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WHAT CAN A COLLEGE PAPER DO?

Beginning with the next issue, a new senior staff will guide the policies of this paper. Like their predecessors for countless years, they will enter office filled with new ideas and enthusiasm for change. Like the others, their patience will be tried and their good judgment tested by the many problems that confront college editors

This year has been no editors' paradise. Attempts to raise the editorial policy above intellectual complacency have sometimes met with the rebuffs of conflicting interests. There have also been unwise acts and hasty judgments. There have been moments of futility moments of satisfaction, moments of regret.

An audit of the year is in order. Has the COL-LEGIAN really done anything? The answer would have to be that it has only partially fulfilled the possibilities open to it. Many things have been left untouched; others have been handled with care. Compromises have been made when the whole interest was best served by them. The objective of a live editorial and news policy has fallen short of the mark. Many things have been printed which belonged to the morgue before they reached the press.

Yet there is a feeling that some progress has been made. The reduction in the cap and gown fee with a saving to seniors of \$3.00, passed by Student Board, was the outcome of an initial investigation and suggestion by this paper. Likewise, several other reforms made this year by student governmental groups were first suggested in these columns: the reduction of class presidents' and dance chairmen's salaries to \$50, limitation of dance committees, abolition of the afternoon Move-Up Day exercises, and passing of measures to eliminate key cutbacks. Evidences of the militaristic attitude have been opposed, national issues have been discussed when they were of student interest, dishonest and inefficient student finances have been opposed in all forms, and honoraries, student government, and other student groups have been questioned in the light of their usefulness. All sides of student opinion have been given full voice in the Letter Box.

The accusation of a "stodgy student press," however, has been a real one. The explanation is not simple. Certainly there has been no administrative censorship of the sort that occasionally appears in other colleges. But there is an unconscious censorship or restraint which is exercised by various student groups. As long as the editor of a college paper is automatically a member of a number of student governmental groups, there is going to be some influence working against the socalled "fearless editorial policy." If the editor is one of the boys, he is not going to about face in print when a difference of opinion occurs. On the whole, he is going to be fairly tolerant of the policies and mistakes of student leaders. Some of this tolerance may arise, however, from a more complete knowledge of the whole situation gained by intimate contact with those who decide student policies. In many cases, a circumstance which on the surface appears to be a good subject for an editorial tirade, turns out upon investigation to be less susceptible to attack.

This unconscious (or conscious) influence seems to be typical of newspapers in general. The difference in editorial policy seems to be the difference between the "ins" and the "outs." When Odgen Reid counts Ogden Mills among his close social and personal friends, he is not going to denounce decrepit Republicanism in the editorial columns of his Herald Tribune. But when Clarence Hathaway cannot be spoken of socially or per sonally in the same breath with Mellon or Morgan, his Daily Worker attacks on the international gamblers of Wall Street are not likely to be tempered by a personal friendship or social imminence. Those who ask complete freedom from restraint of a college paper, therefore, ask more than they realize. Unless the editors have that mixture of courage and insanity which few possess, their utterances are bound to be tempered by thoughts of the consequences and considerations of personal contact always present in the inner circles of the student body. As it is, many times the editors experience a decided cynicism as to what they have already tried to accomplish. Often the opposition to a relatively trivial thing is such that they feel like throwing in the towel and saying, "What's the use?" It is only a certain amount of idealism which is stronger than criticism that makes them continue. To expect this idealism to be complete and searching, however, is leaving out of the equation the human element in the make-up of most college editors. Maybe someday the millenium will come.

