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IT WAS THE WEEK BEFORE EASTER

THE FUTURE HAS caught up with the present again. Something that seemed brand new all year is suddenly old and wasted. The Collegian has encountered the spirit of Easter once more, and a new Saviour has been admitted to the fold.

In a long-term point of view there can be no efficiency, no achieved goal with a rapid turn-over of bosses. So it is with the Collegian. The Collegian is an educational device that is more closely patterned after actuality than any other project in operation at Penn State today.

This year it has kept faith with the word "newspaper" and has attempted to break faith with propaganda and make-believe. The way that the new era will use the Collegian is its responsibility and pleasure.

To the new staff, the old says good-bye and good luck upon the appropriation of an organ that is real, life-like, and in which there is an honest opportunity for education.

HOW ABOUT FRESHMAN DORMS?

THE COMBINATION OF facts concerning the rooming situation expected next fall seems to add up into a practicable solution if the College administration can find place, time, and money.

What confronts the student body is a room shortage next fall as the result of the current building program, during which some 1,500 workmen are to be quartered somewhere in the immediate vicinity.

But all this leaves no place or assurance for incoming freshmen. Fraternity men will have snapped up all short-term rooms available for rushing purposes.

It would be most helpful if the College would exert the influence or control it has with the operators of the present downtown dorms for women, and rent them to lease, as dormitory space to incoming freshmen.

"HIGHER EDUCATION?"

OF THE CONCLUSIONS that can be drawn from the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching report in Pennsylvania, the most encouraging is the fact that many of our youths are not losing anything by not attending college.

In a ten-year survey in which intelligence tests were given to high school seniors, high school graduates who did not attend college, college sophomores, and college seniors it was discovered that one quarter of the high school seniors scored above the college sophomore average.

We know now that selection for college is poor and that college education is not the best influence for a bright young mind to undergo. We know now that this traditional "must" philosophy that prompts many of us to seek college educations is the bunk.

"Higher education," indeed!

OLD MANIA

S--entimental, But Sober:

It is 7 o'clock, Sunday night. We must write our last column. Everyone just sits around.

Wheeler is opening his mail, the last mail to him, the editor, while Weinstein is dunning his 60th sports page. Szymczak is standing on a waste paper basket trying to give his farewell speech, but no one listens. Riery is answering the 'phone--"No election results available yet."

Shirley Helms is worried, wondering if she did as good a job as women's editor as Marion Ringer did last year. Georgia Powers, theta prexy at one time, is trying to cheer us up with one of her simon-pure-simple jokes. In another corner stands Caroline Tyson on a soap box, showing us her new \$1.98 shoes. Shimmy's basket eaved in.

But we can't laugh... we must go on... two more pages... and then... Happy Easter!

O--h! Yes! We Forgot:

J. Russell Smyth, sps, does not want it known that an import got his pin at IF hall... while Bob Goeder says he's through with Aggie Ross... Skippy Jennings sent a telegram to Bob Pike at Duke telling him there will be a letter "tomorrow" explaining someone's idea of a joke (See last issue)...

Garf Thomas and Ga. Powers (An unwritten Maniac rule is to avoid using the names of staff members) bought four paring knives at a recent local sale. Meeting B. M. O. C. Campbell shortly afterwards they handed him one of the knives as a souvenir. Chuck's sudden appearance foiled their original plan of having Garf draw the knife from the girl's back and returning it to Campbell.

L--el's Have a Short Yell:

President Hetzel was entertaining guests in his office recently. A noise overhead was terribly annoying. So Mr. Watkins, the scheduling officer, was sent out to investigate but could find no cause for the noise. It wasn't the CA this time.

So a few days later the same thing happened again. Going up another floor Mr. Watkins discovered the trouble. Dusty Rhoades was rehearsing with a gang of would-be cheerleaders.

O--ur Own Selection:

- Snow White... Amy McClelland
Suezy... Merlyn Troy
Grumpy... John Genthner
Happy... Mill Lindemuth
Dopey... Frank Kammer
Doc... Joe Erkes
Bashful... Bud Gordon
Sleepy... That's Me

N--ever Do This:

Being a firm believer in the profit-by-practice theory, we pass on this advice to our successors: Never use Ray Fishburne's name. He is reported to have been married just to crash the column. And that goes for Chuck Campbell, too.

Don't abbreviate erm, beta pie, phi delt, etc. Don't print trash like this: Janet Bliss, visiting Misericordia College, was shown the Tudor Room to which she replied, "We don't get tutored in rooms like this at Penn State."

Don't go to the Student Union afternoon dances in the Army--Nate Haudler always cuts in when you have a smooth babe and you can't find any dirt there. Don't fail to have a contact man in each house, especially Sigma Nu and the Kappa Kappa joint.

