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W. S. G. A. RESENTS

BRINGING into public view the co-ed drinking question we were blithely unaware that we were getting into something that was none of our business.

Naturally, then, we were more than mildly surprised to receive a letter telling us that W. S. G. A. "rightfully resents the intrusion of the COLLEGIAN upon the problem which is in women's domain."

Now we learn that they are trying "to discover by their own discussion and poll" what co-eds think about drinking. We are heartily in sympathy.

A few other items in the letter surprise us. Since there have been "no expulsions for drinking this year," since W. S. G. A. feels it "their duty to fulfill the office and to carry out the constitution,"

"W. S. G. A. does not act as police." No one has accused them, but we know several instances of co-eds' being turned in because they were seen in local beer dispensaries.

The suggestion that co-eds would not want to patronize the tap-rooms now in town is quite possible. But it is our belief—and we have heard of a chaperone who agrees with us—that if the stigma attached to a glass of beer were removed; if a co-ed could enter a tap-room without hiding her head in shame; the result would be that the tone of these places would improve.

There remains one paradox to explain. The letter admits that "the theory behind that editorial is perfectly commendable" and then proceeds to attack that theory.

We await the results of our poll before making further comment.

DANCES—DINING HALL: DISPUTES

IT IS strange that in a college of 1200 women, Mac Hall dining room, the only possible location for a subscription dance, is inaccessible.

A dance in Rec Hall requires a bond of \$50; the Armory bond is \$30. Only a small part of the amounts stated is returned. Either location is too expensive for a women's group that needs to make a profit.

Cwens, the sophomore activities honorary, has been granted the use of the dining hall annually for a dance. This permission was given because Cwens is a "service organization."

Mac Hall dormitory women are the only others permitted to use the dining commons for a dance. Why should they be granted this right when all women living on the campus are required to eat in the Hall, thus giving them equal right to use it?

Arguments advanced against holding the dance there are: 1. The additional wear and tear on the floor and furniture. 2. Disturbance to women living in the dormitory. 3. Overwork for the waiters in moving the furniture.

Any organization would consent to paying a repair fee to cover damages. Women living in the dormitory haven't, as yet, raised an objection when the Cwens or Mac Hall have danced. The waiters would welcome extra money for moving furniture.

Recently Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism honorary, petitioned Mrs. Johnson, supervisor of the dining commons, for permission to hold a dance. The objections already stated were raised. After consultation with Mr. Loman, purchasing agent, Mrs. Johnson refused the petition.

Theta Sigma Phi cannot hold the dance. Yet how else can the organization make money? It is such organizations as these that influence the standards of the College and the women. It is a well-known fact that the women here could have a better reputation. Improving these organizations would be a step toward blotting out unfortunate conceptions.

The usual reply to rooming problems today is "remember the new dormitory." This will not remedy present problems, which in this particular case, need immediate attention.

"WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP 'WHITEY'?" a lot of you were asking last fall. Tomorrow night you will get a chance. And, unless you want to impress your date, it won't be necessary to toss four bits into the till. The price of a burger from each person assembled to watch the sport in which "Whitey" starred will be enough to pay most of his outstanding hospital debt.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Quote of the Week:

Herr Doctör, Leo Houck, still remains the most colorful quipster on the campus, his bombshells of ringside philosophy plowing the way to championships for the boxing squad and his clever repartee which brings back happy thoughts of Ring Lardner, finding an increasingly appreciative audience.

While having dinner with several of his friends the other night one of them reminded Leo that he did not get his press pass for the boxing meet Saturday and then in a rather serious, pompous manner asked, "What's the matter Leo, do you not get as many passes as you used to?"

"Yes," replied Leo, "I get my usual quota of tickets but my usual quota of friends expanded over the week-end."

A Hat Man Makes Good:

Returning to the Theta house the other night, Jean Kriebel saw a solitary figure wandering to and fro in the gloom surrounding the house. Wild and lurid imaginations rushed through her head as she imagined that the man must be drunk and what might happen should she encounter him at that lonely hour.

Jean immediately decided that she would not take the risk of passing him alone so she returned to Old Main, approached two perfectly strange students and had them conduct her to the Theta house only to learn that the sinister figure was a very sober one and also a very good friend of hers.

"Oh well," Jean explained, "I knew I could trust these two strangers because one of them wore a Blue Key hat."

