

PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

Published semi-weekly during the college year, except on holidays, by students of The Pennsylvania State College in the interest of the college, the students, faculty, alumni, and friends.

THE MANAGING BOARD

- James H. Coogan jr. '30 Editor-in-Chief
Charles A. Mensch '30 Managing Editor
Robert P. Stevenson '30 News Editor
Quinton E. Beauge '30 Sports Editor
Milton M. Rosenbloom '30 Business Manager
Russell L. Rehm '30 Advertising Manager
Calvin E. Barvus '30 Circulation Manager
Henry R. Dowdy jr. '30 Foreign Advertising Manager

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

- Jacob L. Cohen '31
William C. McElvain '31
Roy E. Morgan '31
Charles A. Schmidt jr. '31
Norman B. Sobler '31
William K. Ulerich '31

ASSOCIATE BUSINESS MANAGERS

- Alan D. Cutting '31
William B. Heilman '31
Alger J. Milecki '31
Harry G. Wood '31

WOMEN'S EDITORIAL STAFF

- Grace M. Woodrow '30
Helen F. Faust '30
Mantha J. Gohletz '30
Mary J. Adams '31
Associate Editor
Jenel L. Brownback '31
Associate Editor
E. Louise Hoffeldt '31
Associate Editor

Member Eastern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association

The Penn State COLLEGIAN welcomes communications on any subject of campus interest. All letters must bear the name of the sender. Anonymous communications will be discarded. In case the writer does not wish his or her name to accompany the letter, the fact should be so indicated and a man de plume must accompany the communication. The editor reserves the right to reject all communications that are deemed unfit for publication. The COLLEGIAN assumes no responsibility for sentiments expressed in the Letter Box.

Entered at the Postoffice, State College, Pa., as second class matter.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1930

STUDENT HEALTH

To remove what resolves itself into a formidable obstacle to better health conditions at Penn State, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician, proposes free hospital service for the student body. The suggestion is undeniably good for, as Doctor Ritenour remarks, "it is the students who cannot afford to pay for the present hospital service that need it most."

How to raise the money for free hospital accommodations is the problem, however. Doctor Ritenour suggests two methods. The one entails the voluntary payment of dues into an undergraduate hospital association. Upon trial we believe this method would prove impracticable at an institution like Penn State. The other method advocates an increased registration fee. The health service fee now is \$1. This amount is needed to maintain the hospital and dispensary costs, and makes no provision for the additional expense of confinement in the infirmary.

Free hospital service for students, therefore, would probably mean doubling the present fee. Such a move would likely meet with opposition in some quarters, but the opposition would be based principally on the "self" theory that a few students should not benefit from the generosity of the many. On the contrary, such a measure would be a permanent safeguard against unhealthy conditions in the student body, and an important forward step for Penn State. Moreover, any move in that direction should win the whole-hearted support of the student body.

ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSORS

Searching about for a non-clad defense of the professional practice of handing out lengthy assignments during the closing weeks of the semester, we stopped momentarily to read Doctor DeCamp's indication of "absent-minded professors."

Absent-mindedness in the professor, according to the prominent psychologist, is caused by such deep concentration on one thought that all other matters are forgotten. Other than college professors can become forgetful, he advised, but the tendency is not so great as it is in the instructor.

Immediately we understood why certain instructors forget that their courses are not the only courses in college.

"A DISGRUNTLED CO-ED"

Neglected as we are by writers of "Letters to the Editor," a particularly fine effort by an alien correspondent invariably wins our commendation. Not unusual but typical, we would say—was the product of "A Disgruntled Co-ed" who took it upon herself to lambast an editorial writer of The Daily Northwestern for his nasty allusion to woman's power of "sustained effort," among other "dirty digs."

Employing the editorial-honored "we" as a symbol, no doubt, of her large following, "A Disgruntled Co-ed" first establishes herself in the hearts of her countrywomen by showing that the men and women who gain admittance into Northwestern must, of necessity, rank in the upper quarter of their class in high school. Conclusion Number 1: the girls are at least on a par with the men of the campus in scholastic attainments. Not does this clever champion of co-education believe that the men students show any appreciable superiority to the girls in real honest-to-goodness work.

However that may be, she is supreme in her valetudinary remarks:

"We presume that the author of Thursday's editorial, 'We Don't Want Co-eds,' is a man, but we fail to see, if he has, as he implies, such a deep-seated aversion to the fair sex, why he should choose a co-educational institution in preference to all the excellent men's colleges which the country affords."

"We know that the mutual attraction of the sexes is an accepted biological fact in normal individuals, while its absence points to some abnormal condition, therefore, we suspect that anyone who takes the position of this writer is assuming a pose to cover up his real feeling in the matter."

