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FACING THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

Tomorrow afternoon liquor of all kinds will be legalized throughout the country. According to the latest information, there is nothing to prevent the sale of hard liquors in State College. The Pennsylvania liquor control act passed last week makes no provision for prohibiting the sale of liquors in the State College district, as the pre-Prohibition bill did. And neither College nor borough authorities have taken any action on the matter as yet. According to the liquor control act, it is doubtful whether they could prevent the sale of liquor here. The only legal steps to prevent sale would be a referendum which cannot be held until next November, a quarter sessions court decision upon petition of fifteen or more resident taxpayers, or a proclamation by the Governor.

No official expression of opinion has been made by College authorities on the matter. The wisest course for the present, however, seems to be the policy adopted when beer was legalized. In spite of all the predictions of a drunken orgy after April 7, the conduct of the student body was entirely commendable. Of course, there was a great deal of beer consumed by students, but it was not accompanied by increased drunkenness and disorderliness. Since no attempt was made to prevent students from buying beer in town, the "thrill" of surreptitious drinking was not present and the novelty of drinking beer legally soon wore off. In this town, at least, beer has not made a noticeable difference in student morals or conduct.

It would seem, therefore, that students could handle the hard liquor situation in the same reasonable manner that they displayed when confronted with legalized beer. Of course, 3.2 beer is not comparable to hard liquor in its effects on the drinker. But college is presumably a place where young men and young women are trained to face the problems of living and to master them. To shield them from a problem which they will have to face when they graduate is not exactly the best type of education. If they can learn in college that intoxication is individually and socially undesirable, so much the better.

The approach of the death-knell of Prohibition has been accompanied by surprisingly little of the ballyhoo that accompanied the return of beer. There have been no Bacchanalian orgies painted for this town after tomorrow. Perhaps this is evidence that students are willing to meet the situation as it comes unrestricted, and master it with good conduct and good sense. At least, they ought to be given a chance to show whether they are capable of handling it. If, after a reasonable trial, it can be shown that the sale of liquor in State College has lowered the students' morals, instilled the alcohol habit in students who had not already contracted it under Prohibition, and caused an unprecedented wave of student drunkenness, then authorities would be justified in prohibiting the sale in and around State College. Until then, the policy of tolerance adopted by such universities as Harvard and Johns Hopkins seems the logical one.

When members of the staff of the School of Agriculture honored Dean Ralph L. Watts last Tuesday, they were honoring a man who has served Penn State long and well. In his twenty-five years here, Dean Watts has developed a School of Agriculture which ranks with the best in the country. His interest in the affairs of the College and the community has been of real significance in the progress of the institution.

ALTHOUGH THE COMPLAINT of a Scarab member in the Letter Box this issue is justified in some respects, it is questionable just how much the Student Union dance Thanksgiving night hurt the attendance at the Beaux Arts Ball the preceding night. The attendance at the Ball was naturally limited to those students who could muster the two-dollar admission fee. The object of Student Union dances is to furnish inexpensive entertainment to the majority of students who may not be able to afford the price of a larger dance. A though no figures are available on the matter, it is probable that most of those who attended the Student Union dance would not have gone to the Ball even if there had been no Union dance the next night. This should not be taken to mean that the Beaux Arts Ball does not deserve support. On the contrary, a great deal of credit should be given to Scarab for sponsoring an affair of such refreshing originality. However, when the Student Union dance was scheduled, there was no idea of attempting to compete with the Scarab dance. Rather, it was thought that such a dance would enliven an otherwise drab Thanksgiving night for those students remaining at College.

The success of the dance confirmed this view. Perhaps it was unnecessary to hold two dances during the Thanksgiving period; perhaps there was a lack of cooperation. But it is a little presumptious to blame the financial failure of the Ball on the Student Union dance, when the nature of the two dances and the type of their attendance is different.