Cryptogrammic:

After puzzling through one of Registrar Hoffman's cryptograms in the Centre Daily Times we found the following solution:

"A dolorous fellow named Tom Had quite an Oedipus com' When he learned that no other Had the charms of his mother He blew off his head with a bomb"

Poetic License by Citronelle

Pick-ups:

It will be worth your while to read the turn column story in last Saturday's issue of the Centre Daily Times if you can get hold of a copy. Editor Bill Ulerich burned all the extra copies for obvious reasons. Sam Breene's circulation in fraternity pins has taken another jump and he now has two out at the same time. The one is being sported by an Oil City school teacher and the other by Betty Hooker. Prof. Joe Rubin and wife decided to survey campus life the other night so they went over to Mac Hall after the S. U. dance just to see what was going on. They both decided there was entirely too much light in the lounge. Doc Lepley, psych prof has a great time wearing an immaculate clinic gown to one of his classes supposed to be a psychological lab. When the College diner posted a list of people's names owing them money there appeared the item: "Hummel Fishburn, \$30. . . . In describing the Mac hall semi-formal dance for tonight Miss Haidt described the semi-formal part as to mean: "Clean shirts for the men" . . . Crm's waiter Arnie had a great time helping Lucille Giles select a new pair of shoes at Fromm's. . . . When Dick Smith, freshman, was exempted from taking Engl. Comp 1 last semester he decided to take it anyway. When the grade sheets came out Dick had 3's in all his subjects except one; Engl. Comp. 1, in which he received a 1. . . .

What has happened to that little group of liberal minded professors and students who were always ready to take up the cause of the underdog? All over Centre County, NYA and WPA workers are getting fifty cents an hour. By protest and strike their hourly wage was raised from forty cents to its present level. At State College, NYA workers should receive \$10.50 per month for twenty-one hours' work. In Philipsburg, Bellefonte, and all other parts of Centre County, NYA workers are getting fifty cents an hour. If NYA labor is worth fifty cents an hour in one part of the county it is certainly worth fifty cents in another part of the county. What the movement needs is a leader. The first step should be to call a meeting, or appoint a committee, and discuss and publicize the idea of securing a higher hourly wage rate for NYA workers at State College. Or perhaps nobody cares except the man who is trying to carry a full schedule of college courses and work thirty hours a month and afraid to say anything because he might lose his job.

Philotes Chooses Club's Quarters

C. A. Gives Room 302, Old Main, To Non-Fraternity Women; Stress Activities

Philotes, organization of non-fraternity women, has been allotted Room 302 in Old Main for its headquarters. The Christian Association has given it this room which will be open at all times for the use of the girls.

In a recent interview, Naomi P. Anderson '37, president, said, "The purpose of Philotes is to broaden the social role of the non-fraternity girl and to get her more interested in campus activities."

"The girls have made it a point to participate in activities," Miss Anderson said. "We are active in intramural sports and we're out to win the intramural cup."

The members have planned an extensive social program which will probably include a Mother's day breakfast and a dance to be given some time this semester.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

A week ago I sat in the Sandwich Shop and talked to a senior Ceramic engineer. He was a little fellow with broad shoulders and short, blunt fingers, calloused by the shovel and the pick.

"I have an NYA job," he said. "I work thirty hours a month and get ten dollars for it."

"That means you're earning about thirty-five cents an hour," I said. "Yes," he said, "it isn't much, but I certainly am thankful for it."

"Do you know," I said, "that WPA workers in Centre County get fifty cents an hour? Hasn't it ever occurred to you that thirty-five cents an hour is very low remuneration for human labor?"

The Ceramic engineer looked at me suspiciously. "It's all right for you to talk," he said, "you're out of school. If I'd open my mouth about wages I'd lose my job, and God knows I need it."

"I think I understand," I said. "Only the neediest students in the school are given NYA jobs, and they are so thankful for the jobs that they say nothing about wages."

It is characteristic of an alumnus to romanticize about the "good old days" and tell everybody that the school isn't what it used to be. But I wonder why someone doesn't do something for the cause of NYA labor at Penn State.

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Yours very truly, Jess Merton '34

To the Editor:

Before the Penn State coeds answer the questions on the ballot on drinking now being issued by the COLLEGIAN they should consider the question seriously. It is only fair that they should know both sides of the question which was not presented fairly in the editorial "Co-eds Don't Drink" in the February 16 issue of the COLLEGIAN.

