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Shortage—After Midnight

We never thought that there would come a time when we would see a food shortage in Penn State. Strangely enough such a situation does exist—as any post-midnight diner has found out. However, the cause of the 12 p. m. voluntary curfew does not center in an actual scarcity of food commodities but rather in the labor supply.

Although restaurants would like nothing better than to maintain the old system of all night service and earn the welcome margin of profit, they find it impossible to do so. Shortages of chocolate, coffee, and other staples are handicapping the normal business of local merchants. But more important, the businessmen are faced with an unusual labor problem. They just can't get staffs to work after midnight and even daytime workers are putting in long and arduous shifts.

After speaking to several proprietors and pointing out the students' viewpoint we became convinced of several things. The businessmen are aware of the students' desires and would like to comply. Furthermore, they are in no position to meet these desires. Hiring of extra labor at high wages will increase overhead beyond the margin of profit and the extra headaches involved in accommodating the student demand are just too much for the merchants.

It looks as though we shall have to learn to eat at the assigned meal hours and make it last. Future developments may find us forcibly restricted to that schedule. Of more immediate inconvenience is the 12 p. m. closing on big week-ends but unless someone can come to the rescue of the businessmen it's just another adjustment we must make.

—H. J. Z.

A Partner To The Draft Bill

Approval of a bill by the House military committee lowering the draft age to 18 has focused nationwide attention on the issue once again. Prior to the action Secretary of War Stimson told Congress the Army's goal for 1943 is 7,500,000 men.

Release of next year's quota aids Donald Nelson, War Production Chief, to calculate necessary materials and equipment; War Manpower Chief Paul McNutt has figures on which to base need of men for war and civilian purposes, and Selective Service Director Hershey can fix the draft board quotas.

Most persons, viewing the legislation from the standpoint of its helping married men with children, seem to be in favor of the bill. At least it gives Congressmen grounds for enacting the measure without losing votes in November.

The same committee also voted to report a bill introduced by Representative Wadsworth, R., New York, endeavoring to settle a controversy over the interrupted educations of the youths to be called.

Under its provisions a high school or college student called for induction shall be deferred until the end of the present academic year. After July 1, 1943, no educational deferments are to be granted.

If the measure should be passed, it would be a severe blow to Penn State and other universities. It would mean an entirely different setup from the present one. It would make it extremely difficult for present freshman, sophomores and many juniors to graduate. We hope Congress will consider the need for a constant flow of technically trained men from colleges, and add several provisions to the bill to aid that process.

—H. J. Z.



CAPITOL TO CAMPUS

JAY RICHTER REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON

College Air Power . . .

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—Tens of thousands of men are learning to fly at some 600 of the nation's colleges this year, preparing to serve in Army and Navy aviation.

However, not all the pilot trainees are regular students—college facilities have been opened to all who can meet requirements of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Any man who can pass the mental and physical examinations is eligible, although all trainees must enlist in the reserve of the Army or Navy air forces.

Most Navy reservists are slated to be combat pilots and must meet the standard requirements of Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Boards. They may be college students taking training under the V-1 or V-5 plans.

All Army reservists in the CAA program take their training on a full-time basis and must be men who are ineligible as combat pilots because of their age or minor physical defects. Age limits are 18 through 36. If he's under 27 an applicant must have been rejected for combat pilot training.

In the CAA-Army program five types of pilots are being trained:

- Glider;
- Liaison—spotter for field artillery and other similar jobs; Instructor—transport co-pilot either for the Army Air Transport Command, or on one of the airlines working with it; Service pilot—towing targets or gliders, short hauls of men and materials.

CAA trainees progress through elementary, secondary, cross-country, link-instrument and flight officer or instructor courses. Each course lasts 8 weeks. Trainees may be called by the Army or Navy for further training or active duty at any stage of the courses.

After call by the services they may qualify for a commission.

Education Elsewhere . . .

The Nazis termed it an "outstanding event for youth as well as for the party" when the 1924 age group of Hitler Youth was taken under the wing of the National Socialists a few days ago.

Lucky kids.

Also the Nazi high command has decided that all school children shall have the privilege this year of hearing three military lectures and making one visit to some military base—"outside school hours."

An elective course, no doubt.

56 Ensign Graduates Head Back To Sea

"Back to sea" are the words on the lips of the 56 ensigns who graduate here today from the College Diesel training school.

