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IT'S NICE, BUT—

OLD MAIN IS WITHOUT doubt the most handsome building on the Penn State campus. It is the building we show with pride to our visitors, and we all like to send picture post cards of Old Main to our summer acquaintances.

But Old Main is incomplete. Its beautiful texture and its favorable response to all kinds of light are qualities rarely found in architecture. But beautiful as it is when seen from the road to Whipple dam, from Beaver and Pugh streets, and from the main campus walk, its interior, nevertheless, is drab, colorless.

The modern trend so apparent in recent years is the decorating of walls of public and semi-public buildings with murals. Inasmuch as Old Main offers striking possibilities for mural treatment, it has been proposed that the walls of the main stairway and the second floor balcony be covered with mural decoration, the work to be done in fresco by an artist of demonstrated ability and established reputation.

The value to be derived from the use of murals is incalculable. The building will be humanized through the pictures, for pictures of things familiar and important to people speak to them more directly than do the unemotional lines of even beautiful architecture.

Attractive murals would stir the student's interest and pride in his college, the more so if the calibre of the paintings draws comment and attention from the outside. The large number of students enrolled in courses of history and appreciation of art would gain much more from their courses if they could view at close-hand some good contemporary mural painting.

Murals have met with success in other colleges, notably Dartmouth in the East. Dartmouth has received much valuable and worthwhile publicity from its murals, and visitors flock to see them. Similarly, it is expected that the College would become nationally known for the decorations. The murals would be lasting and enduring, and because Pennsylvania has few good murals, Old Main would become an art shrine of the State.

The theme of the decorations would probably be the history and services of the College as the first established land-grant college. The subject matter would not be idealistic and symbolic, but pictorial and realistic, compelling the attention.

Cost estimates show that the amount needed could be procured in the same manner as that of a recent class memorial. The senior class or one of the classes of recent years which as yet have not presented their gifts could give their class funds to the project with the hope that the College board of trustees would match the amount.

Instead of being an architecturally-beautiful shell, Old Main would become a living, story-telling monument, bestowing of the College through the medium of appreciative minds. —A.G.M.

OF A NEW SYSTEM

THE ADDITION OF four freshman football coaching assistants is one of the most commendable actions along athletic lines taken here in quite a while.

At first glance it appears that State is strengthening its chances of developing a winning varsity intercollegiate team. Added freshman coaching and attention will do that—but it will do far more in promoting football for everyone wishing to play. With more freshman assistants, material will be uncovered and developed that in the past has been missed. A proposed system of intra-squad competition, each assistant heading a team, will give nearly 100 freshmen a chance to play football, whereas competition this year was limited to about 15.

Thus, added personnel is more significant to a recreational program than to an improved varsity. However, a better varsity will be one result.

This, added to the 150-pound team and the plan for a full-time gym coach, is progress in a new school under a new head, under a new and broader program.

SPORTSMANSHIP

NO MATTER HOW the officials ruled in the basketball game Saturday night, it was a signal for loud dissonance from the crowd. To err occasionally is human, and basketball officials are not exempt. But on the whole they were doing the right thing.

Can it be that Penn State sportsmanship is on the downgrade? Can it be that we here in State College are no longer capable of conducting ourselves as gentlemen? We hope that is not so. But continued conduct of the nature displayed Saturday night will tend to convince visitors that we are becoming rowdy and uncouth.

Let's restore a little sportsmanship and good manners to our indoor cheering.

CHIMING IN

THOSE AT THE Artists Course Tuesday night can testify to the annoyance caused by the Westminster Chimes in the middle of Hans Kindler's concert.

If the chimes must be, can't they be confined to times when they will be helpful instead of detrimental? The grounds and buildings department should arrange to have them silenced during the presentation of music and dramas in the Schwab auditorium.

OLD MANIA

An Alibi:

Writing a column, Ain't much fun, When chemistry and physics, Keep us on the run.

Biting Bill:

Bill Smith, fresh x-country ace, has been watching the Phila. papers, but in vain. During Xmas vacation a Phila. columnist called him at his home, asking about his recent ICA-A victory, etc. Bill wasn't going to be gullible and told the interviewer about the trick the boys tried to pull on him before. The voice on the horn assured him that this was on the level, so Bill bit. He still doesn't know that it was his roommate on the other end of the line.

Cutie in Costume:

Pete Gregory has an eye for gorgeous females. He spotted one at the SX costume dance Saturday night. She was dancing with Johnny Patrick but Pete wasn't slow in cutting in. She was beautiful, but dumb, thought Pete, as he continued to dance with her and she still hadn't talked to him. But she finally did greet him with a few words, and that a gruff voice she had. It was none other than Sid Booth.

