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Your Month

This is the month!

Although a year-round program is supposed to be in force, citizens throughout the nation will take time off the "taken-for-granted" period to concentrate on a strong drive for war bond and stamp sales this month. This is the month set aside to cultivate the habit of buying, saving, and buying more.

An All-College drive, similar to the one organized last year for the Red Cross, will be conducted on campus now under the direction of Raymond Parks, chairman, working with District Chairman Harold Gilbert. The quota is high, but past efforts show that a sincere try from the students brings notable results.

The need is great.

Propaganda movies may rub us the wrong way, but there isn't much we can laugh at in a V-mail letter from "somewhere in the Pacific." There isn't much to justify our not giving when we compare their situation over there with our's here on the home front. Total all the things that we do for the war effort and notice the unbalanced equation you have if you place just one of their hardships on the other side of the equal sign.

It's a temporary challenge for an extra hard push.

Here's the chance to catch up on patriot buying and the opportunity to fire a little spirit, into a club, fraternity, or honorary. Here's a place where raining day treasuries can take root. Here's a paying proposition for the future and an aid for saving lives.

Remember a few of the angles. Recall that every service man is also giving his monthly share of money toward bonds and the war effort. Remember that we aren't asking you for your time, your life or your family's. We're merely reminding you that, even though you are but one pebble on the beach, your contribution can mean a great deal.

Realizing the size of the campus at this time and comparing it to the number of organized clubs and activity groups, one can imagine that large amounts of money are available. And recognizing too, the level headedness of today's college student, one would imagine that he would jump at the chance to use stale money for an-anything-but-stale project such as this.

Our start in this war program has been strong and commendable. But it will lose its value unless the same quality of work is continued. Three days of the drive have already passed. In these last 27, we ask for cooperation, enthusiasm, and the typical Penn State spirit.

College Capers

We'd like to present a definite proposal to meet a very definite need.

The need is for any method which can help eliminate pre-examination cramming and its attendant evils without reducing scholastic standards. It is a need which though always present is now accentuated by a stepped-up study program which includes even such traditional holidays as Thanksgiving and New Years Day, which has put professors on a twelve-month-yearly work basis, and which has been crowded with extra monthly examinations to meet V-12 requests.

What we are proposing is not a "for the duration" elimination of all final examinations . . . The College Administration explained clearly last semester why such a temporary expedient did not fit into a program dedicated to maintaining normal pre-war standards.

What we do suggest is a reduction in the number of finals on the basis of demonstrated merit.

Specifically, our plan is this:

1. That any student whose class and bluebook average in any course is at least a "2" need not take a final examination unless he so desires.

2. That in case the student chooses not to take the final examination, his decision shall have no effect on his final grade.

3. That in case the student does choose to take the final examination in an effort to raise further his grade, the final examination will contribute to a possible change in the usual manner.

We consider the plan a sound one principally because:

1. It would eliminate a portion of the all-night cramming sessions, with their admitted dangers to health and with their "here-today-gone-tomorrow" knowledge."

2. It would place a premium on consistent effort rather than on cram-sessions.

3. It would permit a student to concentrate his attention on his "weaker" subjects.

4. It would help lessen the burden on our round-the-calendar professors, and help compensate for the new burden of extra V-12 tests.

5. It would still preserve final examinations for those average and marginal cases where final examinations are of most importance.

A general recommendation or ruling by either the Council of Administration or the College Senate embodying the central idea of the plan could put it into immediate operation. We feel that it deserves their consideration. L.T.C.

That Needed 'Clique'

Still analyzing for defects in the experimental wartime elections code, Cabinet heard, at its last meeting, a proposition for the return of political parties to the campus.

Current problem is whether they're worth the bringing back at a time like this or whether we should play politics down under the revised code.

However, there will always be elections, politics, and campaigns. And there will be, under this new system, an excess of candidates and effort spent without organization.

Although cliques might be tempted to put a fellow up for office who would poll the most votes rather than he or she best fit for the job, there is an organization in those groups that we can't hope to obtain without them.

