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**OUT OF DATE**

The attitude still exists, it seems, that it is the prerogative of a class dance chairman or other student official to make a little petty graft on the side. This year some of the seniors in responsible positions have taken the view that such an attitude cannot be justified, and consequently notable efforts have been made in stopping up some of the few remaining leaks. But now, to the contrary, it appears that some of the underclass politicians would not be averse to going back to old methods if they had the chance.

There are a number of rumors circulating around the campus to the effect that the recent Soph Hop poster contest was not conducted exactly on the square. To be sure, there are denials of these rumors on the part of interested parties, who maintain that the winning poster was selected fairly by a faculty judge. This is probably the truth, but nevertheless it is certain that an attempt was made to have the contest winner's complimentary ticket given back, in return for a previous favor.

Of course, this instance is inconsequential and scarcely worthy of mention. But the fact remains that the attitude of underclass "politicians" has not been wholly lily white. This has not been characteristic only of one clique, but of most of the smaller would-be office holders. The expressed attitude has been that if you have the chance to make a little pin money by means of your position, you should not pass up that chance.

Needless to say, such an attitude is distinctly out of step with the times and contrary to the actions of the student body as reflected by the more prominent student governmental leaders. It is held only by a few "campus politicians" who look upon their office as a means of enhancing their pocketbooks, in contrast to the others who consider a student office an opportunity for doing some good. The quicker these "politicians" rid themselves of their present view, the better it will be for their own future, if for no other reason.

**A CODE FOR CO-EDS**

Recent changes in the rules of the Women's Student Government Association and its presentation of a Code to the women of the College is a significant step forward in the educational program here. The development of a high sense of values is a very real part of education—and one which has, until recently, been sadly neglected among women students everywhere.

Rules have always, in a measure, precluded any thinking on the part of college women. It was a simple matter merely to decide that, if the rules permitted a thing, then that thing was right. Certainly little room was left for independent thinking and the development of some personal responsibility.

Immediately following the removal or "easing up" of any restriction there is always a decided tendency to take advantage of the new freedom. This situation in the past has made officials hesitate in changing restrictions. And rightly so, for it admittedly does not point to a student body that is capable of setting its own standards. It is probably true that after a few generations of college students had passed by, the situation would begin to mend itself. It is doubtful whether the reputation of co-eds here can survive this interim. If a W. S. G. A. Code can bring these facts to the attention of the women students so that they will develop good qualities as a result of their new freedom; if it can establish a tradition whose high standards will be more binding than rules, then assuredly it will be worthwhile.

One section of the Code deals with mental development. In this respect students here might realize and attempt to equal the progress being made in other colleges of the country. According to a statement made by Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, the women of that institution can "no longer be characterized by an attitude of blasé indifference." Although in recent years colleges of liberal arts have been "facing a wall of indifference," she believes that the past year has shown a decided increase in attendance at clubs, religious groups, discussion organizations and all worthwhile student activities.

Such a change of attitude in our own College cannot come from the efforts of a few, nor will a code of conduct and standards have any vital effect unless it meets a wholly receptive and sympathetic student body.

—M. W. K.

**OLD MANIA**

Flash! Dottum Boehm married to a Mr. Angell in New York.

Thank God?

Ex-Texas Ranger Yougel met with decisive defeat Saturday night. For in these many moons this defender of the State College populace has stood gallantly between the covering citizens and the terrible, hysterical onslaughts of the students. But on Saturday night as we said, he was humbled; never again can he stalk majestically down the sidewalks of the town and hear the admiring whisper, "There goes Chief Yougel, ex-Texas Ranger!"

At exactly, well approximately, one o'clock, The Chief noticed what appeared to be a dangerous gathering of some half dozen students clustered around the Froth bar. With characteristic decision he acted, ordering the mob to disperse, and the three loafers seated on top of the bar to scram.

