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GLITTERING GENERALITIES DEPARTMENT

To the editor of the COLLEGIAN:
Would you kindly publish this reply to "THE BEER QUESTION" editorial in your issue of the fourth?

About the time I was born, father became a lawyer, later he was made associate judge of our district, and later still a judge. Either as an attorney or as a judge about a third of his business has been in connection with the liquor traffic. He has done business for and with liquor sellers, he has prosecuted, defended and tried them. He has seen low license, local prohibition, state prohibition, national prohibition. None of the family drank but in an impersonal and unprejudiced sort of a way we know a great deal of the business. Out of an abundant knowledge and experience certain fundamentals are entirely clear:

The excessive use of alcoholic stimulants is responsible for a great deal of human misery and crime.

For the reason just named conscientious men shun active connection with the liquor business.

The place where liquor is sold is usually the headquarters for all kind of vice and crime.

While in Belfast, Ireland in 1930, my way to the steamer lead through the cheaper part of the city. There I saw a sight familiar in the past but then banished from the United States by prohibition—a typical saloon. Outside was the usual group of wrecks, once they were men, perhaps they could still be men were it not for the saloon. What pleasure, what sensual gratification is worth a hundredth part of this life?

Very truly yours,
Prof. Horace R. Thayer

In this reply to the COLLEGIAN editorial on the beer situation Professor Thayer ignores entirely the true situation locally and presents nothing in actual reply to the COLLEGIAN's stand favoring the retention of beer in State College. His reply is nothing but the re-statement of several well-known "glittering generalities."

Professor Thayer offers no argument against the retention of beer here. He is also obviously fighting against liquor and not beer as all his generalities are based upon liquor drinking.

The COLLEGIAN too is fighting against liquor drinking and sees as the best method of fighting that battle the retention of beer in State College.

Professor Thayer's points are, paradoxically, not against the retention of beer here but rather for it. Professor Thayer does not seem to realize that the removal of beer here will result in liquor drinking, the thing he is fighting against, in great quantities because of the accessibility of it.

Following the lead of the COLLEGIAN, the Centre Daily Times in an editorial Tuesday asked State College voters to retain beer after considering their responsibility to the students, to the College, and to the citizens of this state.

To quote the Times: "That's the sensible, honest and charitable way to handle the beer situation."

CURRENT HISTORY

Students should avail themselves of every opportunity to learn about the international complications the war in Ethiopia is causing. Through the newspapers and lectures, such as the one given by Prof. Alfred G. Pundt, of the department of history, last night, students can learn of the present conditions in Europe and what they imply.

The future of the world may depend upon the action that the European nations take within the next few weeks and it is the responsibility of American students to study these conditions and their implications.

PROGRESS

The announcement that from this year on the LaVie will no longer have a business staff is a sign that progress can be eliminating vestigial offices in our student government and publications boards.

The office of business manager of the LaVie is a hold-over from the days when the LaVie accepted advertising. Now that the publication is subsidized the office is perhaps the most empty honor on the campus. Editor James H. Armstrong '36 is to be congratulated on making this step forward.

CAMPUSEER
BY HIMSELF

Mail
Dear Campuseer:

I am a freshman. Last Saturday night I was at the SAE pledge dance and asked a co-ed I met if she would sit out the rest of a dance with me.

"No, let's dance," she said, "I'm tired."

Please tell me if this is another Penn State custom and what it is all about.

Worried

Answer: She probably just mistook you for an SAE pledge; but you had better Luz your underthings to make sure.

Dear Campy:

Thanks to I. F. C., I have married the girl I love. Remember the ruling, recently revoked, that women were not allowed in fraternity houses except for meals?

Well, her landlady objected to my calling for her and after spending most of our time walking around the streets and drinking lemon cokes we were married at Elkton.

Please tell Joe Swift we owe all our happiness to him and are sorry to see that other couples will not have the same incentive we had.

Stude

Librarian Lewis went to a masquerade ball at a convention of the Pennsylvania Librarians Association at Wernersville, near Reading, last Friday night accompanied by some of the local staff members. Dressed in a swanky knit dress he won a cigarette box for having the "most feminine appearance."

The pay-off is that Herr Lewis doesn't smoke.

Lohengrin:
Marion Blankenship, whose absence from college leaves Penn State practically harpistist, is married to a chap named Walker whom she met 36 hours before the ceremony. He is a violin player.

Black Mark:
Blackie Wright, sports editor of this gazette last year, got his signals mixed when he was taking a wire story over the telephone last Friday during the course of his duties from copy boy to managing editor (inclusive) of the Bangor Daily News.

