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Let's Cooperate

Several times Mr. Ferguson has asked that the student body help keep the campus clean and free from paper and other rubbish. This campus does not belong only to Mr. Ferguson and the members of the faculty. It also belongs to you, students of the Pennsylvania State College. It is your duty, and it should be a pleasant one, to keep the grounds and buildings in good condition. By noon the appearance of the student lounge is disgraceful. Cigarette butts and papers of all sorts are scattered from one end of the room to the other. Several chairs and a table have been broken. The lounge is your place to relax between classes. Take good care of it! The appearance of the grounds and other buildings has been fairly good, but still needs some improvement. Return all Coke bottles to the lounge instead of dropping them behind the most convenient rock or bush.

Most of you have been asking for more weekend activities. When these do come, don't be afraid to volunteer . . . pitch right in and help with any tasks that must be done. You'll find that you will gain new friends, and will enjoy the dance or party more if you have helped prepare for it.

Every day in the newspapers you can find at least one article about someone being killed or hurt in an automobile accident. Millions of dollars worth of cars are ruined by carelessness. The junk dealers' lots are being filled more each day. Don't say, "It can't happen to me." The other guy thought the same thing. Imagine yourself in the morgue or in a hospital bed, and the statistics will become realities to you.

If you must drink, don't drive. Drinking and driving don't mix. Scientists have proved that to drive safely, the average person must wait two hours after drinking one-half ounce of whiskey. A person who drinks and drives not only endangers his own life, but he risks the lives of many others. Be careful and remember, "The life you save may be your own"

Know Your Faculty

By Dorothy Holmstrom

Respected by all students is Mr. T. Reed Ferguson, the administrative head of Behrend Center. Few, however, know him as an individual.

Mr. Ferguson lived on campus most of the summer in order to supervise the renovation of the buildings. Before coming to Behrend Center Mr. Ferguson acted as assistant administrative head at the Pottsville Center where he was also an instructor of art. He was granted a two years leave of absence from Pottsville in order to serve as field director of the American Red Cross at Pearl Harbor and other parts of the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Ferguson was also technical illustrator and editor of the handbook for pilots published by the Consolidated Vulture Corporation.

Our Mr. Ferguson comes from Lancaster County. He is the only



son of Dr. T. Reed Ferguson, who died in World War I, and Mrs. Ferguson, who is now principal of an elementary school in Lancaster

Personality of the Week

It's about time we gave credit to the person who named our newspaper. He is the original "Yes-s-s-s man", Bill Klaban.

Bill was born in Swissvale, Pa., which according to Bill, and we quote, "is the town of which Pittsburgh is a suburb." Bill is a good-looking blonde; his eyes are blue. He is all of 5 ft. 10 in., and weighs . . . aw! . . . you ask him! Bill is a cheerful addition to any crowd, as most of us have already learned.

After his graduation from high school Bill enlisted in the good old United States Marine Corps. He was stationed at Parris Island, Camp Perry, Ohio, and Camp LeJeune. He is quite modest about the fact that he attained the rank of corporal.

Getting Bill to answer questions about himself is like pulling teeth, but we did manage to grab a few choice molars. To keep him happy and contented you can serve him steak and French fries anyway. He's mad about Tommy Dorsey's arrangement of "Stardust". When Chemistry starts to get the best of him he turns to mathematics for consolation. Swimming comes first on his list of favorite sports. Anyone who wears blue rates high. Bill's favorite characteristic in members of the weaker sex is amiability. He is especially fond of slim gals with black hair and brown eyes. (You could have fooled us!)

Bill's talents are many. They include singing bass in the chorus and drawing cartoons for our own Nittany Cub.

Mr. Klaban says his ambition is to get the best out of life and not let life get the best of him. It won't.

The Frog

Oh, pity the poor little froggy
Who ain't got no tail, almost
hardly.

He slipped on a hump,
And he fell on his bump,
Where he ain't got no tail, almost
hardly.

County.

Mr. Ferguson is an enthusiastic Penn State alumnus. He did graduate work in art at Harvard University and at the University of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from college Mr. Ferguson supervised art for four years in Chester county and one year in Cumberland, Maryland. He was then transferred to the Pottsville Center.

Mrs. Ferguson, the former Cornelia Carpenter, attended St. Mary's school for girls in Peekskill, New York. Before her marriage she was a nursery school teacher in Princeton, New Jersey. Mrs. Ferguson's father, Dr. J. S. Carpenter, is a well known physician in Pottsville.

The Ferguson's only child, Cornelia, was born December 27, 1947. This charming little dorm mascot has many willing baby-sitters.