These miniature parties interest many students who do not necessarily care to obtain offices; they organize candidates and cut down on extras who would probably attract few votes. They spirit a competition which gets people out to vote. They promote good ideas for the political set-up because they who are most involved are grouped together and can speak as one.

Should cliques come again to this campus, they will have campaigning limitations on them and should strive to bring out the best persons they have. Persons who like to play the political game should be forgotten and members should start early in a search for good student government material.

'Banless' Period

September first marked a temporary time-out for pleasure driving bans, with emphasis on the temporary.

District Ration Board Head Ray V. Watkins commented yesterday on the seriousness of the situation and the need for "students to use their heads in their splurge during this "banless" time.

Although coupons will be plentiful now, the gas they represent is as low as before and only sensible saving now will mean a moderate amount of gasoline later on.

Students thus far have been cooperative in using cars hardly at all—their continued economy is requested.

Anniversary

A dean of men is no longer the fellow who just keeps the men in line. But ours never has been just that.

For 24 years, Dean Arthur R. Warnock has been counsellor to the men active in administrative plans and programs, a strong backer of student government, and an essential to Penn State tradition.

Tomorrow the Dean celebrates his 24th anniversary at the College.

And with that milestone comes a future of renewed challenge to a dean of men who has played his part well on a changed campus.

We, The Women Let's Shift The Shifts

Turn about is fair play and for 52 days "out of Atherton" coeds have been eating their meals on the "graveyard shift." They have done remarkably little complaining but it seems wise to reverse the order for the following 50 days.

It is impossible to begin the evening's work, after eating dinner at 6:45 p. m., before 8 p. m. Coeds at Atherton do not have to walk to and from the dining room via Holmes Field. Atherton Hallers can leave their work and go directly to the dining rooms.

There is no obvious reason for the shifts being arranged the way that they are. However, if there are reasons, it seems wise to explain those reasons to coeds so that the dream of eating at a normal time again will not be continued.

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Women's voting season comes again on September 13. It can either follow past trends of a minority vote or it can represent a majority of coeds. The latter response would prove that coeds have awakened to their "inalienable right" and are interested in deciding who is to tell them what hours to come in and who is to represent them in All-College cabinet.

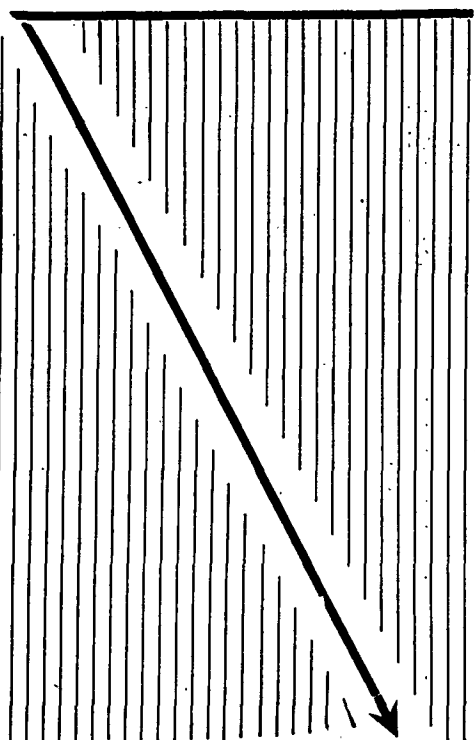
It would prove that women are not interested in seeing that their sorority sisters "make out" but that the best person for the office wins. A strong independent vote has been an unknown element in past elections.

Coeds ignore elections but when a ruling is made that seems unfair they rise in a body and oppose the makers. The right to criticize is the basis for future improvement but the majority of coeds only begin to act when a matter comes to light which can be debunked. Action should come at the beginning . . . at primaries and final elections.

WSGA is the mainstay of women's government, and should represent every last coed. Its duties were important in the past but it must take on an even greater responsibility tomorrow when women will outnumber men students. It needs a competent leader but even more important it must have representatives who realize that their job is a big one.

Will WSGA be the kind of governing body you want or will it be one you will criticize? If it does things you don't like ask yourself before you complain, "Did I do my part by voting, or am I beginning by criticizing my government . . . ?" Because it is your government.

This Weekend . . .



The Corner
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