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**Comply—Or Else**

Whether or not democratic methods can win this war for democracy is a question discussed and re-discussed. So far the government has been taking a middle of the road policy. The people are asked to do some things—the people are told to do others.

Sugar, gasoline, and now coffee rationing are the results of what at first were only requests for conservation. Buying war bonds and stamps is still a request. In peacetime joining the Army was voluntary; now in wartime—need more be said? But all this has a local angle.

Rubber conservation is still a nation-wide request. True, people can't get more tires without a priority permit, but at present there are no laws regulating the use of those you have now except the indirect effect gas rationing has.

The local situation is that students are unnecessarily using rubber in driving their cars about a town and campus which don't have public transportation facilities for the simple reason that they are too small to warrant them.

College administrative officials have repeated time and again their requests that students do not use their automobiles to drive to classes or around campus at other times. Today they made one more request but it's a little stronger. In a letter to the students Dean Warnock and Dean Ray have threatened to revoke the campus licenses of students apprehended using their cars on the campus without a reasonable excuse. With the help of the campus patrol, indications are good that this plan will be enforced.

Sugar and coffee conservation were only requests at first. This plea for saving is still a request but getting closer to a definite law. Practical students will be smart and take a hint—which isn't a terribly gentle one.

**Christmas Jobs**

College students who have contracted for jobs at Christmas time will have to adjust their last blue-books or final examinations to fall before the time they wish to leave, for word has come from the dean's office that no excuses will be granted for students to leave early.

While such conditions are unfortunate since many students are depending on work during the Christmas holidays to help pay fees for the coming semester, justification for the ruling can easily be found. After all, the semester has been shortened for acceleration purposes, and cutting it further after recent heavy Penn and Thanksgiving weekend cuts would be going too far.

The best way out is to see professors now and find when they plan to give the last bluebook or final. Then, if it interferes with the extra day or two the student expects to cut to work, he should ask the prof if he could either move the exam ahead a period, or if he could take it earlier, explaining that he is depending upon the money his vacation job will bring. Penn State has long been known as a college where it is comparatively easy for large numbers of students to work for room, board or cash, some completely through college. Attitudes of professors in times similar to the one coming are helpful in maintaining this good reputation, and if students are fair in claiming that they definitely have Christmas jobs and must leave a little early, there is reason to believe the faculty will be cooperative.

However, if that practice is violated by every Tom, Dick and Harry walking up and begging off just to extend his pleasures at Christmas, it will

**CLEVER COMMENTS**

By Fred E. Clever

To dispel any suspicion that your columnist pictures himself as the soul of wit, let it be clearly understood that in the heading of this piece, "Clever" is a noun, and "Comments" is a verb. After all, what's the use of having a handle like Clever if you don't put it to work?

Last week we wrote under the heading "One Man's Meat." Unfortunately, our sophomore proof-readers let so many typographical errors slip through that we became discouraged and refused to use the heading again—somebody's meat turned out to be our poison.

**Disillusioning, Isn't It?**

It makes us quite sad to report an incident that caused us to lose our next-to-the-last bit of faith in studentdom. In the past we have been a severe critic of Penn State's campus politics. We never had the occasion, however, to criticize politics on any other grounds than that it was a waste of time.

On the whole, campus politics have been relatively clean of underhandedness. Granted, bargains have been made (and broken), codes have been violated—both ethical and those that are written, but somehow or other we never pictured it as being malicious.

Recently it was announced in a Collegian column that one Walter Price was going to do a series on "the inside dope on campus politics" for that stamping ground of the literati, Portfolio.

Which, in itself, is quite harmless. The other day, however, five former Price cronies received warning on what to expect. Steeped with such phrases as "final reckoning will be acknowledged in the next issue of Portfolio," the notes were a perfect example of what a good loser should not do, regardless of the fairness of the circumstances under which he lost.

Fundamentally, campus politics is analogous to most any other form of campus competition. When a loser in this scramble—elections, if you will—forgets that he first is a man, and second that he is a loser, then campus politics acquires an aroma that is unpleasant to the onlooker.

