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Don't Go To Bed

Students are prone to take lightly the efforts of the College and local authorities in their preparation for Civilian Defense, mostly because they don't realize the importance of this project. Nor do they realize the time and effort that have gone into making the State College defense organization one of the best in the state.

When Dean Warnock urged students recently to prepare to study during this blackout so that they might learn how to carry on as usual under these conditions, he was hinting at things that may come to pass.

There is no stretching of the imagination necessary to see how a carrier might anchor a hundred miles off the east coast and send planes inland from there. Nor does it require too much imagination to realize what a landmark the College is from the air. Located at the almost exact geographic center of the state, State College is pointed out to passengers on every air liner that uses the central Pennsylvania route as a sign post.

And State College, the sign post, is directly on the airlines to one of the busiest industrial centers of the world. There is no danger from bombs in State College, true enough, but the real danger lies in brilliantly lighting the way to the heart of one of our greatest production centers.

That is why we must earn to live in the dark. Don't turn out the lights tomorrow night and sit around or go to bed. That's not playing the game. Prepare to live your normal life as far as possible.

More than 600 people are enlisted, have taken an oath to serve their country here in the Nittany mountains. To do that well, they have studied and drilled. Penn State is as well prepared for an emergency as any place in the state. Colonel Andrews, one of the College trustees, and head of the metropolitan Philadelphia Control Center, said it is the best he's seen.

Wednesday night these people will be on duty all night. Their families are also involved. An air raid post commander's wife must stand ready to notify the men in his corps if a signal should come in his absence.

It should now be evident to students at Penn State that the air raid wardens and the defense workers are not playing at being Boy Scouts. They are engaged in a grim business that may mean life or death to men and women at work in the factories that lie to the West of us. You, too, have a job to do! When the street lights go on tomorrow night, don't go to bed. Stay up and fight.

—R. T. K.

Say "No," You Hotdog

Can you say "no"?

A "no" to a few petty activities and jobs on campus, a "no" to five extra minutes of a bull session, or a "no" to the question, "Did I fail to come out of my Nittany vacuum long enough to contribute my part to the war effort?"

You probably cannot, because you are a Penn State student sheltered away like the rest of us from the bloody sands of Tobruk and the bombed hell of Sevastopol, but today with the rubber salvage drive you get another chance to do a minor share in helping our national defense. Yes, "national defense" has become a trite expression during the past few months and your part today will probably be minor in the eyes of the world at large, but so will be parts played by marines and fars in Ireland, Australia, and on the high seas if the recent successes of the Axis on the world battle fronts continue.

You are not in the position of Churchill and Roosevelt, who must answer to their people for any failure to do their part, but you must answer to yourself and if you answer "no" when you ask "Have I come out of my shell?" you can count yourself a major aid to the Gestapo, der Fuehrer, and the spreading of Axis aims of anti-democracy and racial superiority.

Learn how to say "no" to those bull sessions and "hot dog" activities and you and your country will be a success.

Give heel, or be a heel.

—R. M. F.

The Campuseer



Someone's Slip Is Showing

July 1 is just another day. Some fellows might consider it important because that's the sacred day that the old man kicks through with the monthly lucre. Otherwise it might just be passed off with a casual glance at the calendar and the thought that the semester is six weeks old.

However, July 1 is the deadline set for PSCA to comply with All-College Cabinet's demands of having their books audited and accounted in the manner prescribed by Cabinet.

The snag is that PSCA will have their books audited as specified but refuse to have them accounted under the new system, and is willing to give up membership in Cabinet rather than give in.

A Hot Time

Collegian's annual rat-race went off without many hitches Saturday night, and a HOT time was had by all. Even Campy showed up and noticed almost everybody who is anybody in the throng. We couldn't miss Sammy Brown jitters with Shirley Tetley, fisigmakappa pin et al, student editor Gordon Coy and Ronnie Karhan, THE Jack Hanley and Beanie Siebert, and a few more Kappas with a few more of those fellows who were called dirty names during rushing. . . . We couldn't determine whether it's the weather, the campus, or Doggies', but Bill Myers was back again last weekend. Or maybe it's just Johnny Fleming.

