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## A 'Must' for Summer

Penn State's third-semester plan, which will be initiated in mid May, is no longer of news interest. Too, it is not newsworthy to mention that students will have to speed up their studies if they wish to cope with this accelerated plan that the administration has adopted for the duration.

But it would be news if someone remarked that a student recreation and intramural program had been adopted on an accelerated scale, so that it would parallel the new study setup. There is no doubt that the College will need this extensive recreation program. Without it, the students will grow stale, just as a basketball or football team does when it is under the strain of too much practice.

The cons will argue that rubber priorities may bait any attempt to start intramural leagues in tennis and golf. This argument is without foundation, however, because tennis and golf balls will be available all Summer, although the supply will be rationed in monthly quotas to prevent hoarding.

Intramural softball should receive the most attention, however, since it has potential interest for the greatest number of students. Suggestions have been made that would call for extensive independent and fraternity leagues which would operate all Summer, ending with championship playoffs to determine the All-College softball titlist. Ample playing space for softball may be found in a dozen locations on campus, and tremendous interest could be built around so-called "twilight" games.

Undoubtedly, the College will adopt some form of recreation plan for the Summer, but it is imperative that the program be decidedly more extensive than the present intramural setup. The Army and Navy have long realized the necessity of such a program and have put great effort behind a movement to get the best men, including Charlie "Doc" Speidel, to lead their recreation and physical activities. —G. L. C.

## Students and the Draft

With the third registration and the recent draft lottery behind them, thousands of college men are beginning to wonder if they will be able to complete their education before they are called into the armed forces. The third R-day affected 1,650,000 young men who were 20 or 21 years old, and approximately 7,350,000 older men between the ages of 36 and 44.

Even though they received high order numbers in the lottery on March 17, many students feel that their chances of graduating are slim, since many of the registrants are older men who will be deferred for numerous reasons. Chances of completing their education appear even more dubious when students realize that registrants of the last R-day will be inducted on a 10-1 ratio with the men classified under the two previous registrations.

However, Brig.-Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the Selective Service system, has revealed that draft exemptions will be tightened, and that persons with high order numbers will probably not be called for a considerable length of time. Many occupations that would have previously exempted older men will no longer be included in the deferred list, Hershey indicated. As a result, most college students who comply with the accelerated study program will be able to graduate before being drafted.

Under present plans, all men between the ages of 20 and 64 will soon be registered. From this group, men will be drafted into the armed forces and industry, while the remainder will be deferred or exempt. Questionnaires for the third draft will probably be issued in mid-April, and inductions are certain to begin within the following month. But the inducted men won't all be students; for to get a deferment now, a person must be a keyman in a war industry, a supporting industry, or in a critical occupation. G. L. C.

## One Man's Meat

### Cinema Soviet

A foreign picture in State College is an occasion. A Russian picture in our picturesque little academic village is nothing short of ultra-unique. So I hied myself last eventide to the Nittany Theatre, beloved of double feature fans and horse opera enthusiasts, to catch the jive of "A Day in Soviet Russia."

Ordinarily, foreign pictures shown in this country are the cream of the crop. Russian films, usually poor from a technical viewpoint, ordinarily feature fine acting and direction with interesting, let alone "socially stirring" plots. "A Day in Soviet Russia" fails from practically any angle to provide any points of merit. Although Quentin Reynolds insists that this is not a propaganda picture, the film reeks with the stuff. It gushes from the scenes of summer resorts, drips madly from the Kremlin shots, and oozes gently from every other corner. It's about as subtle as those two loudspeakers barking the wares of the Campus and Independent parties on Co-op Corner.

If the film had continuity, or even approached a semblance of order, maybe we could swallow it. But when it rambles incoherently from the far reaches of Siberia to the sunny Crimea, then up to Lake Baikal by way of Leningrad and Moscow, stops briefly at Stalingrad, jumps erratically to the Ukraine, it's too much.

Travelogues bore me. When they're as long and gooey as this was, my stomach gets upset.

A redeeming short, the Ballet Russe de Monte-Carlo performing "The Gay Parisienne," settled my digestive organs and cleared the dark red taste from my mouth. An interesting experiment, the dialogue-less technicolor production rates tops with this column.

—LOKI

## Juniors Enter College

High school juniors with exceptional records will be permitted to enter Northwestern university next fall under a new plan designed to enable them to progress according to their abilities and to complete college before they are 21.

Although present arrangements call for inauguration of the plan in the school of speech, where it was originated by Dean Ralph B. Dennis, it is likely that other schools in the university will adopt it later.

