

Toward Tackling Tomorrow

More than passing attention is due the little-publicized series of discussions on "The War and After," which began in Old Main's second floor lounge at 7:30 last night.

Led by four professors who have made studies of specialized phases of the present-day situation, the organized bull sessions will include discussions on the necessity of world organization, geopolitics and the future, minority peoples in the post war world, and—finally—a realistic peace.

The measure of their success, of course, will be in the amount of student interest and participation they command; but their purpose of directing student thought to today's very real international problems is unquestionably sound.

Upon the shoulders of today's college students will rest a large portion of the responsibility for leadership in post-war America; every bit of early thought and information will be of definite value in meeting the challenge of tomorrow. L.T.C.

Letters To Editor

Frizzell Presents Quotation

Managing Editor, Collegian:

With no desire to get into any controversy with anybody, I send you herewith a quotation from an author with whom you may or may not be familiar. To me it is one of the wisest statements about what teachers can do and cannot do with which I am familiar. Maybe other folks would like to know about it.

John H. Frizzell
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(Professor Frizzell's quotation, written by Kahil Gibran, follows:)

"THEN SAID A TEACHER, Speak to us of Teaching.

"And he said:

"No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge.

"The teacher who walks in the shadow of the temple, among his followers, give not of his vision but rather of his faith and his lovingness.

"If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind.

"The astronomer may speak to you of his understanding of space, but he cannot give you his understanding.

"The musician may sing to you of the rhythm which is in all space, but he cannot give you the ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that echoes it.

"And he who is versed in the science of numbers can tell of the regions of weight and measure, but he cannot conduct you thither.

"For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another man.

"And even as each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth."

Officer Writes From Africa

Editor, Collegian:

Way back I had the honor of attending Penn State even though I did not complete the course for reasons that I had to be the breadwinner since Dad had passed away. But I still like to feel that it is my school and like to hear about it, the faculty, the students and other little things that go to make up life more pleasant for one across the ocean.

I have been in the service for nearly three years, and in my company I have met several chaps who are with me here in North Africa, who had attended the school. They too would like to hear any news whatsoever of the school and its activities. We all would be very grateful to you if you can see your way clear to forward the paper to us, or drop us a letter or so.

Wishing you, the school, the faculty, and the students the very best of good luck from my boys and myself, I remain

Respectively Yours,
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Time To Lead

Throughout the present semester, Penn State's student body has not made a single wartime contribution. . . . **And on Monday All-College Cabinet, meeting for the first time in two weeks, adjourned in a minimum amount of time after apparently finding it impossible to find anything to discuss.**

The Red Cross is still broadcasting nationwide appeals for blood donors. Hundreds of Penn Staters once missed a chance to carry out their offer of blood when a Red Cross unit was unavailable at the time, but new arrangements might sometime be completed. . . . **And All-College Cabinet could find nothing to do.**

Penn State's student leaders two semesters ago cooperated with town officials in putting across a scrap drive of outstanding success. The need for scrap materials is still pressing. . . . **And the wartime Cabinet adjourned for lack of something to do.**

OWI has relayed a plea for collection of musical instruments and games for use of American soldiers in Axis prison camps. . . . **Cabinet's only item of new business was how to eliminate cowboy pictures in State College on Saturday nights.**

Other colleges and universities have made war bond and stamp collections totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. The county's grade schools students' purchases have run into the thousands. Penn State's last half-hearted All-College stamp sale—at Student Union desk—fizzled quietly away several months ago. . . . **And Penn State's student leaders found nothing new to discuss.**

The Victory Book Committee has an ever-recurring need for books for servicemen. Such a simple expedient as well-advertised collection centers might encourage a steady flow of books from Penn State. . . . **And our Cabinet went home early.**

Last summer, when it was felt that a "big weekend" would be a legitimate "breather" in the regular routine of studies, All-College Cabinet created Victory Weekend, and enlisted the support of every major campus organization in a bang-up benefit holiday that cleared more than \$5,000 for the Army Service Fund. . . . **And our new "Streamlined-for-action" Cabinet quit early, for there was nothing else to discuss.**

We are attacking neither Cabinet's sincerity nor its ability.

