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One Man's Opinion

A prediction that fraternities, Winter carnivals, and other college trivia would be permanently written out of American education as a result of the war was made recently by Erwin Edman, Columbia professor and guest lecturer at Hamilton College.

In a story appearing in The New York Times, Dr. Edman declared that "the war was a good thing for colleges," adding that, "they may even become educational institutions." In general, Dr. Edman intimated that American colleges and universities were in need of a general overhauling, and that these necessary and revolutionary changes would finally grow out of the present emergency.

Dr. Edman may be right in his predictions. But every man has a right to his own opinion; so we took time out to heartily disagree with what he had to say in his lecture at Hamilton College.

In the first place we believe that it is absurd for anyone to think that the present war will dissolve long-established fraternities. As long as there is any kind of democracy alive in the United States, there will continue to be small cliques which organize for their own particular business, social, or political interests. In State College, the best example of such a clique is the social fraternity.

By predicting the downfall of fraternities, Dr. Edman has inferred that America will no longer have its cliques—which may be just another way of saying that there will be no democracy in America after this war. In making such statements, maybe Dr. Edman is predicting that the United Nations will lose this war, and that America will lose its democracy at the same time. But who knows? Every man has his own opinion.

We do agree that the so-called trivia will be written out of many colleges for the duration. But when we speak of trivia, we are referring to unnecessary extra-curricular activities and small dances, and not to college fraternities.

Meeting Comes To Order

Tonight President Hetzel will meet with student leaders to discuss some of the more important campus questions that have grown out of Penn State's accelerated study program. The Summer semester has had its weaknesses, and tonight some of the flaws will be ironed out in preparation for a more successful Fall semester.

We are aware of the fact that the College scholastic standing was not up to par this Summer, but Penn State is not alone in admitting this weakness. A number of other Eastern colleges and universities, which instituted an accelerated program this Summer, will also admit now that they have been bothered by the scholastic problem.

Wherever this scholastic inadequacy did exist, there has been plenty of justified rationalization by the college administrators. They tell us now that numerous other benefits have been realized from the Summer semester, even though grades have suffered somewhat.

In the first place, military training at most of these colleges has been carried on more extensively than would have been possible if there had been a Summer vacation to break up the academic year. The Summer semester has also enabled colleges to provide a more extensive physical fitness program, the results of which will be of decided value to college men who are entering the armed services.

No doubt President Hetzel will outline tonight similar advantages that have been enjoyed by Penn State during this Summer semester. In addition he will give student leaders an insight into numerous other benefits that will be offered to the students as the accelerated study program continues to gain momentum this Fall.

Through this meeting and similar convocations that are planned for the future, the President will be able to tie the College together as it goes all out for America's war effort.

A Worm's Eye View . . .



At the beginning of this Summer semester, we did a lot of spouting about the strain of acceleration on students and profs. We had visions of white-faced, haggard, accelerated students dragging themselves through the heat of old Penn State.

We were wrong.

Not even exam week could remove the sun-tans on coeds and the country club atmosphere on campus. We actually thought students would cut down on activities and study. Instead, they increased activities and let the studies ride. Several organizations thought they were being good to Uncle Sam by adding defense projects to their usual lists of picnics and coffee hours. It didn't occur to them to cut down the usual tripe and go the whole way for defense.

Yes, and the campus calendar was filled to the brim every weekend; and profs who usually give four bluebooks a semester gave only three this Summer. This was because of acceleration, you know.

Acceleration of activities.

Now what's Bob Mawhinney gonna do next semester when he wants to swing another Victory Weekend and can't find space for it on the campus calendar? Maybe, kids, maybe Bob will find a way. (Let us pray.) Only maybe it would be easier for Bob and his cohorts if some of the other activity dogs would hit the books instead of taking up valuable weekends with small-time twaddle. We happen to believe in Victory Weekends, see?

We have a lovely picture of Penn State this Winter. In the first place, we can see sorority women rushing hell out of this "over-flow" of freshman coeds. (For defense, of course. We must go on doing our little bits every day. Keep up morale and stuff.) We wouldn't object so much to this if these women weren't already rubbing their hands in gleeful anticipation.

In the second place, we can see the profs letting up just a little bit more. Not perceptibly, just enough for comfort. What's one less bluebook anyway? The kids are tired. They need rest. And besides, it's less trouble to correct them.

We think it would be peachy if Penn State would come back next semester with the idea that studies are more important to Uncle Sam than activities, not defense activities, just "activities." But why dream?? —FERDY.

New-Type Correspondence Course Started By Student

By Mickey Blatz

Something new in correspondence courses has been added. It's a little different from the conventional type of course that is advertised on the back cover of pulp magazines, however.

And it's a good opportunity, by the way, of starting correspondence with a pretty South American senorita. The course will probably be called, "How to make friends and . . . 405," and while no credits are offered by the College, Peter Danos '43 promises enrollees a wealth of general information.

Danos, enrolled in the school of Physics, once started a similar project while living in Europe, and when he left England over four thousand college students were busy writing to colleagues in other countries than their own, because of his efforts.

Peter himself was quite busy writing to over 15 American coeds, little dreaming that he would one day come to America and see many of them.

The South American senores and senioritas who are waiting to hear from Penn State students were contacted through the World Student Christian Association and a list of their names was turned over to Peter. It is the desire of these Latin Americans to write to Penn Staters who are interested in the same college courses and life work.

For those leaving their name and address in the PSCA office on the third floor, Old Main, Danos promises to get the ball rolling in getting the information into the hands of someone who is also interested in chemistry, philosophy, journalism, or what have you.

Souvenirs of all kinds soon pile up as a result of these correspondence courses. According to Peter, this is one of the best ways to become acquainted with the ways of other than our own.

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ONE AUTO TIRE EQUALS 8 GAS-MASKS

Blackout

(Continued from Page One) campus. One grocery store on E. College avenue had an inside light on, and one clothing store on the east side of Allen street did not black out.

People were gathered in almost every doorway, and the porches in town were filled. No disorders were observed. Two incidents were reported on campus, one a bomb at the Ag Engineering Building, and another at the petroleum lab.

Except for music, all was quiet around the girl's dorms. Five minutes after the all-clear signal sounded, life resumed its normal course and the coeds were on their way home. The shelters were emptied in record time as the people went on about their business.

Late News Flashes

(Continued from Page One) **MOSCOW**—Russian sources admitted new German advances toward Stalingrad after initial Russian advances in that area. The Germans have definitely been stopped in their march toward the Baku oil fields in the southern part of the Caucasus.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

PSCA cabinet meets at rear of Old Main for Picnic in Hort Woods at 5:15 p. m.

Collegian War Films at the Hillel Foundation, 8 p. m.

WSGA House of Representatives will meet in 318 Old Main at 5 p. m.

Alpha Delta Sigma initiation and banquet, State College Hotel, 6:30 p. m.

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

Tribunal meeting for members only, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

WRA Bridge Club meets in White Hall game room, 6:30 p. m.

WRA Bowling Club meets in White Hall bowling alleys, 6:30 p. m.

WRA Badminton Club meets in White Hall gymnasium, 6:30 p. m.

WRA Golf Club meets on Holmes Field, 7 p. m.

Collegian films, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p. m.

Prexy Hetzel meets student representatives, 121 Sparks, 7:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

WSGA Freshman Council meets for LaVie picture, 305 Old Main, 5 p. m.

ESMWT Program Trains 65,000 Throughout State

In its capacity as the official college of the State of Pennsylvania, Penn State is serving the citizens of this Commonwealth on many fronts and in many ways. Contrary to the ideas of many students, the College activities are not confined to the 6000 acres of College owned and leased property.

Evidence of the estate-wide services being rendered is provided with announcement of the close of the fifth ESMWT training program, under which more than 15,000 Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh, have been trained in Engineering, Science, and Defense Training.

The 15,000 graduates brings to approximately 32,000 the total number of persons who have completed ESMWT courses since its inauguration in October of 1940, according to M. T. Bunnell, supervisor of class centers. Enrollments for the same period numbered more than 65,000.

This fifth program was the first offered by the College since the entrance of the United States into the war, and, apparently because of the war, was the largest of the series both in enrollment and in completions. The total number

of completions for the first four programs was, according to Bunnell, 16,900 the series alone amounted to more than 33,000.

Additional I. E. S. programs, designed largely for recent high school graduates, are being given to nearly 1000 students in supplementary work to the regular ESMWT courses in a special night training program.

The Pittsburgh district led the field in the number of completions, figures for the fifth program reveal, with more than 4,500 completions. The Allentown and Middle districts shared the runner-up position with more than 2,000 completions apiece.

A large number of the course withdrawals were necessitated by military induction on the part of the student the statistics revealed. In addition a concentrated effort to interest women in the courses also proved successful, according to Bunnell, who pointed out that nearly 20 per cent of the total number taking the work in this program were women. Five per cent of the enrollment for the first four programs was made up of "coeds."