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Enrollment Comes First

The problem of College enrollment is at present one of the greatest confronting the Administration. In the interests of the future of Penn State the Administration has deemed it advisable to subordinate any factors which might stand unjustifiably in the path of its solution.

Thus the proposal to convert the men's dormitories into quarters for the overflow of coeds desiring admittance to the College seems logical, fair, and the best alternative in a situation where some action must be taken.

Male enrollment figures are dropping and women applicants are increasing. Therefore the authorities have decided to make up the male decrease with a female increase. The only obstacle is the housing situation. Coeds must be housed in some organized dormitory, and the men's dormitory is the only alternative.

But what of the 300 men who counted on Watts, Irvin, and Jordan Halls for housing this Fall? It would seem that since they constitute only a small part of the male student body they would be able to adjust themselves to downtown living as the great majority of men have always done.

At present, with College enrollment at a low point, the opportunities for securing downtown rooms are favorable. Even with the increase of 300 who would move out of the dorms in the Fall, the total number of male students living downtown would not exceed the number under previous normal conditions.

If College enrollment decreases decidedly as the male enrollment is sure to do, it might lead to a decreased appropriation from the state and ultimate campus degradation. Should this happen, faculty members and certain courses would have to be dropped. The coed increase is comparatively small, but it will probably mean the difference between a College program of normality or one of great curtailment.

This is war—an emergency. Sacrifices are unavoidable and should be made gladly. The men will make theirs if they move out of the dormitories willingly; coeds who move in will sacrifice comforts which the men's dormitories are not equipped to give them. Both will sacrifice in the interests of national welfare in the broad sense and more closely—Penn State.

—R. D. S.

Nothing Second-Rate Here

In its effort to maintain a large enrollment despite the national emergency, the College must be commended for retaining the same high academic requirements for admission that existed for incoming freshmen of a few years ago.

In fact, present figures indicate that the frosh who enroll at the beginning of next month will be better fitted scholastically than the group that matriculated last September. At a time when college enrollment is threatened as it is now, many institutions have been forced to accept every student who applies regardless of scholastic ability.

But here at Penn State the Administration has not lowered its admission standards below those of pre-war days. Last year 72.5 per cent of the freshmen came from the upper two-fifths of their high school group, while this year the same classification has soared to 73.1 per cent.

By maintaining the same high standards of admission, however, the College may find that this year's freshman enrollment, including the group that entered in June, may not approach the figure established last September when 1,925 frosh matriculated. To date, between 1,500 and 1,600 have been accepted, including the frosh who registered in June.

Whether this year's freshman enrollment will match last September's mark is questionable. But we do know that the decrease, if any, will be practically negligible—a fact that is worthy of comment, since the College has been able to build a war-time enrollment and still maintain peace-time requirements for admission.



Lion Tales

Aftermath

While everyone's still drooling about Victory Weekend, and whisking of stray bubbles of foam, we settle ourselves down with the following item. (We promise it to be the last memoir of two days well-drunk.) The story concerns an artist's model who was straying about town prior to the Hetenyi-Weinberg brainchild. A comely lass she was, too. Many swains would have shut off their last drink for the sake of being her escort to the dance. Victory and democracy go hand in hand and so the Delta Chis drew lots. Did anyone see Bill Lundelius' luscious morsel?

Bug-a-Boo

Some people have made themselves obnoxious by saying our poetry is putrid. Could be they are right and we do stink. To prove that we're affable, we waive poetic license this fair day and contribute a remark.

The good Lord made the night for sleep
'Till Ath Hall bedbugs began to creep.

Could Be

Campy is a good kid . . . but Campy overlooked one of the best cracks of the semester. When a prof remarked that the six weeks Summer school would close on Saturday, a wide-eyed coed interrupted, "Did you say sex?" she queried.

What Next?

They plan to move the men out of the dorms and over 300 frosh women in. The middle of the Watts-Jordan sandwich will be filled with 160 ensigns. Gad, to be a frosh again.

Drippings

Tommy Thompson is taking the stump for a congressman. He recently bestowed the ATO emblem upon a gorgeous gal whose father is running for Congress in Maryland. Peg Colvin and Walt Gamble were sojourning the weekend here.

Regal Ramblings

Maybe we're sticking out the well-known neck when we do this, but here goes. We believe implicitly in the proverb that truth crushed to earth shall rise again, and we nominate a couple pretties who have had their crowns dislocated by other publicity hounds. Queens of nothing but general o.k.ness are these gals. Joanne Palmer Carol Kane, Ruth Shanes, and Polly Keller. Look for yourself.

