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**SOLVING OF AN EPIDEMIC**

THE APPARENT SOLVING of the alarming wave of stealing that has swept the College in the past year should be good news to the student body and a warning that serious crime in State College will be prosecuted.

The borough officials have done well in the case brought to light this week. Serious, habitual offenders of the law should be prosecuted. Pranksters and persons committing minor breaches of the peace should be treated leniently.

This week's case has much precedent but marks a new method of handling serious cases. Cases have come up in the past that have been settled far from satisfactorily because the College interceded. A policy should be set up whereby the College would do all it could for a person in trouble himself, but would not interfere when that person has caused serious trouble for his fellow students. Last year a student was forced to leave college because such an enormous amount of money was stolen from him.

That a 19-year-old 2.8 student should be in such trouble this week is a serious indictment of local sociology. It indicates that students isolated in cubby holes throughout town are not being developed in society. A young man with a 2.8 average has definite possibilities. Yet over a period of two and one-half years he committed by his own admission over 100 thefts. He was a model boy before he came to College. It is an indictment of the College. It is an indictment of the different social organizations and clubs of the College that the boy in question was not developed socially as well as intellectually.

This week's case indicates that a more accessible student loan fund should be set up whereby promising students could more easily receive financial aid should they need it. This loan service could fund for worthy athletes as well and solve a good portion of subsidization worries.

Efforts should be made to ferret out any additional offenders against the student body, methods should be studied whereby "lost in the dark" students can be developed, and every effort should be made to make this college town as nearly perfect as possible before the building program and its worries and problems are upon us.

**A GOOD MOVEMENT**

THE CURRENT MOVEMENT of those interested in ice hockey and its development as a sport have chosen the correct method to make it possible. Once enough stimulated interest is aroused in ice hockey and enough students show that they are anxious that the College officially adopt it, the College can be assured that they have a legitimate cause in their hands.

To accomplish ice hockey on the campus, the surge has to come from the student body. The formation of an ice hockey movement recently is indication that there is an interest.

Another sport in a similar state of unofficial approval is skiing. The skiers have a tougher proposition to consider—the lack of snow. It would appear that the ice hockey movement will get farther, unless the weatherman and the skiing enthusiasts get together.

The addition of both sports would be a milestone in accomplishing a well-rounded and rapidly-developing College sports program.

**HECTIC RUSHING**

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT the fraternity women will climax a tedious rushing period by giving two formal parties. From 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. they will entertain one group of freshmen, then prepare for the second party which will be held from 8:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

What is the reason for such hectic last-minute rushing? It is supposed to help undecided freshmen choose between two fraternities. In an extensive seven-week rushing period there is ample time for the freshmen to decide which group they prefer. If there were only one party the rushers would be stimulated to make their decisions earlier. Surely, the artificial atmosphere of a formal party is no basis on which to judge a fraternity.

In attending one formal party the freshmen would know that they would receive a bid from that fraternity. The fraternities would lose very few bids as they would realize that the women who attended the party naturally expected to join the group.

Panhellenic Council could easily prevent unnecessary strain for both freshmen and fraternity women by limiting each school to one formal party to be held on Saturday night.

—S. R. H.

**CAMPUSEER**

BY TIMKELP

**Beware! The Dog!**  
Krall of the Math department flunked 16 of his 29 students.

**Rumor Has It:**  
Slingin' Sam Wyand, ceon terror, was taken over the coals by the head of the department for doing a little too much slingin' . . . Chuck Clemson, freshman pscayer, asked Jack Putney, who Hum Fishburn is . . . Ho Hum . . . Edythe Riekel is still trying to make Harold Goldberg . . . two Thetas obtained free blotters at Metzger's, then had them wrapped at the Athletic Store.

**He Oughta Be in Pitchers**  
It has come to the state where the secretaries in Old Main are begging the Collegian boys to get some pictures of Woman Hater Sol Michoff for them. And it is said that Ridge Riley is forced to lock Sol's pictures in the safe to keep them from the grasp of adoring women.

**Brooklyn vs. Bellefonte**  
Arnie, cornerroom pash, is involved in a sad case of love trouble. It seems our well-known Romeo some time ago accepted a high school ring from his Brooklyn flame and recently added to the collection a Bellefonte high school ring. Since the latter acquisition, the Brooklyn ring was lost. So being a conscientious lad, Arnie placed a lost ad in the local Centre Daily Times.

Unfortunately the Bellefonter can read.  
Results: An inquiring ring from Bellefonte.

