If Curfew Blows-Where Do We Go From Here?

For twelve years (or thereabouts) the United States government pushed Prohibition against the wishes of the American people. For twelve years (or thereabouts) the American people discovered loopholes and means of evading that Prohibition.

Now, in a community supposedly composed of adults of reasonable integrity there is proposted an 8:30 curfew. Students awaiting the draft call and attempting to hang on to a little collegiate life-until they are presented with —find that they are once more to obey restrictions similar to their childhood days. Naturally the majority of students are slightly

We feel that the recommendation made by the special committee to Cabinet must have been founded on some sincere reasoning. We feel furthermore, that if students are acquainted with such reasoning they will gladly accept it if it is sound. We hate to disillusion anyone, but we must point-out a few things about Penn State's student body.

First, we can say that Nittany students DO know that there is a war going on. This knowledge hasn't come through any 8:30 curfew or shortening of coed hours. It has come from the uncertainty affecting every male student who stands ready to leave this campus for an Army camp---today, tomorrow or next week.

Second, students do not enjoy having their civilian lives so regulated. Sleeping is definitely a private matter and most sensible students have by now worked out their own study schedule. Those who haven't aren't worth keeping in col-

To those who point that activities are absorbing too much time and effort we refer to individual scholastic averages. They will find that student leaders in extra-curricular activities are also leaders in scholastic rating. It is the unoccupied and the loafers who should be regulated, not the active!

If Cabinet thinks that it has a legitimate reason for imposing such regulations it should proclaim them, and in a case such as this, permit the students at large to vote upon such a radical action.

As it now stands chances are that student activity will deviate f rom the channeled paths of constructive activity and demoralize into random, wasteful, and perhaps socially undesirable action. We hope not, and on the same premise that students are adults with independent consciences we feel that this danger is not too great. However, it should be considered.

If we, the students, can be shown how such an early curtailment of activities is to materially aid the war effort, we are sure that all complaints will . be silenced. If the administration so orders or the government so commands we will gladly We have already begun voluntary and reasonable curtailment.

As the situation now stands, we want to know -what is to be substituted for the curtailed activivities? We feel sure that sleep or increased study is not the answer.

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It is sincerely hoped by this columnist that Mr. Donald W. (Curfew) Davis is caught unawares by his own Frankenstein. The Declaration of Independence gives us the right to the pursuit of happiness. Ah, patriotism, what sins are committed in thy name.

Lend A Helping Hand

This poem was given to us by our own Bob Kimmel who in turn received from a coed. For obvious reasons she does not want her name revealed. It is dedicated to those hardy fems pursuing a technical education before chasing men. Fems like Gail Twitchell, Helen Zable, Jeanne Ruess, and Hazel Gassman.

All young women, who have come to Penn

Listen to me, and let me relate

The story of one who has learned the hard

That technical schools are no place to stay.

When you've stood all morning and you've "got to go,"

First, you'll suspect-and then you'll know

That the buildings were made for men at Penn State:

I assure you, my dears, they're not for his

Chem one was OK, for the building was new, Believe me, 'twas different when I reached chem two.

After weeks of research, I found the place But they tore it down; it was disgrace.

Then, in despair, I'd leave in a stew And run to Mac Hall—a duty to do.

Although I am a junior, I still don't know An Ag building room where a lady can go.

So take my advice, and switch to Home Ec If you don't want to become a physical wreck.

Disa And Data

Sally Searle, Theta alumna, was united in matrimonial bliss to fiji John Currier over the weekend . . . and come next Sunday Ensign Larry Driever, delta sig alumnua and former Collegeian bus. mgr., will take unto himself Theta Frankie Leiby as wife.



We, The Women Why Coeds Will Keep Their Late Permission

There were no ulterior motives behind the decision of WSGA Sen- en, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m. ate vesterday to reject the recommendation of All-College Cabinet that coeds' hours be curtailed. Women's hours will remain the same only because coed student government leaders believe that rescinding - the suggested permissions p. m would fail to aid the campaign to curtail activities.

The fact that WSGA Senate instigated a campaign last Spring to minimize all activities proves that women are in accord with the aims of Cabinet and its committee. After groups received letters from es, Hillel Foundation, 4 to 5:30 "slow p. m. Senate urging them to down," they cooperated to the extent of eliminating traditional coffee hours, teas, dances, and weekly meetings.

Why, then, if women have long advocated substitution of defense work for unnecessary collegiate ior editorial board, News Room, activities and have conducted 9:30 p. m. campaigns for physical fitness, did Senate vote for women to retain liberal permissions? Why did Former Coeds' Head, WSGA leaders decide against taking away second semester senior 11 o'clocks and second semester freshman 10 o'clocks?

As one Senate member said, "We can't get coeds to study and to go to bed earlier simply by telling them that they must be in the Friday. She was 82. themselves dorms. The coeds must realize the importance of sufficient sleep and of spending their time and energy only on worthwhile activities. Personal habits and attitudes cannot be regulated by rules."

All that sounds like common sense. Sensible, too, is the recommendation which WSGA will make to Cabinet tonight that big dances be held from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., rather than from 10 until 2, to enable permissions to be restricted to 2 a. m. Without contradicting their statement that rules will not regulate personal habits, Senate members felt that coeds will welcome the opportunity to get an extra hour's sleep over big weekends.

Judging by their actions, WSGA Senate members and the dean of women's office regard all coeds as mature adults capable of managing their lives wisely. However, if personal privileges are to be retained, all coeds must check up on their studying and health habits.

V-5 Officer

Ensign C. F. Reichner, of the Navy V-5 procurement service, will be in the State College Hotel tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday to interview students interested in enlisting in the Navy v-5 ilight training program.

Ensign Reichner, who replaces Lieutenant Kane as head of the recruiting unit for V-5 in this area, will be at the hotel from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on each of the days mentioned above.

All students who have applied for enlistment in the V-5 program, or who desire further information about the flight officer training under the V-5 program are urged to contact Ensign Reichner at the hotel during the three-day period.

Home Ec Will Open Campus Lunch Rooms

Two home economics lunch rooms will open to all students and members of College faculty or administrative offices Monday, September 21.

The home economics cafeteria will feature the twenty-cent special daily from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Miss Viola Johnson will be in charge.

Cafeteria service at noon and dinner specials beginning at 5:45 p m, in the Maple Room are under the supervision of Miss Mary Stockton.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY Meeting of the Interfraternity Pledge Banquet committee, Acacia house, 7:30 p. m.

Frosh Forum meeting for wom-

PSCA Freshman Council meeting in Hugh Beaver Room, 304 Main, feature attraction: movies of last year's game with talk by Coach Bob Higgins, 8

Old Main Open House committee meeting, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m. WRA Bowling Club meets, White Hall Alleys, 6:30 p. m.

Portfolio meeting, 5 Carnegie Hall, 8:30 p. m.

Registration for Hebrew class-

Nutrition exhibit of 100 calorie portions of protein and fat foods. 209 Home Economics from 8 a.m. until noon.

TOMORROW

Important meeting all men jun-

Teacher, Dies At 82

Miss Harriet A. McElwain, pioneer woman educator who served as secretary to President Atherton in 1895, died at her home in West Springfield, Mass.,

Graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1883, Miss McElwain was appointed assistant to the president in 1895 and served temporarily as secretary to the Board of Trutees in 1895. Her duties included those of registrar.

Deceased was dean of the School of History for four years and served as head of the Department of Women. Illness in the family caused her to resign in 1901.

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