—THE CUB

Ag Hill At War—

Farmers Use Flames

Flame throwers, long instrument of combat-warfare, have been found to be a valuable weapon in agriculture's campaign for special war-time production.

"Flame throwing," as a means of controlling "silvertop," an insect-borne fungus which attacks fescues and other important grasses, is the latest of a series of discoveries by the School of Agriculture's wartime research workers.

Fescue, which grows well on poor soil and in shaded areas is in special demand for sodding the hundreds of new American air and military areas. When war called a halt to the importing of fescue seeds, production of fescue seeds became one of Pennsylvania's new farm industries.

The halt on imports that created the new industry, however, threatened it immediately.

"Silvertop" began to plague fescue plants, and the import-stoppage ruled out the use of foreign-made insecticides. The American pest-exterminators, meanwhile, contained mercury and copper needed for other wartime needs.

The answer was found by Harry L. Keil, a graduate student participating in the School of Agriculture's wartime program through research in plant pathology.

The answer is burning, an adaptation of combat flame-throwing that is simple and not subject to priorities.

"Test burning" was carried out in special research plots this Spring when the old fescue was dry but before a new growth had started. Success of the experiment was proved this week, when burned plots showed only two per cent infestation with "silvertop," while unburned areas were 65 per cent infested and thus commercially useless.



WHO'LL LIVE IN THE DORMS—

The question of whether women or men shall occupy the mens' dormitories next semester is now in the hands of an administrative committee headed by Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance.

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Women May Take Over Men's Dorms

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The Fall semester. This will raise the enrollment to 4,900 and with the admission of the 300 extra girls the figure will swell to 5,200.

With an anticipated loss of 1,100 by December through graduation and students leaving to join the armed forces, the President explained that this extra group of girls would then probably constitute the difference between the College's operating on either a greatly curtailed or a near normal program.

Also being considered by the committee is a proposal to lease part of the dormitory space to the Navy Department for the housing of Naval trainees who will be stationed on campus next semester.

Eight Win Awards In Art Exhibition

"Landscape," by George S. Zoretich '43 was awarded first place in the oil painting section of the exhibition of art done in Summer session classes, yesterday. The other places in this section were Octarre E. Martial, second, with "Kindergarten"; "Landscape," by Ellen R. Druckman, third; and "Interior," by Ada Fulton, fourth.

A special honorable mention was given to a group of works by Helen Hildebrand. All award winners, except Zoretich, are

Coeds Model In Show, Tea

Students and townspeople will help in the fashion show benefit for the Women's Field Army for the Control of Cancer. The show and a tea will be held in the State College Hotel at 2:30 p. m. today, Mrs. D. R. L. Robison, president of the Field Army, announced.

Sponsored by Charles' Fellow Shop, women's sports wear will be modeled, and entertainment will be provided by Mrs. Carl G. Seashore, Kathryn M. Popp '43, and Raymond T. Fortunato '45.

Models include Frances A. Leiby '43, Elizabeth H. Christman '44, Marjorie E. Siebert '44, Claire L. Weaver '45, and Freda Weinburg '46. Town women are Mrs. Claude G. Aikens, Mary Ann Aikens, Mrs. Victor A. Beede, Mrs. Robert G. Bernreuter, Mrs. Edward Brown, Miss Agnes Dahl, Mrs. George J. Free, Miss Helen Frost, Mrs. Kennard, Miss Beatrice Lowe, Miss Dona McClintock, Mrs. Helen Smith, Jean Thurston, and Ruth Twichell.

Campus Calendar TODAY

Summer session students graduate on the Mall in front of the Library, 7 p. m.

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

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

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

Junior Service Board will meet in Miss Nina M. Bentley's apartment at 5 p. m.

Baseball game, Penn State Freshmen vs. Irvin Hall, New Beaver Field diamond, 5:30 p. m.

PSCA-Hillel Bible Study group meets, Hillel Foundation, 7 p. m.

Hillel Coffee Round-Table discussion, Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

TOMORROW

Hillel Friday evening services, Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

Summer session students.

Awards in the water color section were Dorothy Yoder, first; Doris D. MacDonald, second; and Bozena Sochor, third.

The exhibition will be on display in the Mineral Industries Art Gallery from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. today. Prof. Arne Randall, instructor in Summer session, will give a talk on "The Place of Crafts in the Educational Program" in the Gallery this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Annual Smoker

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for freshman men and women who wish to try out for editorial or business staffs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 P. M.

DELTA CHI

All Freshmen Are Urged To Attend