The suddenness of the attack startled the crowd and for a moment it looked like a victory for the Chief. The loafers climbed down from the bar, all but one. He was reluctant. It seemed he was Froth editor, he owned the thing and considered it his inalienable right to sit upon it when he chose. Upon threats from authority, however, he too came down from his perch.

But not for long. After a hurried consultation Ye Froth editor and his vicious compatriots climbed back upon the bar determined to protect with their lives the honor of Froth and the Penn State Student.

Well, they waited and waited. Yougel drove by again and again but petulantly refused to climb out and arrest the rioters. Gradually the mob dispersed, fading one by one disconsolately in the dark, until at last there was but a solitary figure guarding the sanctity of the bar. Through the night he sat there, a proud, aloof figure . . . an editor ready to make supreme sacrifice . . . but no, Yougel refused to make the arrest.

At four o'clock he went home. The honor of Froth and the student body had been saved. From this day on Ex-Texas Ranger Chief Yougel Lord High Potentate of the Leitzeitlitz is shamed. Definitely. NOTICE!!

The column now of Old Mania is leaving our bed and board. Henceforth we refuse to be responsible for any debts contracted by her. For a year and a half we've been more or less married to the lady, and it's with a sigh of relief that we pass her on to our successors. May he have much joy of her; she's an attractive wench to have around but powerful hard to provide for, and shrewish? Teh! Teh!

So saying, we'll begin to sign off. We realize that we've never done justice to the Education School, the Y. M. C. A., Student Council, or the thousand other superfluous decorations of the College. However, in passing we offer our list, as is traditional, of great and infamous names, and leave the cherished institutions of uselessness for our successor to make faces at:

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| Dengler          | Champlin         |
| Werner           | Mitch            |
| Dickson          | Tanner           |
| Hasek            | Case             |
| Waller           | Grant            |
| Alderfer         | Ritner           |
| Bozack           | Burrage          |
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**AS OTHERS SEE IT**

**GUNNING FOR PEACE**

The Sage of San Simeon who recently has been filling his newspapers with propaganda for building up a big war machine finally came forward with a suggestion—that California should celebrate a "defense day." The paper sales idea took well with his readers and he immediately expanded—the proposed "day" became a "week."

Governor Rolph, who is starting his campaign machinery for re-election, agreed with the publisher and issued a proclamation setting aside the week of February 10 to 17 as the time especially for drumming up sentiment favoring greater armament . . .

The favorite theme of the jingo press is that the best way to keep peace is to be prepared for war. The United States is at peace with the world, yet the jingolists arouse in the nation a morbid fear of being attacked . . . Preparation for war is not and cannot be preparation for peace.

Secretary of War George H. Dern says armament will never prevent war. In discussing the World War he said: "One object of the war was to abolish war. That object certainly was not achieved, for Europe is still a powder keg and all nations are spending more money than ever for military preparedness. However, we won some things from the war that were not in the program. For example, we had a complete demonstration of the fallacy of the old tradition that preparedness prevents war. That is worth something."

On the other hand we have Messrs. Hearst and Rolph. Next week California will observe a week of defense demonstrations against horrible ogres of war—yellow, white, ethered. The people of the state will follow jingolists and politicians into a silly whirl of preparation—ready to fight wars to end wars.

—Daily Californian

**'Collegian' Letter Box**

To the Editor:

Greetings, D. A. P. I sincerely enjoyed your recent inspiring article in the Letter Box. Listen, Sonny, or possibly you are of the other sex; anyway, what I want to know is: Do you honestly believe that military armaments are the cause of war? Do you believe that the Asiatic and European countries have spent millions of dollars on armaments and placed the cream of their manhood under arms so that a few "unscrupulous capitalists" can have a little fun with a nice war? You give evidence of such beliefs, at any rate. That is also what the Socialists and Communists would have the rest of us believe too, though their usually aren't so bold-faced about it.

