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Aggies 'On The Ball'

Lots of students ask, "Just exactly what do the Student Councils do?" Here's one example.

Recently the Agriculture Council adopted a set of resolutions pointed at a better Ag school and also a better Penn State. In addition it has pledged its facilities towards the promotion of these recommendations.

Complete and efficient health service, more adequate Student Union facilities, up to date course descriptions in the College catalogue, are the improvements suggested for the College at large. All of these are problems that have been hashed and rehashed in various student bull sessions. All are problems which most students realize are serious.

For "the Hill" in particular the Aggie urged continued cooperation with faculty and administration in development of academic and social contacts of maximum mutual benefits, consolidation and reorganization of overlapping courses, well-informed advisors, and recognition of outstanding teachers and advisors.

But why confine these latter requests to North-east campus. Like their All-College recommendations these are all singularly adaptable to all of Penn State's seven schools.

While these are only words with no immediate set up for action stated, they are nevertheless evidence that these problems are at last becoming topics for formal group discussion rather than ineffective, unorganized, campus gossip.

So here students, that's what one school council is doing.

—R. D. S.

Philadelphia Story

Faint blasts from Penn State's activity curfew are still re-echoing throughout the Nittany Valley. Some say that this new plan will die a natural death, while others claim that the 8:30 restriction on campus activities will weather the present storm of disapproval, and in time will be recognized as a valuable part of the College's war program.

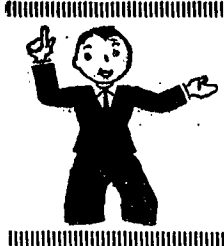
But only time will tell. And then someone is bound to sit back and say with laconic greatness—"I told you so."

Yet, while Penn State is throwing together pros and cons of the argument on the curfew, our collegiate neighbors from down Philadelphia way are also stewing over the same problem.

The bosses at the University of Pennsylvania, after realizing the need for revamping their institution's policy so that it will prove of greater benefit to the nation's war effort, decided that activities should go on in much the same manner as they did in pre-war days. In particular, they felt that publications should not be curtailed, and that entertainment such as the famed Mask and Wig shows should continue on a peacetime basis.

Now you may ask—just how did Penn revamp or reorganize its program to fit wartime measures? And at this point, the Pennsylvania proxy stepped in and said that class cuts should drop to a minimum, and that all students should do a little extra studying, especially in courses that are of direct benefit to emergency measures.

All in all, it looks as though the Penn bosses have dusted off an old plot and tacked it to a new story. And there is no reason why it shouldn't bring results.



Nothing BUT The Truth

At last we have discovered the ideal cure for war nerves, the most fool-proof way to remain on the wagon for at least three days, and the easiest way to fool away the time and still be able to tell our conscience that we learned something.

The solution is stack browsing. Although it is a closely-guarded secret there are actually thousands of beautifully bound books of all shapes and sizes stacked away on stacks in the building at the head of the mall known as the library.

The ingenuity we employed to discover the hidden treasure is a story in itself. It all started one day when in a curious mood, we walked up to the main desk, opened an old shoe box and spread out a tasty looking lunch which we proceeded to devour in about fifteen minutes. Much to our pleasure and pride, we had figured the timing exactly right, because just as the last doughnut slid down, up walked an attendant. This is a good practice to follow—saves much time otherwise wasted and gives the library a certain pleasant home-like atmosphere.

Then the idea came. We would get into those stacks if it took all afternoon. Cleverly, we slipped over to the card catalogue, laboriously filled out 36 cards and proceeded to hand them to the same librarian with as little show of stark insanity as we could assume. It was all very simple after that. First she let out a long wail, after which we explained that if she would not allow us to go back to the stacks and browse, she would have to bring the stacks down to us to browse. This settled the matter.

Upon first laying eyes on the one set of stacks we were filled with an intense desire for knowledge and were immediately tempted to execute a running leap at a choicy volume entitled "Early Egyptian Economical Theories and Their Relation to the Political and Diplomatic Welfare of the Sahara Desert."

However, a large book beside it, "The Private Lives of Turkish Monarchs" drew our attention instead.

To break the monotony, we decided it would be much fun to get lost in the stacks, establish ourselves at a certain point, and then let out a shrill scream. This creates quite a disturbance among all the librarians and it is a rather amusing sight to watch fifteen or twenty of them fanatically dashing in and out of the stacks in a furious search for the source of the scream.

Willkie Confers With Stalin



Joseph Stalin, little photographed in pre-war days, gets his picture in the papers again, this time with Wendell Willkie, come to Moscow for conferences with Russia's premier, on a special mission for President Roosevelt. Stalin has previously posed with Churchill, Hopkins and Harriman for photo-partners.

CAMPUS CALENDAR Politicians

TODAY

- PSCA Cabinet meets, Westminister Foundation, 7:30 p. m.
- Lakonides meeting, WRA lounge, 6:30 p. m.
- Independent '44 Clique Meeting, 418 Old Main, 7 p. m.
- Riding Club Lecture, Stock Judging Pavilion, 7 p. m.
- Engineer ROTC Parade, 4 p. m.
- Alpha Phi Omega, Acacia fraternal and business staffs of the Penn State Farmer and Home Maker meet, 10 Ag Building, 7 p. m.
- ternity, 7:30 p. m.
- Russian Club picnic, Fairmount Park, 5 to 8:30 p. m.
- Sigma Delta Chi, Journalism office, 7 p. m.
- Swimming tryouts, Glennland Pool, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Campus Patrol, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m. New students interested in Campus Patrol are invited to attend.
- House of Representatives, 305 Old Main, 5 p. m.
- WRA Bridge Club meets, White Hall playroom, 6:45 p. m.

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p. m. Thursday to gain a clear understanding of the elections code provisions, and to plan for Tuesday's mass meeting.

Campus '44, meanwhile, select campaign and advertising committees last night to carry out next week's pre-election drive. Shirley J. Tetley will head the clique's publicity committee, with Robert E. Dierken, Anne Serocca, Virginia Carter, Carroll P. Blackwood, and Walter G. Murfit, associate members.

The party's campaign committee will consist of Henry W. Keller, chairman, Henry L. Yeagley, Walter Gerson, Mary E. McCurdy, Gloria N. Duerst, and Lloyd Huck. Glossy prints of the candidates are due at noon today. Photographs not handed in by noon will not be included on the official Elections Committee posters, Davis warned.

Party platforms, submitted to the Elections Committee yesterday, will be released for publication in tomorrow's Collegian, according to the Elections Committee head.

Calls Varsity Swimmers

Freshman and upperclassmen interested in trying out for the varsity swimming team are asked to report at practice sessions in the Glennland pool, S. Pugh street, from 4 until 6 p. m., Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, Robert E. Galbraith swimming coach, said last night.

Mrs. Carroll Melton, Phi Mu National Collegiate vice-president, visited the local chapter yesterday.

Penn State Grad Back From Tobruk

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Palmer flew to the African theatre of war in July, and his first dispatch was date-lined Port Said, July 7. It reported on troop and supply movements into Egypt for the fight to push back the Axis forces.

FORMAL SUITS

TUXEDO - \$29.50
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