Under the plan, 100 students with exceptional records for three years of high school will take three college courses at Northwestern during the summer; those who pass these satisfactorily and who make satisfactory records on the university's aptitude tests will be admitted as freshmen in the fall.

## Debate Group Visits Here

Penn State's department of public speaking will play host this Saturday and Monday to the National Forensic League District Debate Tournament, Western Pennsylvania District.

Prof. Harold P. Zelko, of the department, will serve as host chairman of the event which will bring debaters from 20 schools to the campus.

The tournament starts at 10 a. m. Saturday and runs throughout the day and Monday until only two schools are left. These two schools will meet on Monday evening in the final championship debate in 10 Sparks Building at 7:30 p. m.

Judges for this debate will be Paul R. Beall, Ralph E. Richardson, and George Rice, all instructors of public speaking. The two schools competing in the final debate may send their teams to the national tournament.

"Resolved that every able-bodied citizen in the United States shall receive one year of military training before he attains the present draft age," is the question to be debated throughout the tournament.

Members of the men's and women's varsity debate teams and students in advanced public speaking classes at the College will serve as judges for the preliminary rounds.

## Rifle Honorary Ends Program

Penn State's Pershing Rifle unit, Company "B" 5th Regiment, has been temporarily declared inactive. This notification was given by Lieutenant James F. Grove, faculty advisor to the company.

The remainder of the present semester will probably constitute the period of inactivity. Lieutenant Grove pointed out that the company would be completely reorganized, and would revert to an active status at the beginning of the summer term.

In the new revised plan, the ROTC department will assume a more active role in the setting of standards and in the selection of members and officers. Plans are tentative at present but more definite information is forthcoming from the ROTC department.

## National Anthem

(Continued from Page One) every army camp in the country without charge.

"At times like these the inspired words of our anthem take on a new meaning," Dr. Howard pointed out. "It is a song every American wants to sing and in this new form we believe every American will be able to sing it."

## Pre-Med To Elect

Tentative plans have been made for the Pre-Medical Society's banquet and nominations will be held soon for new officers. Nominations may be made by suggesting names to the nominating committee. Elections will be conducted on April 9 at 7 p. m. in the Home Ec Auditorium.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### TODAY

Second inter-class boed swimming meet in White Hall pool, 8 p. m. Swimming club elections, 7:30 p. m.

Fraternity social chairmen may obtain tickets to Interfraternity Ball at Student Union beginning at 9 a. m.

Important meeting of the Liberal Arts Council, 305 Old Main, 4 p. m.

Freshman Council, McAllister Hall, 5 p. m.

WRA Outing Club, 3 White Hall, 6:30 p. m. Election of officers.

PSCA Freshman camp committees, 304 Old Main, 8 p. m.

Freshman mass meeting committee meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p. m.

Lenten Group, Presbyterian Church, 4 p. m.

All-College elections, first floor lounge, Old Main, 9:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Student-Faculty Relations committee, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Delta Alpha Delta will meet in 103 Home Economics at 6:30 p. m.

Last opportunity to sew and knit for defense in the Red Cross workroom, 117 Home Economics, 6:45 to 8:45 p. m.

## Politicos Extinguish Campus Brush Fire

All thoughts of political rivalry were cast aside as Campus and Independent politicians joined in extinguishing a bush fire in front of Old Main yesterday afternoon.

In the heat of campaigning, several of the cooler minds noticed a small blaze at the base of the pine tree on the left side of the main steps. After a little confusion three fire extinguishers from Old Main were put into play and the fire put out with little damage.

A cigarette butt is believed to have started the blaze. According to George L. Donovan, Student Union manager, this is the first time in the history of the College that the fire department has not been called out for a campus blaze.

## 450 Vote

(Continued from Page One) Franklin J. Shields, president of the Board of Trustees, and President Ralph D. Hetzel. The closing address will be by the valedictorian, who has not as yet been selected.

The valedictorian and salutatorian are to be selected by a committee consisting of Krouse, Prof. William S. Dye, and Prof. John H. Frizzell. They will be chosen on the basis of high scholarship, ability to speak well, and position as representative students.

## Dobbin Won't Kick

(Continued from Page One) culy have stated that they are in the market for horses and "buggies."

Gosh! Who knows? Maybe they have the right idea. They'll probably laugh at you when they drive past you after the government cuts off all the gasoline.

**CAMPUS** X  
**INDEPENDENT** X

**BOTH SIDES**

**WIN**

**WHEN THEY**

**TRADE AT**

**KEELER'S**

*in the Cathaum Bldg.*

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