OLD MANIA

The Penn State COLLEGIAN isn't the only rag that yearns after news to the point of making it up out of their head. Direct proof of the foregoing statement may be found in the columns of the renowned Pittsburgh Press of April 4. One Adele Moyer, Press newshawk, clears all wires, and sends a screeching hot dispatch, direct from the ringside of Interfraternity Ball. Only she calls it Houseparty. It seems that three Pittsburgh maidens were the

proud possessors of bids from the Phi Gamma Delta house. Sister Adele then paints a beeyootiful pitcher of what said maidens were to enjoy. The jolly round of box lunches and ham fries begins Friday evening with a "chain dance" in which "each fraternity holds a dance, and the couples go from one house to another during the evening, dancing and lunching a bit at each one." The three Pittsburgh females would seem to be female Gargantuas if they were to lunch a bit at each of the 54 bouses. Saturday morning passes like a dream while the

three Pittsburgh females "take horseback rides or hikes." Attendance at an athletic event and an afternoon tea fills the afternoon. Then the formal dinner party is enjoyed by the three Pittsburgh femmes.

'After the dinner comes the formal dance. It is then that the visitors look their prettiest, in smart gowns which many of them have purchased just for the houseparty." Probably with Octagon Soap Cou-"Sunday morning the young couples go to pons. church. The afternoon is devoted to strolls or con-

versation." Fill in your own conversation. Sister Adele rings the curtain down with a tender tableau that tugs at your heartstrings. "The station at Bellefonte is a colorful place at the conclusion of the houseparty week-end with boys bidding their young friends "goodbye" and attractive young girls boarding the train for home"--- to mamma and their peaceful afternoons with the stereoptican.

* * * * * * We got another item for our book on "Life Among

the Aborigines" yesterday. One of our well known ornaments of higher education came to Doc Dunaway's class under the influence. A fun-loving Rover Boy who sits behind him constructed a pyre under the be fuddled one's seat and set it alight. The flames were shooting skyward and the smoke had well nigh filled the room when the eminent Doctor entered. Drawing himself up and gathering his robes about him, the Doc intoned, "I'll have no smoking in my classroom, please!"

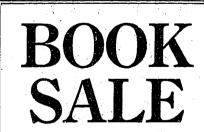
Doctor Waller is hereby granted full rights to the item for his book on College Life.

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The Alpha Chi Sigs and the Phi Sows jined up to do some dancing at the Nittany Lion on Saturday. The Brothers Phi Psi had not recked with the cunning ways of the Alpha Chi Sigs, however. The admission list was drawn up so cleverly that several Phi Psi's and their "attractive young girls" cooled their heels in an anteroom for an unreasonably long time before the dignitaries at the door admitted them. They even had fraternity pins and everything.

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The COLLEGIAN board made a lot of enemies Sunday night. The colossal blowout that follows COL-LEGIAN elections, for which COLLEGIAN men starve themselves for weeks in order to eat as much as they possibly can, is usually held in the Corner Room and can easily be located by the swarms of everloving "nals" that surround the COLLEGIAN booth to eat on the new editor. The "pals," consisting of everyone in the Corner, were drooling with expectancy at the appointed time. All the crafty new editor did was to hire a room upstairs and throw his feast there. Nary a "pal" got in. Threats of bloody vengence have been heard on every side. Several Froth men are going around mumbling in their beards. "Just let those COLLEGIAN guys try to crash the Froth banquet."



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THE PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

Footlights

Polity Waiters_____Rankets Garlson Elmer ______Samuel Wolfson Babs Wilson ______H. Grace Baer Fluffy Fiske_____William B. Edwards Professor Louis Benson.Jules Vernik Colonel Tomlinson.Richard W. Grant Tom, Dick, Howie__Norman Holland,

sadore Levinson, Ira Sendroff. Taking a cast of over seventy-five nusicians, dancers, singers, and principals, and moulding the mass into a complete, satisfactory entetainment is no easy task. In "My Stars," presented to an appreciative Interfraternity Ball week-end audience Saturday night, "Sock" Kennedy did just that. The plot, an overworn college life affair, plot, an overworn college life aftuir, was, to say the least, weak-kneed, but, interspersed with plenty of singing, dancing and Jimmy Norris' well-handled though perhaps rather musty gugs, provided two hours of entertain-

As Babs Wilson, ingenue lead, Grace

As blues which ingende teal, of the second s daisical stage crew to get the scenery shifted. We didn't find them. Whether it was the excellent music of Duke Morris's aggregation, the speed of Morris's aggregation, the speed of the crew, or the atmosphere, we don't know. We'll hazard a large red apple for the stage crew, although we think that Emery May's trombone soloing lings, aided and abbetted by the Ryan, Dyer, Kiere violins may have had a line to do with the shortening the The fault, however, seems to us to lie The fault, however, seems to as to be the more with the role than with the actor. 'Bill Morrison' was a too im-possible person. Judgment of spec-tators seemed to be that Dixon did as good a job of attempting to humanize the role as could be expected.

