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ULTRA-SPECIALISTS

From all sides come scathing comments on the general lack of information of college students. One dean of a law school says that students prepared in the pre-legal course know nothing of art, literature, or of anything not directly in line with the law.

Graduates of technical schools probably receive the most criticism for their narrowness. Engineers are painted as knowing nothing but slide-rules; chemists are lost without their test tubes. Not even education students are exempt from attack.

And somehow, hard though it may be to swallow such bitter pills, there seems to be something reasonable about these comments. Certainly the narrowness of college students is not all-inclusive. The more optimistic observers console themselves in the belief that, after all, the number of students who let themselves become one-tracked is small.

An instructor of English, who must be shown before he believes most things, decided to determine for himself whether his freshman sections of engineers fell within the group of students who know nothing outside of their own field.

No, they hadn't read of technocracy in the newspapers. They don't read newspapers. Excused. That was the way it went the whole class over—neither knowing nor caring. Although this instructor believes that anyone who claims to know too much about technocracy is probably fooling his public, he nevertheless holds to the opinion that the discussion was of interest to future technicians.

Student attendance at the first home basketball game of the season seems to indicate that the sport has not lost its grip on Penn State students. To the spectators several things seemed missing. One or two cheers marked the extent of the cheering at the game.

THE HARDSHIP OF LEADING

It must have become a bit tiresome by this time for the director of physical education and athletics to listen to the inevitable wails and whines which time after time have greeted his comments before coaches and athletic directors of the country.

A large portion of his proposals and suggestions are greeted in this wise at every conference. Visionary, wild idealist, crepe-hanger are epithets applied to him by his brethren in conference.

When, not so long ago, he stood up and advocated for all institutions the system of athletics in effect here, he was shouted down by the meeting. Men, waxing prosperous on the old exploitation arrangements, called him names and would not listen to him.

So it has been in each new step. Every advance in the return of athletics to the student has been championed by him. Yet so many times has he been ahead of the rush in these movements that the coaches and directors have thought him the terrible idealist.

Again, during the holiday meetings, the director made another comment which was greeted in the old critical fashion. He bid a good-bye to the days when football, by the great plethora of gate receipts, carried the whole expense of physical education and athletics. He pointed out that justice can only be done to the rights of the student in athletics when physical education and athletics are budgeted in the same fashion as other departments, thus removing the strain of earning from the game of football.

It is with pride that the students realize that their college and their director have the courage to be in the forefront of progress in athletic policy no matter what the howls from the old czars of the gridiron who feel their thrones wobbling.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

There are lots of ways of filling up a column like this when you don't have anything to write about. We might do as our contemporary on the Daily Pennsylvanian, who writes about two paragraphs and leaves about eight paragraphs of very decorative white space.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On the other hand, we'll probably get into less trouble from the editor if we run something humorous sort of, rich but not bawdy. Wherefore we give you a few of our acid observations upon general conditions.

The Beer Boys may think it's tough convincing the Supreme Court that the 3.2 stuff isn't intoxicating, but wait 'til they start trying to convince themselves that it is.

Trouble with our check and balance system is that that there have been too many checks, leaving too little balance.

Anent the current popularity of technocracy, we are beginning to be convinced that the country is suffering from a technical knockout.

The politician who goes around with his tongue in his cheek can't say very much without biting the end off.

The Back-to-the-farm movement seems to have changed to a Back-to-the-wall movement.

Having just called up our co-ed friend, who has been given up by all the leading alienists, we are inspired to dedicate a bit of verse to the lady. Besides being pretty good, it takes up some more room.

For words that inspire

Hymns of hate,

These are the worst,

"I've a tentative date."

The graduate student who left his Botany notebook in a hash house of a nearby city can obtain same by calling at the COLLEGIAN office, if we remember to bring it with us. The waiter who picked it up originally couldn't figure it out at all. He referred it to an anthropologist who wandered in, and the anthropologist happened to know yours truthfully, and so here it is. You're welcome. We enjoyed this more than you did.

