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An Editorial

A Shot In The Arm

(Read Story Below Editorial)

After a Collegian campaign last year, President Hetzel appointed a committee to study the College Health service and to recommend remedies to combat obvious inefficiencies.

The committee report recognized certain deficiencies in the Service, placing the blame on insufficient funds with which to carry out a full program. The committee studied free hospitalization. During the summer, two new doctors were added to the personnel of the service. Apparently the question was solved for a while. On September 17 the Collegian expressed the hope that this addition to the staff would help the conditions and improve the Service.

BUT IT DID NOT! Ironically enough, three days later Dr. Ritenour was miffing a student case that added personnel or added money could not solve. Robert Brubaker, a sophomore, reported for medical aid with broken vertebrae in his back. Four days later, he was discharged with his back still sore. NOT A SINGLE X-RAY HAD BEEN TAKEN.

After a week of pain, Brubaker went to Lancaster and consulted a leading physician. A simple X-ray revealed a broken vertebrae. Brubaker was placed in a cast. He returned to school four days later and attended classes for six weeks in the cast. He had missed almost two weeks of classes, because Dr. Ritenour did not bother to use the X-ray. The physician Brubaker consulted wrote a scathing letter to the head of the Health service, denouncing his tactics.

Since that time Dr. Ritenour has evidenced no interest in his work, has done little to convince students that he took seriously the oath required to enter the profession.

At Ithaca, when State played Cornell this fall, Sever Torretti, a guard, collapsed as he left the field. It took Dr. Ritenour fully five minutes to reach the prostrated player from his seat on the bench. He was too interested in the game to bother. It is commonly known that athletes do not wish to be treated for injuries by Dr. Ritenour. It is commonly said that players sent to Ritenour by coaches, asking for treatment or examination, seldom receive what they seek. The doctors, players and managers assert, does not receive suggestions kindly.

During the intramural season, another sophomore, John Byrd, was injured in the head during a boxing match. Taken to the infirmary, he waited four hours for a doctor to appear. This incident is similar to the treatment of a visiting Temple baseball player last spring. It is similar to the treatment accorded persons injured in an automobile accident at the corner of Centre drive and Burrows street this fall.

These instances show clearly where the trouble with the College Health Service is. All the added appropriations in the world could not have prevented them. They illustrate clearly the inefficiency and lackadaisical attitude of one man.

The addition of personnel has not stopped infirmity atrocities. The head of the service by his attitude has demonstrated

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Cracked Bone Not Worthy Of X-Ray By Dr. Ritenour

Brubaker Goes Home To Receive Treatment; Spends 6 Weeks In Cast; Doctor Rapped

An inside story about the medical treatment offered students by Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, head of the College Health service, was told the Collegian yesterday by Robert E. Brubaker '40, who suffered cracked vertebrae in a touch football game last September 19.

Brubaker told of receiving the injury on a Sunday and of reporting to the infirmary on September 20 for treatment when he suffered extreme pain and paralysis. Dr. Ritenour took a blood test, Brubaker said, put him in bed for four days and discharged him when he was able to walk. Brubaker said that no X-ray of his injured back was taken and that the day he was released from the infirmary he suffered pain when he sat down in a chair.

The sophomore missed classes for a week while he nursed his injury, then sought the advice of a Dr. Atley in Lancaster, his home town. Dr. Atley immediately took an X-ray, Brubaker testified, and discovered the cracked vertebrae. Brubaker was placed in a cast and was released from a Lancaster hospital four days later. He returned to college and resumed his studies after missing two weeks of classes.

Brubaker said that Dr. Atley wrote a scathing letter to Ritenour, flaying him for his treatment. Brubaker wore the cast six weeks and has fully recovered.

OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT CITED

The Brubaker incident brings to mind several such reports of similar treatment to students at the infirmary this fall.

John J. Byrd '40 told the Collegian that he was injured in an intramural boxing bout during the progress of the elimination round last month. He was sent to the infirmary by Coach Leo Houck when he said that the blow he received on the head caused him to have half-vision. Byrd testified that he waited in the infirmary four hours while nurses were unsuccessful in getting Dr. Ritenour to attend to the case. Dr. Ritenour finally came,

Hans Kindler Plays Here At 8 Tomorrow

Artists Course Offers Nat'l Symphony As Second Number

Famed Orchestra In Return Engagement

Acclaimed as the greatest of the younger conductors, Dr. Hans Kindler and his seven-year-old orchestral "prodigy," the National Symphony orchestra of Washington, D. C., will appear in Schwab auditorium tomorrow night at 8 o'clock as the second number of the 1937-38 Artists Course.

Kindler appeared here with his orchestra for the first time on the 1935-36 program when the group, although only in its fourth season, was nevertheless being acclaimed nationally and internationally. Last year and again this year Kindler has been sought back at the request of the course subscribers who by ballot selected the National Symphony as the most popular number in the series.

Kindler undertook the task in 1931 of organizing a symphony orchestra in the National capital with material young in age and experience. With the financial support of subscribers in Washington, he speedily led the newly organized group through the difficult first stages of development and they were soon making national tours at the request of music lovers.

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'Soose Will Get Places, If—Leo

Warner Brothers Star To Back Penn State Boxer; Called A Second Gibbons

A brilliant career in professional boxing ranks was predicted for Penn State's Billy Soose at the annual meeting of the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association in New York City—if he can stand the gaff.

Leading booster of Soose's stock naturally was the "Old Master" himself—Leo Houck. As the New York World-Telegram reported, Houck was highly optimistic of Soose's chances in the pro ring, picturing the lanky 156-pound Eastern Intercollegiate champ as a second Mike Gibbons, a battering infighter, with dynamite packed in either hand.

Soose, unbeaten in 154 amateur fights, will leave for the Coast next summer to enter the pro ranks under the management of Dick Powell, Warner Brothers movie star. He is now under contract to a Farrell neighbor. Twelve-ounce gloves, minus all hand-bandaging, were adopted at the meeting for use in the championship journey here March 11 and 12. Ten-ounce gloves had been in vogue previously. Professionals use five-ounce mitts.

'Idiot's Delight' Whirls About International Merry-Go-Round

Imagine a situation that brings together, under one roof, in a very strategic spot, at the outset of the next war, a German, an Englishman, a Frenchman, a Spaniard, an Italian, a Russian, and an American—and if you possessed the masterful ability of Robert E. Sherwood, possibly you could write as brilliantly a successful play as the Penn State Players will give Thursday and Friday evenings, January 20 and 21.

In "Idiot's Delight," a Pulitzer prize-winning Broadway hit that will have its first non-professional presentation here by the Players, Mr. Sherwood creates a number of interesting situations, spiced by many humorous lines, that is a powerful indictment of war, international munitions-mongers, and fanatical nationalists.

The story revolves about Harry Van (Herbert S. Yonofsky '40), an American showman, who is touring Europe with his troupe of six dancing girls, and stopping at a mountain resort in the Italian Alps on the border of Switzerland and France, near an Italian army flying field.

Calls Class Meeting



JOHN D. KENNON Senior class president, who has set the first meeting of the class for Wednesday night, January 19, in the Home Economics auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

State Continues Wasserman Week

College Gives Maximum Number Of Tests Per Day; Results Obtained In Week

With more than 125 men and women students having taken Wasserman tests here last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and thousands being tested for syphilis all over the state, the State Department of Health has extended the observance of Wasserman Week through this week, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College health service.

Dr. Ritenour stated that laboratory facilities for testing the blood specimens taken allowed that a maximum of 40 or 45 tests could be given per day. This figure has been reached each of the three days last week, and if the rush continues the number will have to be limited to this amount each day, he said.

Results Available in Week Results of the tests will be available in about a week, just as soon as proper examination of the specimens can be made by the bacteriology department under the supervision of Prof. Michael A. Farrell.

Dr. Ritenour also stressed that Wasserman tests will be given throughout the year, and that students not able to take the test this week are urged to do so any time it is convenient. The tests are given in the College dispensary in Old Main. The State Department of Health has supplied the facilities for making the tests to the College, and apparently did not anticipate the number that would have the tests made, thus explaining the limit of 40 or 45 per day placed by Dr. Ritenour.

Music Units Plan Concert Season

Glee Club And Varsity Quartet To Make Debut At Senior Ball Next Month

Reorganized recently for the academic year, the Glee Club and Varsity Quartet of the College, are planning an active season.

These units, rehearsing under the direction of Richard W. Grant, director of the College music and in charge of the club, will make their debut at the Senior Ball in February. Complimentary concerts will begin in March. The spring concert tour includes appearances in Lancaster, Norristown, Cheltenham and Radnor.

The Glee Club is composed of 75 male students. In addition, the Hygine group of 24 students interested in popular vocal music has been formed.

The Varsity Quartet is made up of Frederick H. Serff '38, first tenor; Richard W. Tyrell '39, second tenor; Joseph K. Cook '38, baritone; and David P. Osborne '38, bass.

Library Seeks Copies Of Collegian For File

The College library is in need of Collegian issues of the following dates: Sept. 17, 21, and 24, and Nov. 12.

"We will appreciate any of these numbers to help us complete our files," Willard P. Lewis, College librarian, said.

Co-Ed Rushing Nears 2-Week Silent Period

All Sorority Contacts Are Barred After Noon Saturday

Pan-Hellenic Ball Set For Friday Evening

The first silent period in women's sorority rushing will extend over two weeks, starting Saturday at noon and ending January 29. From noon on the fifteenth until noon on the twenty-ninth, sorority women will be prohibited from contacting their rushees in any manner.

Panhellenic Council's constitution defines "silence" as "no communication or conversation between sorority members and rushees." The council stipulates along with this that the sororities must refrain from inviting any rushees during silent period to parties that will be held when rushing is resumed.

In addition to the two consecutive weeks of silence, there will be another silent period preceding the formal dinners held by each of the sororities Saturday night, February 2. From 8:30 p. m. Thursday, February 10, until 5 p. m. Friday, rushees will not be contacted.

The last silent period occurs at the close of the rushing season. It will extend from 10 p. m. the night of the formal dinners until the following day, when bids are issued.

Not only the active members of the ten national women's sororities on campus are bound by Panhellenic rulings in regard to silent periods. Pledges, alumnae, patronesses, and sponsors are also required to observe these rules. For infractions of any laws, Panhellenic has the authority to penalize the sororities.

Ball at Nittany Lion Friday, the night before silent period goes into effect, the annual Panhellenic ball will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn. All sorority women are entitled to attend along with those invited by the Council. Women students attending the dance will be allowed a two o'clock permission.

A condensed schedule of the remainder of the rushing season is as follows: Noon, January 15-noon, January 22—silent period. 8:30 p. m., February 11-5 p. m., February 12—silent period. 10 p. m., February 12—formal dinners. 10 p. m., February 12—issuance of bids—silent period.

Harry M. Pennington Dies of Heart Attack

Harry M. Pennington, for many years in charge of the locker room at the Army and Recreation hall, died of a heart attack Saturday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock.

He had been an employee of the College for twenty-four years and will be remembered by the students and faculty for his pleasant personality and constant smile. He was 58 years old. Funeral services will be held from his home, 538 East College avenue this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

H. P. Study Exposes Student Desires—Dance, Date, Drink

In an extended study of that elusive creature, the Penn State male, it has recently been found that his favorite occupations and the latent desires in his bosom in the order named are to dance, date, and drink. Choosing houseparty week-end as the guinea pig (P. S. male) come to the surface more than any other. Prof. William M. Lepley's class in experimental psychology put the subject under close observation and questioned him in the post-houseparty period before the fumes of the week-end had entirely cleared away.

The student in his post-H. P. fog made a very willing and easy-to-handle subject, coming through nobly with a variety of interesting, some startling, data as the answer to the one question asked, "What impresses you as your biggest moment or experience of the houseparty week-end?" The question was asked to some 68 tired men and an equal number of bewildered women who had at-

In Charge Of Gowns



CHARLES R. CAMPBELL who, with George W. Merriman, heads the cap and gown committee. Also serving on the committee are: Henry H. Cohen, Ned E. King, and for the first semester, John F. Jageman and Robert V. Donato.

Heading the invitations committee is Russell A. Golomb and Dan DeMarino. Serving with them are: Robert H. Dewalt, Maurice Petrosky and John D. Brisbane.

Orders for invitations and caps and gowns for first semester graduation must be handed in to the Student Union office before five o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Rosen Completes Book Mart Plan

Exchange To Sell Books During Two-Week Period On Cash Basis To Buyers

Final arrangements for the establishment of the second-hand book exchange in the exhibition room of the Library for a two-week period beginning Wednesday, January 26, have been made by Samuel J. Rosen '39, chairman of the Independent clique committee, which is running the exchange.

The exchange will remain open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. each day, except Sundays for the two weeks, beginning in the middle of final examination week and continuing until Wednesday, February 3. Permission to carry out their plan was granted the Independent party committee just before the Christmas recess by President Ralph D. Hetzel for a one-year trial period.

"Run on Cash Basis" It is the plan of the committee "to have the student set his own price on the book he wishes to sell, said price not to exceed two-thirds value of the book, and leave it at the exchange, which will make every effort to find a buyer.

"If the book is sold, the seller and buyer will each pay a five-cent service charge. If the book is not sold there will be no charge made." Tosen stressed that when a book is sold the seller will receive cash for the transaction.

"The plan of the committee," Rosen stated, "is to run the exchange on a cash basis. A record will be kept of each book turned in to us and the student will be told to call back in five days to find out whether the book has been sold. If it is sold before that time we will notify him," he said.

Cap, Gown Orders Due

February graduating seniors must order their invitations and caps and gowns by tomorrow night. Orders are being taken at the Student Union office, first floor Old Main.

An informal mid-semester dance, sponsored by the Student Union, will be held in the Armory Saturday night, January 29. Bill Bottorf's orchestra will play. Co-chairmen of the affair are Amy McClelland '38 and Russell Gohn '38.

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Contact 2,213 Homes

In the survey 2765 homeowners were canvassed and of this number, 530 reported favorable to housing and boarding workers, who are expected to be here by February 15.

The survey, which spotted the rooms in a 22-mile circle around the town, found places for 34 men in the one-mile area. Two miles from the borough 22, three miles 24, four miles 78, six miles 74, eight miles 18, and 10 miles 118.

In the area between 10 and 14 miles, rooms were secured for 768, 18 miles 28, and 22 miles 27.

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Room Survey Finds Places For 1500 Men

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College To Build New Wood Track

Designed For Indoor Trackmen By Dave Bauer, Oval Has Special Features

A new board track is now under construction by the College for the use of indoor trackmen.

The track, which is 176 yards in circumference and has railroad-banked turns, was designed by Dave Bauer '38, senior trackman and student in architecture. Bauer, a sprinter and hurdler, has been a member of the varsity team for the past two years and is one of the lettermen available for this year's competition.

Nine feet wide at the turns, the track is to have a straightaway twelve feet in width for the use of sprinters and hurdlers. The new oval is to have two-by-four undersupports every 17 inches and is to be surfaced in western spruce, a lumber selected because of its durability and the ease with which spikes penetrate it.

The track will have two special features. The surface boards are to be cut so that the grain is vertical, thus preventing breakage and slivers. It is planned to put a vaulting-box, a pit, and a broad jump board at one end of the straightaway for the use of pole-vaulters, high-jumpers, and broad-jumpers.

Until the track is completed and set up outdoors, the winter trackmen will practice in Rec hall in preparation for the indoor meets.

Couch Clark Werner plans to enter his best performers in the IC-4A championships in New York City on March 12. He also has hopes of taking a four-mile relay team out to the Illinois Relays. Entry into several other indoor meets is being considered.

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