I'm afraid I wasted a good five minutes trying to discover you in the directory but I must admit failure. You at least did not have any such difficulty in discovering me, I hope. At any rate, speaking of psychology and history (S. K. Stevens' courses excepted), your studies along these lines were obviously spent in absorbing the products of some of our local liberal clubs. What you evidently need is a little sound logic and some common sense, with possibly a towel to dry your ears.

I ask you, why the armaments you speak about? After all, the people of Europe are paying for them, and these same people stand to wind up under the sod according to you. Do you think a Frenchman wants to spend his money and get a bayonet in his belly, and that he wants to let those "obnoxious capitalists" have their "fun"? The question is, why is he doing these "suicidal" things? Instead of giving him hell for doing them, Mr. Pacifist, why not take the trouble to find out his reasons for doing them? If you will ask a Frenchman who is not a Socialist what the reasons are, and if you ask any history prof. (S. K. Stevens excepted) what the basic causes of war are, you will receive the same answers. In your process of *reductio ad absurdum*, you have concluded to place the blame for wars on armaments and capitalists. As for armaments, we could abolish every weapon of modern war, destroy every single implement, yet this little old of ours could immediately stage the bloodiest war in the history of man. Abolishing armaments doesn't cure the causes for their existence. These devilish modern implements of war such as the airplane, tank, poison gas etc. don't win wars, though the lack of any one of them may mean defeat. They are accessories and auxiliary weapons to enable the soldier in the field to do his job and hold ground. The ancient sword and spear wars with knives in some form or other, and if modern weapons were abolished, war could immediately be fought and won with knives. Incidentally the World War was won with knives in the form of bayonets, just as all wars before were won, and all future wars are likely to be won. No, Son, doing away with modern armaments won't cure war; for they are not the cause. As for blaming the capitalists for wars, all I have to say is, I'm a peace-loving man and I thank God the Socialists and Communists have never had much chance to run the governments of the world. The "peaceful" riots in Paris and Vienna recently, and the "quiet" demonstration in Madison Square Garden were far too vicious for a "bloodthirsty" capitalist like myself. What a grand opportunity these "benign and peaceful Socialists and Communists" would have for a "peaceful" world revolution if the armed forces of the present governments were removed! These gentlemen preach pacifism, yet they and their kullible converts have the nerve to point out the enormous "benefits" which would go with the overthrow of the capitalists.

May I suggest, dear D. A. P., that you review your psychology and history, and apply a little logic to the situation before your next attempt to kid the public? I realize you will follow my suggestions, but please bear in mind, Old Son, I'm just as strongly opposed to war as you are.

—J. C. M. '34

To the Editor:

I attended the Syracuse-Penn State boxing meet and came away wondering why a Penn State team has to participate in a contest under such incompetent officiating. I do not mean the decisions. They were bad enough, but "hometown" decisions I suppose, must be accepted. I do believe, however, that all officials handling college sports should have some knowledge of that sport, in this case college boxing. It was apparent that the referee Saturday had little knowledge of boxing as done by college boys. Do not "The Powers that Be" at State College have something to say on the subject of officials at the meetings of the Boxing Association? I am not alone in my criticism. I have talked with Syracuse townspeople, Syracuse alumni, and Syracuse students who feel as I do that the meet was a discredit to college boxing. Cannot something be done to make most boys quit, McFarlane stuck it out and finished his career in a highly creditable manner.

Whatever McFarlane may have done to incur the disapproval of the student body should have had no place on the basketball court. What he may have done off the basketball court was strictly his own business. On the court he attended strictly to basketball business. If he could have paused for a moment Saturday night to see the servers turn to cheering when he made ready to attempt those free throws it might have given him some little satisfaction to feel that he had done the best he could.

As a player McFarlane was entitled to the same consideration as any other player. It is unnecessary to say that he didn't get it.

I realize, Mr. Editor, that there is no particular point in writing this letter now. McFarlane's basketball playing is water over the dam; but perhaps it is not amiss to point out now that athletes of the future should be accorded better treatment. Let us not take the chance of depriving future Penn State teams of this type of fighting heart.