The theory behind that editorial is perfectly commendable. That is: that girls who are permitted to drink at home should be allowed here, that those girls who do drink up here should not be disgraced when caught. However, many of the statements were prejudiced by the men's viewpoint and presented a false light upon the situation. W. S. G. A. realizes that some co-eds drink and recognizes the importance of the problem. They

Chapel Speaker



DR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Williams Will Discuss Catholicism in Chapel

Dr. Michael Williams, editor of the Commonwealth, will speak at the chapel service Sunday morning on "The Catholic Church and the World Crisis." The address is part of the program sponsored by the Penn State Christian Association concerning the relationship and problems pertaining to Jews and Christians and how they can be improved.

Dr. Williams has had a varied and colorful career in journalism, being connected with the New York World, the Evening Telegram, the New York American, and the San Francisco Examiner, of which he was city editor at the time of the earthquake. He was with Obregon's army in Mexico during the Revolution of 1914 as a special correspondent. Later, he has been engaged with welfare work on the Pacific coast, has been affiliated with the National Catholic Welfare Conference at Washington, and has contributed numerous articles to American magazines and newspapers in the last twenty years.

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Cochrane Answers Questions Concerning Average Students

What is the average Penn State fraternity man or sorority woman like?

An interesting composite picture of these hypothetical individuals has been drawn by J. P. Cochrane, manager of the local office of the Stewart Howe Alumni Service, from statistics gathered from personal membership data of many local organizations.

The average fraternity man, he finds, is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 153 pounds, has brown hair and blue or blue-grey eyes. The average sorority woman is 5 feet, 5 inches in height, weighs 118 pounds, has light brown hair and dark eyes.

The average fraternity age is 20 years and 4 months while the average age of the sorority women is 19 years and 9 months. Ages of the fraternity men in school this year range from 17 to 26 years while the women's ages are distributed between 17 and 23 years. Roughly, the composite age of both groups is about 19.

MI Museum Shows Geological Map, Indian Relics

An all-Pennsylvania exhibit representing the mining industries can be seen in the Mineral Industries Museum. Old Indian flints and other implements are on display, giving an idea of the crudeness of the existence of the early American.

Finished products of the ceramics, aluminum, brass, steel, and refining industries compose the fabricated goods exhibit. Specimens of oil sand and refining displays show the source of the fuel that today is so important to the nations of the world.

Maps and photographs of the charcoal iron furnaces formerly located in central Pennsylvania, a vein of a Pittsburgh coal bed, and maps showing the location of limestone deposits, occupy almost half of the room. The large column of coal taken from a deposit shows the minable portion of one of the richest veins in the country.

The biggest attraction in the room is the large geological map of Pennsylvania. The map is in relief showing clearly the high and low areas of the state. This map is the only one of its kind in existence.

To some of the more conservative thinkers than the COLLEGIAN advocates of drinking, they mean not a little.

This question is "up to the women and should be discussed and solved by them."

Marion A. Ringer '37

More than 40 per cent of the fraternity men's fathers attended college, and more than 30 per cent of their mothers had a college education. Yet, the sorority women, generally, have more educated forebears, say the statistics. More than 85 per cent of the sorority women's fathers attended college and more than 55 per cent have mothers who are college-bred. Orphans constitute only about 1 per cent of the fraternity men, and are negligible among the sorority women. More sorority women have one deceased parent than do fraternity men. About 7 per cent of the Greek Letter society members have one or more parents who attended State College.

Hobbies in this group range from watching football games to collecting match boxes. One-fifth of the men and one-tenth of the women admit special musical or artistic talents. More than one-fourth of the women mention horseback riding as a special hobby. One out of every ten men and women mention a preference for reading good literature, including poetry.

Amusement is very diversified. Strangely enough, few admitted that the movies were among their first preferences. More than 35 per cent of the men listed intramural sports as first preference. Favorite sports, in the order of preference, are: golf, tennis, swimming, boxing, and wrestling.

Hetzl Will Address Alumni in Scranton

Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, President of the College, will speak at a luncheon meeting of the Scranton Rotary club and the annual dinner of the Penn State Alumni association of North-eastern Pennsylvania at Scranton on April 26.

He will attend these meetings through the combined efforts of Boyd A. Musser, alumni member of the College board of trustees; William J. Griffiths, president of the Scranton Rotary; and Thomas Francis, Lackawanna county superintendent of schools.

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