Crumbs from a loaf of the bread of life: Miss Bobbie Rhodes, whom you may remember as having been mentioned here in connection with freshman class elections, was highly elated when she heard about all the publicity . . . so much so, in fact, that she purchased a paper from Jerry Parker . . . Have you tried the new "Battleships" game? . . . one of the greatest little time-wasters yet invented . . . There's a move on foot to make attendance at the Interscholastic Ball in Pittsburgh a legal excuse for coming back to school late . . . It's tough when you really do have to blow your nose during one of these weepy fillums . . . Ruth Niebel, who is getting out of this college after three and a half years, is planning to study in Paris . . . she likes pastrami on rye and garlicked, dill pickles . . . It's an ill window that sells nobody any goods . . . The SAE's Fred O'Neill is a double for Boris Karloff, except that Fred knows that he's not an actor . . . Senior Ball . . . a Puddy Good dance . . . Bucknell has changed its mind about Waynesburg, the little team it never heard of . . . But Mr. Warnock, this "unchaperoned girl problem" really isn't any problem at all if you know how to handle it . . . Who was the bright little missy who said her ho-hum was a Communist, on account of he writes the Old Maniac?

FACULTY TO HELP STATE INDUSTRIES

Morse Will Head Temporary Group Planning Study of Business Needs in Pennsylvania

Following a recommendation of the College committee on relief, faculty members met Wednesday night to formulate plans for a committee on rehabilitation of Pennsylvania industries.

Adrian O. Morse, executive secretary to the President, was named temporary chairman of the committee, which will be selected from a group of faculty members whose work touches on the field to be studied. An intensive investigation of the needs of the industries now having difficulties will be made, Mr. Morse said.

Twenty faculty members attended the preliminary meeting Wednesday night at which an informal discussion of the plans in other sections was held. President Ralph D. Hetzel had suggested that the meeting be held immediately following the Christmas recess.

First reports of the faculty drive for relief funds were submitted at a general meeting of the committee on relief yesterday afternoon.

The Letter Box

Editor, Collegian,

Dear Sir:

Shortly before the Christmas vacation, a petition was published concerning the curtailment of expenses and the reduction of the subscription of the Senior Ball. Accompanying the petition was an editorial which doubted the success of the proposed plan on the ground that the student body would object to paying \$2.50 to dance to orchestras to which it has free access several times in the year.

I question whether any more objection would follow than to paying \$4.40 for a dance given by such orchestras as are brought around here as high class. Anyone will admit the desirability of dancing to one of the

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Branch Banking System, Elimination Of Small Units Favored by Prof. Dye

Elimination of small banks and introduction of a system of state-wide branch banking was given as a solution to the banking problem that is now confronting the country by Prof. Earl V. Dye, of the department of economics and sociology.

In pointing out the unfavorable influence of the small banks upon the financial system of the country, Prof. Dye cited the current report of the Comptroller which listed 84.5 percent of the bank failures during the last twelve years as being in banks under a \$100,000 capital.

"The fact that the small banks are those that fail indicates that their management is in the hands of incapable and inexperienced men," the economics professor declared. He placed all the blame for the failure of the small banks on mismanagement, since there is nothing inherent in the big bank that makes for financial strength and nothing in the small bank that makes for weakness.

Endorsing the system of branch banking, Prof. Dye admitted that it would tend toward consolidation but he proposed a state-wide limitation

few really great banks in the country, but since our class purse is not fat enough to purchase any in that class, where is the advantage of paying exorbitant prices for poorer orchestras? Our campus bands are not that inferior.

If the committee cannot see the plausibility of the plan, at least let it put the question to public senior vote and find the true status. Maybe its members are right, but a change must be made eventually, unless we are satisfied to sit back and watch one failure after another.

—L. R. C. '33

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