He killed 1700 Italians instead of 1700 Ethiopians and embalmed them in headline ink across the top of the front page.

How are you doing, f. w. w.?

They Sit Alone in a Corner Booth
In frosted chocolate bliss
But he remarks: "TWO checks please, Ruth."
And so they sit
Like This.

Campusettes

The Beta Kappas wish that someone would haul that wrecked 1931 Ford away from in front of their house. It's gray and green with a New Jersey license and has been there since Tuesday. . . . Mary Weber seemed interested in Prof. Waller's lecture in soc class on "What Keeps Boys and Girls Apart". . . . Bobby Brown, Pittsburgh freshman flash, went up to Tribunal Wednesday night to be excused from customs and is now wearing a sign for dating. . . . How about dropping up to the office with Lucille Giles some night, Morini? We understand she's nice. . . . One wonders how Eddie Binns feels, having been hanged in "Peace on Earth" and being electrocuted tomorrow night in "The Last Mile". . . . See you at the COLLEGIAN dance.

DAD'S DAY

A CORDIAL GREETING TO PARENTS HERE FOR THE DAD'S DAY WEEK-END AND A HEARTY INVITATION TO VISIT THE CORNER, AS MUCH A PART OF PENN STATE AS THE FRESHMEN DINK

THE CORNER
UNUSUAL

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Students Encouraged To Improve C.A. Cabin

Students interested in the P. S. C. A. cabin in Shingletown Gap are invited to go to the cabin to continue the work of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hammaker, former staff members of the Association, who spent their past summer at the cabin doing repair work and adding equipment in and about the cabin.

A recreation field on a plateau above the cabin and general improvement of the surroundings are planned, according to Daniel R. Grandy, chairman of the cabin maintenance committee.

Students can make arrangements at the C. A. office to go to the cabin. Grandy states that Thursday afternoons are particularly suitable times for the work.

CINEMANIA

After the minor flurry attendant to the cancelling of "The Red Salute" had died down, the Cathaum found itself booked for Paul Muni's latest picture, "Dr. Socrates," for Saturday.

"Dr. Socrates" is the colorful story of a famous surgeon whose nerve has been broken through the loss of his fiancée through an operation he himself has performed. He buries himself in a small town, a failure to himself. His redemption comes through the love of an innocent young girl.

Muni's characterization of the physician will do much to strengthen his position as one of the screen's greatest actors. Ann Dvorak plays opposite Muni. Others in the cast are Barton MacLane, Robert Barrat, and Henry O'Neill.

The original story, which ran in Collier's, is by W. R. Burnett, author of "Little Caesar." The screen play was directed by William Dieterle.

"Talk does not cook rice."
Earl Derr Biggers fans will probably recognize that as one of the *bon mots* of that writer's most famous creation, the Chinese detective, Charlie Chan.

The name of the picture, which plays at the Nittany on Saturday, is "Charlie Chan in Shanghai," and the title role is played, inevitably, by Warner Oland, who outwits his oriental foes and delivers himself of epigrams like "cold omelette, like fish out of sea, does not improve with

Dean Watts Discusses Training Of Foresters

Dean Ralph L. Watts of the School of Agriculture spoke to the Forestry Society, Wednesday night, on "Objectives in Training of College Foresters."

Dean Watts said, "Previous to this time the training of foresters has been lacking in the training of men to produce timber. Twenty-eight millions of acres make up the area of the state, nearly one-half of this is either timber or potential timber land. I believe that the game of the state could be doubled. The college intends to train men to take charge of these wild life development projects. The people of the state are beginning to realize the importance of their mountains, annually, thousands of people visit the mountainous regions for leisure, hunting, fishing, rest, and the beauty that is always present."

Selman's Book Listed

A book by Dr. J. Paul Selman, recently a member of the history department here, is among the new volumes listed by the University of Pennsylvania Press in its new fall prospectus. The volume is "The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776."

"Shipmates Forever," the feature at the Cathaum on Monday and Tuesday, is an attempt to do for the Navy what "Flirtation Walk" did for the Army. Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler are starred.

Dick sings, fights a bitter battle with himself and finally winds up as a hero who dashes through scalding steam and flame to rescue a shipmate. Ruby dances to gay throngs, the while she fights desperately to win the man she loves to the traditions of the Navy. The Warner Brothers boast about the fact that Miss Keeler taps fourteen times a second when going at full speed.

The film company spent a month at Annapolis, the actors enacting their roles with the training school as a background, and with a thousand cadets taking part.

So far as we have been able to discover, Fran Turner's boy friend is not in the picture.

Bill Bottorf and his orchestra will play at the Susquehanna University Interfraternity Ball at Selingsgrove tomorrow night.

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