Blazing A Trail

Always watching out for the welfare of the underclassmen Campy noticed that Junior Blazers for the Class of '44 haven't blossomed on campus yet. Since the seniors are getting their Lions Coats early, how about blazers for juniors this semester?

What's Humming, Hum?

We're still in favor of those concerts for a little relaxation this Summer, and we understand that Hum Fishburn is trying to get them started. How about a little action so the 15-credit men can go somewhere on Sunday when the 'Skellar is closed? —CAMPY

Alum Epistle

Jeanne Stiles, formerly this rag's women's editor, is pedalling to and fro for the Ocean City Breeze while covering assignments. Mike Broteman, Thespian brain, has returned to direct bigger and better shows.

Frosh Debaters Try Out Tonight

Freshman candidates for the first year debate squad will try out in 305 Sparks at 7 o'clock tonight. The tryout speeches will be five minutes long on the subject "Resolved: That Air Power Will Prove To Be The Dominant Force In The Present Conflict."

All freshmen are eligible to compete for first places on the freshman squad. No credit is given for the first year, the students registering as auditors. Joseph F. O'Brien, varsity debate coach, and Harold P. Zelko, freshman coach, will judge the speakers.

Late News

(Continued from Page One) states have not been made, the final report is expected to far exceed the present returns.

WASHINGTON — Harry Hopkins said yesterday in an interview that the United States could not hope to win the war this year. He stated that if it is at all necessary, a third, and even a fourth front will be opened by the Allied powers to win the conflict.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

Freshman debate squad tryouts, 305 Old Main, 7 p. m. All freshmen are eligible to compete.

Professor Wurfl will talk with the World Problem Committee in Hugh Beaver room, 7 p. m.

Frosh Council Open House, 304 Old Main, 8 p. m.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet in 309 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Freshman women will nominate senator and WRA representative in 110 Home Economics Building at 6:30 p. m. Compulsory attendance.

Penn State Club meeting in 121 Sparks at 8 p. m.

TOMORROW

'46 Independent meeting, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

PSCA group will leave 304 Old Main for a blackout party at Ralph Watts lodge, 5 p. m.

PSCA Executive Committee meeting, Hugh Beaver room, Old Main, 6:30 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet meeting, Hugh Beaver room, 7:30 p. m.

Philotes executive meeting in 302 Old Main, 1 p. m. today.

Letters To Editor

More On Murals; Dickson Speaks Up

To the Editor: Your editorial of more than usual warmth chastising the person who wrote last week's skit on the murals stands out in contrast to the Collegian's hearty endorsements of the mural project in the past several years.

For the sake of the record, several points should be clarified.

Nobody has lost any candy, as you put it. But Penn State has lost a work of art of incalculable value. What was potentially one of the most splendid art monuments in the country was handed to the board of trustees on a platter—and was sent back to the kitchen. Unless a miracle happens, the mural project is dead.

It has never been fully explained why the triple class gift plan so presented was not feasible. According to highly reliable advance information, there was little or nothing to be risked financially. Some \$6,000 is now available. No appreciable decrease is expected in the amount that will accumulate within the next fiscal year. Thus two years would account for about 90 per cent of the money required, and unless the

College should cease to function, the remainder was bound to accrue. This was a way, and seemingly the only remaining practicable way, by which funds could be obtained for finishing the murals. It seemed as safe as the institution itself.

"Why," you ask, "waste money on murals during an emergency?"

The national government itself has recommended that worthy projects in the fine arts should not be needlessly sacrificed during the war. And as for "wasting" money on something of so great and enduring value to the College, time would have shown the wisdom of it. I question whether even the present emergency should have made this impossible.

Any way you look at it, the loss of three-fourths of the Henry Varnum Poor frescoes proposed for Old Main is regrettable in the extreme. That is the point to be emphasized.

I write this not as one of "the mural boys," but as one who as student and teacher for more than two decades has cherished a deepening affection for Penn State, and who sincerely wishes for it the best of everything.

Very truly yours,

H. E. DICKSON

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