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Council Takes Action

The Student Council, in accord with its policy of school improvement, has decided to take definite steps to alleviate the sad conditions of the lower hall which serves as a student lounge. This decision is commendable and the COLLEGIAN wholeheartedly endorses any action they propose to take.

The student legislators propose to clean the hall up to place a phonograph and records at the disposal of the students, and to liven up the walls with pictures. They will insist, this newspaper was informed that all privileges be respected.

The council further announced that the students who use the lounge as a smoking room will be placed on a week of strict probation. Should the practice of littering the floor of the game room with cigarettes and wastepaper continue, smoking will be absolutely forbidden in the school.

AMERICA SECOND OR FIRST?

BY BERNIE DVORSCAK

On Friday evening, October 17th, HUC presented its initial radio show. This program, given in conjunction with the "Pennsylvania Week" activities, cast the Keystone State in the role of genius but it inevitably came out the ham actor. The program was mechanically perfect; esthetically it was provincial. Provincialism is nothing but a smooth translation of self-ish pride.

In the course of the radio show the script carries the listener through a series of flashbacks, one of which conveniently centers on the Gettysburg scene during the Civil war. Lincoln is addressing the people. But when Lincoln wrote his immortal oration, he didn't entitle it the GETTYSBURG ADDRESS. That speech would have been given in Louisville, Ky., had the Union forces been powerful enough to force a showdown there. He had not intended to honor a city, but "to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this NATION might live".

What has provincialism done for the nation? Let us review American history.

In the days prior to the American Revolution, sectionalism seriously hampered early cooperation between the colonies. In the Civil War we see this childish characteristic as one of the outstanding causes of internal strife and bloodshed leaving the country in a dilemma from which it has never fully recovered. After World War I, as now, this "Love Thyself" policy helped set the stage for the greatest depression the world has ever seen.

During the recent war the Amer-

ican nation as a whole accomplished undreamed of feats in production and agriculture. This was only accomplished because all differences were suppressed. Cooperation in everything from building Liberty Ships to punching out doughnut holes made these achievements fact, not fiction. Yet in less than two years after the war we are back in the act. When will we realize how we jeopardize our internal and international affairs with this vicious habit?

There is not one state among these magnificent "48" which would give up its position in the Union for separate international privileges. No, not even Texas! It is only natural for every state to have noble traditions and sacred institutions. How many of these virtues would survive were not the other 42 prepared to protect them? What Pennsylvania claims in history; Nevada claims in possibility. Both are equally tangible.

When our government proclaimed October 12-18 as "Pennsylvania Week", it was hardly a signal for everyone to begin thinking Pennsylvania had become indispensable. It would be much easier for the other 47 to get along normally without us than for us to exist without them. Let us remember therefore that indispensability as a state means only expendability as a nation.

The camel's hump is an ugly lump
Which well you may see at the zoo.
But uglier yet is the hump we get
From having too little to do.

—Kipling

The play, *Antigone*, was presented in Paris during the German occupation, and it recently played on Broadway.

SOCIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

By GRACE McBRIDE

This week we deviate from the normal and present a professional society editor's views on newspaper work.

"I'm not in favor of drastic changes but I like the new look. I think the change is a lift from the restricted styles during the war".

The speaker is Miss Parnell, society editor of the "Hazleton Sunday Times" and graduate of Hazleton High School. Miss Parnell has always been interested in styles and newspaper work of any type.

This society woman made her debut on the Janus staff in Hazleton High School. Later, while working for the war department in Philadelphia, she was on the staff of that paper. Then Miss Parnell began work on the "Hazleton Sunday Times." Miss Parnell was present when the first edition of the "Hazleton Sunday Times" came out. The suspense was so great that Miss Parnell was unable to sleep. At the birth of the Times there were six on the staff, and at present the staff includes 10 correspondents, 15 staff writers and some journalism students of HUC. And, by the way, Miss Parnell thinks the H. U. C. staff is a perfect example of hospitality of newspaper people in general.

Included in the duties of the society editor is the making up of the layout for the society page every week. This necessitates the preparation of a dummy. The dummy is a newspaper term meaning a blank image of the paper marked off in columns.

Miss Parnell has as another of her duties the Saturday evening round-up, checking on last minute births, weddings, deaths and accidents before presses roll. Miss Parnell lives for the constant chore continually going on in newspaper world.

Here's a choice item. Did you know that recipes fill society column during slack season of marriages? The slack season occurs before Easter and Christmas. The most hectic season is from May to Thanksgiving.

Miss Parnell picks the best dressed woman of the week for her column by casual observation at social events she attends. The society miss uses her own judgment in selecting the "woman of the week."

Of course Miss Parnell, as most of us, has pet peeves. For instance, "A five o'clock call on Saturday afternoon from a bride saying: 'May I have my picture in tomorrow's paper?' This is practically impossible. Or some one to say, "I was away over the week end, but please don't put it in the paper."

Our guest has for her ambition the meeting of Hedy Hopper and Charles Knickerbocker, and said she: "I aspire to become a writer as is William Somerset Maugham. His style, in my opinion, is perfect."

Miss Parnell enjoys riding, dancing, classical music, making bets and football. And as the perfect vacation spot, Miss Parnell says: "A mountain resort or the seashore."

Faculty Chatter

By NAOMI GOSS

November is my favorite single month. In all the year there is no month more dependable: a few mild days, a few rainy ones, a few bluster and full of chill with a couple flurries of snow, logs in the fireplace again—the smell of dried leaves—everybody a little fresher looking—more alert—stores crowded with thoughtful shoppers—college in full swing—football talk—anticipation of Christmas — and right at hand—right around the corner, in fact—turkey and Thanksgiving.

It is a nice month — and a busy one, too — for those who are wise enough to know what is going on and to take advantage of the many opportunities available to the students of HUC—Dr. Ireland, Superintendent of the Laurelton Girls School, recently presented a highly informative talk here in Hazleton—our sincere thanks to Mrs. Maude Whittier who made it possible for the faculty and students of our school to hear her.

I am amazed at the number of students who have never heard the PENN STATE IN HAZLETON program being broadcast regularly over WAZL—if you are one of that group I would recommend that you make a point of listening soon — many of your fellow students and faculty have been working long and hard to prepare the scripts — the least you can do is listen and spread the word around.

Do you know there are only twenty college football teams holding perfect records to date? And that your own Penn State is among that number? State defeated Temple last Saturday bringing its total to seven winning games. In those seven games the Nittany Lions have scored 270 points while their opponents have rolled up only 20 points all together.

Much is being done to make for unity and cooperation among the four Undergraduate Centers of Penn State — Mr. Goss and Mr. Mattern have just returned from a week's conference of the administrative heads held at the DuBois center. This weekend HUC students are hosts to the Student Government groups from all the centers. If you meet one of these delegates in the hall or at the dance tonight make a point of stopping and talking with him a minute (it's remarkable what one can learn from being friendly and cooperative).

Yes, this is dependable November — we can depend on the weather — and even on eight week blue books — but can your school depend on you? During your college days you will have many opportunities to widen your own horizons—but whether or not you take advantage of these opportunities is entirely up to you. Be wide awake—look wisely at the opportunities awaiting you — then make a selection and do something about it.

Protect the birds. The dove brings peace and the stork brings tax exemptions.