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Rallying the Technicians

"The colleges and universities are charged with increasing the number of technicians upon which both industry and the armed forces depend. The colleges and universities, by insuring a continual supply of technically trained men and women, can insure the continual increase of our strength for victory and for peace."

This was part of a recent speech made by War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt at Purdue. Now the means to implement such action has come to Penn State. Establishing a new basis of security for technically trained men is the government loan which will soon be available to Nittany students.

As we understand the system, money may be provided for fees and tuition, as well as books, and a sum as high as \$25 per month supplied for maintenance of those in selected technical fields. This means that the entire college system becomes more democratic. Students with the necessary qualifications may continue their training without financial worries.

At the same time although the scholarships may be considered loans, they are automatically cancelled if the recipient is drafted and the loan is written off. Chief restriction resulting from participating in the benefits seems to be in subjugating oneself to the War Manpower Commission since the student agrees to follow its wishes in the War Effort.

However, with economic and military situations daily becoming more complicated, these government loans and provisions seem to point the way for a more steady collegiate program carrying the additional advantage of a more certain future. —H. J. Z.—

Glancing At Junior Prom

In line with the recent program of curtailing activities, Cabinet has recommended that Junior Prom be dropped from the Fall social calendar, and re-scheduled during the Winter semester. By doing this, Cabinet feels that it can eliminate one big dance from the over-crowded Fall social program.

However, members of the junior class have not accepted the proposal with as much enthusiasm as was originally expected. First of all, the juniors want to know why they should have their junior class dance when they are seniors. In the second place, it is highly probable that the dance will fall far short of the financial success that would be possible if it were to be held this semester as originally scheduled.

Financial success could be better insured this semester because there will be over one thousand more students on campus this semester than there will be during the coming Winter term. In addition, the present senior class would be among the chief supporters of Junior Prom if it were to be held this semester. But with the seniors graduating in December, Junior Prom will lose a great potential group of dance-goers.

It has been suggested by various groups that the juniors combine their dance with Senior Ball, or switch dates with Military Ball. By combining their dances, juniors and seniors can have one big get-together before hundreds of men from both classes are called into the armed services of the nation. By combining the dances, both classes will have to make concessions—but it will be in the best interests of the present program of "cutting the social and activity corners."

The Campuseer



(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and are not necessarily those of The Daily Collegian.)

Our first column last week was a distinct disappointment. Only two persons threatened to murder us. But just for protection, we promise not to mention, or even hint at, Les Hetenyi's name in this column.

The Pestilence Returns

Life is so futile. Campy is in despair. We noted the coming of cool fall weather with apprehension and misgivings, but, in a fit of foolish optimism, we prayed—hoping against hope—that it wouldn't happen again this year. But, alas, it did. Yesterday, marring the beautiful scenery of this campus, was sighted the season's first pair of those hideous knee-length socks on an otherwise presentable frosh coed. More—hordes of them—are sure to follow. As the only way out, we have decided upon suicide—or, going to extremes, to get appointed to All-College Cabinet.

Curfew And Curses

Speaking of Cabinet (and who isn't these days), we just want to say we ain't mad at them any more about that curfew proposal. At first we wanted to assassinate the whole crew of them, but now we should be satisfied with mere impeachment and conviction. But the curfew probably will have its advantages. Bull sessions can now last an hour or two longer. And Collegian will be able to get off the press early in the evening—provided Mr. Watkins switches class schedules to run from 2 a. m. to 9 a. m. instead of the present silly, unpatriotic 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. hours.

Ain't Love Grand Dept.

Leonard Wenzel, theta xi, pinned Mary Leathers, a school teacher in borough school. . . Rosaline Marks, sigma delta tau and Mike Gittleman, beta sig, are altar-bound. . . So are Peggy Acker, another SDT, and "Tinny Glazier, gamma sig. . . The SPE's will throw a party for the alpha chi omega's in the near future. They lost a bet. Elsie Booth and hubby Milt Kuhn are proud mama and papa, respectively, of a 7½ lb. baby BOY, as of yesterday.

Bill Briner relinquished his Delta Chi jewelry to AOPi Bobbie Longenecker. . . and Mary Jo McDougal, AChi, now has Dick Schwab's Phi Psi pin. And Lois Jane Hunter, Kappa alumna, is keeping J. Kember Grimm Jr. uncertain about answering his proposal—she's still looking over the field.

Fall Fashion Note

Here's a bit of fatherly advice, prompted by an appreciation for the esthetic and an abhorrence of the revolting, to all the fair and unfair damsels living in Watts, Irvin, and Jordan. Before you decide to go out on the campus wearing mannish slacks, for Pete's sake take a look at yourself in a full-length mirror—preferably a three-cornered one. Please!

Gripe Of The Week

We were standing in the ticket line of one of State College's better theaters last Saturday and had to suffer the discomfort of the usual childish, rough-house pushing and mauling done by Penn State's studious gentlemen. We didn't mind that so much, as we've been pushed around plenty before. But an elderly woman in front of us began to feel faint as a result of the crowding, and went home, relinquishing the position she had held in the line for some 20 minutes. Which makes us wonder when some of Penn State's students will start acting their age (i.e., their chronological age).

Professorial Patter

Professorial humor was even worse than usual this week, but this crack provoked some laughter in a poli sci class Monday. Professor Alderfer was told that absence was heavy because of Yom Kippur. Whenever he called roll, the first five students on the list answered to their names. Calling of the next name, Duff, brought no answer.

Perplexed, Alderfer said, "Duff has always been an Irish name, hasn't it?"

—CAMPY

We, The Women 'Slow Down'— But Don't Stop

To students who have been on campus for a semester or two, the drive to adapt College activities to a wartime basis is self-explanatory. Because of experience, they can appreciate the need for adjustments.

To freshmen and transfers, however, the campaign for curtailment might prove confusing and misleading.

Nobody is opposed to activities as such; nobody wants mass elimination of dramatics organizations and publications or all the things which make a college campus.

What is wanted is readjustment and evaluation, with elimination of non-essentials and conversion of time and energy into worthwhile projects or defense work. Back of all that is a desire for more studying and increased physical fitness. Behind everything, as President Hetzel pointed out, is the pattern of a world at war.

It is not intended that everyone drop activities. People will still be needed to act in plays, organize sports clubs, and manage student government.

What is hoped is that new students will choose extra-curricular activities with forethought and caution; that they will consider studies and health; and that they will make a place in their schedules for defense training.

Gamma Phi Beta transfers and pledges were entertained at a coffee hour Sunday night by active members of the sorority.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Men's section chairmen of the PSCA's Finance Canvass, dinner at the Allencrest, 5:45 p. m.

March of Time films shown on Old Main Terrace by PSCA Public Relations committee, 8 p. m.

Meeting of all freshmen and upperclassmen interested in writing for Nittany Lines, monthly PSCA bulletin, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m.

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

Business meeting of WRA Swimming Club at White Hall pool, 7:30 p. m.

All-College Cabinet committee for granting late permission requests for activities meets in 412 Old Main, 4 p. m.

WRA Fencing Club meets, Body Mechanics room, 6:30 p. m. WRA Outing Club, meets, Room 3, 6:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Candidates for the editorial and business boards of Portfolio meet in office, Carnegie Hall, 1 to 5 p. m.

Lion Coats are on sale at all downtown men's and women's stores.

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