

PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

Successor to The Free Lance, established 1887.

Published semi-weekly during the college year, except on holidays, by students of The Pennsylvania State College, in the interest of the college, the students, faculty, alumni, and friends.

THE MANAGING BOARD: JOHN A. BRUTZMAN '35 Editor, JACK A. MARTIN '35 Business Manager, FRED W. WRIGHT '35 Sports Editor, GEORGE A. RUTLEDGE '35 Circulation Manager, KENNETH C. HOFFMAN '35 Managing Editor, B. KENNETH LYONS '35 Local Advertising Manager, JAMES H. WATSON JR. '35 Assistant Editor, HARRY J. KNOPP '35 Foreign Advertising Manager, PHILIP W. FAIR JR. '35 Assistant Managing Editor, JOHN J. MATTHEWS '35 Asst. Foreign Advertising Manager, A. CONRAD HAIGES '35 News Editor, EARL G. KEYSER JR. '35 Asst. Local Advertising Manager, JAMES B. BEATTY JR. '35 News Editor, MARGARET W. KINSLOE '35 Women's Managing Editor, MARCIA B. DANIEL '35 Women's Editor, ELSIE M. DOUTHETT '35 Women's News Editor

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: John K. Barnes Jr. '35, W. Bernard Frensch '35, Vance O. Packard '36, Harry H. Henderson Jr. '35, William P. McDowell '35, John E. Miller Jr. '35, Donald P. Sanders '36, Charles M. Schwartz Jr. '36

ASSOCIATE BUSINESS MANAGERS: Philip G. Evans, William B. Heckman '36, Leonard T. Stief '36, Roland W. Oberholzer Jr. '36, William H. Skirble '36

Editorial Offices, 313 Old Main—Telephone 560

Application made for entry at the Post Office, State College, Penna., as second-class matter.

Tuesday, November 20, 1934

WITH MORE THAN conventional sadness we prepare the obituaries of the victims of Friday's tragedy. College seems such a pleasant, carefree place that any such occurrence strikes deeper than usual. The students who will never complete their courses, the rooming house proprietors familiar to so many, and the alumni universally remembered and respected have left a definite void in the environment. Certainly their brief stays here have left a contribution which will linger.

TOWARD COOPERATION

The approval of the set-up of the Schools of Liberal Arts and Education marks the final step in a co-ordination that should mark a definite improvement in matters curricula. For a long time, an overlapping between the two Schools occasioned much confusion in the determination of courses and scheduling. The two were so closely related that misunderstanding were inevitable.

Probably the point most appreciated by faculty members is the pronounced wish for greater participation in the formulation of departmental policies. At the same time, division heads will welcome an executive secretary to carry the administrative duties. It would seem most impractical to saddle the foremost men of each department with an undue amount of office work.

One of the most interesting features of the plan is the uniformed policies regarding admittance into the Upper Division. At present, a committee is working on the requirements for the entrance of juniors. Routine subjects, such as proficiency in English and Languages are to be expected, but the rest of the tentative prerequisites will be awaited with no little interest. Recommendations from departmental heads must be secured, while certain aptitude tests will be arranged. Personal qualifications have also been listed as one of the tentative requirements for admission to the Division.

Just what will be faculty attitude on these last points? Is it possible and probable that anyone will attend classes here for two years and then discover that his personality bars him from completing his education? It does not seem plausible that many will be kept from the Division. There are too many students who have to drop out.

THE OPEN SEASON for candidate gunning on the part of honoraries is just around the corner. Undoubtedly, the annual investigation of the value of such organizations will be started soon. Now more than ever, the question of their worth is being raised. There is little quarrel with a few well-established organizations nor with professional fraternities which contribute further to the knowledge of their members, but honor for merely honor's sake is empty, very empty.

Intrinsically, most keys have little value removed from the campus, and now that financial exigencies have tended to lower initiation fees, even the gold content of the keys has been lowered until the trade-in value is almost nothing.

SIGNIFICANT, IF TRUE

In line with the increasing significance of the college man's participation in governmental affairs comes the announcement that a laboratory course in training for public affairs is being offered by the National Institution of Public Affairs of Washington. Under the proposed plan, each student will serve as an apprentice to some governmental official.

The course will be conducted by social science professors on leave of absence from various institutions. Students will attend conferences of high officials, observe the practical operations of the Federal government, and serve a so-called "internship" which will include actual work in a department of particular personal interest.

