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DR. O. F. BOUCKE

The passing of Dr. Boucke brings to the College its most serious loss in many years. Budgets can be juggled and balanced; administration officials may come and go; but a loss such as this affects vitally the students themselves.

As an instructor, he was without peer. His presentation was inspired by a rare combination of irrefutable logic, progressive reasoning, and an entertaining sense of humor. As an economic authority, he was recognized as one of the outstanding men in his field.

Dr. Boucke has left Penn State, but his influence will be felt so long as one of his students should survive. His life is a challenge to today's youth.

AGAIN PENN STATE has the privilege of playing host to the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association. This is not the first tournament that has been here, but from all indications, it should be one of the best.

As guests of the College, visiting boxers and their managers will be greeted with every consideration. Penn State is proud of its reputation as host to such affairs. This week-end will be no exception.

WHICH WAY, MR. ROOSEVELT?

The N. R. A. eagle was two years old last week. Franklin Roosevelt's first term as President of the United States is half over. It is a good time to stop and take stock. Just how far has the country gone on the road to recovery; and, what is still more important, what lies ahead?

Even before his election, President Roosevelt gained the confidence of the American people. An almost evenly divided Congress was solidly behind him, passed all his legislation, gave him practically dictatorial powers. Just what did Mr. Roosevelt accomplish with all this power?

The President's original plans called for a \$12 a week minimum wage for all the codes. And it was understood that the minimum wage was to be increased just as soon as this was feasible. What has happened? The rubber tire and the cigarette minimum wage has been chiselled down to \$10; excelsior products, \$8; textile bag, \$8.60; retail grocery, \$10 for fifty-six hours; wholesale grocery, \$9 for forty-four hours; cleaning and dyeing, \$8; handkerchief makers, \$9; and the laundry code for the South, \$5.60, the low mark.

Income tax records show that incomes over \$25,000 have increased while incomes under that amount have decreased.

American Federation of Labor reports show that average wages of the sixteen chief producing and distributing industries rose only three cents, from \$20.53 to \$20.56, in the year preceding November, 1933.

But food prices have gone steadily up, having risen seven per cent in the same year, while clothing and furnishing costs rose twenty-one per cent.

Profits on Wall Street in 1934 were more than double those of 1933.

Real wages have thus rapidly decreased while corporation and individual profits have gone up.

After the first re-employment spurt, employment has gradually increased. Relief work, with its unsatisfactory wages and stigma of charity, has aided a small percentage of the unemployed.

What is the situation now? While Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Richberg clamor for a "new" N. R. A., Congress—this time an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress—refuses to pass any of the President's relief and labor legislation. The President says that the "new" N. R. A. is to be "anti-monopoly." The fact that he stresses this "anti-monopoly" function only emphasizes the strong pro-monopoly tendencies of the "old" N. R. A. And just what is to be new about the N. R. A.? Only the methods. The purpose remains the same.

President Roosevelt, either viciously or innocently, has delayed the cause of recovery at least two years. He must realize that profits for the labor leaders do not indicate prosperity for the country at large.

If recovery is to continue, the President must declare himself in favor of the masses, not the bosses. He must abandon complex trade regulations, price fixing, the whole idea of running the country from a Washington bureau. He must restore the element of competition which is the basis of the capitalistic system. If he continues in his present plan, he must be ready to take the consequences.

Which way, Mr. Roosevelt? —D. P. S.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

AS OTHERS SEE US

These literary guys who are always writing about our College and ain't never been here really get us down. For instance, Leo Knopf, of Phi Sigma Delta had to write a letter to a Mr. Dick Cullum, one of Esquire's literary gents, just to point out that "the Columbia Lion is just an everyday city lion while that of Penn State is a strong and sturdy Mountain Lion named after the beautiful mountain within sight of our Campus."

On top of that there's a swell passage in Hamlin Garland's 'Our Friendly Contemporaries' which reads: "I found the school pleasingly rural. It lies off the main line of railway and has a decidedly back-country tone which I like. I am in the real America." We don't know just when Mr. Garland visited our Campus which he describes in such a bucolic fashion, but we're willing to bet that he doesn't have any fraternity brothers here, that he never met any of the Phi Mus, and that he missed the Corner Room by a wide margin.—And what do you think, Mr. Werner?