The canine members of the Ferguson family are Taffy, a cocker spaniel, and her four pups. These five friendly pooches have won the hearts of everyone on campus.

When asked to give some advice to the students, Mr. Ferguson commented, "Studying is the most important thing now, as the eight weeks grades will soon be given out." He also indicated that since classes are now running more smoothly, more time may be given to extra-curricular activities.

AN EDITORIAL

Fun is fun on the campus but there are a few things that should be taken seriously and one of them is the election of class officers and representatives. It would appear, however, that the majority of the student body did not regard last Thursday's election of officers in that light. With no ill implications for those elected, let us view the facts in the case. To begin with less than one third of the student body attended the assembly and that certainly is not a justifiable representation of the majority of the students. In the second place the attitude of most of those present was far from conducive to fair and orderly election. Sadly enough there were even some present who regarded the whole proceedings as some sort of joke.

Our smallness in number at Behrend can be either an asset or a detriment, depending on the way we utilize the fact. Most will agree that the smaller the class the better will be the mastery of the subject because our instructors are familiar with us both in and out of class and have a clearer understanding of our problems. This is definitely an asset. The same might be said for our social functions, all of which have been a great success to date, due largely to the fact that everyone knows everyone else.

When we carry these friendly relations into any assembly consequential to student welfare, however, the result is far from satisfactory. The temptation to lapse into informality is hard to resist and perhaps it is not completely unforgivable here at the Center, but the main campus or some other larger school lies ahead for most of us and informality there is out of the question if anything is to be accomplished. As long as we are going to have a student government we may as well have an efficient and functioning one, and the prime requisite of that result is the right attitude of the student body. We've been repeatedly told that we are now college students. Perhaps it's about time we started acting our parts.

Clubs Are In the Making

SPANISH---

Many activities are being planned for the members of the Spanish Club. Soon each member will have some one in Mexico to correspond with, all the letters will be written in Spanish. There also may be the possibility of bringing an expert from Penn State to address the group. The club itself has an authority in the person of our own Don Blair. At the last meeting Don told of his experiences in Monterey and Laredo. Mr. Belferman brought Spanish magazines, papers, and songs to show the club.

CHORAL CLUB

The Choral Club is repeating its plea for any copies of choral arrangements. The club has set Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 2:00 as the time for their meetings; the place is the student lounge. If you are interested there are places still open for both singers and pianists. All persons who have already joined are urged to attend every meeting. So far the



BITS OF BOOKS

By Jeannine Barnhart

"TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER"— Betty Smith

This is similar to her "Tree Grows In Brooklyn". The story of Franny and Frankie, who marry young, and like the young think their life together will be a bed of roses. They soon learn otherwise: in that rests the main part of the novel. The times they share, both joyous and sad make this a book well worth reading.

"PEONY"— Pearl S. Buck

Peony, a little Chinese girl, is the companion of her master's small son. As Peony grows older she learns to love the boy very deeply. With her assistance, he marries a lovely Chinese girl, instead of the girl his parents had chosen for him. What Peony does when the boy realizes he has always loved her, I leave for you to find out.

"PEACE OF MIND"

Joshua Loth Liebman

One of America's best-sellers in nonfiction; critics say it "should be placed in the hands of every liberal minister." It is being read by teachers to their pupils, and is highly praised by the large majority. It blends the truth of religion with the helpful understanding of psychoanalysis to guide people in understanding love, fear, grief, and the countless other urges and ambitions that perplex the human race. A wonderful book to keep people normal in an abnormal age.



MUSIC MEMOS

By Marjorie Fleming

Residents of Erie and surrounding districts thrilled to the music of Gene Krupa and Carmen Cavallaro and their orchestra Friday evening, October 22, in the Erie armory. Those who attended this affair were completely captivated by the distinctive styles of both artists.

Carmen Cavallaro, appropriately called the "Poet of the Piano," kept his audience enthralled. His renditions of a few classics, mingled with the more popular songs of the day in his own unusual piano style, was definitely a treat for music lovers. Among the numbers he played are "Deep Purple," "Stardust," "It's Magic," and a few Latin American novelties. Bob Lido, Cavallaro's vocalist, helped to complete the evening's entertainment.

Following his coast to coast tour, Cavallaro and his orchestra, for the second consecutive year, will open at the Astor Roof in New York city for an eight weeks engagement.

Also on the bill, Gene Krupa gave forth with the "hot" music. His arrangements of "Sabre Dance" and "Twelfth Street Rag" have people still talking. When Krupa played one of his own solo numbers, not a word was spoken. All eyes were focused on the "King of the Drums."

club has practiced "Make Believe" and "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody." Mr. Belferman is planning to prepare "Hallelujah" for the Christmas programs.