Should this plan be carried out in the best possible manner, much practical benefits can be expected. There is little question that far too little is known about the functions of the Federal government. If this is a sincere undertaking and students are actually allowed to observe important conferences, a vivid conception of administrative problems will be developed, with the probability existing that College training can be utilized better to meet them. On the other hand, it is altogether too likely that the whole matter will be swallowed up in "political expediency" and only the harmless little matters will be discussed before such classes. The plan sounds entirely too ideal to be realized.

OLD MANIA

That James Stephens, who's to talk in the auditorium Thursday is surely no daisy-picking poet with vine leaves in his hair is now certainly evident to us. We have Prof. Bill Werner, of the estimable Eng. Lit. dept. to thank for the proof. He sent it to us with the following note: "Perhaps the Collegian columnist might like to print a poem by James Stephens. It deals with an Irishman who has been bounced out of a saloon by a muscular barmaid. This is what he thinks of her"

RIGHTEOUS ANGER

The lanky hank of a she in the inn over there Nearly killed me for asking the loan of a glass of beer: May the devil grip the whey-faced slut by the hair, And beat bad manners out of her skin for a year.

That parboiled imp, with the hardest jaw you will see On virtue's path, and a voice that would rasp the dead, Came roaring and raging the minute she looked at me, And threw me out of the house on the back of my head!

If I asked her master he'd give me a cask a day; But she with the beer at hand, not a gill would arrange! May she marry a ghost and bear him a kitten and may The High King of Glory permit her to get the mangle.

—James Stephens.

REFORMATION UNDER PRESSURE

King Burke has himself the reputation of being one of Nature's noblemen, cool, polite, and he's worked hard to keep the reputation. But no more. He's anti-politeness now. No longer will he be a gentleman at all times.

He was helping walk an elderly, mustachtoed gentleman home Saturday night, and having a swell time. He and the elderly gent wandered slowly out College avenue. Every time Burke would meet one of his many pals he'd chime, "This is my Grand-pap, he always gets this way on houseparty," and then all three of them would laugh and laugh.

They were about to the Power Plant when someone he had never seen before unaccountably tapped Burke on the shoulder and snarled, "If you ever do that again I'll kill you." Burke ejaculated an amazed, "What?" Just as the newcomer (police description, six feet, fairly heavy, with small black mustache) swung, first on Burke, then at the old gent.

Now Burke never lets people beat up old gentlemen. He lit into the intruder, and, after awhile, knocked him firmly down. Then he made his error. Gentlemanlike, he waited for the guy to get up. The guy didn't—he was no gentleman. He tackled our hero, got on top of him, and efficiently banged his noggin against the curb.

After awhile Burke smiled vaguely, and got up, with assistance. He looked around for the victor, didn't see him anywhere. The old gentleman was standing there. The crowd had gathered and they were standing there. Burke was standing there. The mug had gone.

Burke helped the old gentleman on down the street and then went home to philosophize. Finally he reached a decision. No longer will he be a gentleman at all times. It just doesn't pay.

Trick of the week—Mel Fox held six pals, including dates, at bay in his apartment Saturday night. He was polite about it, merely wandered into the room holding a gun, murmured, "All of you sit still or I'll shoot," in the best Gandland Novel manner, and then stood there. After awhile he left the silent-scared room. So did his friends, precipitously.

—THE MANIAC

FOOTLIGHTS

"Bargin' Around," a short revue directed by Prof. Richard W. Grant and J. Ewing (Sock) Kennedy, and presented by the Penn State Thespians and the Men's Glee Club in Schwab auditorium, Saturday night, November 17.

Though the great God Thespis might have been shocked at what passed for art at the Thespian-Glee Club show Saturday night, he undoubtedly would have been entertained. Thrown together with all the rhyme and reason of a first class pajama parade, the show nevertheless possessed all the color and speed necessary to keep a none too critical houseparty audience happy.

Shades of long gone Thespians roamed the boards during that division's part—the smirking faces of Norris and Johnston, of Vance and Baer, of Malmad, and of the Whelan-Porterfield-Merrill combine peeped out from behind the reincarnations of their acts, as presented by the moderns, Edwards, Taylor, Binns, Parker, Dixon and Hutchinson.