To get back to Mr. Knopf's letter, we might add that it brings back vividly the lady New-Yorker who stood next to us at the Columbia game last fall squawking, "Yeah, Penn! Yeah, Penn!" We tried to interest her in some gin, but she refused and burred, "No, thanks, but I really do think you boys from Philly are putting up a wonderful scrap!"

Dr. Hartmann, the ponderous gentleman who prowls about the Ed. building with his eyes on his book and his feet on somebody else's, decided a while ago that too many people were forgetting too many things such as, we suppose, Karl Marx, John Dewey, and the Socialist Candidates for office. At any rate, Herr Hartmann planned another campaign — this one against forgetfulness and its attendant evils. He arranged to give several radio talks on the subject 'How To Develop Your Memory' and went to work with his usual gusto. The first talk was swell and the primary steps toward remembering were absorbed by a number of radio fans who eagerly awaited the second talk. From all reports the half-reformed, absent-minded are still waiting because Dr. Hartmann forgot to make the second talk!

CRAZY PEOPLE

The other night in the little theatre, the cast of 'Peace On Earth', the latest Players' production, was going through the rehearsal of the anti-war drama in fine form. Throughout almost the entire play the phrase, "Stop munition shipments," is repeated over and over again. One of the lads designated to supply the voice shouted this one line vehemently through most of the rehearsal. No one saw him because he was behind the scenes. Eventually he stepped forth clad in full Rotisserie unie with special decorations. "Mr. Neusbaum," he said, "may I be excused now? I must attend a meeting of the Pershing Rifles!"

PIN POINTS . . . Bill Skirble is still hunting for Mannie Katz and Leon Lurie . . . he wants to reform them with a rope . . . Frankie (hillgartner for President) Hillgartner has sold out his friends in favor of a couple of clique politicians—phooie . . . The Blue Band boys were really sober, all of them, on this last trip . . . Kelly Houck, boxing mgr., had a little trouble getting back to town recently . . . Joe Hurwitz plays a brilliant game of blind chess . . . Most Naive Guy In College: The lad who thinks he is out with Kay Bloom . . .

Let's Go To The Corner After the Fights Tonight!

HERE IT IS . . .

This week's prize-winning smart-crack in the "Heard-in-a-Corner-Room-Booth" Contest.

Frank—"I'll give you \$500 if you'll marry me!"

Jean—"Oh, trying to bride me, eh?"

The winner: Miss Jeanne English, 231 South Allen Street.

The prize: A check for \$1.00.

Next week's contest, the winner to be announced in next Friday's Collegian, starts today. The rules are easy. You may get a copy of them at the Corner. No strings attached!

The Corner

"Complete Restaurant Service"

Glee Club's Victory Adds Weight To Tradition As 'Singing College'

Penn State's Glee Club added to this College's claim to being the traditional "singing college" when they won first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Glee Club Contest-Festival at the Hotel William Penn ball room at Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Scoring 246 out of a possible 300 points, Penn State won the unanimous verdict of the judges who were M. Claude Rosenberry, state music director; Osbourne McConathy, New Jersey composer and author; and Ralph G. Winslow, music director of the Albany public schools.

George Washington University, champions of the District of Columbia and Maryland, gained second place. Other contestants were Wesleyan University, New England lead-

ers; Dennison University, Ohio champions; and the champions of New York, Union College.

Wednesday morning the Glee club broadcast with George Washington University over station KDKA from 11 to 11:30 o'clock. The broadcast was over an NBC national hookup for the first fifteen minutes of the period.

According to the rules of the meet, only two songs were presented by each club as a basis for the judges' choice. The choice song and prize song were chosen from a group of three by lot. State's choice was Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes," and the prize song selected was "Down Among the Dead Men," arranged by H. Vaughan Williams.

Co-ed Chatter

Mrs. Norman Smith of Minneapolis, Minn., national chairman of expansion for Gamma Phi Beta, has been a guest of the local chapter this week.

Four of the women's fraternities have elected their officers for the coming year. They are: Evelyn M. Girard '35, vice-president, Barbara J. Howarth '36, treasurer, Elizabeth Balderston '37, social chairman, Anne M. Bowers '37.

