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Group Self-Analysis

The school councils studied themselves Tuesday night. They looked into the wartime mirror, considered their worth, their purposes, their possibilities, to determine whether they should disband or continue in new and regular activities.

The decision that they made is unimportant. The fact that they analyzed their situations, that they were taking time out to judge themselves is the thing that counts.

Their decision was to continue but the essential thing was that they called a meeting of all the councils, presented A. O. Morse, assistant to the president, to speak on the "Status of School Councils." Following this, they held a sensible discussion of what they could do if they continued and whether or not they should.

The president's assistant stated that he saw a definite need for the councils to understand and relay the student point of view to faculty members. He pointed out, too, that they have in the past interpreted faculty action for the students of their schools.

With a look to the future, Morse helped the group to see that they could be strong in carrying over the present and hanging on to the past of the College and its traditions.

Council reasoning developed the thought that faculty members should have a representation on the councils; thus, with the unanimous vote to continue the council program, members voted to invite such faculty delegates.

The Councils see their job of the future, too. They realize that their position will be an important one in the post-war curricular-planning. They will take notes of student opinion, actual results of courses in use now, and the entire school program as it has been inaugurated for the duration. Their suggestions and opinions will be of definite service to those who plan for the period after the war. Their ideas for ways to revive the old College spirit when State men return from all over the world will play an important part in setting the institution back to its position of normalcy.

The councils have used their heads. They have examined their positions, checked off their useless activities, and added duties beneficial to the College and the country. Every College organization needs the same self-analysis.

Stirred To Action

A sleeping giant stirred itself into sudden activity this week.

All-College Cabinet—after six weeks of marking time, toying with inconsequentials, and slowly getting the feel of its new wartime job—ended its prolonged inertness at a specially-called meeting.

The Victory Weekend idea long given the isolated approval of many of the campus' activity leaders was finally recognized by Cabinet and given its active support.

Preliminary blueprints were drawn up for an all-College war bond and stamp drive that would begin next month and possibly continue on into October—a campaign that would supplement last semester's mass transfer of class and student government funds, a campaign that will challenge the individual effort of every Penn State student and student group in an increasingly vital cause.

A committee was named to formulate a possible plan for the return of the party system to campus politics, a renewal of the Victory Raffle was proposed, and concrete methods of rounding out the orientation of both servicemen and freshmen were considered by the aroused group of student leaders.

The whole atmosphere of the special session was one of new-found awakensness, awareness, and of pre-meeting planning. It was a spirit which—if maintained and developed at future meetings—cannot help but bring Cabinet to the position of power and usefulness so long within its reach.

Penn State's student leaders have begun to lead.

—L.T.C.

Wartime Touchdown

The cool, brisk weather that we've had means one thing to College people....good football weather. We're rarin' to go; practice has started; and the blue band is tuning up.

It's true that we want a rip-roaring good season. We want our team to look as good as ever. We're eager for the day that Hum Fishburn's 100 men strut down the field giving every Penn State fellow a thrill. We're ready to tackle a tough schedule including games with larger universities of national football fame. We're ready to "Hail the Lion" with the same enthusiasm as in pre-war times.

But a note of caution: Football is only a recreational sidelight. It's just as much fun as ever but it can't take as much time as before.

V-12 and Army men can participate, the higher-ups have decreed, but only about 50 men have turned out for practices. Coaches are understanding of the situation and continue their work patiently. Students must realize why.

Although the favored sport was once an essential in College history, it has had to take a backseat in the wartime program here. We're lucky in the first place to have enough servicemen stationed here to be able to keep the sport going. We're fortunate in finding among the service ranks so many players from our former teams and others representing former opponent's colors.

But those men are here for study to train them as future officers of the armed forces. This being their prime purpose, they have to spend a greater part of their time in study, drill, and more study. This season they're striving for physical and mental perfection for inevitable combat; they're not training for a difficult football schedule.

They've got the enthusiasm; it shows in everything else they do. But they can't apply it in the direction which would necessarily please the grand stand this time. They've got to win a war and bring home the peace instead of scoring an athletic victory and bringing home the goalposts.