To Sock Kennedy must go great credit for his masterful attempt at really moulding together a jumble of half-forgotten scenes from the Thespian shows of a dozen years, mixing in a few new numbers, and coordinating his part of the show with that produced by the Glee club. By means of a clever traveller, executed by Henry K. Porterfield, and by the interlocutor-like work of rubberneck Graham Luckenbill, he almost achieved a sort of continuity.

The Glee club slipped seriously in only one number—the excerpt from the "Desert Song." Even the excellent voices of Ralph DuVze, bass, Harlan Worthley, baritone, and Jack Yeager, tenor, couldn't save that presentation from falling flat. The number was well done, but entirely out of place on a light program such as the one Saturday night.

In "The Song of the Wheel," written by John Naylor and Robert Bassett, of the English composition department, the vocal organization, aided by the Thespian men's chorus, made up for the showing in the Desert song number. Beautifully staged, and effectively sung, the symbolic song of the workers in the Detroit automobile factories carried to every member of the audience the story of sweat and toil involved in the making of a labor saving device. Bassett and Naylor deserve highest praise for this composition, as well for their lighter contribution, "I've Got a Week-End to Share."

By far the most unconventional number of the whole review was the singing of "St. Louis Blues" by the Girls' Singing Chorus, with Sandra Schindler doing a pseudo-Ethel Waters as the lead. Miss Schindler threw her body, as well as her soul, into the rendition of the number. It is unfortunate that she is not a dancer—a flavoring of gracefulness would have added the final touch to a number that was certainly completely different from what has been done here recently.

On Other Campuses

Did you ever hear about the Rhodes scholar candidate from Illinois who was refused because he didn't know what Amy Gump's political aspirations were?

The Dartmouth classmates of Bob Michlet paid him their greatest honor by electing him permanent president of the class of '34. This was extraordinary because Bob Michlet was dead. During his four years at Dartmouth, Michlet was chosen as the most versatile, the most popular, most respected, and the one who had done the most for Dartmouth. He played guard on the football team, he swam for the varsity, each spring he hurled weights for the track team. In his senior year he was made a senior Fellow and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, was president of his fraternity and of his class, and headed the student governing body.

Excuses for cuts are not required at the University of Kansas because the maintenance cost of the absence file in the dean's office was too expensive.

One of the candidates for editor of the annual at Southern Methodist University is conducting his campaign by means of victrola records. Popular tunes accompany words emphasizing his qualifications. One revised song has a refrain, "Now's the time to vote for Horn."

The lie-detector is being used by the Northwestern University Law school officials to force students to return stolen books to the library.

More than 90 per cent of the students at Loyala University come from Chicago and its suburbs. One-third are sons of American-born parents, while one-quarter claim Irish descent.

And from way out west where men are men and ping-pong is a dangerous game. At any rate, one student player at the University of Montana got a six-inch gash on his forehead while playing.

Will an intoxicated hen lay more eggs than her sober sister? This is the problem the agricultural department of the University of Wisconsin has set out to solve. It comes from a report that an intoxicated chicken lays three eggs to one of the sober hen.

Advertisement for Hotel Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Features: Philadelphia's Most Convenient Hotel, 39th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. Rates: \$2.50 Single with Bath, \$4.00 Double with Bath. Includes unlimited parking.

Letter Box

To the Editor: R.S.V.P. '36 in his recent letter to the COLLEGIAN about the Artists' Course has completely misrepresented the situation. He is entirely in error when he charges the committee with misuse of its funds.

Not a penny goes to the local musical groups under the direction of Mr. Grant. The simple facts are as follows: The Artists' Course committee budgeted a small sum of money to secure four artists to sing the solo series in the forthcoming performance of the "Messiah" by the local choral society. Purchasers of the regular Artists' Course series tickets at no additional expense will hear four high ranking New York soloists including Mary Craig, brilliant young soprano, Robert Betts, tenor who has sung with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, Myrtle Leonard, contralto, and Arthur Anderson, bass baritone; and members of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Far from being a "chisel," Mr. Grant has given unsparingly of his time and energy to make the course a success, and it was largely due to his individual initiative that it was reestablished last year.

Calm yourself, R.S.V.P. '36, and rest assured that the Artists' Course committee, made up of representative faculty and students, is not passing out any money to "local talent."

A Student With The Facts '35

To The Editor: At the present time, when elections to the various honor societies are being considered, reiteration of the rules of the Honor Society Council may be of interest.

