

Penn State Collegian

Published semi-weekly during the College year by students of the Pennsylvania State College, in the interest of Students, Faculty, Alumni, and Friends of the College.

EDITORIAL STAFF

E. B. Helm, '24 Editor-in-Chief
R. B. Colvin, '24 Managing Editor
C. B. Tilton, '24 Assistant Managing Editor

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

F. P. George, '25 J. H. Lum, '25 H. S. Morris, '25 W. L. Pratt, '25
Women's Editor: Miss E. R. Lowry, '24
Assistant Women's Editor: Miss M. Farley, '24

BUSINESS STAFF

H. R. McCulloch, '26 Business Manager
W. W. Stahl, '24 Advertising Manager
L. M. Aronson, '24 Circulation Manager

ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGERS

R. C. Body, '25 J. M. Eisler, '25 J. H. McCulloch, '25

REPORTERS

W. R. Anthony, '25 W. J. Durbin, '25 G. C. Richert, '25 R. T. Kriebel, '25
J. R. Dunlap, '25 B. Butler, '25 H. J. Tindall, '25 S. Rosenfeld, '25
R. A. Shaner, '25 H. L. Kellner, '25 H. W. Cohen, '25 A. J. Smith, '25

The Penn State Collegian invites communications on any subject of college interest. Letters must bear the signatures of the writers. All copy for Tuesday's issue must be in the office by noon on Monday, and for Friday's issue, by noon Thursday.

Subscription price: \$2.50, if paid before January 1st, 1924. After January 1st, 1924, \$3.75.

Entered at the Postoffice, State College, Pa. as second class matter.
Office: Nittany Printing and Publishing Co. Building
Telephone: 292W, Bell.

Member of Eastern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association

News Editor this issue: W. L. PRATT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1924

TO NON-FRATERNITY MEN

More than four years ago, the Penn State Club was instituted at this college. Endorsed as it was by the leading members of the faculty, the beginning of the organization was auspicious and during the first few years of its existence, an extensive program of athletic and social activities was carried on.

But there has been a marked decline within the past two years in the activities of the organization. Socially it has practically ceased to function. Its athletic program is more encouraging but even here, men who have been actively connected with this phase of its work, have detected a slight lowering in the keenness of the competition that has existed in the past.

Startling though it may seem, dances, sponsored by the Penn State Club in the past, were largely supported by fraternity men. Their participation in the social activities of the organization is not to be discouraged, however, for the founders of the Penn State Club thought of it as a comprehensive body with non-fraternity men directing and initiating its policies, and fraternity men taking an active interest in them. But a successful program of social affairs is impossible without the support of the men for whom it was designed primarily, to benefit.

It is true that many perplexing problems must be overcome to effect a revival of the Penn State Club activities, but the non-fraternity men of the college have at hand an opportunity to bring about the first and most important step in their solution. On Monday night, the annual election of the Club's officers will be held in Old Chapel and its members will select the men who will guide the destinies of the organization during the coming year.

There is the president, leader of the large group of non-fraternity men in the college and their representative in Student Council, the second vice-president, whose program, as leader of social activities, is limited only by his capability, and the third vice-president, who, as manager of athletics, has well-defined activities to promote. These are the men who can make the Penn State Club a power on the campus.

It is up to the non-fraternity men of the College to consider carefully the possible candidates for these offices and to elect capable and aggressive leaders. If these men will then assume their responsibilities, it is safe to look forward to the time when the Penn State Club, aided by the Student Union and other facilities, will measure up to the expectations of its founders.

WHERE SILENCE IS GOLDEN

It has been requested by the student manager of the Penn State boxing team that announcement be made to the effect that no applause or demonstration of any kind will be allowed during the progress of a round in the coming meets with visiting college teams. This is not a new ruling, but it has not been rigidly observed in the past by spectators of Nittany ring encounters.

Attention is called to a section of the rules for fistic battles issued by the committee on boxing of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This section states specifically that "coaching, or words of advice or encouragement from spectators, or applause, when in the opinion of the referee and judges the occasion warrants it, shall be considered a foul." It is the announced intention of officials at this year's collegiate boxing meets to abide strictly by the rules laid down, without any deviation whatsoever. Unrestrained enthusiasm on the part of the undergraduates may result, therefore, in the decision being awarded to the opponent on a foul, even though the Penn State man may have a decided advantage.

Self-restraint is one of the lessons that must be learned in life, and it is not too soon to start learning this most important lesson while in college. It would be unfortunate, indeed, to have an opponent win a bout and incidentally, perhaps, a meet by virtue of a decision awarded on the basis of untimely outbursts by an irresponsible undergraduate. Pent-up enthusiasm may be released during the interim between rounds, but it must be confined to that period.

But the fact that applause or words of encouragement from the sidelines may lose a bout or a meet for the Nittany team is not the most important point to be considered. It is a question of sportsmanship. Demonstrations of any kind during the progress of a round are not considered sportsman-like. And for that reason alone, if for none other, Penn State undergraduates must maintain silence.