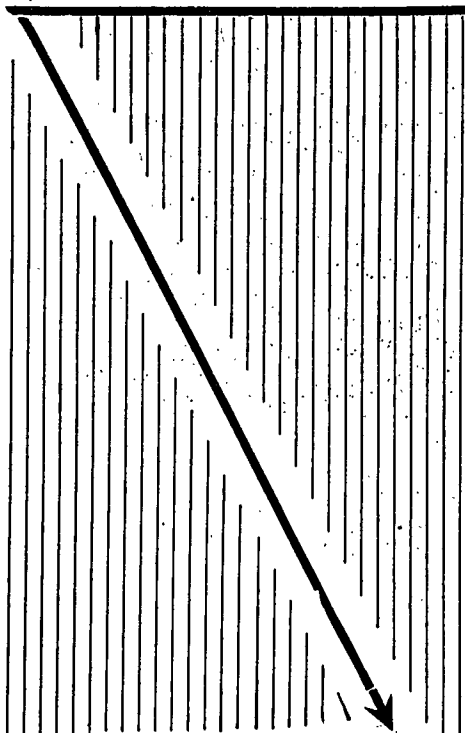
And all of this applies quite definitely to the civilian students who are enrolled in school in wartime. So many of them are dying to get out so that they, too, can do something; so many feel that they aren't getting a chance to aid in the national effort.

Well, they are if they maintain their perspective, if they see things in a wartime light, and if they keep them in their right places.

With this as something to remember as a precautionary measure and not as a wet blanket for athletic spirits, we look forward to a strong football team with an exceptional cheering section. At the same time, we look for a strong group of war trainees with an exceptional victory push.

Buy War Bonds

A Penn State Tradition



The Corner
unusual

Letters To Editor

Kern Analyzes Edit

Editor, Collegian:

The suggestion of the blood bank was investigated for the student body to bring the blood bank to Penn State. Numerous efforts were made last semester and this semester, but to no avail. There are three main blood bank centers—Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. State College is beyond the Harrisburg 50-mile radius, thereby eliminating it, while Philadelphia and Pittsburgh centers have plenty of donors and consequently plenty of blood. The two days required for travel by the latter two units to and from State College are also considered wasted by them.

The "Victory Weekend" idea was also previously considered and was casually mentioned to the originator of last week's article. Agitation for this item could not be started without proper investigation. Student funds are frozen so there are no available funds which we are willing to jeopardize. Let's not forget, Les Hetenyi is in the Army.

Plenty of statistics are available to indicate that Penn State is no slough when it comes to buying war bonds and stamps. Over \$200,000 worth of war bonds has already been purchased by student organizations. Some of the sources and amounts of bonds purchased are as follows: trust funds, loan and scholarship funds, \$174,720; class of 1942, \$7,325; student government, \$32,400; Mrs. Hetzel's fund, \$2,000; class of 1937, \$2,000. The victory raffle held last semester netted over \$700 in war stamps. Is this not a good indication of Penn State's contribution to the war effort?

More could be written on the onslaught on student government, but this should suffice to show the writer and readers that more forethought should be employed in editorial writing.

HARRY F. KERN,

(We thought it would be obvious to all concerned that we were suggesting general types of wartime activity worthy of consideration, and were not proposing specific measures. Our alleged "onslaught" was not on student government, but the lack of it. Our purpose—our only purpose—was to stir to action a group of student leaders whom we felt capable of unusual accomplishments. We feel that Cabinet's action at this week's meeting fully justified our position.)

—L.T.C.

Want Bike Ban Removed

Editor, Collegian:

It has been called to our attention lately that College authorities have made a great mistake by cooperating with local officials in enforcing some of the present bicycle rulings on campus. It is rather noticeable that the general body of students located on campus strictly regard the measure as absolutely unfair.

Bicycles are not vehicles nor do they create such hazards as vehicles. With the present gasoline ban enforced, it is essential for some students to ride between buildings on their bicycles. As you well know this is now prohibited under the vehicle code which is applied to bicycles as well at present.

Why should we even own a bicycle if we can't use it? We don't think that the administration is not cooperating with any of us, but we do think that they have overlooked our view on the idea.

We recommend that some arrangement be made to correct this condition in the near future. Several suggestions presented to us were:

1. Open certain walks on campus to student travel by bicycles.
2. Arrange for more parking stands for student use since a fee is charged for operation of bicycles.
3. Have the officials help us instead of making money on us.

We trust that we may gain desired satisfaction in the near future knowing that administration will give us due consideration.

EDMUND KOVAL

Editor, Collegian:

For some time it has been our feeling that the present administrative ruling with regard to riding bicycles on campus is unfair. We realize the definite hazard to pedestrian traffic which this ruling removed. We believe, however, that some means or way should be allowed for bicycle riders to cross the campus. With the campus covering so much area, it is a definite inconvenience to a large group of people to be forced several blocks out of their way. We feel therefore, that some limited but definite right of way should be specified for bicycle traffic.

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