Theta Phi Alpha—president, Alma J. Blocker '36; vice-president, Margaret E. Laramy '36; president, M. Waters '36; treasurer, Gelsie M. Ferdinand '37; social chairman, Frances M. Gatas '37; and Panhellenic representative, Gelsie M. Ferdinand '37.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—president, Margaret E. Laramy '36; vice-president, Emma Jane Hosmen '36; treasurer, A. Elizabeth Brenneman '36; social chairman, Gretchen H. Diehl '36; Panhellenic representative, Jean B. Northrup '37.

Kappa Alpha Theta—president A. Frances Turner '36; vice-president, Margaret M. Campbell '36; treasurer, S. Elizabeth Shaffer '36; social chairman, Jane A. Parker '36; Panhellenic representative, Jean H. Schantz '37.

The Kappas entertained the Thetas at a swimming party at the Glennland pool last night.

Letter Box

To the Editor: For your entertainment, a fable: Once upon a time, Ibsen's play, "Peer Gynt," was scheduled for production by Penn State Players. One G. tried to muscle into the cast, couldn't make grade. Not R. G.'s first failure to get desired role in production supervised by able Players' Director Cloetingh, he planned reprisals.

Penn State's COLLEGIAN, official student news organ, has no staff member qualified to write criticisms of student dramatic productions. Grossly incompetent R. G., nursing grudge, penned criticism of "Peer Gynt." Masked by impressionistic opinions of cast, staging, slanderous personal attack on Director Cloetingh was launched.

Net result: writeup of superior stupidity. So inept that he failed to recognize members of cast in dual roles, following few intelligent critical standards, R. G. thus obtained r-r-r-revenge.

On long-suffering members of Penn State Players, final straw was piled. Too often had unintelligent, impressionistic criticism been leveled at Players' productions—now was added an "ad hominem" on Director Cloetingh, an unjust attack upon one of cast who had refused a date with R. G. Was this to be the publicity accorded Players' productions henceforth?

Favorable or unfavorable, mature, intelligent criticism would be disagreeable to no one, be helpful to cast and directors, accurately inform many interested COLLEGIAN readers outside of State College of student dramatic activities.

Suggestion: Either COLLEGIAN should publish criticisms of student products written by fully competent, fair-minded, with no ax to grind, or cease reviewing shows.

W. G. B. '36

Hours for Broadcast Of Mat Meets Listed

Following are the hours when the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling tournament will be broadcast from the two Philadelphia stations, WCAU and KYW this week-end.

Friday—3-4:30 o'clock—WCAU 5-6 o'clock—KYW 11:15-11:30—KYW Saturday—7:30-8 o'clock—KYW 8:30-9 o'clock—WCAU

Faculty Men Speak

Edward K. Hibshman, executive alumni secretary, and Bob Higgins, head football coach spoke at alumni meetings in Lancaster on Wednesday

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Pictorial Will Feature Pictures of 12 Boxers

"In the Intercollegiate Boxing Spotlight," a full-page set of drawings by James E. Duran '37, will be the outstanding feature of the twenty-page issue of the Beaver Field Pictorial which will go on sale this week-end.

Boxers included in this page are Kaplan, Gorski, and Pontecarvo, of Western Maryland; Balash, Jeffers, and Brown, of Syracuse; Dick, of Army; and Criswell, McAndrews, Zeleznock, Ritzie, and Richter, of Penn State. Drawings of Coach Leo Houck and the other McAndrews brothers are also included.

"Leo Houck—Fighter, Coach," an article which answers the question, "Was Leo ever the middleweight champion of the world?" has been contributed by Ridge Riley '32, College sports editor, while Johnny Houck '35, varsity boxing manager, lists Leo's selection of an all-time Penn State boxing team in a story entitled, "Penn State's Best." A full-page diagram containing the names of individual champions since the tournaments began in 1924, is also included.

Other features of the special boxing tournament issue are a "dope" story about the contestants, an article on the wrestling intercollegiate, an illustrated discussion of the Richter-Jeffers rivalry, pictures of the defending champions, and short articles on Dick Harlow '12 and Steve Hamas '29.

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