A NEW POST OFFICE

Coincident with the marked degree of progressive building going on at Penn State, there comes the gratifying news that within the near future the demand of the undergraduates and townspeople for more adequate post office facilities will be granted.

A year ago, the COLLEGIAN aided in conducting a letter writing contest among the students for the purpose of obtaining two letters in which were outlined most clearly the inadequate facilities for handling the large volume of mail that is created within State College, chiefly by the undergraduates. These two letters, selected from the two-score or more submitted, were forwarded to Senators Reed and Pepper with the intention of arousing some influential activity toward securing a new post office building.

Notification from the instigator of the plan that the necessary appropriation has been granted, and that work will be begun upon the new Federal building in a short time, will be received by the undergraduates with a righteous amount of pleasure. For it is evident that the town and College alike are sharing in the general progressiveness of the era.

Letter Box

Editor of the COLLEGIAN:

This letter is written with the intended purpose of throwing some light on the question of the action of the Tribunal regarding college customs which was made in an anonymous letter addressed to the Tribunal. The aid of the COLLEGIAN is solicited in finding the student who signed himself as "A Common Student", and from whom the question of issue came.

The letter called the attention of the Tribunal to a Junior who entered Penn State from Swanton, this year. The "Common Student" questioned the justice of his exemption from freshman customs and made a complaint in his case with the instance of a man who entered here this year, having attended Franklin and Marshall and undergone freshman customs at that institution.

Therefore, the Tribunal has always adopted the policy of investigating the cases of sophomores and freshmen entering Penn State. To show our first year customs upon a student who has been here as a regular Junior, or senior would be a severe discouragement to such men who cared to graduate here. Customs are primarily intended to produce college spirit and loyalty. It is reasonable to expect that a Junior or senior engaged in his major work would develop a greater college loyalty if he is forced to wear a link. Such a practice would discourage many students who wish to specialize in one of Penn State's major courses.

When a man from another college enters here and is required to undergo customs, it is, in almost every case, a student who carries a yellow schedule card and who, most probably, will spend one year at Penn State.

There have been several instances at Penn State of seniors taking freshman customs. These men came from no other college but evaded customs for two or more years by entering through the two-year Agricultural course or as a special student.

When a man brings the attention of the Tribunal to a case he mentions his name as a witness. It is the Tribunal's duty to make an official report rather than an anonymous one, the Tribunal will be only too willing to consider the case at a public meeting.

(Signed) Russell W. Amhauser, Pres. Student Tribunal

Editor of the COLLEGIAN:

Dear Sir: It may be of interest to you and the student body to know that it will not be far distant before a new post office building will be erected on the present site at the corner of Allen street and Beaver Avenue.

It is just a year ago that the COLLEGIAN carried on a letter writing campaign among the student body. The writer co-operated by offering prizes for the two best letters written to Senators Reed and Pepper respectively. It may be of interest to those who participated in the contest to know that their letters were effective, for Senator Reed has been an individual and ardent supporter of their cause.

To say the least, it required the influence of one in a position as Senator Reed to obtain this building. Especially so, when the policy of the Administration is one of the strictest economy. State College is one of eighty in the United States to be so fortunate in the procurement of a New Federal building. So you can readily understand the effect the influence and consistent effort which had been put forth by Senator Reed to facilitate the handling of the students' mail.

(Signed) EUGENE H. LEDERER

Thoughts of Others

TRINITY'S POST OFFICE

It is doubtful if there is any post office in these United States of America which handles the mail more carelessly and inefficiently than the post office at Trinity College. If Postmaster General New were to visit the archway and see the way the mail is tossed about, he would doubtless summon the Trustees to court.

Here is the present system of distributing the mail: Daily in the morning "D" Trice goes down Broad Street and meets the "C" plink. Trinity's various mail-men, and the "C" plink gives "D" the mail bound in a six up "D" ambles up Vernon Street and presents the mail to Mr. Schuler, the superintendent. Mr. Schuler throws it on a table, sorts it alphabetically and puts it in the rack. This rack is a most primitive contraption. It consists of twenty-six pigeon holes, with openings at both ends. In the rush for mail before chapel, letters are often pushed out the back. In such cases they lie on the floor for hours or days or weeks until they are discovered. The rack is old enough to have been brought from the old site of Washington College forty-six years ago. It is frail enough to be carried under the arm.

Several times this year some eager student has touched the thing too roughly and the mail has fluttered about the room like confetti. Special delivery letters are left on a table behind the iron screen. If one's fraternity brothers or friends see the letter and bring it to one, he will get it, otherwise it will stay there till he happens along.

That is how mail is distributed in a college which raised one million dollars in one year. One million dollars to raise the salaries of professors. Fifty thousand for a new chemistry laboratory—and not one cent for a decent mail box system. "Centennials may come and Centennials may go," said the monologist in the last Sub-Freshman show, "but the old way of dealing out the mail goes on forever."

