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Ebert Announces Daylight Raid; Classes Continue

Instructors Asked To Explain Signals

George W. Ebert, chairman of the committee on the Centre County Council of Defense, announced today that a test air raid drill would be conducted in State College tomorrow between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. The drill is for educational purposes and classes will not be suspended.

The drill has been planned for instruction purposes and during the period of the practice instructors are urged to take time to explain drill procedure and a new blue signal to be used for the first time, according to Mr. Ebert.

The yellow signal will be the usual preliminary warning to civilian defense officials at 10:30 a.m.; the blue signal, the first audible signal, will be one long blast of two minutes' duration and means that enemy planes are approaching in ten minutes. A red warning, which is a fluctuating blast of two minutes' duration, indicates that enemy planes are overhead.

Another blue signal will be sounded following the red warning. It is not an all-clear but signifies that the direct emergency is apparently over. Civilians and wardens should remain on the alert. The second blue signal will be one long blast of two minutes' duration.

The white signal or all-clear will not be audible. It will be announced on the campus by blasts on police whistles, according to an official report. In other sections of the state the all-clear will be given over the radio or by lighting of the street lights if the raid or practice occurs at night.

This is the first time that students have remained in their classes during an air raid drill. Other daylight raids, for which an evacuation has been planned, will take place on the second audible signal or the red warning, Mr. Ebert stated.

The new blue signal was formerly a confidential signal to wardens. It has been made audible in order to give more time for preparation of the red signal, the authority has announced.

Student Union Returns 2,382 Lost Articles

Maintaining the only lost and found service on the campus, the Student Union has, during the last 18 months, returned 2,382 articles valued at over \$8,539.12.

Among the articles returned were: 876 text books, 122 fountain pens, 319 notebooks, 94 coats, 91 pairs of glasses, 77 slide rules, 151 pocketbooks, 22 rings (no engagements), 29 watches, 88 hats, 89 raincoats, 33 umbrellas, 58 key cases, 48 scarfs, 121 pairs of gloves, 7 brief cases, 1 typewriter, 2 cameras, 1 traveling bag, 1 hunting license, and 1 tennis racket.

Frothy Promises Issue

The next issue of Frothy is scheduled to be on sale in about 10 days, according to a communique from Frothy's dungeon. This issue is being put out in conjunction with Soph Hop weekend and the staff has promised to have one of the best in years. The February issue will have four more pages than usual along with several good features on Les Brown, George Graham, and John Lawther.

Penn State To Train 500 Pre-Pre-Flight Air Cadets

Penn State has been selected to instruct 500 Army Air Corps Cadets in what will be known as a pre-pre-flight training curricula. The first contingent of 300 cadets will arrive on campus on March 1, followed by another 200 one month later. Army and College officials completed final arrangements for the program during the weekend. Written confirmation is expected today after oral assurance received on Saturday.

Fraternity houses at Penn State will be used to house the men, it is understood. According to a "pool" arrangement, cadets will move into certain designated fraternities, the men living in these fraternities moving to other houses, the costs and income being apportioned accordingly.

Selection of houses for cadet use will be made by a U. S. Army officer expected to arrive on campus on an inspection trip during the next week.

Cadets who will be sent to receive their pre-pre-flight training here will be part of a pool of some 50,000 young men accepted for air cadet training but still not called into service. The courses which they will be given will be designed to build them up physically and mentally for the more rigorous training which they will be given at Army Air Corps centers.

This is the third program which the College has received in the training of service men. The other two include instruction which will be given in engineering to Army men under the Specialized Training Program and Navy men. The Army Specialized Training Program should not be confused with the new program announced herewith.

Just how many service men will eventually be present on the Penn State campus depends on numerous factors, including the availability of housing, teaching, and laboratory facilities.

Instruction which will be given to the men will be limited to technical subjects. These include engineering, physics, and mathematics.

LATE NEWS FLASHES!

CHUNGKING. — A Japanese transport laden with lead, gasoline, and rice from the South Seas was sunk by Chinese shore batteries off the coast of Fukien Province February 8 after the vessel had been disabled by a floating mine, the Chinese Central News said last night. Chinese shore units took 32 Formosan seamen prisoner after killing a number of Japanese on the craft.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA. — The enemy launched attacks by tanks, infantry and artillery, supported by dive-bombers, the Allied Headquarters announced last night from the Faid area of the central Tunisian front, and said "heavy fighting took place and is continuing."

LONDON. — Royal Air Force squadrons, bombing Germany and Italy in a double-barreled assault, attacked the Rhineland city of Cologne and the Italian arsenal city of Milan, it was announced last night.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA. — More than 30 heavy bombers rained upwards of 50 tons of explosives and 3,500 incendiary bombs early yesterday on the Japanese naval and air base of Rabaul, New Britain, in the greatest mass bomber raid carried out by the Allies in this war theatre.

The 'Town Criers'



Brother-Sister Vocal Group To Sing With Les Brown

Glenn Miller had his "Modernaires," Tommy Dorsey had his "Pied Pipers," and Charlie Spivak had his "Stardusters." Les Brown has his "Town Criers."

The "Town Criers" and Les Brown and orchestra will appear on campus February 26 when they play for Penn State's first big dance of the semester—Soph Hop.