The Show Window

With Christmas and New Year's passed on, and the beautiful month of January partially despoiled, it is only too evident that final exams and the spring social season will soon be upon us. Which of these two calamities is the greater is hard to determine but it is generally agreed by experts that the social season has the greater mortality rate. For every one man that flunks out on account of the exams, there are two who are hastened afterwards by the numerous balls, proms, hops, or what-have-you? First will come the Senior Ball, a chilly mid-winter affair that goes by many names not printable even in this column. Then will come the Military Ball, our only really social function, meaning that it lacks most of the anti-social evils present in the others. Figure it out for yourself—more dancing space, fewer drinks, a distinctive atmosphere, and possessing a committee beyond need of Senatorial investigation. The Junior Prom will be the usual over-crowded success and the Soph Hop will draw the usual number of seniors. We make no further comment on the final exams but place our trust in the vocabulary of our readers.

About the campus Prof Harris is practically always accompanied by his cane. It lends him distinction, as the style magazines would have it. Ted Wolfe, the Phi Kappa Sig's four-letter (Y. M. C. A.) man. Beauge, the smiling Sigma Phi Sigma boy, who is supposed to write this column, whereupon he give three hearty ha's in the orthodox cool-eyed world fashion. Dean Warnock, our dapper dean of men. Lola Haul looks somewhat Clara Bowish and likewise doesn't worry over what she will do over the week-ends. Rosenbloom, the genial Phi Ep, smiles at the world in general from a window of the local taproom. Bill Teas is hereby given the title of the Best Dressed Man in College. All those who have other opinions just try and hand them in to this department, care of the COLLEGIAN.

It has come to our ears by means of various trustworthy sources that the Lottom part of the patrician Phi Gam's dining room tables are copiously upholstered with masses of common chewing gum. Moreover, several wads were recognizable as being of an inferior grade, the kind sold three packs for ten cents. Shame on you boys, what would Emily Post say?

The present time of the year is easily recognizable by the glaring evidence of Christmas neckties. More atrocities are committed by means of offensive neckties than the Turks committed on the Armenians in ten years. Heinous cravats are dutifully worn for a few days and then rightfully discarded. It has been estimated by this department's statistics expert, that women are the donors of approximately 99 44-100 per cent of the ties. A woman is a creature of glory and fairness but as a judge of neckties she is a potential mama. To the ladies! May God bless their hearts but may they never select our neckties!

Thoughts while studying: Wonder if the changing of Old Man will change the title of the Old Man Bell? Why is Dick Bell usually so glum-faced? Why is it you can distinguish a shorthorn from a freshman nine times out of ten? (Prizes will be offered for the best answer to this question. Address all answers to Santa Claus care of Daddy Browning). Doesn't Henry Paulhamus look like Alan Hale? Cutly blonde hair and everything. Why doesn't Professor Galbath hang out in the local taproom as much as he used to? Wonder if O O McIntyre ever reads this column and gets professionally jealous of us?

THE CAMPSEER

Advertisement for Stark Bros. & Harper, featuring neckwear. Text includes: 'WHERE CHRISTMAS BEGINS', 'Stark Bros. & Harper, Haberdashers', 'Neckwear!', 'STYLE WAS THE KEY THOUGHT IN SELECTING THESE NEW SPRING PATTERNS...', '1.00 to 2.50 at Stark Bros. & Harper', 'NEXT TO THE MOVIES', '(*) White Warp Repps are authentically smart for spring.'

ALBERT SPALDING TO OFFER THIRD ARTISTS' NUMBER

Celebrated American Violinist Will Play in Auditorium Thursday, Jan. 30

GAINS WIDE POPULARITY AT NEW YORK RECITALS

Gives Nearly 100 Performances During Year—Studied with Leading Musicians

Albert Spalding, celebrated American violinist who has appeared in leading cities of Europe and America will play in Schwab auditorium on Thursday night, January 30, for the third number of the Artists' Course.

Spalding's European debut was made with Addine Pat in Paris when he was 16 years old. He has studied in New York, Florence and Bologna where he was the pupil of leading masters. Since his debut he has built a clientele that has made it possible for him to play nearly 100 performances a year. In New York alone he has appeared 70 times and his fees total almost \$100,000 annually.

Spalding spends six months of the year in touring America. He plays in Europe during the other half year, except for two months when he rests and does not touch the violin at all. At the beginning of the World War Spalding canceled over \$30,000 in contracts to enlist as a private. He was commissioned as a ground officer in the American aviation corps, serving on the Italian front. He was trained as flying observer but did not have the opportunity to engage in combat flying because of the signing of the Armistice which came shortly after the completion of his training.

He gained distinction at the front and was decorated with the Cross of the Crown of Italy, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a foreigner. Last year he was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French government. He also has had the distinction of being the first American to sit as a judge at the examination of the Paris Conservatoire.

Spalding was born in Chicago. His parents afterward returned to New York, their permanent home. At the age of seven he went abroad with his father and mother, who had formed the habit of travelling in Europe some part of each year. It was then that he started the study of the violin in Florence, Italy, continuing here in America on his return.

Advertisement for Louise A. Lambert, All Lines of Beauty Culture, 2nd Floor Letzell Building, Phone 240-J

Advertisement for Foster Coal & Supply Co., Genuine Anita Punxsutawney COAL, Phone 114-M

Advertisement for Clear the Throat, with PARKE-DAVIS Medicated Throat Discs, 60 Discs for 25 Cents, Robert J. Miller

Letter Box

All "Letters to the Editor" must bear the signature and address of the writer. If desired, a nam de plume should supplement the signature. No responsibility is assumed by the editor for sentiments expressed in this column.

