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More Than A Gesture

Acclaimed as a leader in its extension training for defense industries and boasting one of the most advanced campus civilian defense set-ups, the College administration deserves still another pat on the back for its unique "short course" plan under which thousands of Penn State students will next week be given an opportunity to prepare for roles as skilled defense workers when and where they will be needed most.

When the Student Training for Civilian Defense program was suggested shortly after the outbreak of war last December, more than 2,000 enthusiastic students flooded the Student Union office with their preliminary application blanks. With equal enthusiasm 886 members of the faculty volunteered their services as instructors, and co-operative Library officials purchased books to be used in connection with the project.

This demand by the students for a chance to be of direct value to the national defense effort while they are continuing their college education has been conscientiously answered.

Next week the STCD non-credit short courses will get under way after a month of careful preparation: Forty-seven courses, ranging from three hours to 30 hours in duration, and embracing subjects from home nursing and waitress training to demolition and air raid protection, will give the student concise, practical information and training which should ultimately prove of great benefit to himself and his community.

Handicapped by the lack of a budget and by other considerations, the organization of the program by the STCD committee headed by Millard T. Bunnell has necessarily been slow. The best equipped instructors had to be selected by the heads of the various schools and departments. Overlapping courses had to be consolidated. Schedules had to be arranged to the convenience of both instructors and students. Decisions had to be made regarding the specific scope of each course.

This deliberate planning apparently has paid dividends. The courses are not being offered as a mere gesture or as a morale-building stunt. Care was taken in the planning of each course to avoid too ambitious a scope. Superfluous generalizations and impractical details, as far as possible, have been eliminated so as to give each student a maximum of worthwhile, useable training.

Whether the student enters the armed services or is engaged in a civilian occupation, he will find a variety of courses as useful to him as they are interesting. Two and three-hour pre-induction courses arranged by the ROTC department will enhance the draftee's probability of advancement. Civilian courses like first aid, auto mechanics, personnel work, and publicity techniques—to list a few—can be put to use anytime.

Since the average course will consume only one or two hours of the student's time each week (less than he spends at the movies) and outside preparation will be kept at a minimum, thinking it will not impose a burden on the average student. Many may perhaps easily manage two or three courses at the same time. We suggest, however, that students who are low in the regular studies do not assume too great a load of these special courses.

We feel confident that the enthusiastic response to the program last December has not worn off, and that a large turnout at the registration next week will prove that the organizers of the courses have not labored in vain.

—D. L. G.

The Campus Watchtower

While Campy is home explaining a \$72 increase in blue book fees, we reintroduce a new column. First entitled "The Campus Squawker," we rename it because there was nothing to squawk about. From our post in Old Main Tower, we see all; tell all; and hide only the poronographic.

All right, copy boy, hand me those proofs. Let's go to press! Flash!

Send Defense Stamps To:

Eight boys from the dorms—Don Ciansarini, John Nolan, Dick Rhuland, Bob Kough, Don Cissidy, Letrick Harris, Murray Schwartz, and Phil Jaffe—who volunteered their blood to save a fellow student, Tom Ramsden, injured last month. Ramsden is now back in school after a week's sojourn in Bellefonte Hospital.

Frank Neusbaum—for showing us cynical lads that the Bard could pound out some real frothy stuff. In fact, some of the lustier cracks in the Shrew completely passed over the heads of the audience. And we thought we knew the facts of life, via Soc 4 and Psych 416.

Les Hetenyi and his ASP brethren deserve special citation for not pestering the Collegian lads for free publicity on the "Penn State Winter Carnival." Damned inconsiderate of this rag not to present the keys of the boro to Gene Krupa and his lads. At 3 p. m. someone stuck a pin in the horn of someone's car, keeping the local lights out of bed for two hours—until the battery went dead. Too many reefers being sold these days.

Effects Of The War:

The sugar rationing has finally hit little State College in the sweet tooth. Noticed a sign in one of Pugh Street's better restaurants: "Use Less Sugar and Stir Like H—I! We don't mind the noise."

We were rambling around Bellefonte the other night (guess why) and noticed another placard proclaiming: "We'd rather do business with ten Japs than one American." The sign was displayed before an undertaking parlor.

Sweepings From Portfolio:

Here are two poems that did not and will not appear within the sacred covers of Portfolio, that literary mag a la Dali. We dedicate the first to all the innocents inducted into the women's fraternities (sororities)—with due respects to Dean Ray.

On a mule behind, two feet we find  
 And two we find before.  
 We look behind before we find  
 What two behind be for.

The following bit of slush (paraphrasing the Bard again) is dedicated to Shickelgruber, Hirohito, and Company:

Let Hitler wildly rant and gabby Goebbels rave  
 For the paths of glory lead but to the grave.

Observed At Sweetheart Brawl:

Genial Johnny Jaffurs, the-Sweetheart of Aca-cia, had his number called (not draft) with petite Mary McCurdy to be crowned sweethearts of the ball. Carrot-top Rube Faloon squired brunette Laura Mulcahy, showing that not-all Collegian reporters are vicious wolves—much. Captain Len Krouse, one of Higgins' boys, escorted Panama Lassie (not Hattie) Olive Kalar.

Other shining faces which glowed were those of King Dogpatch Jack Morgan and Caroline Erb; Betty Miller (ChiO) and Tom Mitchell; Bob Roy, the twin who went, squired Madame X (femme fatale).

Engagement Sparklers Seen On:

Margie Strode, Theta, from Bob Blasingame, Sigma Chi. Ibbey Kinsloe, ditto, has one on display via Bill Henning, Sigma Nu. Simply marvelous what Penn State does for its coeds nowadays. Pappy's investments are producing results.

