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The accelerated, three-semester program is Penn State's major contribution to America's war efforts. For the duration, it is to be regarded as a normal and not a special program of study.

Optimistic Note

The college student looks with happy anticipation upon the government's efforts to halt inflation. Recently a general price-freezing order was announced by the Office of Price Administration which will become effective no later than next month. The order will, with the exception of certain farm products, freeze the prices of all commodities at March levels.

A measure such as this will no doubt be welcomed with open arms by the college student, for he is definitely affected by inflation. The increase in prices has caused many a student's pocketbook to shrink. It is a serious problem to him.

The student is not the worker who has received increases in salary which would enable him to cope with the problem. He is learning how to work. He is not earning money. He is spending it with little or no possibility of replacement.

In State College prices on almost every commodity have been increased. Recent investigation has shown that two years ago the average cost of food in State College was \$6 per week. Today the cost has risen to \$8, a 33 per cent increase.

No doubt fears of further increases in the cost of living have caused some students to decide to leave college this Summer, but in view of the government's efforts at stabilizing prices, they should reconsider their decisions.

—M. I. D.

Back To Shank's Mare

This is a fine state of affairs! Get out the union pads and the foot-ease powder.

Recreation Coordinated and other physical fitness groups may well consider inaugurating a series of toughening-up hikes to prepare Nittany students for the new conditions to be faced after May 15.

Of course there are many possible reasons why this suggestion is apropos but we are particularly referring to the gasoline rationing plan affecting 17 Eastern seaboard states and the District of Columbia.

What will the poor student hitch-hiker do with fewer cars travelling the concrete? They tell us that the practice of soliciting rides is illegal and naturally we would not advocate anything illegal. Therefore, considering the number of buses that leave this peaceful hamlet and the number of people that evacuate at holiday-time, there must be a tremendous mob of heel-and-toers padding the country-side.

Under present circumstances a revival of the old plan for an authorized, legitimate association of hitch-hikers seems very attractive. Such an organization would be composed of respectable college students abiding by definite regulations of conduct. A somewhat similar idea was once presented in the Southwest but at present not much as known about its success or failure.

Looks as though the only answer is to toughen up. Try soaking the tired puppies in brine tonight. "It's going to be a long war."

—H. J. Z.

A Worm's Eye View . . .



This To The Navy - -

Somebody way off in the Navy read what we said about the third semester in our last column, and somebody way off in the Navy got the idea that Penn State students were "gripping" about their accelerated program.

We felt pretty bad about this, and we blushed red, white, and blue all over the place. Because we're all for the third semester, and we don't want anyone to get the wrong idea, least of all someone in the Navy.

Now this guy in the Navy says if we think we're going to play out this Summer, we should cut out some of the night life. He says if soldiers and sailors can make sacrifices, we can too. And that's exactly what our point was. You see, guy in the Navy, we like this third semester, and we don't want it to defect its purpose. If its purpose is to get men out of college and into the Army quick like a measuring worm, then shouldn't it send them off as healthy as possible?

Sure, it should. But if this night life you talked about, and all the superfluous activities you didn't talk about, interfere, the purpose will be defeated.

And This To Penn State - -

Of course, no night life would be hard on the young love blooming all over our campus. But, on the other hand, young love is sort of hard on the nice, green lawns. (It's getting so a measuring worm can't live in his natural habitat any more without getting stepped on.)

But it seems to us that young love and a few other things can make sacrifices. For instance, sororities could stop wasting their energies on teas and coffee hours. (They bore their guests anyway.) Honoraries and other Poppa Poppa Gimme societies could dispense with some of their meetings, in which they accomplish nothing but the reading of the minutes.

And This To Activities - -

Dances that raise money for defense bonds are still in the running, and sororities may continue playing mushball because it keeps them "physically fit for defense," but a lot of these so-called activities that do nothing but puff up the ego have no place in a country at war. The only way to build up energy on this campus is to conserve it. So let's stop beating our brains out on nothing. And let's keep out of doors.

Catch on, Midshipman?

—FERDY

'No Changes' —Hammond

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standards that have contributed in the past to the development of the School as an engineering institution of the first rank.

Estimates of federal departments indicate that nearly 125,000 new engineers having college training will be needed during the next ten months in war industries and Civil Service. The needs of the army and navy will probably be as full as these.

Because there will be fewer than 30,000 engineering graduates, it will not be possible to make up this difference completely, but special training will help. By mid-semester, Hammond estimated the school will have six special groups on campus, in which nearly 250 individuals will be enrolled.

Among them will be 60 naval officers, 50 radio engineers, and a group in ultra-high frequency wave techniques.

"While the School has lost eight members of the staff to the military services as well as three men to industry, the places have been filled and the faculty is at full strength," the Dean said.

In concluding, Hammond declared, "The staff and students of

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Campus '45 Victory Dance, Kappa Sigma, 9 p. m. to 12 midnight, Stag party from 1 a. m. All members and friends of the clique are invited.

Technicolor movie, "Making the Most of Playtime," and two other movies will be shown at 105 White Hall, 3:10 p. m. Students and public are invited.

Engineering Lecture, Prof. Glenn W. Hedlund, professor of agricultural economics, will be speaker, 121 Sparks, 4:10 p. m.

Liberal Arts Lecture, Dr. Kingsley Davis, associate professor of sociology, will be speaker, 121 Sparks, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

MISCELLANEOUS

Junior Blazers now available at AA Store.

Ad Honorary Elects

Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary advertising fraternity, elected new officers at a meeting last night. President is Alvin E. Maurer '43; vice-president, John H. Graybill '43; treasurer, William J. Maher '43; and secretary, Edwin L. Partridge '44.

the School are working under pressure, but standards are not being relaxed."



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