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BE LIBERAL—IT'S FASHIONABLE

Now that the "liberal" trend of thought has been recognized and superficially commended by the awarding of the Nobel prize for literature to Sinclair Lewis, we can prepare ourselves for a nation-wide attack on American institutions by critics emboldened by Lewis' success. Poor old Babbitt in all his forms is due for an awful panning.

Critics from every "walk of life," including college instructors, will take a fling at American art, newspapers, educational systems, government, and home conditions. From behind the sheltering rampart of pulpit and desk we'll hear thundering condemnations of our customs and laws. Of course, if these critics are pinned down and asked for a solution they'll calm down and instinctively press their hands on their hearts—to see if the pay check is resting securely in the inside pocket. Then, they'll begin again.

A few of the better-known ones will make some impression on the great American public. A few good-hearted old ladies will feel badly. The W. C. T. U. will pass some resolutions. But, Babbitt-wise, the rest of us will manage to get along somehow. After a while, it will cease being fashionable to be liberal, and the chatter will quiet down until someone else wins a prize.

A large sign nailed on a tree in the vicinity of Fair Engineering, is a flamboyant witness of the need for some sort of bulletin boards on the campus.

AVOIDING THE RUSH

With the semi-annual registration bugaboo looming in the not far distant future, it seems highly probable that the delay, inconvenience, and confusion brought about in the past by concentration of registration on the second day will be repeated. The supposition that one-half of the student body will enroll on the first day is far-fetched in the light of recent registration days when conditions were far more propitious for early registration than they will be this February.

Enrollment of the two underclasses on the first registration day seems practical. This would, of course, necessitate some sort of penalty for failure to do so. It would, likewise, leave the way open for a much lighter registration on the second day with a consequent decrease of annoyance to the student body and a lightening of the burden for officials in charge.

Such a plan may not be feasible, however logical as it now appears. A repetition of the top-heavy registration in September, at any rate, should be prevented as far as possible by any means which the Registrar considers practical.

"It's better to give than receive." Especially, deriving this advantage of blue books. That old Christmas spirit is springing up again.

"A PROFESSOR OF WORK"

Antioch College has introduced a new device in its educational plan whereby a "professor of work," a member of the faculty, instructs students how to work in the literal sense. Antioch employs a plan of joint work and study in which the student goes to class at the college for a certain period and then works for a while in some outside industrial plant.

While not a parallel case in the complete sense of word, a "professor of work" of another type might be given a position at Penn State. The work of this instructor would be to take the place of class advisors. His task would be to advise students, concerning courses, assist them in making out schedules, and give them concrete suggestions on the art of studying.

As it is now, faculty members act as advisors. Their advisory work is necessarily of secondary interest to them. Also, they often have too large a group to advise and because of lack of time alone, they are unable to perform this duty satisfactorily. In other cases, they simply are not fitted for the work.

If faculty members, acting solely as advisors, could be permanently and practically employed, it would make possible a more efficient and year-round advisory system, eliminate much justified complaint from students, and remove an unwelcome burden from the shoulders of the teaching faculty.

THE CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

One of the sure signs that Santa Claus is not marching in the ranks of the unemployed is the imposing Christmas tree which he left on the front of our campus several days ago. We don't wish to be caty but it's about time we got a new one—the old one was worn out.

As a solution to the unemployment situation let us suggest that the jobless write out and deliver Christmas cards to the fraternities. This should easily tide them over till Easter.

We have in our little Kingdom of Stettseolitch a significant illustration of the vagueness and uncertainty arising from our complex social fabric. The LaVie staff was unable to find out who this year's class historian was.

An advertisement in last week's COLLEGIAN reads, NOTICE CO-EDS Repair Work and Remodeling We had no idea that this co-ed situation had assumed such proportions.

While we were perfectly aware that the students as a whole are the potential fathers and mothers of the next generation, we have not had it called to our attention so forcibly until we received a copy of the Eugene News. After looking at the stuffed mailboxes in the fraternity houses and the girls' dorms, our only remark is that we wonder who sent this company the College directory.

Cataclysmic Moments

Al Capone accidentally shoots himself while cleaning his gun.

Mr. Parker's fountain pen breaks when he drops it.

Santa Claus gets a Christmas present.

A co-ed gets a first-hand bid to Houseparty.

The mayor of Bellefonte comes up to State College for a date.

In the commemoration of the Eleventh Anniversary of the establishment of the Eighteenth Amendment the Senior Ball will be held January 16.

We understand that the Froth was dissatisfied with our write-up of the gaudium classic between the COLLEGIAN Gentlemen of the Press and the Froth Pup Punters, and their own personal recording of the event appears in this next Froth. We feel that it is only fair to warn you that their report may be a bit prejudiced.

Seen and heard about the campus. Who is the upperclassman who sends a fishman to Grange Doim to copy notes from Marg Hathaway? Willow Wilma Geer and her blond beauty are back in town again. Red Duval in his ROTC suit. Edward (Effervescent) Zeln wins second honors in resembling Joe E. Brown. Ralph Radcliffe, the only mental athlete in the Phi Delta A. A. Who'll keep the fraternity fires burning? Car we take our ROTC suits home with us? The Delta Sigma Phi's basketballing Saturday night.

The Christmas tree on Mac Hall roof. We hereby offer a prize of one slightly used slide rule to the one who guesses the correct number of Christmas cards Beth Schwalbe will receive. Who is the High Priestess at Mac Hall that Maity McAndrews went to see Saturday night? We wish you a Merry Christmas—and hope you like the neckties and socks.