If the articles do appear, we hope that Dorothy Bosley, Portfolio editor, will have the grace to curb Price's impetuosity. We hope that with the election now over the series will be minus the malicious sting threatened.

make it hard for every student who honestly needs extra time for work. Rightly the dean will not issue excuses because it would conflict with professors' plans and would be against the acceleration policy to make issuance of excuses an official act.

*We, The Women*  
**'Take Your Number, Pick Your Room...'**

Now is the time for all coeds to come to the job of choosing rooms which will be theirs for the next two semesters. Only those desiring to reserve new rooms need attend drawings and selections which will be held in Atherton Hall lounges Monday and Thursday.

A complicated situation to straighten out, the drawings are sure to function better if women cooperate and follow the schedule set by members of the dean of women's staff.

Each coed will draw her own number which will place her in an order for choosing a room. No number exchanges will be permitted to push others ahead in the line.

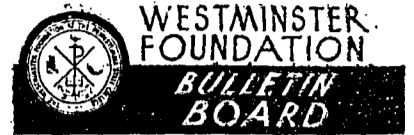
According to an announcement from the dean's office, juniors, who have first choice, will meet in the northwest lounge at 6:30 p. m. Monday to draw for order and will select rooms in the same lounge at 6:30 p. m. Thursday.

Gathering in the southwest lounge, sophomores will draw numbers at 6:30 p. m. Monday and will make room selections immediately following the juniors at 6:45 p. m. Thursday.

Second semester frosh will meet

in the northwest lounge of Atherton at 6:45 p. m. Monday and will gather to choose rooms at 8:30 p. m. Thursday.

With dormitory plans on display, women will be able to locate rooms that they want and it is expected that coeds will investigate rooms during the days between drawings and selections.



**WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION STUDENT TRUSTEE DINNER FIRESIDE ROOM TONIGHT—6-8 P. M.**

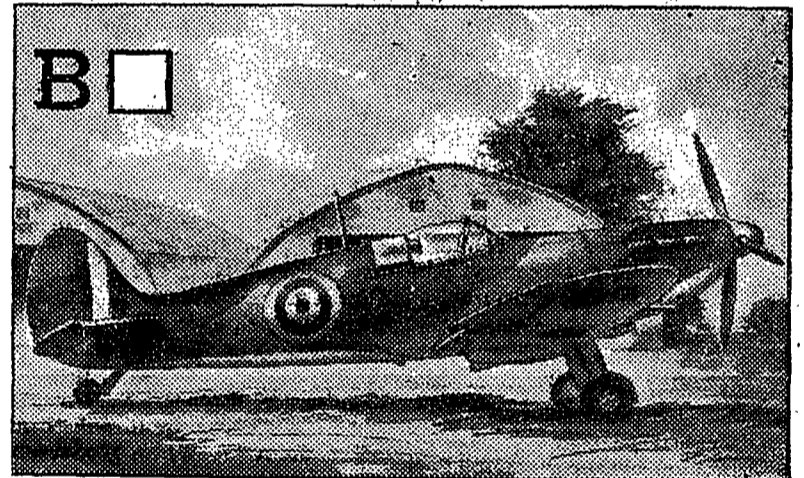
**GUEST SPEAKER—Mrs. John Petach, "My Experiences with the Flying Tigers in China."**

**DR. STANTON LAUTENSCHLAGER** of Cheelo University, China, will address the Three Courses at the Student Department Sunday, 9:30 A. M.

He will also address: InterChurch Student Fellowship Monday, 7:15 P. M., Westminster Hall.

1942 Group Sunday Breakfast, 8:00 A. M., Fireside Room.

**BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS**



**WHICH would you vote "most likely to succeed?"**

"The Aircraft Warning System gives a single plane on ground alert the equivalent striking power of 16 planes on air patrol." This startling statement comes from England.

Our country's Aircraft Warning Service—quite similar to England's—keeps a constant check on the flight of all aircraft. Should the need arise, it is prepared to send fighter planes aloft, to mobilize and direct ground defense forces, to warn endangered areas. Every step in its operation requires the fast, accurate communication of the telephone.

This is just one of the many wartime jobs that are keeping telephone lines busier than ever before. To help us keep lines clear for vital military and industrial calls, please avoid using Long Distance to war activity centers unless the call is urgent. And please keep all your telephone calls as brief as you can. Thank you.



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