? The score to date as published in Tuesday's Daily Collegian would then read:

- Juniors 31
Sophomores 27
Seniors 24
Freshmen 9
All others 40

Well, class of '44, we are only four behind those juniors. What do you say we usher out our pals and step into the lead?

Sincerely, Phil Mitchell '44

Student Comments On Book Exchange

To the Editor:

Although uncomplimentary, your editorial about the Book Exchange indicates that the Independent Party has sponsored projects worthy of comment while year after year its opponent serenely sleeps between election dates. Your comments seem a bit unfair when you consider how little Collegians ever plugged the Exchange when it was in operation.

Investigations made long before your comments revealed that classroom space in the Library was the only centrally located spot available on campus. Said space was used 25 hours a week and this would necessitate a committee member sitting in on these classes so as to avoid having books "disappear." Remember the Independent Party is financially responsible for every book left at the Exchange and yet election rules allow the party no treasury balance. This means some individual would have to pay for "missing" books. Do you know of any such Santa Claus? Furthermore, student help willing to work for no monetary remuneration is scarce and those extra 25

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Student-Faculty Relations Committee meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:30 p. m.

PSCA Fireside Sessions representatives from fraternities, sororities, and campus and town dormitories will meet in 304 Old Main at 7 p. m.

Graduate Club meeting in the Sandwich Shop at 8:15 p. m. Colored movies of the campus and Mexico will be shown. Graduate students and College employees are invited to attend.

PSCA Seminar, home of Dean Emeritus Ralph Watts, 7 p. m.

All women students interested in senior life saving and water safety report to 2 White Hall at 5 p. m. for a short but important meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

All CAA students are requested to contact the State College Air Depot at Boalsburg concerning a pilot party that will be held Saturday night.

New class in rifle instruction for coed beginners will be given in White Hall Saturday, 10 a. m. to 12 noon, and 1:30 to 3:30 p. m., January 31 and February 7; Wednesday and Friday, 4 to 5:30 p. m., January 30, February 4, 6, 11, and 13; or Monday and Wednesday, 8 to 9 p. m., February 1, 4, 7, and 9.

Donor Lists Now Available

Fraternities were called on last night to do their part in the campaign to bring a Red Cross Blood Bank to the campus by sending a representative to Student Union to receive blood donor application blanks for the members of their house.

The request was made by Jacques M. Schwartzberg '44, chairman of the campus committee on blood donations and instigator of the blood bank movement on the campus, who pointed out that the list of signers recently published in The Collegian "was composed of 37 per cent women students, or 48 out of 132, which is a very high ratio in comparison with the 57 male signers."

The balance of the list was made up of faculty, graduate students, and members of the College's grounds and buildings staff.

Schwartzberg emphasized that any member of the campus community might sign up at Student Union, and reminded all students under 21, who were interested in the campaign, that a special parental permission blank was available there.

When the additional 200 names are entered on the list, the campus committee, in collaboration with the State College Red Cross unit, which sponsored a town drive for donors under the guidance of Mrs. J. Stanley Cobb, will arrange to bring the mobile unit from Philadelphia.

The male donations will amount to about 500 cubic centimeters, or approximately one pint, while the coeds will contribute 250 cc's.

hours would have taxed our present supply of volunteers.

I doubt that the merit of a Student Book Exchange can be denied by any one. Therefore, I believe a worthy suggestion is that the All-College Cabinet be wholly responsible for the operation of an exchange each semester. Thus you would have an organization with funds available for expenses such as labor, materials, and space. Even operation at a financial loss but a great student gain would then be possible.

The Independent Party is going to press Cabinet hard for the acceptance of this project which has such great possibilities for benefitting the general student body.

Sincerely, Frank R. Flynn '43

BUY SELL TRADE SECOND SEMESTER TEXTS KEELER'S in the Cathaum Bldg.