The Honor Society Council comprises in its membership all of the honor societies for which scholastic merit is recognized as a requirement and includes those societies which participate on Scholarship Day.

"Article 2. Membership. Section 2, Paragraph 1. To be entitled to the distinction of high scholarship, a student should be in the upper one-fifth of his class in the college (not school) in average grade for all his studies, including the semester previous to his election. This standard should be strictly adhered to by those Honor Societies which now elect from the enrollment of an entire school or more. These include: Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, and Gamma Sigma Delta. Those societies, which elect from a more limited number of students, such as from a department in one school, including Eta Kappa Nu, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and Chi Epsilon, may elect from the upper one-fourth of the class. The question as to whether any Honor Society is to elect from the upper one-fifth or upper one-fourth of the class shall be decided by the Honor Society Council.

Paragraph 2. Election to an Honor Society shall take place not earlier than the second semester of the junior year; except that twenty per cent of the eligible juniors may be elected in the first semester. This rule does not apply to the Freshman Honor Societies, i.e., Phi Eta Sigma, and Alpha Lambda Delta.

Prof. H. A. Everett

To The Editor: While attending the debate with Oxford, it occurred to me that the sentiment of State College reacted decidedly against the continuance of compulsory military training.

Although I am probably an anti-militarist, it seems to me that it is obvious to even the most elementary powers of observation that there is indisputably, one redeeming feature to the solution. It cannot be denied that the pursuance of the advanced courses in R.O.T.C. is not prompted by interest in military training particularly, but the students provide themselves with a source of income which they receive from their salary.

DR. GRACE S. DODSON, OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, Special Attention to Sinus Trouble, 124 S. Pugh St. Phone 454-J

Mechanical Engineers Perfect 'Blood Count' Test For Automobiles

A "blood count" for engines, something new in automobile tests, has been perfected here by the mechanical engineering department.

Under this new treatment of engine oil, the oil is examined in much the same way that physicians study human blood. In the tests the oil reveals little particles, seen only under a microscope, averaging about one two-hundred and fifty thousandth of an inch in diameter.

These particles are about the same size as blood corpuscles, and the study of these particles aids the engineers just as the blood count aids physicians. Just as the blood counts reveal unseen infections of the human body, so do these particles reveal unseen engine wear and strain.

The tests already show a difference of forty or fifty per cent in motor oils. It has been found that six kinds of waste accumulate in the crank case. When any one of these becomes excessive, trouble follows. These particles which cause trouble are carbon, iron abrasion, iron oxide, dust, aluminum oxide, and habit. The first three have been found to be the most dangerous.

Slusser, Cole To Assist Winter Sport Coaches

Thomas A. Slusser '34 and Clyde H. Cole '34, assistant freshman football coaches, will assist in coaching boxing and wrestling, respectively, this winter.

Slusser will have charge of the Lion freshman ringmen who have a meet scheduled with the Army plebs at West Point, March 9. The former athlete was captain of the Nittany boxing and football team last year.

Cole will assist Coach Speidel with the varsity wrestling team and will have charge of the yearling wrestlers. Two meets have already been scheduled for the freshmen. Cole was heavyweight intercollegiate wrestling champion two years ago, and was an outstanding tackle on the football team last year.

Although this is not very substantial, it aids them in their financial problems. Thus they not only provide themselves with monetary wealth, and means for their intellectual advancement by remaining in school, but also gives them military training which would be an aid to both them and their country in time of war.

A. Powell



Advertisement for Penn Stater Hat. Price: Formerly \$5.00, now \$3.95. Sold by Stark Bros & Harper, Hagerstown.

Advertisement for November Book Sale. Features: NOVEMBER BOOK SALE, CONTINUING WITH NEW TITLES ADDED, One Special Lot, Juvenile titles—clean fresh stock—less than half price. Literary Guild Titles, Back Numbers and others at less than one-half the original price. A new supply of Architectural, Art and History Books. Buy Books Now! Give Books for Christmas. KEELER'S, Open Evenings, Cathaum Theatre Bldg.

Advertisement for Hotel Pennsylvania. Text: it's a small world after all! Cheer up, old man, even if you can't eat turkey at home this year. Thanksgiving will still be cause for thanksgiving if you join the family circle by telephone! Call 1,000 miles for \$2.00 by Station to Station. Night Rate after 8:30 P.M. The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.