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## Hardships Involved In Acceleration

With the possibility that classes may be accelerated because of the national emergency and the draft, Penn State again is facing the type of trying times through which it had to struggle in World War II.

Acceleration, because it is more intensive, would work many hardships on both students and faculty, both of whom will have to work harder and longer. There could be difficulties involving revision of the whole curriculum, in translating credits. Possibly some toes might be tramped upon in the process. In addition, many if not all students will become irregular and class distinctions, for all practical purposes, might be wiped out.

Extracurricular activities also would suffer due to the shortage of time available to students. College life could well become more barren and hectic.

But, in difficult times, about all that can be done is to put up with difficult situations and make the best of them. Penn Staters apparently are in for more trying times, and the best thing they can do about it is to accept the fact and salvage as much as they can of today's easier mode of college living.

## Improved Depot

If the boroughs of State College and Bellefonte act soon, they will be able to acquire land for a new air field or to improve the present depot and will have to pay, at the most, 50 per cent of the costs.

The boroughs will make a big mistake if they don't take advantage of the partial federal and state subsidies set aside for the development and improvement of airfields.

IT IS TRUE that committees have investigated the airport situation within the last year and a half and that action was taken Feb. 5 by the Bellefonte and State College borough councils to set up an air authority for investigation and management of the air facilities in the Centre county area.

But the boroughs should do more than set up authorities; they should take advantage of the subsidies before the fiscal year is up this summer.

According to William N. Leonard, chairman of the State College Commerce club's aviation committee which recently investigated the county airport situation, the federal government will provide 50 per cent of the money needed for acquisition of land for a new air field.

Also, under existing laws, improvement of the present depot could be financed 50 per cent by federal money and 25 per cent by state money.

THE PRESENT DEPOT has been closed since the first week in January when All-American airways, the only airline operating from the field, closed its offices. A suspension of services was granted the airline by the Civil Aeronautics administration because of the poor conditions of the field. A new or improved field must have a landing strip of 4000 feet, a hard-surface runway, and lights for night flying.

J. Robert Rowley, public relations manager for the airline, has said that All-American is anxious to resume service as soon as proper facilities are available. He said that figures proved the State College area has the largest travel potential of any stop on the company's New York-Pittsburgh route.

In these times of national uncertainty and growing demand for preparedness in case of an emergency, a properly equipped airport would be an asset in the county's civilian defense program. Supplies could be brought to the area; evacuations could be made, if the need arose; and that all important contact with the rest of the world could be maintained even if roads were blocked.

STATE COLLEGE and Bellefonte need not share the entire burden of the development or improvement of an air depot if they take advantage of the state and federal subsidies.

Committees and air authorities are fine steps in the right direction. But more definite action by the borough councils, a yes-vote that State College and Bellefonte will use the subsidies for a modern efficient airport, should be forthcoming.

IN THE WORDS of Sherm Lutz, operator of the depot before its closing, action must be taken and it must be taken before the fiscal year is over or a golden opportunity may be lost.

—Moylan Mills

## Council Support Spurs Inking

Many of us probably recall the fable in which, for the want of a nail for the shoe of a horse, a great battle was lost. For a while it appeared that such a situation had successfully forestalled publication of the Inking, the yet unborn literary magazine.

Before Tuesday's action by the Liberal Arts student council, it appeared that the Inking might never see the light of day because there were no funds available to meet possible losses. In the absence of such funds, it seemed that the only solution would be guaranteed circulation, possibly by making the magazine required reading for certain English composition courses.

NOW the Liberal Arts council has voted to grant \$50 to its meagre budget to the Inking, and editor Samuel Vaughan has announced that he intends to go ahead with publishing the first issue. The backing given by the LA council apparently will serve as a spur to other interested groups or persons able to stand behind the magazine financially. At least, Vaughan now is willing to go ahead with production on the basis of the LA grant.

Let us say immediately at this juncture that we wish every possible success to the staff of the magazine, and that we hope the Inking will find widespread acceptance and support among the student body for which it is being produced.

We also would like to congratulate the LA council for its unselfish action—action which it was under no obligation to take. This step by the council, which put aside its own private interests for what it conceived to be the good of the student body generally, should set an example for the many other students and groups who all too often act only on the basis of what is in it for them. Were this unselfish attitude manifested more often, the Penn State campus would be a much happier place to live.

IN ADDITION, we would suggest that proposals for a guaranteed circulation not be dropped without further consideration. Financial backing to meet losses will not solve all problems of the Inking, and no avenue should be left unexplored in the efforts to establish the literary magazine.

Now that the Inking seems to be on its way toward realization, we may be thankful that it did not die unborn for the want of a nail.

## Voting Petition

Penn State students should be glad to support the National Student association petition urging the state General Assembly to adopt an absentee voting law or to propose an amendment to the state constitution making such a law valid.

If the petition should prove successful, it would be a major victory for the student movement, in that it would set up machinery which would make it possible for students of voting age to cast their ballots without having to make trips home.

We can see no good reason why students—or anyone temporarily living away from home—should be forced into the inconvenience of a trip home in order to vote in an election. A system of absentee voting would be far better than a student holiday on election day, or the present practice of excused absences for students going home to vote.

