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THE CENSORSHIP MYTH

After the chaos of an eventful year, a year that has tested the editorial policy and business organization of college papers throughout the country, the COLLEGIAN, with this issue, changes hands. New staffs will direct its policies. New, capable men will attempt to guide it through another year, a year that promises to carry with it all of the difficulties of the preceding one.

A college editor has a peculiar problem. He must consider his paper as a means for student expression, and yet he has a very definite duty to perform for the college that holds it.

Through an editor's knowledge of student affairs, through his connection with the various organizations that make up student activity, he is often able to look beyond mere student opinion to see the consequences of each procedure which might be popular at the time with the student body, but which would not work towards student or college welfare.

The improper maintenance of this balance between serving the interests of the students and the college has been the pitfall into which some editors have fallen. An unsuccessful venture into sensationalism was the recent episode which involved Columbia University in a great deal of unfavorable publicity. Did the editor of the *Spectator* accomplish any real good by his vigorous and often unfounded exposes? Would not wise editorials, based on facts, and prompted by an honest attempt to improve existing conditions, have been ultimately more successful?

A year's venture into the responsibilities of the editorial chair has served to dispel certain myths that have existed in connection with the office of editor-in-chief. There has never been any attempt on the part of non-student groups or individuals to control the policy of this paper. Criticism based on clear thinking and facts has always been seriously considered and has usually led to an investigation with attempt to improve the condition under fire. What more is to be desired?

MEN AND SUPERMEN

It is hard to believe the claim made recently in a COLLEGIAN interview that chemistry and physics courses are invariably the most difficult given at this College. To men who are training themselves in chemistry or similar fields, it should be comparatively as easy as English composition may be to the Liberal Artist. Admittance that men who must obtain this knowledge find it so difficult is admittance that they are ill-adapted to their work.

To the Liberal Artist a specialized course in chemistry would be difficult, without doubt; is there any indication that the physics student would not find hard sledding in an advanced language? There is no proof that analysis in the classroom is any less a task than analysis in a laboratory. The approach to the two is different; it requires differently trained minds. There seems to be no evidence in favor of one or the other as the stiffer course. We hear science students quibbling about their long hours, but these are a part of curriculum not of individual courses.

This notion that chemistry and physics courses are the bane of the College in their requirement of supermen is an antiquated one. Possibly it was built up when some hard-working physicist conceived of himself as supermen because he felt over-burdened. No matter where the idea originated, its usefulness as a theory in good argument has passed.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Among the improvements of the last four years on the College grounds may be listed a relocation of the Campus drives. A great many necessary changes were made. This task is now near completion, the final arrangement of roads is finished, and yet no adequate names have been given to these highways. Students and faculty, asked to direct visitors around the College, are at a loss. They can point and speak of the west, east, or north, and beyond that their conversation becomes unintelligible.

Since this needed improvement is near completion, it might be well to consider suitable names for these roadways. The present impromptu titles, East Drive, College Bains road, and the like, are far from being universally used. If these names were intended to be final, it is certainly an indication of their inadequacy that no one uses them. The selection of more lasting names, that could be referred to with pride, is necessary in order to give these roads some definite characteristics. Since signs run rampant on the Campus, it might not be a bad notion to designate the drives appropriately in this way, as well.

OLD MANIA

Ever the diligent bibliophile, we have at hand a very noteworthy addition to our collection of literary and journalistic curiosities. This item is called the B-1 Pace-Setter, and is the official (we suppose) organ of Company B, Fourth Regiment of the National Honorary Society of Pershing Rifles at the Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

We live & learn. Who would suppose, for example, that "with the advent of Monday afternoon reviews, the regiment will march as a separate unit. It is felt that the Riflemen will serve as a shining example of efficient military drill as practiced in an army." And yet it's a fact—they have a separate guidon and everything. We don't know just what a guidon is, but it sounds pretty tricky, and we can hardly wait for that first Monday afternoon review.

We also learn that the Rifle boys are "mentioned" in this year's *La Vie*, and they're pretty proud of it. Naturally. After all, it means something to be mentioned in *La Vie*. And that's not all. Sergeant Probst "has arranged with Mrs. Probst to make an oil-cloth cover for the new guidon." Good old Sarg! Always the Helping Hand.

Then, too, did you know that Captain Hollyer "has the honor of being the first honorary member elected to B Company, 1th Regiment of the National Honorary Society of Pershing Rifles (note to printer can we help it if they spelled Pershing with a small 'p') located at the Pennsylvania State College." Well, he was. Think of it! It isn't everyone who gets honors like that.

And it seems that "a short business meeting will be held April 15th." At the opening of this short business meeting the members will use and repeat together the Formal Opening of Meetings, which goes like this:

"We, members of Pershing Rifles, realizing the many advantages to be derived through a closer and more complete cooperation among students of Military Science, and seeking to make the most of our opportunities and responsibilities as members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, do dedicate this meeting to the betterment of Military Training at the Pennsylvania State College, and the perpetuation of the ideals of Duty, Honor, and Country."

It's too bad that there isn't a paragraph in there denouncing the Communists, but then you can't expect too much in a Formal Opening.

After the recitation, the members will go on with their perpetuation of the ideals of Duty, Honor, and Country. Really, there's nothing like perpetuating ideals, even when you have to perpetuate them with poisonous gases.

We might mention the fact that the members of Pershing Rifles wear a very pretty blue & gold cord or then left shoulder. This is so that people will not mistake them for ordinary freshmen & sophomores taking ROTC.

At the very bottom of the sheet, in startling bold capital letters, we found this:

ARE YOUR SHOES SHINED?
YOUR CLOTHES PRESSED?

Shamefacedly we glanced down at our shoes, which looked as if we had been wading through mud with them, which we had, and at our clothes, which looked as if we hadn't had them pressed for months, which we hadn't. You can bet that we felt pretty cheap.

But enough of this. Duty calls, and we're going out right now and perpetuate a few ideals.

THE MANIAC

(Hey! If this isn't *laugh* stuff, stick some asterisks in between paragraphs, and the hell with it.)

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Jack Snyder

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Boleslavski—"Wav of the Lancer"

It is the author's work with the Moscow Art Theatre and in Hollywood, which enables him to dramatize so effectively his war experiences on the Eastern front in "The Way of the Lancer." In fact, he has been known chiefly for that work and few realize he had any part in the war until the publication of this volume. The Polish Lancers fought as part of the Russian army for a time, all the while keeping in mind an independent Poland. When the Russian revolution came and the army disintegrated, they fought independently as guerrilla bands.

The story is a succession of vividly pictured episodes beginning with a hanging and closing with an experience with an insane woman. There are soldiers' mass meetings, battle scenes, foraging expeditions and other events. In addition to a very interesting and absorbing narrative the book furnishes a very good idea of that comparatively unknown part of the war on the east front when Russia was fast drifting toward revolution.

Frank—"Thunder and Dawn"

One doesn't have to read far into this interesting volume to discover that President Frank is an idealist. That the ideals can be practically attained is a question. But the author thinks they can—"Within the next ten years, we could, I believe, light

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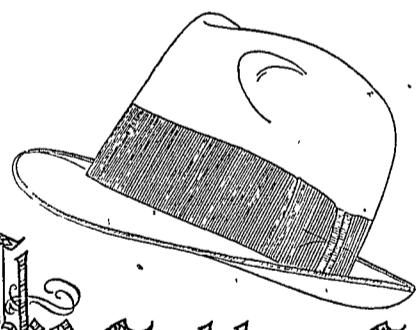
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