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bill internessing and too. Probably the most convincing cast-internessing and excellent work-bill actually seemed to have a little internessing and actually seemed to have a little internessing actually actually seemed to have a little internessing actually actuall

vards put the dormitory room scene good as previous shows, perhaps, but (Helen was, under the bed) over as excellent entertainment for the week-one of the best set-ups of the show. end. Three scenes out of the ten pro-

In Our Faculty . . .

'Versatile' is the adjective which omes closest to describing Dr. Eugene Woodruff, of the department of lectrical engineering. He has severa

A new discovery by an Ohio State noteworth electrical inventions to his University scientist: "Too much credit; he owns and operates one of studying and close work are the the most complete amateur radio sta-major causes for the weak and tions in the State; he is one of the strained eyes of many students," three members of the Engineering fa-stated Dr. Clarence R. Ellis, of the department of applied optics.

On Other

Campuses

Among his inventions which have wide commercial use are a control de A "Penny Toaster"-marshmallow vice for multiple unit electrical cars, and an improved method of transroast with an one-cent cover charge -was held at Oberlin College to raise funds to buy ping pong equipment. former coupling in radio Dr. Woodruf is also fond of inventing gadgets which ould make Rube Goldberg turn green

They don't believe in old-Iasnonee. superstitions at Carleton College. One of his favorites is an invention. Thirteen seniors have just been elec- which he made for his automobile to ted to their chapter of Phi Beta insure against its being stolen. In order to unlock the transmission one must They don't believe in old-fashioned with envy.

Co-eds Beware! A librarian of the honk, turn the key, and then sound the horn again. british Phrenological Society recent-ly maintained that flat-headed men are conceited and faithless. Before the recent depression hit the

automobile industry, he received a free Dusenberg each year as partial pay West Virginia University faculty members conduct annual fire schools to aid in training village firemen throughout the state. ** Condo at the Mishime State refused to eliminate football as an intercollegiate sport at that institu-tion. * * Albany (N.Y.) State College for Feachers. They've found him at last! "An-thony Adverse Is Now in College Li-brary," is a headline in the Western State Teacher's College paper. FERA projects at Westminster College include window washing and floor polishing. Dr. H. B. Schaeffer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, resigned re-paper to the merchant for wrappings cently because the board of trustees for herrings. National Student Federation

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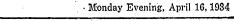
adds greatly to the noise and dis-turbance of readers and here again the ventilation and heating and also the lighting are unsatisfactory. It is high-jy important that we provide adequate and hygienically satisfactory conditions reading rooms. In order to fulfill its function ade-quately and efficiently in the college and university of today, the library must provide quite, confortable, ade-quately heated, lighted and ventilated in order that the readers may achieve the best results.

KIRK, WYLAND WILL ADDRESS

PITTTSB'GH EDUCATION SOCIETY

Profs, Mabel E. Kirk and Mary Profs. Mabel E. Kirk and Mary Jane Wyland, of the department of education and psychology, will speak at a meeting of the Progressive Edu-cation association which will be held in the William Penn hotel, Pittsburgh,





April 16 to April 21 to aid in training village firemen throughout the state. **Publishers Reminders** Co-eds at the Michigan State Normal College have organized their own prom. This year they are call-ing it "County Fair." LIBRARY BOOKS SHELF-WORN GENERAL BOOKS All at Greatly Reduced Prices The present college girl is a well-balanced picture of courtesy, en-thusiasm, cheerfulness, and courage, according to Dean V. C. Gildersleeve, Keeler's of Barnard College. FERA projects at Westminster College include window washing and Cathaum Theatre Building One week April 16 to April 21

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