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AND WE LAUGH AT OSTRICHES

IN A GREAT institution like our changes must be made slowly. Any new move, any modification of existing regulations can be made only after careful and thoughtful consideration.

So of course we were not at all surprised when three weeks passed without any official notice being taken of the COLLEGIAN co-ed drinking poll.

Now we are happy—yes, even a little proud—to announce that the results of our little poll have been recognized. How? Allow us to quote from a recent letter sent by the Dean of Men to all house presidents:

"The campus discussion growing out of the recent publicity in the COLLEGIAN concerning drinking by women students has brought forth some... not altogether favorable comment about conditions in some of the fraternity houses... in reply to the question as to where women are drinking... the answer has been 'in fraternity houses.'"

The letter goes on to say that the College authorities have been disturbed as to the drinking in fraternities and that social privileges would probably be taken from any house in which drinking occurred while unchaperoned women were present.

Naturally we have no quarrel with this letter in itself. It strikes us as pretty sensible to request house presidents to "check over practices and bring them in line with a policy of education and control intended to lessen and not increase drinking."

Or must a poll be taken among the men in order to get the women to do something?

A TEST FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE NEED FOR clean, efficient, and masterful student government is clearly emphasized by the building program that President Hétzel evidently is pushing with success in Harrisburg.

The construction of five and one-half million dollars' worth of buildings, added to the privately fostered women's dormitory, will throw an estimated 2,000 laborers into State College.

The resultant Barbary Coast will give student leaders their first big and concrete problem in recent years.

How State College will house 2,000 workers when it cannot accommodate the students satisfactorily is hard to imagine. But that will be the State Authority Board's problem more than the College's.

The College administration's problem will be of sociology. That is where effective student leadership comes in. The present student government set-up will be unable to meet this problem.

Under the constitution upon which the government we do have is based, student leaders can exercise more power, in proportion, than can the United States government. The construction is loose. Yet student leaders have been either unwilling or unable to assert themselves and their powers under present conditions.

The incorporation and cleaning up suggested by Frank Osterlund, senior class president, would be a good start toward making student government powerful. It is time to turn from the stodge era to the progressive era.

If Student Council, Student Board, class officers, and other leaders do not clear the way for action, student government at Penn State may receive a crushing blow.

For the College administration will find it necessary to take more of the governing in hand than it has in the past. It is apt to stay there forever.

Time is an important element. Reorganization will be more difficult when a predicted enrollment of 8,000 comes true. The buildings from PWA funds must be completed within two years.

Vigorous and courageous student leadership will revamp and strengthen student democracy. Leaders of the Old School will not.

Now is the time to act. —C. M. W. Jr.

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Tear-Jerker:

His name is Goit—Charles Goit—and we think of him as a tragic little figure groping his way uncertainly across the collegiate scene. The "tragic" is for sure, for his is a Soul which seeks the Ultimate and finds it not; the "little" may be inaccurate, for by his own admission he is a Perfect 36, and would make the ideal model for say, the Arrow people.

After drinking deep of the cup of life, he finds himself forced to accept the crass triviality of the Penn State campus. We quote: "Ordinary people are here to study books. I am here to study sex; and as yet I have found no opportunity to put my theories into practical use... I find all the co-eds are pimply and most of them are sexually maladjusted..."

Our hero found one young lady so maladjusted as to be in need of a good shot of psycho-analysis. A twenty-minute talk about inhibitions fixed her up fine, and a happy ending seemed imminent. But now comes the most tragic blow of all—a coed may, it seems, be ever so beautifully adjusted—and still find Mr. Goit's charms not quite irresistible. In other words, the whole thing just didn't work out at all.

Moved by a feeling of great compassion we beg to suggest, Sirrah, the only remedy we know for Suffering Souls like you... a quick trip to Phillipsburg.

High Finance—and Stuff:

Bob Morini, as head of the Interclass Finance Committee, acquitted himself nobly when the time came for his report... but was pretty irked to think Fleming had only set down the figures, leaving him the job of writing up a summary. "I had to stay up all afternoon getting it ready," said he... S. K. Stevens met his Wednesday's History 21 class wearing a shamrock this big—which he averred was in honor of Dugan, present for the first time in two weeks... script for the Thespian show is rumored to be shaping up some better... candidates for sr. presy, as yet unannounced, will be kappasig Jack Kennon for the Campus Clique and phisi Tom Moore for Locust Lane...

Love Marches On—

"Dorm Doings" threatens to expose the Maniac if he doesn't leave Their Name Out of This... add great Syracuse moments include Iola Murray's entrance—when she was the only gal at the fights to rate applause... and Ruthie Boyer, unable to finagle a press pass from cynical officials, got a press gallery sent anyway—being escorted by none other than this rag's Editor.

Lo! the Poor Maniac!

But the resumed Powers-Campbell combo is to be purely platonic—according to her story... not so Libby MacPherson, who's forgetting a Clearfield' lad for Tommy Cameron, Penn Charter '36, Penn State '40... Hazel B. Woods gets millions of posies weekly—from X Chuck Glennan, we hope... Ginny Loveland, who hails from Sayre, Pa., and blames her oh so southern drawl on a colored mammy she had till she was twelve, hasn't been seen with Shad Blackburn for many a moon... Al McIntyre, publicity office stooge, is after Barbara Bowes—and can be found any day at 12 and 5, loitering outside Student Union, so they can happen to be walking downtown at the same time—which is our idea of a beautiful thought...

