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Value Of Activities

A significant outgrowth of the present World War may be responsible for many outstanding changes in American colleges, if the current train of thought continues to exist throughout the emergency. In short, most Americans have begun to place higher values on daily activities, to the extent that these activities must justify their existence in a war time economy or suffer the humiliation of being scrapped for the duration.

At Yale and other leading universities, a War Council plan has been instituted so that college officials can determine what each student is directly or indirectly contributing to the war effort. Recognizing the importance of having every student preparing for some war activity, these colleges have adopted such a plan so that there will be no wasted effort or money at a time when conservation is a prime requisite. Either the student must justify his existence in college, or he will be compelled to get out.

Such a practice is not only applicable to students, but also to many college activities. At Penn State there has been recent concern on the part of the Administration about the sharp drop in scholastic standing during the present Summer semester. Some feel that social life has been over-emphasized at the expense of studies. And there may be some truth behind that statement, because it has just been announced that the annual Talent Night has been cancelled since the affair would crowd the closing weeks of Summer School and would prevent a number of students from completing last minute studies.

Already, Summer School heads have declared that the Summer social calendar has been overcrowded with events that have not always been justified in light of the College's accelerated program for the duration.

Whether the College will take any definite action on curtailing social activities is questionable. In addition, the Administration might adopt the War Council plan that is gaining momentum at Yale. Such plans may sound drastic. But this is war, and America will gradually learn that certain things must justify their existence—or else.

One For The Administration

On behalf of draft-age students and faculty, Collegian extends thanks to the administration for its establishment of the Office of Faculty Advisor on War Service, and its appointment of Prof. Robert E. Galbraith to supervise the functions of the new office.

By its action, the administration went a long way toward clearing up the confusing campus recruiting muddle for several thousand even more confused draft-age students.

In its selection of Galbraith for the job of advisor, the administration obtained one of the best qualified men on campus for the all-important task of advising and counseling students on openings and opportunities in the various branches of the service.

A personal friend of many persons both on and off the campus, Galbraith acquired the experience necessary for such an important undertaking as Faculty Air Force Advisor for the Army Reserve.

Taking over the recruiting program for the Air Force here several months ago, he succeeded in obtaining more applicants for the Army Air Force than any other one recruiting service on the campus.

Biggest reason for his record of success in his campaign for the Air Force lay in the fact that he turned his office into an information center for all students. In this way he served as advisor for scores of students who were in immediate need of counsel on draft problems.

Given time to organize his facilities and functions, Galbraith should prove more than capable of handling this difficult but highly important post.

—B. M. B.



Lion Tales

The biggest weekend with all-out support is just around a couple days. Then the whole College will blow up and out with traditional splurging. Coeds who haven't as yet begged, borrowed, or snagged a man may make application to the dating bureau for V-Weekend dates. Men bemoaning the sorry-butts blues may apply at Doggie's or participate in the battle of the bottles beginning at noon Friday.

Thusly such a weekend deserves a salute. And, as is our dogged custom, we dedicate these lines to forthcoming fun. And we don't get a cut either.

Plug

The bottles are lined on the bar with care For Victory Weekend will soon be there. The imports from far will descend on the town While Goodman and gang will soon swing down.

Four Forty for Freedom; promotion fine Will show this burg a howling old time. So don't sit at home alone with your brew Uncle Sam is counting on you.

Chamber of Commercing

Still in an attempt to advertise the weekend we offer, free of charge, some duos who'll be in there pitching . . . don't misunderstand. Kappas Mary Lou Keith and Jane Windel with Ralph D'Irio and Dud Rutherford, sigma pis. ChiO Mary Thompson and import. Olive Whyatt and Dave Roberts, Bob Schooley and Annis Smith, Ruth Billington and John Matoomb, Sally Miller and Harry Locke, Louise Henry and Dick Klopp, Cornell phi gam.

