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Support The Red Cross

When you give to the Red Cross you are on the varsity squad of humanity. We are all playing on the same team anyhow, so why not get behind Penn State's first big solicitation drive since the kickoff at Pearl Harbor?

Responsible for the hospital and recreational facilities for the fellows and girls we know "over there," the Red Cross has a goal of \$125,000,000 for 1943. In order to make it everyone—which means you and you and you—will have to give double what he gave last year. According to the best mathematicians in the Engineering and Chemistry School, that would mean that Penn Staters would give approximately \$0.00. Last year there was no drive on the campus.

However, this year All-College Cabinet got a special plea from this district's Red Cross director to do its part in carrying on a special student campaign. Since the first benefactors of the Red Cross' many services are the fellows and girls in uniform, it is only logical that they should want to give.

Countless letters that you have probably received from your brother Joe or that fellow that hung his pin on you emphasize and re-emphasize the need for the work the Red Cross does. Besides providing all types of services for the men incapacitated in battle, it provides entertainment and fellowship for the fellows who are about to march forth into battle.

You are all aware of the work the USO has carried on in the United States. The Red Cross provides similar facilities in far-off lands where the soldier, sailor, or marine is less likely to have someone to turn to for friendship.

Right here at home the Red Cross carries on its blood bank services and, since Mother Nature doesn't take any vacations during wartime, its disaster and flood relief.

Since many Penn Staters will be leaving soon for active duty it is our opinion that they should dig down and give to the "Greatest Mother in the World." You may be asking her help soon. She has never failed to be there in time of need. Make sure she has the money and manpower to answer every demand of the sick and homesick.

Are you a dollar-a-year American?

Why Have Finals?

For the past several semesters final grades have been based on marks made during the semester, and no final examinations were given. This change from the old system of a final exam week was made on the basis of acceleration, due to wartime conditions.

This semester, however, which certainly deserves acceleration, has been scheduled with a final examination week. Collegian and many Penn State students do not feel that the change to the normal program is appropriate at this time. This semester should be conducted like the others have been since war necessitated the first change.

Although it could be claimed that the student wouldn't get an inclusive idea of the course without a final, that problem could be remedied with review classes during what is now final exam week, and final bluebooks could be given. Withdrawals from college have been numerous, and they probably will be greater when finals approach and the easiest way out is to apply for active duty in the services. Going back to the system used last semester would possibly alleviate this condition.

Another argument is that finals can form a "last chance" rationalization for not studying hard now.

However, the main reasoning lies in the fact that other accelerated semesters have passed, and this semester shouldn't be an exception.

CLEVER COMMENTS

By FRED E. CLEVER

We didn't realize exactly how bad the manpower situation was until we saw that Cwens had nominated Bob "The Rube" Faloon as one of the "most eligible bachelors" for the forthcoming Spinster Skip. It is rumored that Mrs. Faloon doesn't like it a bit.

Citation For Megrail

Via Dr. Victor A. Beede, forestry department, comes a clipping from "The Stars and Stripes," overseas paper for service men, which describes an exploit of First Lieutenant Donald "Scotty" Megrail '41. Scotty, a former All-American soccer player for Bill Jeffery, has been serving in North Africa for a couple of months.

The night of February 2, Megrail was ordered to deliver messages to a pair of units at the front. The communications, the article stated, were vital for future operations, but the location of the two units was unknown.

Megrail was given the job. For his efforts he received the following commendation from his Brigadier General:

"Within two hours you had found both commanders, delivered both my messages and reported back to me by telephone. The initiative, good judgment, energy and tenacity which you displayed were of the highest order. Your successful execution of your mission in the face of difficulties that might have been considered insurmountable by the average officer contributed very materially to the great success achieved by our troops at Sened."

Prankster

From an Associated Collegiate Press release we read that another practical joker has made his mark in a War Production Board publication called "Official Directory of Product Assignments." The book guides businessmen to the proper WPB branches holding jurisdiction over their products. One section reads:

"Strip cork . . . Cork branch
Strip steel . . . Steel branch
Strip tease . . . WAACS"

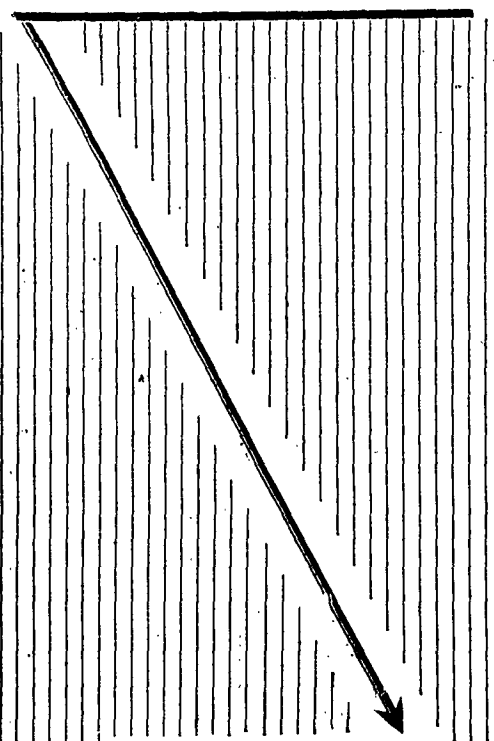
The perpetrator of this mischief, claims ACP, outclasses the press release writer who embellished a long statement on cotton duck with a take about Donald Duck—and almost got away with it.