We end with this light bit of humor: The doctor was so busy a man that he could waste no time in preliminaries. A college coed walked into his office one day. "Will you undress immediately, please," he said, "I'm in a hurry." The coed blushed and stammered a meek refusal. The doctor protested, and finally she entered his sanctum stark naked. "Well, young lady, what seems to be the trouble?" he asked. "Oh, there's no trouble," she replied, "I just wanted to sell you a subscription to The Daily Collegian."

Incidentally, all yo' hep cats can jive at the Cathaum today to the music of Frankie Masters and his "Bell Tone Rhythm" band. P.S. (Plug) They'll be here in person! —SNOOPER

Giving Blood Proves Easy

"Donating blood is no more painful than getting your temperature taken." That is the opinion of Jacques M. Schwartzberg '44, head of Penn State's proposed blood bank, who last month gave a pint of his blood to Uncle Sam.

The whole procedure surrounding the blood donation took just about 15 minutes, according to Schwartzberg. Upon arriving at the Red Cross Blood Donation Center at Philadelphia, he was given a preliminary examination and then signed a statement that said, in short, that whatever happened was his own responsibility.

"Signing that statement made me a little shaky for a moment," Schwartzberg remarked, "but a look around me set my mind at ease. There were about 40 people stretched out flat on two rows of hospital cots, calmly watching blood dripping into pint bottles from tubes attached to their arms. "My reverie was interrupted by a bustling little nurse who stretched me out on one of the cots and swabbed my arm with antiseptic. A doctor then whisked onto the scene, injected the anesthetic, and pushed a small needle way into my arm. Before I knew it the job was over and in about 10 minutes I was walking down Arch street again."

More Jobless In U. S.—Reede

"Unemployment in the United States has increased by 400,000 during the past month despite the expansion of production for war."

This fact was disclosed by A. H. Reede, associate professor of economics, at a recent conference of labor leaders sponsored by the College, Temple University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Reede, in leading one of the discussion groups, discussed the effects of priorities on workers. He said that the coming months would be particularly critical for workers displaced by the shortage of materials.

He expressed the hope that effective co-operation of unions, managements, and administrative officials in streamlining placement and training facilities might reduce to a minimum the waste of man power in the present emergency.

J. Orvis Keller, in charge of extension services, officially represented the College at the conference. He commented, in an address of welcome, on the growing co-operation of the College in the solution of labor problems, specifically as co-sponsor of the Workers Service Project.

Registration Today

(Continued from Page One) tration, the registrants must obtain a sample registration form at Student Union, fill it out by typewriter or by printing, and take it to registration. Students must also bring matriculation cards.

The registration forms to be used today are almost identical with those of the two previous registrations. In the only change, local board jurisdiction is more clearly determined. After this student absentee registration, the cards will be turned over to the State College draft board which will send them to the students' respective local boards.

Driving Course Starts

Another driver training course will be organized in State College as a continuation of those already given to the students and townspeople. A meeting will be held for those who are interested, in Room 107, State College High School at 7 p. m. today.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

'44 Independent party meeting tonight, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m. Tryouts tonight and tomorrow night for Players' next production, "Mr. and Mrs. North." Students interested in acting and technical work sign up at Student Union.

Draft registration, Armory, 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. Registrants are requested to report according to the alphabetically-arranged schedule.

Riding Club instruction meeting, Stock Judging Pavilion, 7 p. m.

The MI school will hold its annual banquet in the State College Hotel at 8 p. m.

Nutrition exhibit of fruits and vegetables, 209 Home Economics, 3 to 5 p. m.

TOMORROW

Important meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, 114 Carnegie Building, 7:15 p. m. Plans for Gridiron Dinner will be discussed.

Roland Elliott, national executive secretary of student Christian Associations, will speak, 121 Sparks Building, 7 p. m.

Help For 40 Grads Okayed

Forty graduate students will be exempt from tuition and practicum fees during the next school year through scholarships approved last week by the College's Board of Trustees.

Appointments are expected to be available in arts and sciences, and in the applied fields of agriculture, engineering, mineral industries, education, and physical education, according to Frank D. Kern, dean of the graduate school. A limited number of stipend scholarships paying \$300 and of graduate assistantships paying \$700 will also be available in the various departments, Kern stated.

Applications for graduate aid should be addressed to the Graduate School, in care of Dean Kern.

PSCA Accepts Odd Job Applications

Any male student who wishes to be considered for part-time jobs should fill out an application blank at the Christian Association office, 304 Old Main, D. Ned Linegar, PSCA associate secretary, announced yesterday.

Although the student applicant cannot be assured of work, the Association Employment Bureau believes that there will be an especially large number of part-time jobs available for the next two months because of Spring cleaning.

Students who registered during the first semester, and who are still available for employment, must fill out their second semester schedule to remain on the Employment Bureau's rolls, according to Linegar. This semester, 25 students have filed applications.

College Restores Old Battlefield

Restoration of the famous Peach Orchard, scene of some of the hardest fighting in the Battle of Gettysburg, is practically assured through the co-operation of the College, according to Dr. J. Walter Coleman, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park.

It is expected that the restored orchard will be of great interest and aid to visitors. At this site was the salient created by the advance of Sickles' Third Corps. The position was heavily attacked from the south and west, first being pounded by Longstreet's artillery, then suffering a heavy assault by his infantry. The battle line was broken and forced to retreat and General Sickles himself was seriously wounded.