**BLANK VERSE**

- (by a C and F'er weary of it all)
- Monday—recuperation
  - From week-end dissipation.
  - Tuesday—concentration
  - On some current situation.
  - Wednesday—inclination
  - To do a little recitation.
  - Thursday—explanations
  - For cuts in Market Transportation.
  - Friday—relaxation
  - For usual inebriation.
  - Saturday—consummation
  - Leads only to complete frustration.
  - Sunday—prayer for preservation.

Hell, whatta life!

**What Next?**  
Not too long ago, Campy watched with interest the budding romance between Ruth MacFarlane and Joe Wentling. Contemporary to this was Bud Gordon's hopeful longing for a date with Dotty MacAuliffe. Now Campy is all mixed up, with Joe and Dotty beyond the hand-holding stage and the Gordon attentions focussed full on the lovely MacFarlane.

**The Helping Hand**  
William V. Dennis, captain of the campus cruisers, was called to the Kappa house the other day to unlock Dot Bollinger's room (Bollinger's room has nothing to do with the story). While our staunch captain performed his duty, three of the Kappa inmates were seeking a fourth for bridge. One half hour later—a grand slam for William V(ersatile)!

**P S**  
Campy hears that Barbara Fleming's heart beats faster under Jerry Howarth's D U pin.  
The Corner Room nominates for oblivion: One Bill Hoot.

**You'll Enjoy**

**The Corner**  
unusual

**Campus Bulletin**

- TODAY**  
Freshman Independent clique meeting, Room 410, Old Main, 7 p.m.  
Alpha Nu meeting, Room 201, Textile Chemistry, 7 p.m.  
Hillel services, Room 405, Old Main, 7 p.m., Rabbi Gordon speaking.
- TOMORROW**  
Omega Psi Phi meeting, Room 410, Old Main, 7:30 p.m.  
Hillel record recital, Room 417, Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY**  
Hillel social, Phi Sigma Delta, 7:30 p.m.
- MONDAY**  
4-II Club meeting, Room 405, Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

**Letter Box**

To the Editor:  
In your Collegian issue of February 1, you published a letter from a critic who signed himself as "A Penn State Student." This letter objected to the use of flash bulbs at the indoor athletic meets. Unfortunately, this individual who refused to sign his name to his protest, has, to my mind, a distorted view on the matter. I wish to represent those persons who are using flash bulbs and hence to defend our position.

We who are using this means of taking pictures are not doing so for selfish reasons. The average flash picture means an uncertain outlay of about 50 cents. Our main reason for doing so is to provide the press with pictorial news of Penn State. We do not receive remuneration above the actual cost of the picture; hence, we feel that we are performing a service to Penn State in the form of publicity. We ask no return for this

service, yet we are subject to considerable abuse from the audience. This is mainly in the form of hissing which is started by those individuals in the audience that probably are responsible for the toy airplanes found in the center of the ring. The hissing can easily be overlooked, but does the critic take into consideration that we spend half the night developing these pictures so that they may be in the hands of the press early?

Does the critic realize that we must invest a considerable sum without any assurance of return? We know that it is not pleasant to anyone to have a flash bulb exploded in his face, but might we suggest that if the spectators are intent upon watching the contest that they will not notice the flash.

Before we began using flash bulbs an intensive investigation was made concerning the possible objections to their use. Athletes and coaches were consulted and not a single objection was encountered. A careful observer of our methods would surely notice that we never flash a bulb at a strategic moment during a contest. We have absolutely no intention of hindering our athletes or our opponents.

We sincerely believe that we are performing a service to Penn State. We have tried to be courteous and not to offend the coaches, athletes, and spectators. It is for the benefit of Penn State and any publicity that is

due Penn State that we take pictures of athletic meets. If our critic would prefer that his selfish motives be before his school I am sorry for him.  
Very truly yours,  
RALPH I. COHEN

202 Frear Hall,  
State College, Pa.

To the Editor:  
"A Penn State Student" claims that photo-flash lamps constitute a major menace to Penn State athletes. Speaking for his fellow students, he requests that the privilege of photographing indoor athletic events be denied on the grounds that it is annoying to spectators and distracting to contestants. I believe that he is making an issue where there is none.

Contrary to the statement which he made in his letter, most students whom I have spoken to are not disturbed by an occasional flash. The hissing which usually accompanies each lamp is not a rebuke to the photographer, but merely a traditional outlet for restrained emotions. It is

humorous rather than violent. I do not think that the contestants are seriously or even slightly annoyed. The attention of an athlete is so concentrated upon the event in which he is participating that he may not even notice a bulb lighting on the sidelines or at the ringside.

There is no reason for getting excited over a harmless action which injures no one and may prove valuable and enjoyable to some.

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