Introspection?

We read with amusement the sign over one of the store fronts downtown. "Exhibit of Wild Life" the sign declared. Under it was another line very much in the imperative which read "Know Your Wild Life."

What is this anyway—introspection?

After The SKIP . . .



The Corner

unusual

We, The Women

Tear-Jerkers Or Home-Hitters, Red Cross Posters Mean It

"Give more this year than ever before" will replace "Loose lips sink ships" for the month, as Red Cross officials and right-thinking citizens go all out for a successful drive.

The success of a poster lies in the way the passing public looks at it.

It can be a tale told purely for propaganda purposes.

It can be an imaginative scene drawn to "jerk tears."

It can be funny because someone has drawn a mustache on some poster gal.

It can be a coincidence cause you were just thinking or reading of a situation similar to that that was described.

It can be a howl because someone changed the letter "L" to "H" and the sense of the thing is gone.

It can be serious because it is true.

It can be effective because it hits home.

Persons will see a lot of posters in their time, but few will have the stories behind them that those displayed this month will. Actual experiences, typical products of war-torn lands, will freckle the

face of America as Red Cross representatives tell their tales.

Until this year, College students left this job of contributing to parents and guardians at home. Since their schooldays when they dropped 15 cents in a classroom container, they have forgotten that the beneficial drive exists.

War-time situations have prompted campus leaders throughout the nation to give. Student bodies throughout the country are conducting canvasses to collect for brothers, sisters, and other relatives and loved ones who are in the service. One university averaged five dollars per person.

Drive directors will be knocking at your doors for your donations to a cause that is far too deserving to be called just "worthy." They'll be asking you to give as you're able so they'll be leaving a lot of deciding up to you.

Someone said that you should give as if your life depended on it, because it does. Which isn't too far off.

A drive that needs more than just a slight push is underway. Wholehearted support is a trite way to describe the mammoth effort required this time.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor Collegian:

In the current, burly burly around the campus several Penn State traditions are disappearing, and, in a few cases which concern student behavior, some alumni and older faculty members regret the changes.

Specifically, a common protest which comes to me has to do with crowding on the campus walks. An alumnus and his wife, wintering here, were crowded off the walks by student groups until the burly alumnus decided not to give way. After that he stayed on the walk but had many collisions and took some abuse. Others of us here have had similar experiences, particularly faculty members and faculty wives.

The tradition which in this case is going by the board, apparently, is that pride which former student bodies showed in the reputation of the College for courtesy.

The presence of improvised wire barriers along campus walks is telltale evidence of the passing of another student tradition. Over a long period of years students were proud of the beauty of the campus, and refrained from damaging the appearance of buildings and their equipment and from making ugly paths and cut-offs on the lawns. Present-day students seem to be indifferent to campus beauty and neatness.

To sports lovers the booing and hissing at athletic events are embarrassing. Over a long period Penn State had managed to build up an enviable reputation for good sportsmanship, and student leaders taught incoming new students to cheer hard for the home team, but to be courteous to game officials and visiting players.

Now it is true that during the period of the accelerated program, incoming students have not had the ordinary opportunities to be drilled in longstanding campus traditions, but it probably is not too late to revive cherished traditions before a time would come when no students on the campus would remember what they were and therefore could not pass them down to incoming classes.

I happen to have written a brief history of the College and, in so doing, to have formed a sincere respect for some of these things that have made Penn State distinctive. For that reason I hope I may be pardoned for feeling somewhat sorrowful at seeing splendid traditions disappear.

A. R. Warnock



Campus Calendar

TODAY

Faculty Discussion Group will meet in Room 4, Sparks building, at 4:10 p.m. Rabbi Kahn will speak on the efforts among Jewish people to reduce anti-semitism.

Sadie Hawkins Dance at White Hall from 9 to 12 p.m. Campus Owls will provide the music.

Collegian solicitors may collect their commissions at Student Union desk in Old Main.

Meeting of Sophomore Board of Collegian in Room 8, Carnegie Hall, at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Eastern Intercollegiate Championships Meet at Red Hall at 2 p.m. Admission fifty cents.

Meeting of entire Red Cross War Drive committee, including solicitors from fraternities, sororities, and women's dorms, 1:15 p.m., second floor lounge, Old Main. All College Cabinet members on the committee should also attend this short meeting.

At The Movies

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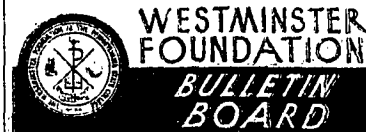
"They've Got Me Covered"

STATE—

"Tennessee Johnson"

NITTANY—

"The Navy Comes Through"



"An Educated Man Sees Large that Are Large."

Lessing.

If this be so don't let a "big" Saturday night rob you of the inspiration of the Student Department Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Westminster Hall.

End your schedule by hearing Dr. Charles T. Leber at the Westminster Fellowship and Evening Church Service speak on: "TOWARD THE MAKING OF TOMORROW."

Only Eight More Sundays Before Commencement!