

### More Forums

A prevailing need on campus at the present time is for a regular series of forum discussions to help fill the lag in outside-the-classroom education. With many students isolated more or less from state, national and international occurrences, more could be done to make the student body a better informed group.

The University of Illinois, as a part of its Student Union program, includes biweekly discussions by faculty members and outsiders on current important questions. Recently, forums have been held on universal military training, the Taft-Hartley legislation, the Palestine situation, inter-religious marriage and other topics.

One paramount question which is now confronting many college people and will daily pose a challenge to many more is the November presidential election, and how one may vote with greatest objectivity.

A forum debate, presenting the views of each of the three parties, is very much in order, and it is probable that a large turnout would greet such a program. A high percentage of Penn State enrollees will be voting in the fall election, and even for the future voters, balanced information will be very helpful.

Several student organizations could join in the presentation of such a program, and form the nucleus for a future all-college organization to chart regular debates. A council could be created, composed of a representative of every campus group, to effect such a program. If such a body could arise, perhaps All-College Cabinet could appropriate its funds in its next budget to help insure a successful mission. —HTR

### College Calendar

#### Wednesday, January 21

- TEA for graduating seniors, Dean Weston's office, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- SKI Club, 110 EE, 7:30 p.m.
- HOME Ec Club, 111 HE, 6:30 p.m.
- CO-OP tag stringing party, Alpha Zeta house, 7 to 9 p.m.
- WRA Dance Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.

#### At the Movies

- Cathaum—Unfinished Dance.
  - State—Christmas Eve.
  - Nittany—Madonna of Seven Moons.
- THURSDAY—**
- Cathaum—Unfinished Dance.
  - State—Christmas Eve.
  - Nittany—Desert Fury.

### Editor's Mailcall

#### Let's Keep It Going

TO THE EDITOR: Thanks should be forthcoming from us to all those who cooperated so enthusiastically to make "Sheepskin Serenade" a success.

That goes for the following individuals who graciously contributed their time and efforts to the success of the affair: Hank Glass, Weasie Grossman, Lee Ann Wagner, Gladly Lou Miller, Babs Knoll, Mickey Barnett, Virge Neilly, Jane Winfield, Reta Dranson, Mary Jane Louis, Bessie Battle, Fuzzy Lomady, Ginny Gallup, Adele Yablon, Prudy Reat, Jackie Heckert, Ed Coles, Marvin Fisher, Lou Goodfarb, Howie Kleidman, Barbara Anne Keefer, and Paul Grove and his orchestra.

Now that "Sheepskin Serenade" is over and was so well received, we hope that it will serve as a spark setting off the fireworks for more Sunday afternoon entertainment.

—Edward Banvai, Senior Class President; Ann Wynosky and Frederick Troutman, Serenade committee co-chairmen.

#### SDA Against UMT

TO THE EDITOR: The State College Chapter of Students for Democratic Action, meeting on January 15, voted its opposition to the Universal Military Training Program. The following program was adopted by the chapter:

For practical, rather than moral reasons, we reject UMT as a means of maintaining our military strength. Most of us who are veterans of World War II will agree that there were three inherent causes of our military success; namely, industrial superiority, technical skills converted to military use, and top-level military leadership which was, in most cases, equal or superior to that of the enemy.

How will UMT provide these? Will a year taken from the productive life of our young men increase our nation's industrial output? Will a UMT program develop technical skills as well or as quickly as our colleges and trade schools can do it? We in SDA do not believe so.

The proponents of this program have blinded themselves to the highly specialized needs of modern warfare—needs which cannot and will not be met by the type of training which they advocate. UMT has failed elsewhere in the past; we do not believe that it will protect us here in any war of the future.

Until such time as international agreement may remove the causes of war, adequate and effective land, sea and air forces must be retained. SDA encourages the recruitment and maintenance, by voluntary means, of armed forces sufficient to fulfill our international obligations and maintain domestic security.

—Corbin Kidder, Secretary, State College Chapter, Students for Democratic Action.

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