Letter Box

Editor, COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir:

I have read with much interest and with mixed feelings, the comments, editorials and letters which have appeared in the COLLEGIAN concerning the past football season. Perhaps I should disregard the articles because I know they were written by the second guessers and by the corner coaches. They are ridiculous and rather noteworthy for the gross lack of intelligence the originators display. I hesitate to think that they are an imputation of student opinion, for if they are, loyalty and spirit at Penn State have fallen further than I am willing to admit.

The person who wrote the letter that appeared in the letter box of a recent issue of the COLLEGIAN, and the person or persons responsible for the list of questions that appeared in the editorial column of the same issue are walking on dangerous ground, and instead of evincing a healthy interest in our football team are exhibiting poor taste, carelessness, and ridiculous reasoning.

I am concerned chiefly with the inference to the ability of our present coaching staff, and to the charges that some members of the team "laid down" at various times during the season.

The 1930 football team was, to a man, back of the coaching staff. There is not one member of the squad who won't vouch for their ability, and for their interest and thorough effort throughout the season. Each man on the staff has proved his ability before this past season.

Each one has had previous experience and has achieved success. West Virginia Wesleyan enjoyed the most successful football period in their history during the time Bob Higgins coached there. From there he went to Washington University at St. Louis and gave them the winning team they had lacked before his advent. No, you can't blame it on our coaching staff. They taught us the stuff, and if we didn't use it we were entirely to blame.

As for answering the charge that any of us laid down this year, it seems to me that it needs no answer. A boy who spends an average of three hours a day for five days, each week for three months will hardly be down on Saturday. Those who have not played football will not know just what I mean. I hardly expect the "learned men" who aired their views in the COLLEGIAN to understand me. Others will.

There were charges, too, of dissension. Nothing is farther from the truth. Injuries perhaps, mistakes of

course, but dissension is a bad guess. So far as harmony and good feeling among the coaches and players can go to make a season successful, this past season was one of the most successful we have had.

There was an allusion in the letter box to the first "disgrace" a State team has suffered, the defeat at the hands of Colgate. Oh, it was a plastering, I'll admit, but why a disgrace? Columbia, Lafayette, and Syracuse were disgraced by Colgate, this season. Stanford was shamed by a 74-0 lacing from Southern California, who was in turn disgraced by Notre Dame. Shameful Stanford disgraced Dartmouth, one of the best teams in the East. Disgrace did he say? Perhaps we were disgraced because we failed to justify the wonderful mass meeting held before the Colgate game, the fine display of school spirit shown that night. Credit should go where it is due, so let's credit the splendid mass meeting to the alumni who put it over with a "bang," the same alumni who wrote fine letters to Bob Higgins after the loss of the game, reiterating their faith in him, and the same alumni, by the way, whom the COLLEGIAN accuses of meddling too much in our athletic affairs.

The coaches and the members of the team appreciate the interest and support of the student body, in fact it is necessary to the success of our athletic, but this latest manner of showing that interest and support is decidedly wrong. I suggest that those who wish to find the reason for our poor football season give up the burning desire. It's very useless. The coaches can't tell you, the team can't tell you, and anyone who takes a guess is likely to be wrong, yes, certainly.



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WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Second Floor—Opposite Postoffice

This Place Endorsed by Student Council

Let's forget this season and get ready for the next one. Rest assured that the authorities who control our football destinies are quite as anxious to have a good football team as the students are. If any more critics like "A Sentinel," submit such ridiculous opinions and views as the former All-American who wrote that letter, I suggest you print them in Froth, generally known to be our comic magazine. Sincerely yours, Earle Edwards '31

SPEAKS AT ATLANTIC CITY

Prof. Richard H. Sudds, of the department of horticulture, addressed the New Jersey State Horticulture Society at Atlantic City, N. J., last Monday.

PURPLE QUILL ELECTIONS

- (Literary Guild)
Morton P. Howell '33
Julius Epstein '31
Elyadore R. Nodder '31
Hugo K. Freat '32
George W. Seagren '32
Ralph Hetzel jr. '33

Surely

You know of some one whom you would like to give a box of candy before going away.

A nice box of Whitman's or Mary Lincoln at Rexall Drug Store

CERAMICS SOCIETY ELECTS

SHAW AS CHARTER MEMBER

Prof. Joseph B. Shaw, head of the department of ceramics, has just been notified of his election as a charter member of the Society of "Followers" of the American Ceramics society. Charter membership in the society consists of 101 members selected from the 2000 members of the parent society.



(No matinees after Thursday. Theatre open every evening during vacation, with 7:00 p. m. opening time starting Saturday.)

TUESDAY—

Matinee at 1.30 Marie Dressler, Wallace Beery in "MIN AND BILL"

WEDNESDAY—

First National and Vitaphone present Joe E. Brown, Ona Munson in "GOING WILD"

THURSDAY—

Harry Langdon, Slim Summerville in "SEE AMERICA THIRST"

FRIDAY (Evening Showing Only)—

Kay Francis, Kay Johnson, Charles Dickford, Lewis Stone in "PASSION FLOWER"

The Nittany

(Closed after Thursday)

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—

Walter Bios and Vitaphone present Grant Mitchell, George Marion in "MAN TO MAN"

THURSDAY—

"GOING WILD" Louis Wolheim, Bob Armstrong in "DANGER LIGHTS"



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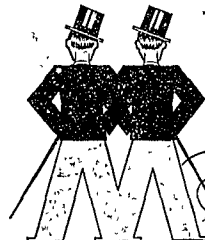
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