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Student Opinion

Either college students are full of hot air, their opinions on war conservative and insipid, or else the nation has cast itself into a lethargic belief that all is well with the war and the United States will win in the long run.

If the nation is correct; according to a recent poll collected by Dr. George Gallup and The Daily Collegian, here on campus, then students are full of hot air. But, we beg to differ.

"Do you think the United States is doing all it can towards winning the war?" was the question. The nation said an emphatic "Yes." College students said "No." We reiterate that "No." And, we say a thousand times "No."

The nation, its industries, its vast utilities, its natural resources, its manpower, are not being used to their full capacity. Our evidence is shown by the number of strikes that tore the nation's war plans asunder during the early months of our concentrated defense program. The bungling of OPM operations and the inability of the American people to sacrifice their luxuries is another point of contradiction of war efforts.

Can we answer that question of Dr. Gallup's truthfully when we know that our efforts on campus has been, by no means, a total sacrifice of selfish motives. Has our nation consecrated itself to an unselfish conservation of necessary wartime materials. We know that we have failed.

We admit that an "all-out" effort is gradually gaining impetus in America, but it will be a long time before the nation will realize that it must gladly give up its automobiles, sugar, rubber, steel, and other commodities.

It has been predicted by Civilian Defense experts that family cars will no longer be driven after next year. How many families or students in college are still willing to give up their cars voluntarily. Only legislative measures will bring about this so-called sacrifice.

What, then, is our outlook? It isn't bad, but it also isn't good. Cooperation with the nation and its war program will become a gradual process, and the degree of American awakening to the war needs of the nation will be slow but sure. We still have too many complacent and self-satisfied industrial and labor groups who believe that America will eventually conquer. However, they do not realize that their negligence will mean the sacrificing of tens of thousands more lives in a drive to overcome our material handicaps.

We disagree with the majority of people who were self-satisfied with the American effort in winning the war. We say that we have only begun, and, so far, it has been a bad beginning. We challenge the complacent ones to present their clean bill of goods, and we'll show them a few soiled linens tucked underneath.

When we awake from our industrial nap, throw our full resources at the feet of the government, and offer our coat in the bargain, then America will have struck its war pace.

Until then, let's get that smug look of sacrifice off our faces, and let's roll up our sleeves. There's plenty of work ahead.

—D. S.



At Dawning

We open one Scotch-blighted eye (All-College cabinet to the contrary) to wish each and every-one a hearty good afternoon. We hope you had half as much fun as we did. Flash! Just heard that there are 693 glamorous creatures transported from afar gracing these windy Nittany plains for the duration. What a picnic for Miss Haidt and the little White Hall Watchbirds tonight.

In the limelight for tonight's performances are Kappa Alpha Thetas dragging best acquaintances and acquisitions, including Jean Babcock and husband-to-be Bob Hasek, Joyce Brayton and Bob Jeffrey, Frankie Leiby and returned-for-the-occasion Larry Drierer, Marge Sykes ever-faithful and Dick Cramer, Rowena Gotshall and Burt Willis, the bomber, once-met never-forgot Leslie Lewis and Bob Montz, Doris Stevenson and Penn Flash Bill Gelbach, Esthermae Hartos and casualty Phi Gam Dick Robb, Mae Perry and stooge brother Ralph Blasingame, and Perky MacLellan and Red Caputo.

Seems as if the Alpha Chis took a back seat and gave up their formal as a bad job—they couldn't have been afraid all the available men were signed up for aforementioned formalities?

Sharing honors tonight will be Sigma Nu's pledge dance with new combination Doris Ward, Kappa, and Bob Koch and hordes of others. These boys do all right.

See A Pin And Pick It Up

Campy has erred—ever righting his wrongs, we beg to disclose that Mim Rhein is not pinned to Bill Murphy, at least when we checked 15 minutes ago—never can be sure about that gal. Now she has one, now she hasn't.

Gamma Sig Jay Gross has himself all ready and waiting to plant his jewels on AEPHI Edith Bernstein—wotinell are you waiting for Jay—a push! Braver brother Wallman did the trick with Muriel Meiselman.

New wrinkle in pin losing comes via a crap game in which Cuban Alberto Roque gave his all to a Gamma Phi Beta cutie who knew her seben's from her 'lebens.

Beauty Contest

Not in keeping with the usual connotation of the phrase, Deltachi smarty Bill Briner has wagged Bill Lundelius that he can date more pretty gals in a week. So comely cuties connive—keep 'em crying!

Meet
Jimmy Young
At
KEELER'S
Monday March 2nd
At 2:00 P. M.
Who Will Autograph
Copies Of His Book
"Behind the Rising Sun"

Campus Calendar

TODAY

Fencing Club meets, body mechanics room, White Hall, 1 p. m.
Varsity Swimming, Syracuse, Glennland Pool, 2 p. m.
Varsity Fencing, Lehigh, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.
Varsity Boxing, Michigan State, Rec Hall, 7 p. m.
Varsity Basketball, New York University, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.
Wesley Foundation cabin party, Ralph Watts Lodge. Meet at Foundation at 2 p. m.
Ice skating, tennis courts, afternoon and evening sessions.
Ski lodge open, 1-6 p. m.

TOMORROW

Chapel services, Dr. Liston Pope, professor at the Yale Divinity School, speaker, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m.
Dr. Liston Pope meets faculty group, home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seamans, 3 p. m.
Dr. George H. Menke, regional secretary for Student Christian Movement speaks at Lutheran Church Student's Sunday School.
Dr. Liston Pope meets PSCA Cabinet, home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stevenson, 4:45 p. m.
Ice Skating, Tennis courts, afternoon session.
Ski lodge open, 1-6 p. m.
League of Evangelical Students meeting, 318 Old Main, 2 p. m.
Topic, "Noah vs. Modern Criticism."
Penn State Riding Club meeting, club stables, 2:30 p. m.

MONDAY

'44 Independent Party meeting for nominations in Old Main, 7:15 p. m.
Campus 4-H square dance, 405 Old Main, Monday, 7:30 p. m.
Dr. George H. Menke speaks to PSCA Freshmen Men's cabinet, home of D. Ned Linegar, 7 p. m.
All-College Dancing classes sponsored by the Penn State Club begin, Armory, 8:30 p. m. Tickets at Student Union.

MISCELLANEOUS

Winners and alternates in the Inter-American Extempore-Discussion contest, meet for explanation of district meet procedure, 316 Sparks, 7 p. m., Wednesday.
"A Cavalcade of Jewish Music," by Susie Michael, pianist, and Maurice Friedman, baritone, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday.
Gatty Sellars, world famous descriptive organist, presented by State College Presbyterian Church, 8 p. m., Wednesday.
Freshmen in LD-1 can get papers in 132 Sparks if they call for them before March 9.

CA To Hold Seminar

"An Enduring Philosophy of Life" will be the topic of the PSCA seminar for upperclass students to be held at the home of John H. Frizzell, College chaplain and department of public speaking head, from 7 to 8 o'clock tonight. Lois H. Weaver '44 is in charge of the worship program, and Clifford M. Painter '44 will preside.

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