

Defense Council Throughout State Exchange Views

Activities of college civilian defense councils throughout the state were reviewed and ideas were interchanged and spread as representatives from 25 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, including five from Penn State, met in the chamber of the House of Representatives in Harrisburg Friday. This state-wide civilian defense meeting was the first of its kind in the nation.

At the meeting, which consisted of addresses and a round-table discussion, it was made evident that many colleges had followed Penn State's leadership in instituting defense measures on their campuses as their share toward aiding Pennsylvania to gain recognition as one of the nations most progressive states in regard to the extensiveness of the programs.

Stressing the educational privileges enjoyed under a democratic system of government, Governor Arthur H. James, the featured speaker, said, "If there is any place where we need an aroused appreciation of what we are fighting for, it is in the places of higher learning."

Maj. Edward S. Shattuck, legal chief of the national selective service system, advised the group that students training for production jobs will not be drawn into the armed services.

After A. R. Warnock's address on "American Unity on the College Campus," the colleges exchanged reports on their respective defense programs. Much interest was evoked by the report of Jean Babcock '42 on last week's "Victory Ball" and by the report of Edward K. Hibshman on his committee on contacts. James Ward, of the National Civilian Defense Council, requested information on the dance for possible use in future nation-wide campaigns.

Greek Neophytes Lead Dog's Life During Hell Week

All "Hell" is breaking loose in the fraternity section right now. Out TKE way, things are really humming. The boys have been chasing the pledges for all they are worth. One of the neophytes was seen in Rec Hall with his hair plastered into an upright hair-do, collecting toe-nail pairings. He had to have an ounce of the things before he dared go home.

One house conceived the novel idea of having the pledges shave from the neck down instead of up. And at another house, the brothers built a fire in one of the upper stories, then ordered the pledges to go downstairs backward on their hands and knees and return the same way with water in their mouths to extinguish the blaze.

Autograph collecting is another favorite. Two weary boys tracked Sis Fitting to the library, and secured the scrawl just as she and her boyfriend were leaving. Another project was an autographed pair of "unmentionables."

Energy by the truckload must have been spent by the two bands of pledges from different houses who really had some work laid out for them. One group had to collect a thousand cigarette butts and number them.

Collegian Publishes 5,804 Register As Totals Drop

This is The Daily Collegian's house warming issue!

The Collegian staff and all its paraphernalia—lock, stock, and barrel up and moved over the weekend to spacious new offices on the ground floor of remodeled Carnegie Hall.

Gone are the days when 30 or 40 student journalists had to pack into a two by four office at deadline time. Now our classified ad customers, our news "tipper-offers", and subscribers can enter a neat, efficient looking office, and readily dispatch their business without being trampled on.

Organization Of STCD Program Nears Completion

Total registration figures have reached 5,804, Registrar William S. Hoffman revealed yesterday, as an overwhelming majority of underclassmen showed their intentions of attending the "third semester" this summer.

A drop of about five per cent was recorded in the undergraduate totals, as 5,332 registered this semester in comparison to the 5,617 who registered second semester last year. However, registration totals dropped four per cent last September.

Of the underclassmen, 2,335 said they would attend the summer semester, 282 said they would not attend, and 1,588 said they were undecided. These figures do not include seniors, who would not ordinarily be here for another semester.

The largest turnout for the next semester will be from the junior class, the poll indicates. Of the 1,219 in the class of 1943, only 102 said they would not attend the summer semester. However, 341 were undecided.

The complete figures on the "third semester" voting:

	Yes	No	Un'd
Junior men	590	58	249
Junior women	186	44	92
Sophomore men	573	199	399
Sophomore women	164	27	139
Freshmen men	586	121	450
Freshmen women	159	33	182

Defense Group Completes Plans

Organization of the protection group of the campus civilian defense committee has been completed, according to George W. Ebert, superintendent of the grounds and buildings department and chairman of the committee.

Mr. Ebert announced yesterday that division of the campus into 15 sections had been completed and that wardens, deputy wardens, and their assistants have been appointed and are being instructed according to the national government's regulations for their training.

Training for the officials, who will be all-important in any sort of war emergency, includes first aid, fire protection, bomb protection, blackout direction and will be available to students as well as faculty members as soon as the appointed wardens have been trained to carry out their jobs.

The course, which 80 students and faculty members are taking, is a general course with special emphasis on equipment and bomb structure. The college, as instruction center for the county, will give training to all wardens in the eight sectors which the county has been divided into.

The work which remains for the committee to do, Ebert said, was the completion of a survey of the buildings on campus to determine the safest setup for emergencies. As soon as the survey is completed, each building will be posted with the following information: safe areas, dangerous areas, faculty members in charge, warning signal, and all-clear signal.

Booth Money Due At SU

All fraternities or other groups interested in having booths at Senior Ball must leave their \$5 deposit at Student Union no later than February 24, it was announced by George L. Donovan, Student Union manager.

Naval Ensign To Give V-7 Physicals Today

Ensign Paul W. Thompson will be giving preliminary physical exams and making applications for all juniors and seniors interested in the V-7 Naval Reserve program in 305 Old Main from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. today.

The V-7 program includes training for both deck and engineering officers.