G--ood Bye or Thirty:

Being a Maniac was one great scream. The realization of our own dream. To pan big shots, to dish out dirt. That made all laugh (?) but those it hurt. To scamp Friend Froth--That was a thrill. To follow Cupid's er dale and hill. But here's our end, "there ain't no more." We join our friends, who've gone before--Heisler, Watson, Tsefan Van Keuren, Bell, Sheen Swalm, Sanders, McDowell, I guess we're "has-beens" now. -THE MANIAC

EASTER FASHIONS

FOR - PENN STATE MEN - JACK HARPER STARK BROS. & HARPER. HATS-- A NEW EASTER HAT MEANS DOBS OF COURSE. THE PENN STATER SHAPE IS THE CORRECT UNIVERSITY HAT. 4.50-5.00. SHIRTS-- THERE IS NOTHING THAT GIVES A MORE FORMAL TOUCH TO A DOUBLE BREASTED SUIT THAN A SMARTLY STYLED TAB COLLAR. 2.00 to 3.50. SOCKS-- INTERWOVEN'S SPRING ASSORTMENT IS THE FINEST EVER. 2 for 1.10. NECKWEAR-- SMART NEW-ENGLISH FOULARDS - HAND BLOCKED IN GREAT BRITAIN. 1.00-1.50.

UNDER THE COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT

By ROY NICHOLS

"Too many college professors are optaph polishers dusting off tombstones of big names in history."

With this biting criticism of the academic leaders in the nation's colleges and universities, Dr. George W. Crane, Northwestern University psychologist, begins his denunciation of those who teach in modern educational institutions.

"For three centuries here in America we have been hoodwinked by college professors who harp on culture. Most of them neither know what the word means nor demonstrate cultured personalities," he continues.

"Instead of teaching the students to be the life of the party," Doctor Crane insists, "most professors ape or unduly reverence the past. While

Letter Box

To The Editor:

In this effort to crash your popular letter box I want to be a bit philosophical.

With most of the campus likely to be torn up during the next two years we are faced with the question as to what shall be our attitude toward the rest of it. Shall we be particularly careful to preserve the neatness and beauty of the portions not torn up?

Or shall we allow it all to go to the howl with temporary spirit, customs, traditions, and attitudes, then we can expect that much of it will suffer permanent suspension.

Personally I hope we shall not allow the campus confusion of the transition period to tempt us to be careless and indifferent. On the contrary I hope we shall be warned that it will be a period when we must zealously hold on to what we want to keep, and preserve it by keeping it constantly living and active.

Two years from now about forty percent of the student body will be students who are now sophomores and freshmen, and sixty percent will be students who have not yet come to the campus. To a very large extent their conception of what Penn State is will be formed by the impressions they get and the ideas they form during the next two years.

Another professor condemns final examinations, but the time-bound custom will probably exist as long as the institutions of which it is a part. This time it is Prof. Selbert Fairman of Purdue University who complains, "I think final examinations are a waste of time, for I find that very few students have changed their semester grades by taking a final. The time spent on those exams could be better used for further study."

University of Alabama students currently are chucking at the following "famous sayings of a parent," who wrote her daughter after receiving notice that her child had been missing classes all too regularly: "Dearest Daughter: What are you doing, giving up classes for Lent?"

Those who think that Penn State is faced with a major catastrophe if the name is changed to "The University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" should consider the charter name of the University of Michigan.

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There are 129 students on the campus who have come from the centers for the second semester of this year. In contrast to the number of students enrolled in the School of Liberal Arts in the centers, the School of Engineering has more center students than any other school, having 31 distributed among all curricula in that school.

The School of Liberal Arts has 29 former center students, and the schools of Education and Chemistry and Physics have 23 and 22, respectively. The remaining 24 are distributed in the other three schools of the college.

Richard W. Kooman '39, Dallas R. Long '39, and Francis A. C. Vosters '39 were elected vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Plans were discussed for awarding of two plaques to scholastic papers for advertising excellence at the High School Press conference to be held here April 30.

Reservations for the special Greyhound buses leaving here at 12:45 Wednesday afternoon will close at 8 o'clock tonight, according to Roy Griffith of the Hotel State College, agent for the line.

Direct buses will go to Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, New York, Harrisburg, Altoona, Pittsburgh, Sunbury, Philadelphia, Tyrone, Johnstown, Greensburg and intermediate points.

Nicholas III In Phila.

Jack H. Nicholas, a senior in fuel technology, seriously ill of pneumonia in the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, will be unable to return to school this semester.

Nicholas a member of the Penn State Airmen, learned to fly at the State College Air Depot in 1936. He acquired his private pilot-license in the same year.

Plan Inspection Trip

Senior architectural students will make an inspection trip of various architectural projects in New York City, from April 20 to 23. They will visit the World's Fair, Waldorf-Astoria, and Radio City.