Every student on campus should be ready and willing to sign the NSA petition and to give it his support until the issue is fought through to its conclusion.

## Gazette . . .

- Thursday, February 15
- CIRCLE and Square club, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- CIRCULO ESPANOL, main lounge Simmons, 7 p.m.
- FROTH candidates, 3 Carnegie hall, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN club lecture, "The Reformation," speaker Dr. Rix, 106 Osmond, 7 p.m.
- PIVOT verse magazine, 239 Sparks, 8 p.m.
- PSCA, FTA, ACEI joint meeting, 110 Electrical Engineering, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA SWIMMING, White hall pool, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA OUTING, 2 White hall, 7 p.m.

**COLLEGE PLACEMENT**  
Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.  
Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics will interview June graduates at all levels in Chem. Eng., I.E., M.E., Aero. Eng., Metal., Phys., and Phys. Chem.; at the Ph.D. and M.S. level in Arch. Eng. and C.E.; and at the Ph.D. level in Math. Monday, Feb. 26.  
Ingersoll-Rand company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Mining Eng., and Chem. Eng. Monday, Feb. 26.  
K. R. Squibb & Sons will interview junior students who are interested in summer employment in Chem. Eng., Chem., Commercial Chem., and Science Tuesday, Feb. 27.  
Arma corporation will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., and Physics Tuesday, Feb. 27.  
Merck and company, Inc. will interview June graduates in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Tuesday, Feb. 27.  
Armstrong Cork company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Arch. Eng., I.E., M.E., A&L, C&F, Journ., Ed., and Advertising Wednesday, Feb. 28.  
Linde Air Products company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in M.E., Chem. Eng., Aero. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., and Chem. Wednesday, Feb. 28.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**  
For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.  
Girl or boy to cook for couple and share meal plus receiving \$1.00, five days per week; hours 5 to 7 p.m.

## Humor Angles



"We'll have to have a heart to heart talk with him some night about what he intends to do when he graduates."

### Roberts Says . . .

## Red Campaign Starts Backfiring

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.

Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst

Russia's campaign to mobilize Europe's Communists for action in the event of war is backfiring.

Several months ago reports began to come out that party leaders in France, Germany, Italy and elsewhere were being told to clear their skirts, weed out unreluctants, and prepare for sabotage not only of the European rearmament program, but of their countries if war came. For months before that the Communist party had been busy weeding out the weak-kneed among its members in the satellite countries.

ADDING to the pressure, seeking to centralize control of every strategic weapon in Moscow, the Russians increased their grip on both the military and economic resources of the satellites. She had been requiring them to sell her their industrial and other products at prices fixed far below world markets. But they still were permitted to sell any surplus elsewhere.

Now, according to American trad experts, Russia is taking a vast proportion of all satellite output—at the same low prices—and acting as middleman for them in world trade to build up her own supply of dollars.

Being required to foreswear their own countries in favor of Russia, and to build up expensive and Russian-controlled military establishment while their economies were thus drained, has proved too much for a lot of Communists. They have taken to the Tito road.

Several of Italy's chief Communists have resigned outright rather than agree not to defend their country against Soviet attack. An Associated Press survey shows Titoistic "deviation" and resultant purges throughout the Cominform sphere.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA is boiling. We do not have details but Vlado Clementis, former Communist foreign minister, is missing. There

were reports that President Klement Gottwald had lost out for "protecting" Clementis too long. This has not been confirmed.

American observers in Czechoslovakia have been suspicious, however, that Clementis and Gottwald could not last because they would turn out to be more Czech than Communist. They are members of a Communist clique which resented Russian coddling of Germans across the border, and who opposed Russia's desire for the return of several hundred thousand Sudetan Germans to work in Czech factories.

Gottwald also was believed too slow about farm collectivization to suit the Russians. This was one of the issues which brought about the Cominform split with Tito's Yugoslavia.

At any rate, the European Communists, whether in free or satellite countries, seem to be learning that even the greatest subservience to Moscow is insufficient; that Russian promises are not meant to be kept; that international Communism not only steals their patriotism but saps their economies. Russia's going to have a hard time out-arguing that.

### Latin-American Music

Professor Robert J. Clements, head of the Department of Romance Languages, will play and comment upon records featuring Latin-American versions of North American music tonight on "The Music of the Nations" over WMAJ at 8:30.

## Bat Battered By Science

By The Associated Press

The story of a bat that meandered into the Smithsonian institute—and wound up as a museum piece—was disclosed recently.

The bat was flying around in the department of zoology one morning when one of the Smithsonian's scientists opened up shop for the day. The scientist quickly batted the bat down, humanely put it out of commission, and then preserved the skin and skull for the Smithsonian's collection of mammals.

The Smithsonian has long had bats in its belfry—specifically in the famed "Brownstone Tower" overlooking the capitol mall. But this was the first time one of the creatures had shown up on one of the lower floors of "America's treasure house."

The story came to light when a reporter was looking over a list of recent acquisitions to the Smithsonian's vast collection of animals, plants, reptiles, insects, pottery, rare stones, meteorites, dress goods, and other materials from all over the world. The erstwhile touring bat was duly listed as a "gift" to the museum from the scientist who had scored the early morning K.O.