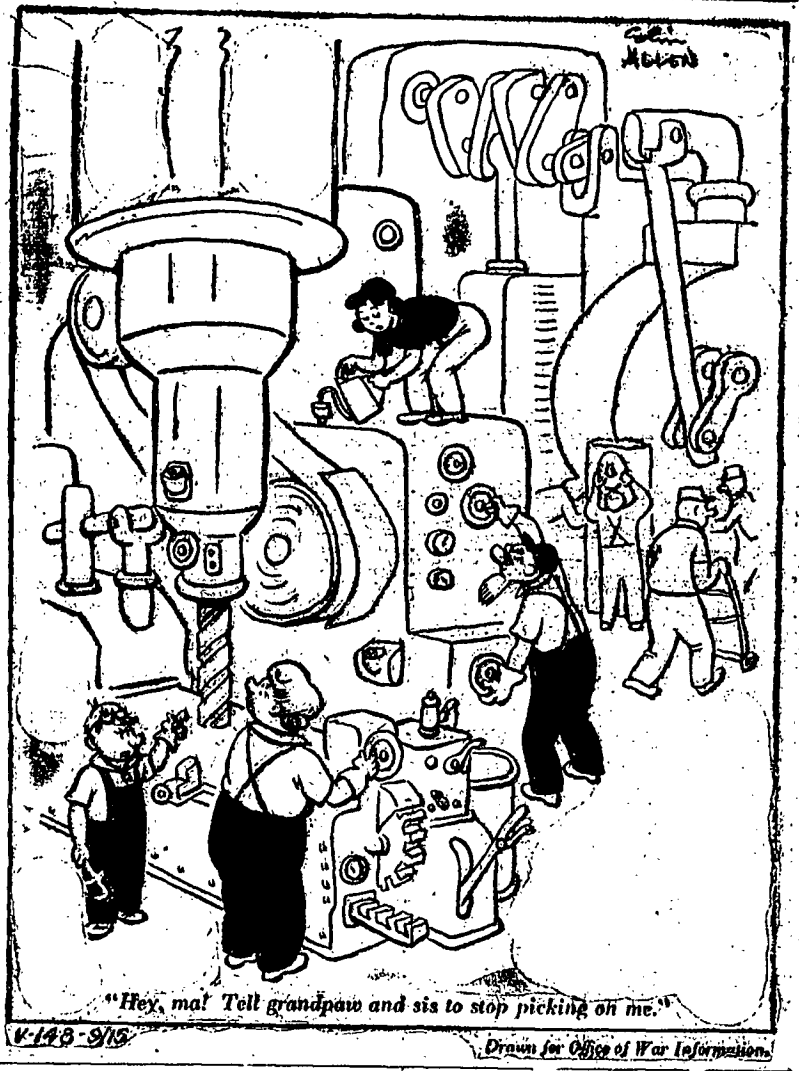
For those men who were commissioned out of civilian life as ensigns in the Naval Reserve, "back to sea" means the first time, but for one half of them it's just the same old thing. They are veterans of from nine to sixteen years service.

Many of the current graduating class who enlisted in the Navy years ago started as apprentice seamen, worked their way up through the ranks to warrant rating, and were finally commissioned officers.

The history of the Navy's major engagement is woven through their experience. Midway, Coral Sea, Pearl Harbor, and Dutch Harbor are just a few of the battles in which they have participated in the present war. One ensign took part in World War I.

The present graduating class which started Aug. 10 marked a new departure in naval training on campus, since the other five classes, to graduate from the school were composed entirely of Naval Reserve officers with no previous Navy experience. All of them have been trained in a ten-month course designed to meet the Navy's need for engineers skilled in the operation, installation and a maintenance of the latest Diesel engines.

All of the graduates will be assigned to active naval engineering duties, either ashore or afloat, in the near future.



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Drawn for Office of War Information

We, The Women War News Reaches Penn State Coeds

Things are picking up. Three hundred coeds have signed up for CODETS, women's initial military corps. Although only two hundred can train in the first groups, if beginning enthusiasm holds, we predict big things—maybe class credit and uniforms.

Comments gathered in dorms and dining commons indicate that women students will support the new surgical dressing project. WSGA Junior Service Board members, for example, have promised to cooperate.

We've seen the few remaining Mortar Boards over at Student Union peddling war stamps. If the stamps were bought to replace a corsage for WRA's formal brawl, a red and blue ribbon was tossed in.

Speaking of WRA, at one of the many meetings to coordinate war activities, we picked up rumors of plans to expand the women's physical fitness program. One suggestion was to give upperclass women credit for weekly workouts at White Hall.

Who said that coeds remain unaware of the war? A couple of months ago, we did in this column. It's good to report that things are picking up.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY: PSCA solicitors and division leaders meet, Hugh Beaver Room, 11 a. m. PSCA Rural Service Committee meets, 304 Old Main, 1:10 p. m.

TOMORROW: Sigma Delta Chi initiation at the Nittany Lion Inn, 4 p. m.

All persons interested in cleaning the Ski Trail of overgrowth should report to the first lean-to at 2 p. m. Sunday. Everyone should bring hedge shears and other cutting implements.

MONDAY: 4 H Club meets, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Freshman Collegian editorial candidates must report to room 9 Carnegie Hall 7 p. m. to obtain their student opinion pool sheets.

First classes in airplane and ship drafting will meet in 302 Main Engineering at 6:30 p. m. Monday.

Campus '45 To

(Continued from page one) Price, include Jack Byrom, petitions committee; Carl P. Swope, fraternity file card chairman; and Ruth A. Embury, Renée U. Marks, and Joan E. Piollet, women's file card committee.

At The Movies

CATHAUM—Desperate Journey
STATE—The Spirit of Stanford
NITTANY—Shadows on the Sage

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