For two reasons, the "Town Criers" are distinctive from any popular vocal group. One is their family tie and the other is their age. The "Town Criers," Gordon, Lucyann, Elva, and Vernon are brothers and sisters and their average age is only 19.

They were given their distinctive name while riding in a bus with Les Brown and the boys in the band on their way to do a show at Ft. Meade, Md. The driver of the bus suggested the title

and was awarded a War Bond by Maestro Les for his efforts.

Hailing from Coeur d'Alene, a small town in Idaho, they got their start on an amateur radio program in Spokane, Wash., where they were so well received that the manager of the station decided to give them their own sustaining show. From Spokane they moved on to Seattle where they did some more radio work, and then toured the major vaudeville theaters on the West Coast and Canada. They appeared on the Al Pierce coast-to-coast commercial show for a full season. In addition to their radio work, they have made several short motion pictures.

Their coming dance date in the Nittany Hills will be Les Brown's first appearance at Penn State. In addition to the "Town Criers," Les and the band will also feature Roberta Lee, Hal Derwin, and "Butch" Stohr on the vocals.

Cadettes Begin 44-Week Course

Convocation at 8 a. m. yesterday marked the official opening of the Curtiss-Wright engineering course for the 104 Cadettes whom the company has sent to the College.

Dean Harry P. Hammond, head of the school of engineering, presided at the assembly and introduced Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women; Miss Marie Haidt, head of women's physical education department; William S. Hoffman, College registrar; Miss Edith J. Melville, assistant to dean of women; Ruth M. Storer, WSGA president; faculty members appointed by President Hetzel to a planning committee for the course, and Arthur J. Weber. Mr. Weber, formerly of the engineering department of the Curtiss-Wright Buffalo, N. Y., plant, will be on the faculty for the duration of the course.

Members of the planning committee are Clarence Bullinger, industrial engineering department head; Harold A. Everett, mechanical engineering department head; Royal M. Gerhardt, assistant dean of engineering; B. Kenneth Johnstone, architecture department head; Frederic T. Mavis, civil engineering department head; Frederick W. Owen, mathematics department head; and David J. Peery, associate professor of aeronautical engineering.

Directly after convocation, Cadettes went to their first classes. They are scheduled for 40 hours of classes a week, including seven hours of supervised study and four hours of physical education. Their curfew hours are the same as coeds', 1 o'clock on Friday and Saturday nights and 10 o'clock every other night.

OWI Answers Questions Concerning War Labor, Chances for Study

This is the second in Collegian's series of questions and answers prepared by the Office of War Information concerning the present problems confronting wartime college students.

Today's article discusses the distribution of manpower and the chances for study of interrupted curricula after induction.

Has the Government any overall plan as to the number to be soldiers, workers, farmers, and doctors? Or is it just going to put us all in the Army and hope that the problem works out right?

There is gradually taking form under direction of the War Manpower Commission a policy whose principal objective is to assure each man the best chance possible to render his service where it will count for the most in the war. This will involve men being assigned to farms, to professions and the like as well as the armed forces.

Is there any way by which I can continue my interrupted studies while I am in the Army?

Yes. Any enlisted man in the armed forces, after he has been in active service for at least four months, can enroll with either the Army Institute or with any one of the 76 universities or colleges cooperating with the War Department in offering correspondence courses.

The Army Institute awards a Certificate of Proficiency upon satisfactory completion of work, while courses offered by the universities carry college credit. In addition, several hundred thousand inductees are to be sent back to college for special work.

Thespians Announce Cast, Singing Tryouts

Tryouts for speaking and singing roles in the new Thespian show will be held in Schwab auditorium at 7 p.m. tomorrow night, Cadmus Goss, production manager, announced last night.

The show will be a musical comedy with a plot and connecting dialogue, and will be the Thespians' 46th annual production.

"Book" for the show was written by Larry Chervenak, Jane Abramson, and George Graham. A first revision has already been approved by the board of control.

Two acts and thirteen scenes comprise the show. Early reports admit that it will have a military atmosphere—perhaps the WAACs will have something to do with it.

Cabinet Changes 'Big' Dance Hours

All-College Cabinet last night passed a motion that bands be contracted from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. for all "big name" dances for the duration of the war. The motion was approved to prevent an overlap of women's late permission by the 10 p. m. to 2 a. m. dance hours of former affairs.

After a debated discussion among Cabinet members, the Dry Dock question was tabled until next week's meeting. Main objection to the proposed program is the influx that would result in the social calendar for the current semester.

A change in a by-law clarifying selection of new class officers following withdrawal of former officers was made official by Cabinet members. The change was instituted to clarify the recent appointment of James Payne as vice-president of the Junior Class. The by-law now reads:

"All class officers except president, not returning to serve their term of office, shall be replaced by appointment by their respective president. If both president and vice-president are missing an election shall be held for the election of president and vice-president of the class."

Lion Debaters Prepare For Shippensburg Meet

Penn State's varsity debate squad is preparing to take part in Shippensburg's Debate Tournament scheduled for February 19 and 20.

This will be the third match of the current semester. Walter Gerson and Milton Calig recently participated in a week-long debate tournament in New York City. Robert S. MacNabb and Harold Epstein carried the Blue and White colors in a debate forum with Seton Hall several days ago.

Refund for A.A. Books

Students who are leaving school permanently are requested to turn in A. A. books to the Statistical Office in Old Main at the time of withdrawal. A refund of five dollars is available when books are returned.