Get Bob Collins to show you his legs sometime—you won't have to coax, and my dear, they're simply gorgeous...

Attention All Co-eds:

It has come to our attention that some rat is having himself a hell of a lot of "fun" calling up various and sundry girls and admonishing them to "be careful" or do this and that "or else you may get your name in the COLLEGIAN." Campy wishes to take this opportunity to deny emphatically, on behalf of both columnists and the entire staff of the paper, any connection with or knowledge of this lowest form of college student. Furthermore we will be eternally obligated to the person or persons who can give us any evidence which will lead to the identification and subsequent exposure of the rat.

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Corpses Take Lead For Players' New Show

The corpse got up and slowly walked away.

The Little Theatre was quiet for a few seconds, then Neusbaum stood up, looked over the thirty people scattered here and there. "All right, Harry, you do the third corpse and Jane play the mother in the scene at the top of page twenty."

Selecting six corpses and thirty other characters for the Players' next show, "Bury the Dead," is a job that takes longer than the usual night of tryouts. Ordinarily picking people for dead men isn't a tough job. But when the play revolves around them, when they must talk and act and be principals in the biggest scenes in the play, then the problem is more difficult.

"Tryouts for this show were more interesting than usual," Frank S. Neusbaum, the director said. It was easy to see why they would be. Unfamiliar with the lines and with only a slight grasp of characterization, readings for most plays are usually unspiced and pretty meaningless to those looking on "Bury the Dead," however, has in it numerous short scenes, complete in themselves, and several times there were readings that really clicked. "Swell lines," said Neusbaum, "and people who know how they should be given."

The forty people assembled for tryouts fall into veterans and newcomers. The former aren't much trouble. Shifting them from one role to another the director must see how they fit in each, how they work with each other, and try to visualize the part to which they are best adapted.

The newcomers are more of a problem. A few show promise; they must be tried in six or eight parts to see whether they have enough talent to fill any of the still vacant roles or whether they are simply "naturals" in certain characters and misfits in all others.

Others can't do much of anything. They are weeded out, but before that can be done valuable time must be wasted in letting them read lines so there can be no hard feeling, no complaints of "I didn't get a chance." Some who have ability but who just don't fit into this particular show must be let down easily. They may be needed in a later production.

Except for the people on the stage, everyone is a little bored and pretends to be more so. Occasionally a well-read part—and there were several of them—awakened noticeable interest. For the most part the audience eyed the cast of the moment with critical eyes. After all, everybody wants to be in the show and every part well-taken is one more opportunity gone.

ASU Endorses Reform Plan of Independents

The program of student government reform proposed by the Independent Party was fully endorsed by the members of the American Student Union at a meeting of the groups held in room 415, Old Main, recently. Robert J. Baxter '37, chairman of the Independent group, was the speaker at the meeting.

Declaring that student government at Penn State has reduced itself to a farce, Baxter stated that the Independents have pledged themselves to a program of democratic government. According to the speaker, the present political setup results, mainly, from a lack of student interest, although the mechanism for democratic government is open to the student.

The Independents hope to effect this reform in student government through an eleven-point program formulated by representatives of the Junior, sophomore and freshman classes. The program calls for the election of candidates on a platform basis, changes in election and campaign procedure, student selection of paign procedure.

Penna. Had One-House System 161 Years Ago

In a letter to the Readers' opinion section of the New York Times, J. Paul Selsam, of the department of history and political science, pointed out that Pennsylvania had a unicameral legislative system 161 years ago. The Nebraska set-up of today isn't revolutionary as Pennsylvania followed a colonial precedent by establishing a one-house system of legislation in 1776.

The early governmental leaders of the state were strongly in favor of supreme legislative power residing in one house as provided for under the Constitution of 1776.

2 Receive '3' Average

Two students in the School of Engineering received straight three averages the first semester, Dean R. L. Sackett announced today. They are William E. Dieffenferer '38 and James A. Spiegar '40.

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Pack Forestry Prize Offered For Essays

The Charles Lathrop Pack prizes will be given again this semester to the three forestry students writing the best papers on some subject in forestry as it affects the public.

A first prize of \$25 is being offered, with second and third prizes of \$15 and \$10, respectively. The contest, which closes April 30, is open to all forestry students. The paper is limited to from 1,200 to 1,500 words, and is to be written in the style of a newspaper or magazine article.

Campus Bulletin

TODAY Meeting of the Penn State Mining Society in room 15, M.I. Building at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers and plans for the spring social program will make up the business meeting.

MONDAY Swimming party of the Campus 4-H Club in Glensland Pool at 7:30.

MISCELLANEOUS The Players' dance "Footlight Frolic" will be semi-formal for women and informal for men. Tickets on sale at Student Union.

The Suave Debonair Charles Stenross and his N. B. C. Orchestra Rainbow Room Supper Dancing Fridays—\$1.00 Per Person Minimum Check Saturdays—\$1.50 Per Couple Cover Charge Webster Hall Pittsburgh (Between Tech-Pitt Campus)

You can't wear your sheepskin! You seniors who are still on the drawing account, might better begin now to stock up with several dozen Arrows before you step out into the cold, cold world. Later on you'll thank us for the tip—and have shirts aplenty, for Arrow shirts are made to stand the gaff. Be sure to see your Arrow dealer today. TWO DOLLARS AND MORE Mitoga—tailored to fit Sanforized Shrink ARROW SHIRTS

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