Dorm Dirt:

The boys who roll galvanized cans down the staircases in the men's dorms have nothing on the girls in Grange.

Last Friday at 1:01 a. m., a group of the wise women took the fire hoses from the walls and stretched them through the 2nd floor corridors with each nozzle turned into a room. Having done this, they turned on the water and skipped, careful to leave no clues.

Error Expose:

One of the boys in Watts Hall got the surprise of his life last week when he opened a laundry kit delivered to his room.

Instead of finding shirts and shorts he found slips and scanties. Closer examination of the case and its contents revealed it was addressed to Madge Norton, 312 Watts Hall, a room now occupied by Ray Hamel. The solution to the problem proved that Madge, a Mac Hall inmate, had lived in the Watts Hall room during the Summer Session.

Fun and Formaldehyde:

Frank Binford, Sigma Nu soph, who has been rushing Hilda Brown, became quite irked at Brother Tommy Gullette's peculiar wolfing tactics and punched him in the nose. . . . SAE Parker Russell hurled a waste paper basket at Harry Bauer and then rushed around frantically to revive him. . . . Johnny Thompson was not hiding a shiner under those dark cheaters at Pan-Hell Ball. He was protecting his eyes from the radiant Hermione Hunt.

Giving and Getting:

Bill Orlis sent Lucille Giles an orchid to console her while she was studying for a French exam last week-end. . . . Correcting Campy's grave error, we wish to announce that Alexandra Tillson married James A. Taylor, fuel tech prof., and not W. F. Taylor of mech. eng. staff. . . . Betty Sanders sent Towne Swalm, our predecessor, a hand-embroidered apron to wear when cleaning his Greenwich Village apt. . . . Dot Warr is engaged to Bill Sutton, track flash. . . . while Vic Sandham, du, has gotten his pin from Jean Hoover, former secretary of this paper.

Happenings Hereabout:

Tired of throwing the ball the College decided to sell it (Penn State Year's Laddie 254728). . . . Charlie Stiller, the, had his car (No. 423) parked over the spot where contractors sounding building foundations had to drill. The car was locked and the gears in reverse and nothing could be done about it. . . . Headline from Saturday's Centre-Daily Times, "The Daily Half-Colyum." Tut! Tut!

—THE MANIAC

State To Reject Share Of Refund

(Continued from page one.)

The enlarged Marshall interpretation. Aside from the question of the federal government taxing a state, the court also had to decide another issue: Whether football players put on a show for the public's favor like actors and professional boxers, or whether they perform as amateurs furthering the cause of education.

Although admitting there had been abuse through subsidization of athletes, the court held the practice was abating and decreed that college athletics performed as an educational feature, reaching back to the times of the ancient Greeks.

No mention of reimbursement was made in the decision, inasmuch as the injunction in this case had prevented collection of the tax.

However, state-operated institutions are rife with speculation as to what the Supreme Court may do in view of the fact that just two years ago it ordered repayment of processing taxes collected under the invalidated Agricultural Act.

FELINE

The Mac hall dining commons is a scene of change. Morrie Bonrri is planning faculty-student dinners to foster a closer relationship between students and professors. This contact should result in better understanding between both parties which should strengthen co-operation in the classroom. The women at each table will have the opportunity to invite one professor and his wife for Sunday dinner during the semester.

The new cafeteria style breakfast, made possible by the recent installation of a steam table, was a change that was greatly appreciated by the women as evidenced by the increasing number attending the meal. Mac hall now offers a variety of breakfast foods. Each morning there is one hot cereal which is kept warm on the steam table, and several cold cereals. Hot chocolate, coffee, and milk are offered at the meal as well as different fruits and breads.

There also has been a change in custom in the dining commons. Men who are invited to dinner no longer look embarrassed and bewildered among so many women. It is not unusual to see dinner dates in Mac hall during the week-end.

New Laboratory For Making Telescopes Nears Completion

A new telescope-making laboratory in the east basement of the Women's building will be ready for occupancy for the second semester. Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, assistant professor of physics, announced yesterday.

The new laboratory will replace the old grinding and polishing lab in the Chemistry Annex, destroyed by fire last month.

With its completion, in connection with the astronomical laboratory in Pond lab, Penn State will become the most-completely equipped school in the country for making telescopes.

Bigger and more fully equipped than the old one, the new laboratory will be used primarily by students taking the telescope-making course, to be offered for the first time during the regular session next semester.

Penn State is the pioneer in student telescope-making, having given the first complete course of its kind during the 1935 summer session. Open to all students, the course, listed as Physics 290 in the College catalogue, includes groundwork in the study of astronomy in addition to instruction on making telescope mirrors, lenses, and prisms. Celestial observations will be made one night each week from the Buckhout observatory.