OLD MANIA

This may be Penn State to you, but right now it reminds us of the Missouri State College. Here we are with Demon Rum knocking on our very door, yet no one's a bit excited about it-no one believes

NIMRODS

"Ta ta ta, ta ta ta, ta ta ta," whistled Mr. Hos-

tetter, the purchasing agent, one day last week. "Good idea." answered Mr. Murtorff, the treasurer, who happened to hear him, "a-hunting we will

So, off they chugged, guns tucked under their arms. For a while they whistled and "ta ta'd" merrily, but the game was sparse so their enthusiasm soon waned. Anyway, it's a well-known fact that where there's no game, there's no fun. Take Hideand-go-seck, or Lay-sheepie-lay for example. Soon, however, Mr. Hostetter became so engrossed in saying, "Here, bunny, bunny, bunny, bunny, here bunny,' that he strayed away from his companion. It was right after this that Mr. Murtorff espied a small speck of white in a distant clump of bushes. "Ah. ha." murmured the Keeper of the Kash, "how fine you will look on a platter." And without further ado he took aim and squeezed the tricker.

The shot reached its mark all right, but that didn't affect Mr. Murtorff's platter. The little white speck turned out to be Mr. Hostetter's handkerchief which was reposing peacefully in his hip pocket. But what's the difference, a purchasing agent wouldn't look so good on a platter anyway, so why make game

FORWARD!

A quarter of a century of progress in the School of Agriculture was celebrated at a banquet in the Nittany Lion Tuesday. Only College food products were served. And there were speakers from far and wide. They extolled the progress in the Ag School but added that much was yet to be accomplished. They were right. At this celebration only two worms were discovered in the salads. Who knows, perhaps twenty-five years hence only one worm will attend. After that, the School must strive for perfection-no worms at all! Ever onward, ever onward!

X-COUNTRY NOTES

The co-ed cross-country run, in which Lion harriers represented various women's groups, was an unpremeditated success. Perhaps that's too subtle. We mean that the whole business opens up an entirely new field of vision for us, new possibilities. There could be so many other similar contests. Corner-Room-sitting contest, for instance. And then, turn about's fair play. Why not have the co-eds represent fraternities in a sock-darning contest, or a vest-button stitching match? The winners might be entitled to a date with the man of their choice at the fraternity they represent. And then may God help the winning fraternities!

Comment among the spectators at the recent hill and dale match was interesting: "This is a fowl race" . . . "Hurrah, the Thetas win by a neck" . . . "And the Phi Mus lose by a leg" . . . "Harrier up, or you'll lose" . . . "Harrier yourself, you brought

AS TIME HURRIES ON

One of the windows in the third floor, rear, of the Women's Building is attracting quite a large male audience nightly . . . swell place for a hot dog stand . . . and no, boys, Dean Ray's apartment is in the front of the building . . . The Grange gal that drank the quart of pickle juice was eating pie in the bath tub the other night . . . The new Student Directory lists Ronald Knapp as living at 138 S. Frazier . . which, if we're not very much mistaken, is a girl's dormitory . . . check up on that, Mr. Palmer Weaver Page YeMasters symbole Hillor at the Reany Arts . Peg McMasters snubbed Hitler at the Beaux Arts affair . . . her date didn't look Jewish either . . . the ball, incidentally, was a swell function . . . orchids to you, Scarabs . . .

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THE STEG AT EVE (For THE MANIAC)

'Collegian' Letter Box

I suggest that some new system be levised whereby a major dance like he Beaux Arts Ball can be held and not conflict with a minor affair, such as the Student Union dance. The one was supported because of its low subcrintion fee, while the other went un-

extra-curricular activities? If so, why didn't Scarab get some cooperation in their dance last Wednesday night? Both dances were sanctioned by the same persons, but the Beaux Arts Ball committee was not informed of a dance of such a nature on the following wight. ed of a dance of such a nature on the following night. Scarab was encouraged, I understand, to hold their dance Wednesday night as an attraction to keep students from excessive cutting over the vacation period just past.

Scarab made a very obvious attempt to cooperate with the College, but in return they were forced to see

but in return they were forced to see their efforts to give Penn State some-thing unique go unappreciated because of the competition from Student

-Scarab Member <u>---u--</u>

To the Editor: As the various all-College dances begin to roll around it seems that it would be opportune now to say something concerning the number of com-plimentary tickets which the various

Many dances in the past few years have gone under by \$300 or \$400, a fact which may be attributed mainly fact which may be attributed mainly to the one hundred and twenty passes, which at an average price of \$3.30 apiece, approximately make up the difference. If these "comps" were not required, by custom, to be given, the subscription price could be cut about one-fifth, and the financial loss wined out. riped out.