Mattern And Shapiro Named IF Chairmen

Charles F. Mattern '42 and Arthur H. Shapiro '42 are the chairmen of Interfraternity Ball to be held Friday, March 27, Thomas J. L. Henson '42, IFC president, announced last night.

The rest of the committee includes Robert A. Etien, Robert W. Fickenscher, William H. Long, Robert E. Maeser, James J. Rattigan and George K. Schubert, all seniors.

The committee will meet soon to decide on possible bands, theme, and decorations for the affair.



LEAVES POST — Elden T. Shaut '42, president of the Independent Men's Association, will leave for six weeks of practice teaching at Millifinburg. John H. Knode Jr. '42 will be acting president during Shaut's absence.

Knode Appointed Acting IMA Head

John H. Knode Jr. '42 was appointed acting president of the Independent Men's Association to serve in the absence of Elden T. Shaut '42, who will leave today for six weeks of student teaching, at a dinner meeting last night in the Hotel State College.

Twenty members of the IMA Council were present at the meeting. Speakers included Danny DeMarino, assistant dean of men, and Ross B. Lehman, editor of The Daily Collegian.

The IMA's bi-annual scholarship award plaque was presented to Fairmount Hall for the highest house average for the second semester of last year. Fairmount will retain the plaque until a rating for last semester grades is made.

Among the many suggestions offered at the meeting for the strengthening of the IMA as a campus organization, Lehman proposed that the group include in their rolls students living in the smaller boarding houses throughout the town. These houses, which are too small to be a single unit, would enlarge the membership of the group considerably, Lehman pointed out.

Melchior Defies Traditions

Shattering precedent and time-honored customs have become a habit with Lauritz Melchior, world famous Wagnerian tenor.

The Incredible Dane, who will present the second program of the 1941-42 Artists' Course Series at Schwab Auditorium on Thursday, February 5, began his tradition-reversing at a tender age by entering the musical world as a baritone.

In July 1920 Melchior again accomplished the unusual when he became the first artist to make a transatlantic radio broadcast.

The opera star even met his wife in a manner bordering on the fantastic. A movie star, Mrs. Melchior had jumped from a plane during the filming of a picture, and her

parachute was blown by a cross current away from her intended landing place and into the middle of Melchior's garden.

"I figured at once that she was heaven-sent," Melchior recalled, "so I married her."

One of the reasons that the tenor is so convincing as Siegfried is that he really is a big-game hunter. True, he doesn't flit around in a deer-skin costume, but he has shot panthers in South America, bear in New Brunswick, and moose in Northern Canada and Alaska. In North Dakota he went the limit in big game hunting by bagging a 1600 pound bison.

That the Melchior voice seems especially to improve with the years is especially amazing because it is

probably the least pampered voice in opera. He disagrees entirely with the customary pre-performance ritual of sprays and lozenges. A thick steak sandwich, a glass of beer, and a cigar are usually more effective in tiding him through a "Lohengrin" or "Gottterdammerung."

Some explanation for Melchior's extraordinary activities may be found in the advice he once gave to a group of young singers. "Don't be just a singer and nothing more," he advised, "because if you are a one-track person, you won't be a good singer! It is not enough to sing with technical skill. There must be feeling as well, and that can be expressed only if one has lived intensely."

Course Descriptions Released By Bunnell

With the announcement that six short courses in the Student Training for Civilian Defense program have already been organized, Millard T. Bunnell, supervisor of extension class centers and coordinator of the STCD program, yesterday advanced the probability that registration and actual classwork in the majority of the courses will begin within several weeks.

Great care and time are being taken, Mr. Bunnell pointed out, to prepare truly worthwhile courses which will offer students practical information designed to fit them for leadership in civilian defense programs in their home communities.

The courses already announced follow:

1. **School for Air Raid Wardens.** This course will consist of six hours of lectures plus 10 or 20 hours of first aid instruction, and will meet once a week for 9 or 14 weeks, depending on the first aid requirements. Modelled after the air raid warden schools in Centre County, it will enable students to fit into programs in their respective communities and to qualify for official "Air Raid Warden Insignia."

Topics the course will embrace include civilian defense organization; the role of federal, state, and local governments; air raids; a discussion of what they are; the air raid warning system; air raid warden service; auxiliary service units; spot maps; protection from high explosive bombs; control of incendiary bombs; protection against gas; and first aid.

Administrators for this course are Arthur L. Haskins, William G. Edwards, and Walter W. Trainer, of the School of Agriculture.

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Late News Flashes...

BATAVIA—Dutch officials expressed doubt that the Japs would attempt an all out attack on Singapore, but would instead keep it under heavy siege while diverting their main strength to the attack on India.

BERLIN—The high command claimed today that the Axis counter-offensive in Libya has extended 100 miles beyond Bengasi which was recaptured three days ago. Axis forces are now within 60 miles of British-held Derna.

MOSCOW — Russian troops counter-attacking in the Ukraine have driven the Germans back to within 30 miles of the Dneiper River.

WASHINGTON — Draft officials announced yesterday that approximately 13 million men and boys of non-military age—18 to 19 and 45 to 64 years of age, inclusive—probably will register during April or May. The registration is expected to cover a period of one month.

PARIS — Six more Parisians were put to death today in retaliation for recent outbreaks against the German army of occupation. The uprisings included four bombings and two shootings during the month of January.