We merely believe that it is failing to set the pace for a student participation in the war effort that is worthy of Penn State.

We are convinced that a potentially powerful Cabinet has been toying with frills and inconsequential, and thereby effecting nothing worthwhile.

And we think it's high time Penn State's student "leaders" begin to lead. —L. T. C.

Prophets Misjudge

College prophets, both administrative and student, fell a little short in their predictions for enrollment and activity organizations last spring. It was the common conception then that enrollments would total approximately 3,500, a little more than 1,000 of that being civilian population.

With that figuring came the supposition that former activities would go into a wartime slump because of the fact that so little money would be available, and so few activities would be possible.

With the summer registration came the increased enrollment and the realization that several of these student groups are continuing to be active despite their definite loss of personnel.

In fact, in many cases, the groups are more active than

Service Honor Roll

Perhaps it's the military influence, but whatever it is, it's good.

Never have the grades of persons matriculating at the College run as parallel to their former averages as in the cases of the servicemen stationed here now. It's more than inspiring—it's amazing.

According to Registrar Hoffman, the grades earned this far by these men have run true to marks made by them in the service tests given prior to their V-12 training almost 100 percent. When civilian students had a 50 percent record in the past, the faculty was reasonably pleased.

This could be said to indicate that servicemen see the importance of doing their darndest while they have the chance to go to school. It could be attributed to the fact that they have 7:30 curfews and strict study hours. It could mean that these boys have an eye to the future and that they have been brought to their senses by uniforms, drills, and GI orders. It could mean a good job is being done by the College faculty.

But whatever it is, it has a good effect. Uncle Sam's men on the home front are to be commended.

ever. And that is as it should be. A wartime world demands all-out effort for the war but it also calls for some preservation of peacetime activities in preparation for post-war life.

Considering these facts, class funds as well as appropriations usually handed to student councils and the like were frozen; representation on Cabinet was cut to essentials; no rushing rules were made by Greek higher-ups and independent organizations were expected to be small.

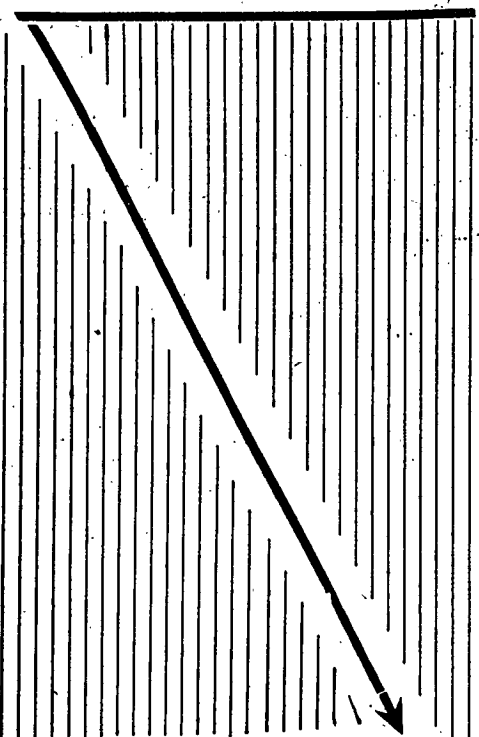
The total enrollment is now 5,500; several fraternities carried on a slight rushing program; the independent men and women formed a strong central council this semester combining the IMA, the IWA, and the Penn State Club; and many of the school councils have attempted meetings to promote their usual programs.

These organizations aren't likely to fail now. They are able, on their former treasuries, to progress through this semester. But, if they are playing their former roles in the College production, it would seem only right to give them their former say in government and All-College activity.

A revision of the constitution is not called for at this moment. But a careful study of what these groups are doing and their possibilities next fall should be made. Judgments may be slightly wrong, but they will save on some mistakes and will make for a more flexible system.

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