State College, Pa., December 17, 1929 To the Editor of COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir: In the December 17 issue of the COLLEGIAN it was noticed and commented upon—unfavorably—that the Senior Ball is to be held in the Armory instead of in Recreation Hall this year. If the consensus of student opinion was taken it would be found undeniable that this site is much too small for such an affair.

From past experience it has been found that the Armory is entirely too small to accommodate the 400 or more couples who will probably attend. Although Recreation Hall is poor, in acoustics it is the logical place in which this dance should be held. If action were taken with the gentlemen controlling the Hall so that it would be permissible to hang drapes from the steel structure, the sound could be distributed so as to be heard over the entire Hall.

Surely it would not injure the steel if such drapes were hung. If requested to do so, decoration companies will guarantee that no damage will be incurred by such methods. It must be remembered that the floor of the Armory is like a "wash board" whereas the Recreation Hall provides an even and very much suited dancing surface.

Respectfully yours, (Signed) Richard H. Ziegenfuss '30, J. Galassi '30, H. J. Sokolowski '30, A. W. Dudley '30, J. C. Watson '30, Edw. M. Schmander '30

TO LECTURE ON TELEVISION Speaking under the auspices of the Penn State Science club, Dr. J. O. Perrine, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York City, will give a demonstration lecture on television in room 28, Physics building, Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

Advertisement for CO-EDS Make SCHLOW'S QUALITY SHOP Your Headquarters

Co-ed Chats

The invitation extended to senior women to attend the meeting of the American Association of University Women next Thursday night offers an excellent opportunity for students about to go out into the world to become acquainted with a large national organization composed of cultured women of the finest type.

Seniors should be anxious to make contacts which will serve as means of helping them in later years. They should realize the advantage of making friends who will help make their work and social life more interesting and more of a success.

Numerous opportunities are presented to the student which might aid in establishing such associations and most of them are tossed aside by the unthinking undergraduate. Classes serve as one means of getting to know many worth while persons, both instructors and students. Aside from this there are many occasions when the average college woman prefers to let slip by because she may feel a sense of temporary discomfort in the presence of some rather well known or distinguished person.

Next year the seniors will step into a new atmosphere which even if it be as familiar as the old home town will call for association with a good class.

Advertisement for EYES EXAMINED, All kinds of frames & repairs, DR. EVA B. ROAN, Registered Optometrist, OFFICE HOURS: Bellefonte, State College, Wed 2 pm to 8 pm, Sat 10 am to 5 pm, Garbrick Building, Opp Court House

Advertisement for Toasted Sandwiches, Our Specialty, 'The Sweetest Place' GREGORY'S

Advertisement for MORRELL'S BILLIARD PARLOR, 10 Tables—Opposite Post Office

of people and a broadening of acquaintanceships and friendships. These must be of an uplifting type if the girl wishes to succeed. To gain entrance into a class of society which is cultured and uplifting and at the same time new is usually not an easy matter.

COLLEGE DRINKING REDUCED, FRATERNITY HEAD BELIEVES

Sigmund H. Stenberg, supreme master of the Alpha Epsilon Pi social fraternity, speaking at the convocation of that society held in New York City recently, said that efforts by college and university officials had brought about a marked decline in drinking among students.

In most cases, Mr. Stenberg pointed out, reports of drinking in fraternities were greatly exaggerated. He also said that efforts of officials to reduce drinking were meeting with particular success at the University of Illinois.

Advertisement for CATHARTIC THEATRE

TUESDAY—Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford in "TAMING OF THE SHREW" All-Talking Comedy

WEDNESDAY—Lenore Ulric, Farrell MacDonald in "SOUTH SEA ROSE" All-Talking, Singing Romance

THURSDAY—Lila Lee, Conrad Nagel in "THE SACRED FLAME" All-Talking Drama

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—Matinee Daily at 1:30 Victor McLaglen, El Brendel in "HOT FOR PARIS" All-Roaring Comedy Smash

Nittany Theatre

FRIDAY—Lila Lee, Conrad Nagel in "THE SACRED FLAME"

SATURDAY—Grant Withers, Marion Nixon in "IN THE HEADLINES" All-Talking Comedy Romance



Advertisement for Bell System, Telephony knows no barriers. Text includes: 'Telephone lines must cross natural barriers. This means construction methods must be flexible, readily varied to peculiar local conditions.', 'Special problems arise, too, in telephone laboratory, factory and central office. How to protect poles from insect attack? How to develop more compact equipment for use in manholes? How to assure a sufficient number of trained operators? How to build long distance business? It takes resourcefulness to find the answers, to surmount the barriers. There is no stereotyped way.', 'BELL SYSTEM A nation-wide system of inter-connecting telephones', 'OUR PIONEERING WORK HAS JUST BEGUN'