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## Serious Business

Today, and for the last few years, the United States has been involved in preparing for war; but before the end of 1942, the nation will see its outlook changing as America actually digs into the job of fighting this war on the dozen or more battlefronts of the world. When that time arrives, thousands of American soldiers will die in battle, and at the same time the people remaining in this country will assume a different mental attitude as the seriousness of the conflict grows and the list of "fallen heroes" strikes nearer home to each and every one.

We are not trying to build a somber setting without reason. Instead, this is only one way of conditioning students to the fact that this war will be pretty serious business within the near future, and that tonight is a good time to get down to serious business by giving full cooperation in the half-hour blackout.

The blackout is a statewide affair, and the first in a series of similar tests to be conducted regularly until all citizens and Civilian Defense Corps workers perform automatically what is required of them during such blackouts.

It is interesting to note that the hatmen have taken it upon themselves to do a big part in the local tests. After withstanding a certain amount of the criticism because of their alleged "do nothing" attitude, the men in hats are ready to prove that they have not been lax in serving Penn State.

By taking rigorous training in first aid and Civilian Defense, the hatmen will qualify themselves for official arm bands which are worn by all wardens during blackout proceedings. Although a number of the hatmen have held posts during past blackouts, these same men will be recognized as official wardens when they have completed the short Civilian Defense course designed to provide extensive but speedy instruction in air raid duties.

But we cannot forget that Civilian Defense Corps workers comprise only a small minority of the population. Irregardless of how well the wardens carry out their duties, the real success of any blackout depends upon the full cooperation of the large civilian group. To this group it is only a reminder when we say that indifference is the worst threat to a blackout, and the surest way of spelling its defeat.

## Profs Get A Break

The college professor finally gets a break.

One of the most welcome pieces of news out of Washington during the past month was the recent directive from the Selective Service Headquarters to local draft boards, in which a revised list of "essential activities" was prepared for the guidance of local boards in making future enlistments.

Included among these "essential activities" was a clause containing the educational services, in which teaching in colleges and universities, as well as secondary schools and vocational training schools, was recommended for occupational classification.

Although this "recommendation" does not constitute any iron-clad guarantee of deferment for the college professor, it is a sign that Selective Service Headquarters recognizes the need for higher education during war time, and provides a leg for him to stand on when applying for occupational deferment through his local board.

It is common knowledge that all draft boards do not make the same decisions, and naturally widespread discrepancies in interpreting this latest directive can be expected. Despite this fact, however, it is estimated the measure will preclude any appreciable drain on college faculty personnel, as was the case among many of the nation's secondary schools during the past year.

—B. M. B.

## A Worm's Eye View . . .



"People at Penn State are so far from reality," a uniformed visitor remarked the other day. We'd comment on this, but we're tired of sticking out our antennae to raise a stench and then getting slashed to bits by people who object. It's too hot anyway.

So pardon us while we do a little plugging for a change.

You've probably seen the colorful posters and the window display downtown that tell things about a Latin-American fiesta to take place Friday night. Plug: don't pass them by.

Plans for this fiesta have been underway for several months, and we're told that some of the persons taking part in it were making arrangements as early as last year. It's a big event. (Not so big as Victory Weekend, but what else is?)

One of the accordionists for the fiesta works in a bank downtown, and another is a fourteen-year-old town boy. Mrs. Willa Taylor has about 14 chorus numbers under her thumb. Her accompanist will be Mrs. Hermance Reesé, pianist for the women's physical education department. If you've never heard her play, it would be worth attending the fiesta to do so. The whole campus and community seem to be involved in this thing.

And we haven't even mentioned the movies, the dancing, the refreshments, the rented costumes, and the good it will do your morale to find out a few things about our South American neighbors. It's free, too.

While we're plugging, how about taking in Professor Dickson's gallery talk in Mineral Industries tonight. We understand that there are some pictures over there that you guys oughtta glance at when you have time.

A ROTC kid just passed by, and said that this column was too icky. He said we should give someone hell for dressing the frosh in cool, Summer uniforms and making the sophs sweat in the fields with itchy, wool stuff.

We didn't want to gripe about anything, but what can you do when ROTC kids step in? This kid also says it's a shame Penn State can't keep up with other colleges, in realizing that this is war, by having more overnight trips for the uniformed men on campus.

"Nobody would get hurt," he said, "contrary to public opinion." —FERDY

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(AOP)—Fifty per cent of all men graduated from 156 colleges during June are joining the army, navy, or marine corps, E. E. Crabb, president of Investors Syndicate, said here in reporting results of annual national survey.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Free moving pictures on the war in Russia, Hillel Foundation at 8 p. m.

Bridge Club meets, White Hall playroom, 6:45 p. m.

Important Druid meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

PSCA Frosh Council executive committee meeting in Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 1 p. m.

Committee working on Social Etiquette pamphlet meets in PSCA office at 4 p. m.

Executive committee of the PSCA meets in Hugh Beaver Room at 7 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet meeting in Hugh Beaver Room at 8:15 p. m.

Softball game between PSCA and Presbyterians at 5 p. m.

Tea for Summer Dames at home of Mrs. H. S. Brunner, 732 Holmes street, 3:30 p. m.

Home Economics meeting; topic, "Education for Family Life," by Dr. Muriel Brown, U. S. office of Education, in 110 Home Economics Building at 4 p. m.

Gallery talk, "Art in Centre County," by Dr. Harold Dickson in the Mineral Industries Art Gallery at 8 p. m.

'46 Independents meeting, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Motion pictures on "Canada at War," 121 Sparks Building, 7 p. m.

Open meeting of Liberal Arts Council for all Liberal Artists, 411 Old Main, 4 p. m.

Campus '45 meeting, 411 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

College Library and all branches closes at 9 p. m., instead of 10 p. m., because of the blackout tonight.

Theta Sigma Phi will meet in the Alpha Chi Omega suite at 7 p. m.

## Greeks Urged To Save Fats

Fraternity caterers and boarding house cooks were issued a special warning yesterday to conserve kitchen fats and oils for defense.

Lydia Tarrant, assistant professor of nutrition extension, reminded that eliminating waste of fats and oils is a very definite responsibility of those whose jobs it is to prepare meals.

Save every bit of fat and, if possible, use it in cooking," Miss Tarrant stated. Fats not usable for cooking, she added, should be saved and taken to local meat dealers who will start them on the way to war industries.

Four steps in the save-fats-for-defense program, according to the nutrition expert, are:

- 1. Save all waste cooking fats. 2. Strain to remove all meat particles and pour into a clean, wide-mouthed can, such as a coffee can.

## Campus News Briefs

### Football Managers

Sophomore candidates for second semester assistant football managers, should sign up any time this week at the AA office in Old Main. Freshman candidates need not report.

### Ed Honoraries Meet

Kappa Phi Kappa, Pi Lambda Theta, and Phi Delta Kappa, education honoraries, will meet in a joint open session in the second floor lounge of Old Main at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow. Dr. C. O. Williams and Dr. Palmer C. Weaver, of the education department, will speak concerning the recent meeting of the National Education Association in Denver. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

### Lion Coat Sale Ends

Sale of senior Lion Coats will be discontinued at noon today, according to Louis J. Palazzi '43, chairman. They will go on sale again in the Fall. Coats may be purchased at all downtown haberdashery stores for \$1.50.

### Enlisted Reserve

(Continued from Page One) lege graduates, and to encourage students to enroll and continue in college.

To clarify the situation which has been created on campus by the various reserve programs, a meeting of a council composed of administrative officials, the deans of the various schools, and Col. Edward D. Ardery, head of the department of military science and tactics and War Department representative, will meet sometime this week. It is expected that actual enlistments in the Army Enlisted Reserve will start next week, according to Mr. Morse.

Students selected under the plan will enter the army upon graduation from college as enlisted men unless they are chosen for advanced ROTC. Then they enter as commissioned officers. Main advantage of the enlistment is that the student will be permitted to finish school.

## Lieut. King '40 Reads Daily Collegian On Battlefield

"Collegian . . . sure I read it. From cover to cover everytime I can get my hands on mine. Why, when we were on maneuvers the sergeant used to deliver it to me during a lull in the action and many's the time that I sat in a fox hole and read what Campy or the Maniac had to say."

That's the answer recently commissioned Lieut. Carl "Midge" King, graduated from Penn State with the Class of '40 and former 121 and 127-pound Lion wrestler and Thespian star, had when he was asked if he enjoyed his Collegian subscription.

On leave over the past weekend, Carl was back on campus to visit his brothers Joe and John, both seniors. "When I was stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana, practically the whole camp read the paper," stated King. He explained how every morning he would get the paper "unless someone got it before me," read it, pass it on to one of his buddies, and then not see it again until that evening. "When I did get it back it looked like the original copy of the Declaration of Independence—all yellow and torn."

He said that not only the few Penn State alumni at the camp enjoyed the Collegian. He recollected that draftees from Ohio State, Louisiana State, University of Wisconsin, Purdue, and Dartmouth were among its daily fans. "I guess it was the collegiate atmosphere about the paper that appealed to them," he laughed.

The former Lion grappler mentioned that the favorite part of the paper for all the soldiers was the daily column. "Next to that we used to read the sports page," he continued.

During his junior year at the College, King fought his way into the finals of the 121-pound class in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament, only to be defeated by Cornell's perennial champion, Bob Mathers. "Midge" was forced to move up to the 127-pound slot during his senior year.

At present King is stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for three months training.

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