—P. N. S.

To the Editor:

For the information of your readers, we quote a letter received from Mr. A. R. Elliott, Secretary of the National Council of Student Christian Associations:

"My attention has been directed to the statement by 'J. C. M. '34' in the COLLEGIAN of February 19, in which it is implied that the Penn State Christian Association was dismissed from affiliation with the National Y. M. C. A." Doubtless this already has been corrected by the editors, unless perhaps such an implication is so contrary to common knowledge that no correction is considered necessary. Precisely the opposite, I am glad to know, is the case. Relations both official and personal between the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. and the Penn State Christian Association are distinctly harmonious and rewarding, and never have been more so."

—Carson W. Culp '34  
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**In the Faculty . . .**

"The entire running expenses of the College could be paid by the profits which the farmers of Pennsylvania have made annually by using 'Pennsylvania 44' wheat rather than any other kind in existence. This breed was originated by a member of the College faculty—Dr. Charles F. Noll." This excerpt was one of the College's strongest selling points during its eight million dollar bond issue campaign in 1928.

With but few exceptions, Dr. Noll has been working on experimental agronomy here since 1908. He has specialized in selecting and cross-breeding farm crops with the view of discovering better strains that would increase yields, quality, and resistance to plant disease. His first noteworthy contribution was "Pennsylvania 44" wheat, afterward named "Nittany" wheat.

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Dr. Noll was graduated here in 1906 and was appointed as an assistant in the agronomy department two years later. In 1911 he received his Master's degree from Cornell University. Twelve years later he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the same institution.

**Students Enrolled From All Counties, 15 States This Year**

Every county in Pennsylvania, fifteen other states, and two other continents are included in the territory represented by Penn State's student body of 4,180 undergraduates, according to the annual report from the office of the registrar.

More than ninety percent of the undergraduate enrollment is drawn from Pennsylvania, with Allegheny county sending 304, the largest number of students. Centre county was second, followed by Philadelphia county. Other states represented are Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia.

The report also showed that the Presbyterian faith, for the second consecutive year, claims the largest number of adherents, a total of 857, a gain of fifteen over last year's figure. Other large groups include Methodist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, Hebrew, Protestant Episcopal, and Baptist. Twenty-seven different sects are represented.

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**Speaking Of Books**

"An Economic Revolution" by Arthur B. Adams.

American voters today are divided into three groups—(1) those who believe the recent economic changes are permanent, and will be expanded; (2) those who believe the recent economic changes were warranted by the emergency but that they are temporary and that with better times the old order will be restored; and (3) those who believe the economic changes were and are wrong and that we should immediately abandon them and return to individualism and laissez-faire. The author looks beyond even the present panaceas into a government-controlled future.

"The Dollar, the Franc and Inflation" by E. L. Dulles.

Money is a subject which influences every citizen. At once inflation appeals as a means of lowering debt and providing more currency. This book attempts to show that inflation does not solve the debt problem but rather makes it more difficult for the small debtor. The experience of France is set forth as a warning and the need for a stable exchange value emphasized.

"Witch's Cauldron" "A Shadow Passes" by Eden Philpotts.

These stories continue the study of a strange personality begun in "Freak in the Bone." Against a beautiful background of rural England the sinister influence and activities of a relentless woman upon her son and daughter-in-law are developed. Murder is evoked and the problem of a tainted inheritance.

"The Prophet," "The Wanderer," by Kahlil Gibran.

Books of parables, poetry and philosophy by one of the greatest geniuses from the Near East, a poet whose works have been translated into twenty languages, and a painter whose works have been exhibited in the great capitals of the world. His volumes "The Prophet," "The Wanderer" and others are illustrated with his own drawings.

"The World's Economic Dilemma," by E. M. Patterson.

It is all a question of international economics. How can a world economically unified and interdependent exist when it is politically divided and even sub-divided? Population, production, markets, finance and many other questions are involved. The United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, and Japan receive special study.

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