Materials for the construction of telescopes in the new laboratory will cost each student approximately \$100.

A. S. M. E. meets in Room 315, M. I. building, at 7:30.

Letter To Ritenour Cordial, Not Critical

It has been brought to the Collegian's attention that it has been misinformed as to the content of a letter to Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour referred to in its edition of January 11. The Collegian was informed that the letter was critical of the College Health service, whereas the letter was rather cordial to it.

The Collegian also regrets that in its honest effort to improve the College Health service it allowed statements seemingly detrimental to Dr. Ritenour personally, although not intentionally so, to appear. The Collegian wishes it understood that it is vigorously hopeful of attaining a better Health service, but that it will in the future deal with the service as a whole and not with Dr. Ritenour personally, who is embarrassed by the lack of certain facilities.

The Collegian assumes that the question of the Health service has been brought to the administration's attention, and that in its hands satisfactory judgment will rest.



A regular examination of your eyes is as important as the regular inspection of your teeth.

Dr. Eva B. Roan 402 E. College Ave.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

It is a common belief on the Penn State campus that the most gullible group of people in this vicinity are the freshmen. To my mind, they are far behind. In this respect, compared to those students who are foolish enough to go out for managerships of the athletic teams of the college, in this group we find the heights of folly.

Naturally to get "fish" to try for such positions, "bait" must be held out as an incentive. This bait consists of many varieties, all of which amount to so much hot air. First of all, the fraternities get the sucker's interested by telling the sophomores to go out for a managership in order that the house may gain prestige on the campus. In so arguing, has anyone ever stopped to think that a manager or a first assistant manager causes more hard feeling against his house than the development of good feeling for his fraternity. One only has to wait for elections to see this. In every election more boys disappointed than satisfied. As a result, invariably, houses feel their boy has been "hosed" and automatically the men who have to elect their predecessors and their houses are black in the eyes of many fraternity men.

But, one says, the successful manager will be a B. S. O. C. on the campus. So what? There's Blue Key and maybe Skull and Bones or Parni Nous. The initiation fee to all these societies comes out of the manager's own pocket. Maybe they meet twice a year; maybe they don't.

Oh yes, the boys get wonderful trips. An example is the poor fellow who was tickled pink that he made the track trip to the Penn relay. He spent the whole time in Philly sitting in the locker room under Franklin field. He actually saw two races. A great reward.

These are trivial facts compared to the amount of time a managerial aspirant gives to the college. The season of a sport varies from the whole college year in some major sports to two or three months in a minor sport. During this season the seconds and first assistant managers spend from three to six hours every day, except Sunday, at Recreation hall, plus drawing charts, telephoning, etc. at night. The money the college would have to spend employing men to do this work would annually run into thousands of dollars. The fish do it for nothing.

In addition to all of his other duties, the manager and his assistants have to dig up jobs for the men in their sport. The only way coaches can get men of any calibre to attend State is to offer them jobs which pay for their

board. With such a promise some boys come. It is the job of every manager to provide from three to fifteen jobs a year. It's great fun to pull jobs out of your hat! In some cases the first assistants have gone so far as to feed these men out of their own pockets because the college does not provide them the job the coach has promised.

When a man is successful and becomes a manager, what happens when he faces the stark reality of having spent the best part of his sophomore and junior years in college and has received absolutely nothing in return? There is only one way to make any money and this is sometimes done. The manager "pads" the expense account. Nearly all do it. Actually, the college authorities have forced this on the manager. They receive reimbursement in no other way, and who will deny that they should have some material remuneration for their work? The managers even have to tip out of their own pockets on the trip. They must also pay out of their own money, the cost of sending a telegram back to State College in order that students here might learn whether or not State was victorious. It's a great system.

Until this year managers were given complimentary tickets to the Soph Hop, Junior Prom, and Senior Ball as a small token of appreciation. It was felt, however, that the manager didn't deserve such a tremendous profit from his labor. As a result, the dance committees have dropped the managers from the comp list of the Junior Prom and Soph Hop.

Steps should be taken to improve this deplorable system.

First, the college should add one or two men to the staff in the supply room at Rac hall. At the present time, one fine elderly gentleman, and recently an assistant who is to replace him, are trying to do the work of three men. As a result, managers have been pressed into service there.

Second, the managers should receive a salary. This should be scaled according to whether the sport is a major or minor sport. If, however, the college feels the manager is not deserving of a salary, only spending at least three hours a day for three years in its behalf, it should provide him with an incidental account from which he could draw without being forced to report every penny spent to the Athletic association and in so doing, forcing him to become a crook.

This question, to my mind, is a vital one. Let's have some comment on it by college officials, students, and managers.

Sincerely, A Successful (?) Manager.

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