SAMUEL WYER SPEAKS IN OLD CHAPEL TODAY

An engineering lecture will be given by Samuel S. Wyer of Columbus, Ohio, in Old Chapel today at 4:30 o'clock.

Mr. Wyer is a consulting engineer in the gas, oil and power fields. He has wide experience and is at present connected with the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

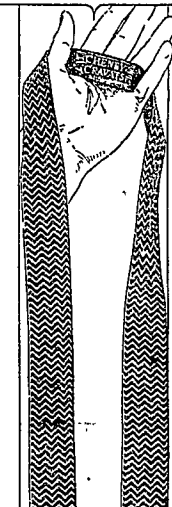
The subject will be "The Penalties of Public Utility Regulation."

LIBRARY RECEIVES FINE COLLECTION OF BOOKS

The Library has received a welcome gift from Dr. S. H. Simon, of Harrisburg, in the form of thirteen cases of books, pamphlets and newspaper clippings. Dr. Simon spent many years in collecting this material and at his advanced age of 81 years, believes that the collection will be of real interest and profit to the college Library.

In writing to the Librarian concerning the gift, Mr. Simon said "I feel that my years are too far advanced to undertake the task of fulfilling my plans which I had in regard to these clippings and pamphlets, in my younger days. My idea was to build a 'Reference Library' similar to the one at the University of Detroit, Mich. But it is impossible for me to complete my plan and I shall be very much pleased in

LOOK FOR THIS NAME ON THE NECKBAND



Every feature about these ties appeals to college men. Easiest tying neckwear you can buy! Economical. No seams to rip. No lining to wrinkle. Beautiful designs—many of them. Made by the makers of the famous Cheney Silks.



For sale by: HARRY W. SAUERS, Allen Street

Reinald Werrenrath

Sings Exclusively for Victor Records

Hear them at The Music Room

When looking for a place to go don't hesitate to visit our pool rooms and bowling alleys.

Blue and White Bowling and Billiard Parlor

Over Blue and White Garage West College Avenue.

In an article written by Elders Horst, a former Penn State student, and published in the recent issue of the National Stockman and Farmer.

It is noteworthy that the material will prove of genuine interest in connection with local and state history.

AG. EXPERIMENT STATION TO ISSUE NEW BULLETIN

A new bulletin on "Adjusting Production to Meet Home Market Conditions" will be issued by the Penn State Agricultural Experiment Station within a few weeks. The bulletin is in the form of a farm study of Blair County and also a marketing study of the city of Altoona.

The work on this new survey was done cooperatively by James Dunlap, county agent in Blair county, the department of Agriculture at Penn State, the State Department of Agriculture and the Altoona Chamber of Commerce. Never before has such a study of farm and market conditions been made and the announcement of the publishing of this bulletin has received favorable comment from all sources.

In this novel piece of work everything possible in the manner of producing and marketing clothes has been figured, including handling, weather conditions and several other economic features. The work is fully explained.

KNOX CAFE BASEMENT OF HOTEL

TUXEDO'S For the "Hop" Get them early

GERNERD, The Tailor

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

PERCIVAL RUDY

121 South Atherton St. State College, Pa.

AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION

Between State College and Lemont, meeting all trains

Open and Closed Cars. Side Trips May be Arranged For Reasonable Charges

Phones: Bell 176 Commercial 116-W

PENN STATE CAFE

Best Food Home Cooked Prices Right

New Management J. B. MEEK, Prop.

Adorn Your Memory Book

By adding a set of Views of Penn State 25 for \$1.00

Penn State Photo Shop

E. College Ave. E. College Ave.

The Florsheim Shoe

There is a noticeable superiority about FLORSHEIM SHOES—they are all that the most particular man could desire. ALWAYS better looking and better made.

We have at last secured the MOCCASIN—that you are looking for. The newest style of moccasins; both for QUALITY and COMFORT. They are now on display in our window.

THE QUALITY SHOP

M. FROMM

Opposite Front Campus Opposite Front Campus

St. Paul's School where he participated in athletics and other activities. All Princeton hockey practice was suspended for a day.

HOUSE FOR RENT—13-room house, with garage for three cars, hot-water heat, electric light, best stand for rooms and boarders. Call 322-R-4. 2511, Pefefonts. *2-5-41

The Duffell Theatre Co.

Photographs of Quality

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—PAULINE GARON and JACK MITCHELL in "The Marriage Market" Spot Family Comedy

NITTANY—RUTH CLIFFORD, GASTON GLASS, VIOLA YALE, CRAUFORD KENT, JOSEF SWICKARD and EDITH TORRE in "Mothers-in-Law" Mel Snodgett Comedy "One Sporting Night"

SATURDAY—MIRIAM COOPER in "Daughters of the Rich" NEWS WEEKLY

MONDAY & TUESDAY—Rev. Ingram's "SARA MOUCHE" 5 Shows Daily, starting at 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 First Popular Price Showing here at 50c for Adults; Children, 25c and 10c.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS