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After The Fight

The campus is still talking about the impressive speech that President Hetzel made before a large group of student leaders on Wednesday night. The Prexy cleared up a lot of questions and problems that had been bothering students during this accelerated semester, and to top it off, he put his ideas across in a manner that made them strike home.

True enough, his speech was not so strong at first, but the Prexy came through in his usual way by building his talk to a powerful climax, which made those present do some extra thinking.

One question in particular that the Prexy answered had to do with the attitude of students who are facing induction in the armed services of the nation. To be more specific, the question was, "Have you noticed that students have taken an attitude that, because they will enter the army after graduation and may possibly be killed, they should now become careless and stop studying?"

The Prexy answered that he fully realizes that this attitude does exist among a number of students on campus. It is a dangerous reaction, the Prexy admitted, and a sign of weakness. Such an attitude will never produce war heroes or men who will assume leadership during the emergency.

No one can doubt that this reaction is prevalent at Penn State as well as other American colleges and universities. However, we can appreciate the fact that this weakness exists only in a few, while the other hundreds of Penn State men have decided to make the most of their college education, so that they will be well prepared to shoulder America's reconstruction burdens when the fight is over.

More Light, Please

Anyone who has been forced to use the path leading from Ag Hill, past Hort Woods, to Park Avenue at night will report that for the past several weeks it has been very, very dark out there.

The department of grounds and buildings is not entirely to blame for the lack of light along that path. Until last month, it conscientiously replaced burned-out or broken bulbs, and made it possible for one to keep from stumbling and for women to feel reasonably safe.

However, grounds and buildings has been more or less thwarted in its intentions by a group of vandals, probably consisting of childish students, who, out of thoughtlessness or sheer malice, have smashed the electric light bulbs as fast as they were replaced. Apparently disgusted with this vandalism, grounds and buildings seems to have given up, and refuses to install any more lights.

The need for proper lighting is obvious. So we are making a double plea: first to the light-smashers to find more harmless targets for their stone-throwing; and secondly, to grounds and buildings to make still another attempt to keep the path safely lighted. —D. L. C.



Through The Needle's Eye

The other night Prexy Hetzel talked turkey to the campus leaders and tried to establish a background for them to think against during the Summer months. Prexy said a lot of things, and clarified point after point by making these campus leaders think the answers through for themselves. Some of the things he said were a bit abstract, and if it were any other time except the nineteenth of August in the year of Our War 1942, these campus leaders might have tossed them off like a sociology lecture.

One sharp listener—one of the six ex-Collegian editors now around campus—heard the Prexy, and took a clause from the beginning of the session and one from the end and put them together. The Prexy said: "We must live nobly, while we live—for tomorrow we may not die."

That impresses us. So much so that we're going to print it again, in italics:

"We must live nobly, while we live—for tomorrow we may not die."

That seems to pose the problem with consciousness and clarity enough. A smart apple listens to statements like that, because it's simply true. It's all right to plan for a future in the army. It's all right to get yourself ready to die. It's all right to keep up morale and enjoy yourself until you die.

But what happens if you don't kick the bucket?

Then you have to eat, and you have to figure out a way of marrying your girl, if you don't do it when you go gaily off to war. You have to look around and see whether you're satisfied with this place where you'll have to bring up your kids. You have to make up your mind whom to elect president, whether you should quit your job, whether you have enough stuff on the ball to take the one that's offered to you.

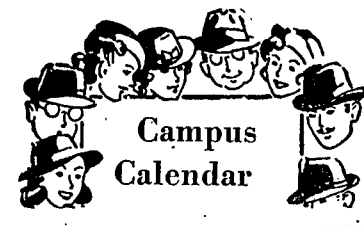
You have to live, we guess. You have to live the best you can.

Smart apples like us don't stick around the cities and take the first job that comes our way. We go off to college and pick up some education so that we can marry our best girl, and have a better job, and figure out how to clean up the graft in the local school system. We're sharp that way. A fellow with brains is a sucker to miss out on a chance like that. That's why we came to Penn State in the first place. Any dope can see that. No, maybe the dopes can't see that. They don't think it's much use, when they do think. We're pretty lucky that we're so sharp. We know how to get ours the best way.

"We must live nobly, while we live—for tomorrow we may not die." GABRIEL.



SMOKE IN HIS EYE—This photo, taken by the U. S. Army Air Forces, shows a member of the chemical warfare service at Langley Field, Va., striding through a smoke screen that merges curiously with clouds in the sky. According to the Office of Faculty Advisor on War Service, commissions are now open to Penn State students in chemical warfare, camouflage, and other highly specialized branches of the service. —NEA Telephoto



Campus Calendar

TODAY

Four one-act plays, Little Theatre, 7:30 o'clock tonight. Admission free.

Picture of the Handbook Staff will be taken in 305 Old Main, 4:30 p. m., for La Vie.

PSCA Cabinet picture for La Vie, 305 Old Main, 5 p. m.

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

Freshmen Picnic for PSCA group, Old Main 7 p. m.

SUNDAY

Phys Ed breakfast hike leaves Old Main Gate for Ski Lodge at 7 a. m. All members of the Phys Ed. school cordially invited.

Rushing Code Revised

(Continued from Page One) Article II of the code has been changed.

New two-year students, upper-class transfers, students from Mont Alto, and students from all undergraduate centers, are now included within this definition of a rushee. Last semester's code definition included only "new undergraduate students entering the Borough of State College."

Between semester rushing, Denman stated, begins at 5 p. m. August 28, and will continue until September 7 noon.

Formal rushing season shall begin at noon September 7 and shall end at 5 p. m. September 16. Formal pledging shall extend from September 10 until the end of formal rushing season, according to Denman. The silent period will follow immediately.

Graham's Maintains Contacts With Town Boys In Service

War has added a new department to the famous bench on S. Allen street called Graham's A. C. Since George Graham's son, Bub, entered the army, Graham has undertaken the task of keeping the boys from State College in contact with each other and the other boys from home.

Posted on the window of his store this week is a copy of the Graham A. C. News, with a list of addresses attached. Graham sends a copy of this to each boy in the service whose address he knows, and tries to reach all of the men serving in the armed forces from this district.

In this week's letter, there is a comment from Charlie Speidel down in Chapel Hill, N. C. Charlie says he has looked diligently, but has not yet found a suitable replica for the "Bench."

Graham asks all friends and relatives to leave the addresses of soldiers and sailors that they know, so the boys will have a little touch of home in their mail once in a while.

There is no doubt that the boys appreciate the efforts of Graham in keeping them in touch. The replies and letters that he receives prove that.

Book Exchange


(Continued from Page One) prices on books they wish the exchange to sell for them. If at the end of the term of business of the exchange their books have not been sold, they may call for them and no charge will be made them.

The exchange will be run by students hired by the committee in charge on the basis of need and past experience. The amount of hired help will be determined by the committee. Each student working will receive 35 cents per hour for his labor. Students who wish to work in the exchange should apply at Student Union before Tuesday.

Financial backing for the venture comes from All-College Cabinet which assumes the responsibility of debts in case there are any. Any profits from the exchange will be turned over to some local loan or relief fund.

Accounts for the project will be kept as the committee deems necessary for adequate functioning of the project. Any changes in the setup will, however, need approval of Cabinet before they will be effective.

GOOD AT ANY TIME



The CORNER

Unusual

DO WHAT THE DAY BRINGS AND GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT... AND YOUR WAR-EFFORT WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!



DO YOUR PART

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