Co-Edits

A revision of the policies and activities of the Home Economics club was announced by the new president, Jane A. Romig '40, at an open meeting Wednesday night.

The club is planning work on a project to be sent to the National Home Economics club convention this summer in Pittsburgh, and is also trying to obtain a club room in Home Economics building for its use.

An important meeting featuring an amateur hour followed by refreshments will be held April 27. Members of the club are to be chosen for their interest and attendance.

The A. E. Phi's celebrated their first anniversary as a national sorority Sunday night with a banquet in Grange playroom. Guests of honor were Mrs. Charles Schlow, sorority advisor, and Miss Helena Samuel, Altoona, alumnae advisor.

Prof. R. E. Galbraith, department of English composition, addressed the Delta Gammas at an informal meeting Monday night.

Students To Attend Political Conference

A group of Penn State students, composed largely of political science majors, will attend the Intercollegiate Conference on Government in Harrisburg, April 22 to 24.

Meetings of the conference will be held in the Education Forum and in the Senate and assembly halls. A "Model Government" Conference will be the theme of this year's meeting, which will deal mainly with problems relating to inter-state compact.

At the conference each school in Pennsylvania will represent a state. The Penn State group will represent Illinois.

Federal Project Head Speaks on State Art

Explaining the work being done by 112 artists on state projects, Miss Mary Curran, director of the Federal Art Project in Pennsylvania, spoke in Home Economics auditorium Thursday afternoon on "Art in Pennsylvania." The lecture was sponsored by the division of Fine Arts, the American Association of University Women, and the State College Women's club.

The College recently secured 22 original works, the property of the U. S. government, from Miss Curran's department. They are given as permanent loans to groups which are tax-supported.

3 Speech Professors To Address Meeting

Professors John H. Frizzell, Joseph F. O'Brien, and Herbert Koepf-Baker of the division of speech will attend the 29th annual meeting of the Eastern Public Speaking conference in New York City on April 22 and 23.

Professor Frizzell, one of the charter members, will deliver a memorial address on Professor Wilbur Jones Kay, late of University of West Virginia, who was founder of the organization.

A paper on "The Place of Parliamentary Procedure" in the Department of Speech will be presented by Professor O'Brien, secretary-treasurer of the conference. Professor Koepf-Baker will talk on "Recent Experimental Approaches to the Physiology and Pathology of Articulation."

The senior class gift at Tarleton Agricultural College this year is a neon sign for one of the campus-buildings.

SMOOTHEST SMOKE YOU EVER ENJOYED

Frank MEDICO has only Pat'd filter, combining moisture-proof Cellophane exterior and 66 Baffle absorbent mesh screen interior; resulting in greatest scientific pipe smoking invention ever known. Keeps juices in filter, out of mouth. 121 Center Students Favor L. A. Courses. Figures released by David B. Pugh, supervisor of undergraduate centers, show that there are 20 students enrolled in the four centers at the present time, 121 of whom are taking subjects in the School of Liberal Arts. Over 120 are unclassified, and the remainder are taking courses distributed among the other six schools of the College, representing a total of 6587 credits taken by students in the undergraduate centers.

Surprise PARTY

HEY, FELLOWS, HOW ABOUT COMING HOME WITH ME FOR THE WEEK-END? SOUNDS FINE TO US, BUT IS IT O.K. WITH YOUR FOLKS? SURE, THEY'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU.

I'M AWFULLY SORRY, BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU TONIGHT. GEORGE BROUGHT SOME BOYS HOME UNEXPECTEDLY FOR THE WEEKEND.

GOSH, NEXT TIME I'LL TELEPHONE HOME IN ADVANCE AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S O.K. NO MORE SURPRISE VISITS FOR ME!

When you're making your plans, don't just assume that "everything is going to be all right" - make sure. If you telephone ahead, you'll avoid possible disappointment and embarrassment. RATES ON ALL CALLS OF 42 MILES OR MORE ARE REDUCED EVERY NIGHT AFTER 7 AND ALL DAY SUNDAY. THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. Mack Appointed To Labor Dept. Post

Dr. Pauline B. Mick, professor of textile chemistry, has been appointed a staff member of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. She will serve as an expert in setting living standards for women under the minimum wage law. This is an honorary appointment, paying only \$1 a year.

Phyllis K. Sprague, associate professor of home economics, has been appointed by Dr. Mack to determine the minimum cost of balanced restaurant meals for women. The clerical work will be financed by a special NYA grant.

Whitmore To Preside At A CS Texas Session

Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, will leave Monday for Dallas, Tex., where he will preside at the spring meeting of the American Chemical Society to be held April 18 and 19.

Dean Whitmore, who is president of the society, will present national awards to several outstanding chemists of the country. Enroute to Dallas, he will speak at Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla., and Houston, Austin, Denton, and Amarillo, Tex.

Hard College is conducting a fund drive to prevent their institution from being closed at the end of the current school year.