Emily Postesque

This is a yarn about a fellow who knew his etiquette upside down and inside out. It features Betty Lyman, Theta, and Carl Yohn. Our hero made a date with the soph beauty for an informal coke ala Sandwich Shoppe. But unforeseen circumstances reared their ugly faces and Betty was stood up.

Carl was an admirer of the Chesterfieldian arts. In class the next day he apologized and then . . . popped a dozen roses into her arms as solace.

Short Talks

Mickey Meyers is wearing a Kappa Keyhole as bestowed by Ginny Lee Jackson recently.

Braton Gardner was lecturing to his students. A timid wrap on the door heralded a comely Summer student. She wanted a fountain pen. Perhaps she had left it here. Gardner looked and looked . . . sorry, no pen. Her exit was followed by student eyes and a professor-manufactured whistle.

—THE CUB

OWI Releases Casualty List

Total casualties for the United States Armed Forces as announced by the office of War Information July 21, number 44,143.

This number includes the members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Philippine Scouts who have been killed, wounded, or are missing in action.

Most of the casualties are believed to be prisoners of war taken when Bataan and Corregidor fell, and when Java was captured. The Army lost the greatest number.

Tabulated, the casualties are: U. S. Army—killed, 902; wounded, 1,413; missing, 17,452. Philippine Scouts—killed, 479; wounded, 754; missing, 11,000. U. S. Navy—killed, 3,420; wounded, 1,051; missing, 7,672.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

WRA Golf Club instruction under Bob Rutherford on the golf course from 3:30 to 5 p. m. instead of Saturday morning.

WRA Swimming Club meets in White Hall pool at 7:30 p. m.

WRA Executive Board meets in WRA Room at 6:30 p. m.

Tug Of War

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day in order to effect organization of the teams.

Although six men appeared before Student Tribunal last night for custom violations, five were dismissed because of lack of evidence. Milton Diesner, the only man penalized, is to write a 500-word essay on "What Penn State Spirit Means to Me."

'Increase In Below Grades Serious,' Says Dean Steidle

By MARK DAVIDOFF

The extent of below grades in the School of Mineral Industries where 145 sophomores, juniors, and seniors out of a total of 300 received below grades for the first half of the semester precipitated a statement from Dean Steidle's office yesterday.

"With Victory Weekend rolling around, Penn State students should take stock of themselves; they should stop and think about what they are here for under the accelerated program," the dean said after he had interviewed 20 students about failures and below grades.

Steidle stated that not one of those interviewed denied that extra-curricular activities such as the Latin-American fiesta, 11 o'clock dating on week days, 1 o'clock dating on weekends, and 3 o'clock dating on big weekends, were causes of student lack of interest in academic work.

The dean said that the faculty had entered in the accelerated program in good faith with the students, and that one group had to sweat as much as the other. "Instructors can't do a good job unless the student cooperates with them," the dean indicated. "For the college student when it is a question of activities or work, the latter by far is more important."

The dean said that he did not think it advisable to do away with extra-curricular activities entirely, but he said that it was futile to try to do two things at once. Increasing the amount of work

and the amount of social activity can only lead to disaster, he added.

"We at Penn State are carrying as tough a technical program as Annapolis and West Point, but at those colleges, social and extra-curricular activities are taboo. Here they have been increased much to the detriment of regular academic work. Unless the College can prepare men for the jobs ahead of them according to the standards set by the Army and Navy, the College will close up shop," the dean admonished.

"This country has allowed colleges to remain open because it is realized that the war will be long and that the colleges can do much to help in the war effort. If this were not so, every man over 18 would be in uniform at present."

"In Axis countries, most of the universities have been closed for the duration of the war. In Germany, the three universities open are for soldiers who are training to be specialists in the army. These men are chosen after they have proved their worth in action. In the United States we are doing the opposite with disastrous results."

Dean Steidle warned that it was about time for faculty and students to get down to work together before it was too late. Extra-curricular activities, he believes, are slowing down the educational program that the nation wants speeded up.

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And

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