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Music-Making For Mercy

There'll be singin' and laughin' in Schwab Auditorium tonight as Penn State's music-makers rally vocal forces in behalf of a great organization which is more used to giving aid than to being helped—the American Red Cross.

All students, whether intensive music-lovers or ordinary songsters, will find the sparkling and varied program prepared for this evening a relaxation from worldly headaches.

There is in each of us, an unconscious feeling for music whether vocal or instrumental. The poets weren't thoroughly crazy when they spoke of being wafted along on the wings of sound. Now-a-days a little wafting may do us all good and the groups participating tonight can handle the job.

Benefits from the show will go to the Red Cross which has always devoted its forces to the alleviation of public and private hardships in both peace and war. Great natural disasters have time and time again played havoc with mankind and man-made structures. Always the white flag with the red symbol has been in the vanguard of the forces of mercy.

As we students prepare for the time when we shall don the togs of war we find increased reason why the Red Cross should receive our support at this performance. Many are the veterans of World War I that can sing you the melody about "the one Red Rose that grows in No-Man's Land." Maybe our contribution now as we laugh and enjoy tonight's program will be returned to some of us a hundred-fold on a bleak battlefield in the not-too-distant future.

From a less gloomy viewpoint let us look at a recent service which meant much to some of our fellow students. When the Allencrest fire destroyed student rooms and student clothing the Red Cross was among the first groups to offer its resources to alleviate their hardships.

This minor incident merely serves to illustrate the readiness with which this organization stands prepared to serve. In case of major disaster affecting a large number of students we can feel sure that the Red Cross will be ready to create order out of chaos.

Therefore, it is wise for us to help ourselves to a share of enjoyment tonight so that there will be money for someone to enjoy our share of help tomorrow.

—H. J. Z.

Another Big Problem

Faced with an almost certain decrease in freshman enrollment, Penn State must now encounter one of the first major problems that has grown out of the present world crisis.

Although it is too early to make an accurate estimate of enrollment for the Summer semester, it is believed that the incoming freshman class will not exceed the 1,000 mark. This is in sharp contrast with the total of 1,943 students who enrolled on campus as freshmen during the 1939-40 term.

When World War No. 1 threatened Penn State's freshman enrollment, the College came through with an unique plan, which was very successful because of the relatively small number of students at Penn State at that time. Each student simply made a written promise to personally be responsible for getting one freshman to enroll.

The plan was so successful, that prospective students had to be turned away.

However, the College has grown tremendously in the past two decades, and a similar plan might not function as well at present.

A Worm's Eye View . . .



Summer Fever

Great aches grow from little corns. And that ain't corn, either. We're referring to the aches and pains that will result from the so-called "accelerated" College program this summer.

It seems incongruous to us that people can shout, "Work harder and longer for defense," and "Keep physically fit for defense" at the same time. The campus is already littered with sick-'n'-tired students and professors, who are hanging by their fingernails on the campus calendar in an effort to stick it out until the semester is over.

After they've coasted through the paltry nine-day pickup between semesters, they'll straggle back and struggle through the heat of a heavily loaded summer term. And take it from a worm who knows, this little burg gets mighty hot come June and July.

We figured that the idea is to get men through College and into the draft as quickly as possible. At the same time, campus defense workers are discovering that more college students flunk defense physicals than any other men.

Call Of Nature

Maybe it's because they have more mental than physical activity. Maybe this should be taken into consideration during the hot summer months.

Plans have been started for out-door activities next semester. There's no reason why they couldn't be expanded to include All-College hikes, picnics, and sports activities. No, it doesn't sound like a picnic, but if the government can handle a couple million men in one, the campus can handle a few thousand.

Another thing that scares us is the double daylight saving time. We're wondering what the new Judicial head is going to do when coeds break the 10 o'clock rule as the sun is setting. We think 11 o'clocks would save the authorities a lot of trouble.

Here's the point, fellas! Let's keep out of doors this summer as much as possible, even if it means listening to lectures under a willow tree, hiking in the rain, dancing in the moonlight, and getting tapped by some honorary in front of the library.

So it's yours till the Red Cross benefit concert tonight.

—FERDY

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Hillel evening services. Rabbi Kahn speaks on "Jews and the Modern World," Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

Senior Engineering lecture. Prof. Arthur H. Reede, department of economics, topic, "Labor Unions," 110 Sparks Building, 4:10 p. m.

Glee Club Red Cross benefit concert, Schwab Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Compulsory meeting for freshman women candidates for Collegian editorial board, News Room, 4 p. m.

Pi Lambda Theta seniors who have made banquet reservations for April 15 should contact Ruth Y. Francis '42 or Betty F. Gibson '42 by noon.

Informal tea given by the Laur-elton Village committee of the PSCA in the Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p. m.

All-College Cabin Party at the Ralph Watts Lodge, leaving from the rear of Old Main, 4:30 p. m.

Meeting of the Washington Trip committee, 119 Sparks, 4 p. m.

Freshman and sophomore cheer-leading candidates meet in Old Main, 4 p. m.

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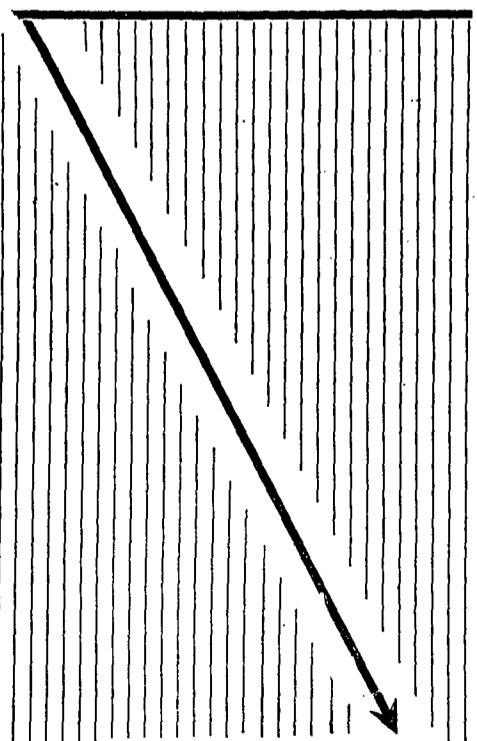
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