Insofar as many of the College customs" have been discontinued, is here any reason at all why this ather expensive one should continue to exist? Let's hear some opinions on

-Interested

To the Editor:

to those freshmen students who may be as ignorant of Penn State tradibe as ignorant of Penn State traditions as I am, I would never expose this narrative. Also I feel, I can, in part, refufe a portion of that ridicule. Several days ago, one of my closest friends living in one of the men's dormitories became suddenly ill. It was about 7 o'clock in the evening. He moaned and groaned with frenzied pain. His actions revealed the symptoms of a serious attack of ptomaine poisoning. I was alarmed and set about to secure the service of a physician. All the State College doctors were indisposed. My freshman handbook, I recalled, stated that the College physician would treat students in lege physician would treat students in rooms at the prevailing doctor their rooms at the prevailing doctors' fee. I called him (and it is here that I erred), 'and urged upon him the seriousness, of the case. But he regulated to come to the room, despite my pleadings. I reasoned that my year's health service fee should entitle me to his services, even though he should re-

ceive his regular charge. My ill friend's condition became more crit-

In a desperate move, I appealed to the Dean of Men for action, but "his hands were tied." Then in a final outburst, I related the predicament to the President of the College. His promise of action was shortly cultimated, when he himself, in comminded, when he himself, in comscription fee, while the other went under because of its added expense in giving the College something unusual. Is the College in favor of staying in the same old rut—mot desiring something original and different?

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My actions in that tale are pitiful, It have But how was I to know that it requires the jeers of boxing meet spectators to remove the physician from his fireside and not a student's urgent sick call? How was I to know of the College to secure the services of our "colorful doctor?" I was a fool, I admit, in believing that our health service fee entitled us to health service, although I am still at a loss to know what service our \$4 fee en titles us.

To the Editor:

May I agree with an article that appeared in the COLLEGIAN a short

time ago.
It happens that I entered Penn State at the beginning of this semes-ter as a transfer student from Ala-bama University. My first day on this campus was nothing more than

plimentary tickets which the various ter as a transfer student from Alaconmittees are required to hand out. Almost one hundred and twenty managers, captains, present and former class officers, editors and publications' staffs, coaches, cheer leaders, faculty members, and numerous other campus "big shots" are given free admissions to every dance, causing, in many cases, the so-called "deficits."

Many denses in the past few years were housed. At last I was told that prised to find that-few seemed to know where these venerable relies were housed. At last I was told that some of these were to be found in Rechall and others were in "some" one of the men's dormitories.

I finally found these trophic leaded warn in a cheaver of the man and the second warn in a cheaver of the men's dormitories.

closeted away in an obscure corner in the basement of Varsity hall—tar-nished, dusty, and unrevered. Penn Relay plaques hung unappreciated on the walls of the hall lobby. Team pictures grace both the lobby and the club-rooms below.

Must they always remain there?

DEAN RAY ANNOUNCES AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO 9 CO-EDS

How foolish I feel to be offering for publication a tale in which I myself am the appron of a ridiculous situation! Were I not prompted by a sense of duty to erect myself as an example to those freshmen students are cently. Home Economics scholarships were awarded to Eleanor C. MacLean '35 and Jean R. Beman '36:. The Jane to those freshmen students are considerable askeds. Nine women students have receive Campbell scholarships were awarde to Jeanette E. Beck '35 and Mary (

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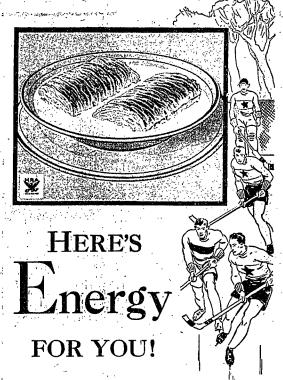
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