

Onward—Toward A Better Understanding

Editorial

Fifty years of age—yet not a day old. Thus does the Collegian today reflect upon its life history, a half century marked by sporadic letdowns but nevertheless a half century of definite progress toward the realization of a more satisfactory relationship among the student body, the faculty, the administration, and the townspeople.

For today, as the Collegian enters its second half century of publication, a new board moves into control—a board fully cognizant of its tremendous responsibility, the responsibility of maintaining that high degree of integrity and ability of campus leadership demonstrated by the Collegian boards of the past.

But the Collegian will not be content with reaching any standard that may have been set in previous years. The Collegian aims to continue its progressive march, building upon the foundations that have been built and rebuilt during its 50 years of existence. Should it fail to reach that goal the Collegian will have no one to blame but itself.

Although the annual change in the managing board necessarily precludes a changing editorial policy, the Collegian believes this to be the best preventative of a stodgy press, for the constant shifting of those at the helm provides a steady flow of new blood that sees and feels the current problems at first-hand and hears and thinks of them in the current vein.

And so it is for this same reason that students should realize they cannot run the school. They never have, never will, never should. For the folly of permanent self-government of an educational institution by a group whose personnel materially changes every year is self-evident.

On the other hand, the administration must not—cannot—divorce itself from that changing student body; it cannot long discharge its duties in utter disregard of the interests and the needs and the wishes of that student body.

But the administration must go even further. It must keep constantly in touch also with the interests of the faculty, with the interests of the townspeople—yes, even with the interests of the entire commonwealth.

In full realization of these facts, the Collegian has been given unlimited freedom of expression, a freedom unshackled by any outside control, a freedom so complete it becomes unique in college journalism. The Collegian shall not betray that trust.

Human nature being what it is, it is only natural to expect that any controversial issue will bring forth not only widely divergent but even conflicting opinions, yet the one perhaps as sincere as the other. In such cases—as in all cases—the Collegian will take as impartial a viewpoint as possible under the circumstances, recognizing full well the impossibility of pleasing all persons at all times.

Once and for all, the Collegian repudiates the belief that the only good college newspaper is the one which continually wrangles with the administration. For, although the administration may be wrong at times, the Collegian believes that the students too may be wrong, that the faculty may be wrong, that the townspeople may be wrong, that the Collegian itself may be wrong.

In short, the Collegian will be forthright. The Collegian will be frank. But above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For in tolerance there is vision and there is might.

HETZEL ASKS FOR AID IN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

President Ralph D. Hetzel, in a plea to all students, faculty, and townspeople, asks cooperation of them in dealing with the new traffic and service problems occasioned by the actual inauguration of the building program.

He states that new regulations of parking zones and movement of traffic on the main college roads were necessary because of the congestion that will result when work on the construction projects is in full blast.

Letters will be received in today's mail by all students, faculty, and townspeople who drive cars which will explain the new traffic set-up. A map, which will show the changes in parking areas and traffic movement, will also be included.

Signs, specifying one-way streets or the way which traffic is to run, will be put up on the campus in the near future. No parking signs will be put up in the restricted zones.

It was pointed out that actual heavy traffic has not yet begun. At present, with only the excavating work being done, a recent check-up revealed that 400 cars within 20 minutes, passed at the intersection of Burrows and Pollock roads (near the Phi Gamma Delta house).

In making known the new plans for lessening confusion and congestion, President Hetzel also called the attention of faculty members to the possibility of the interruption of service in the various utilities and called upon them to exercise patience in the face of unforeseen interruptions.

"Although advance notices will be issued insofar as possible from the Grounds and Buildings department, occasions will no doubt arise when service will have to be interrupted in order to avoid hazardous conditions and before advance notice can be issued," President Hetzel explained.

"There will be times when periodic interruptions will be necessitated in the gas and electric services, high and low pressure steam, water, telephone, and compressed air. These interruptions may occur at night as well as during the day."

"It is therefore requested that all experiments or projects requiring

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Petition Seeks Business School

C & F Honorary Moves To Begin Separate Unit, Dr. Hetzel To Be Given List

For the purpose of securing student support of a move to establish a separate School of Business Administration, Delta Sigma Pi, professional commerce and finance honorary society, has begun the circulation of a petition among commerce and finance students in the School of Liberal Arts.

The petition is worded as follows: "In view of the fact that the Pennsylvania State College is an institution supported by the taxpayers of the state in order to meet their needs, and in view of the fact that an adequate education in commerce and finance and economics can not be acquired at this institution under the direction of the School of Liberal Arts, the undersigned, students in commerce and finance and economics, respectfully request that the Trustees of the college approve the establishment of a School of Business Administration."

Joseph G. Korsak '38, president of Delta Sigma Pi, when queried on the petition, declared that the honorary society hoped to have about 500 signatures from members of the commerce and finance curriculum before May 1. After the petition has gone the rounds of the campus, the honorary will present it to President Hetzel for consideration by the administration.

According to Korsak, one of the possible plans discussed by Delta Sigma Pi for the housing of the new school would be the use of the old library building when the new library is scheduled on the building program is erected.

Ullman To Talk Tonight

David Ullman, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board of Pennsylvania, will speak at a fireside session at the Phi Epsilon house at 7 o'clock tonight.

Peace Strike Scheduled For 11 Tomorrow

2 Authorities To Talk At Mass Meeting On Terrace

A strike for peace! The annual nation-wide student demonstration against war will be observed locally at an all-college mass meeting sponsored by the Peace-Action Council on Old Main terrace at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

All students attending the meeting will be excused from classes. In the event of rain, activities will be transferred to Schwab auditorium, Robert S. Lewis '38, chairman of the local committee, announced.

Paul Harris, Jr., of Washington, D. C., director of the Peace-Action Service of the National Council for Prevention of War, heads the group of four speakers who will make a plea for world peace. Harris will present the isolationist point of view on the conduct of United States foreign policy.

National Officer to Talk

Student leaders Anne D. Rudolph, president of Mortar Board, and Gordon K. Zern, president of the Penn State American Student Union, will talk. Richard R. Wood, secretary of Friends' Peace committee of Philadelphia and member of the Executive Board of the National Council, concludes the group of speakers.

Harris is an authority on the peace problem and the activity of the organized movement against war. He is the author of "To Stop War," political peace action handbook published by the National Council, and has delivered inspiring speeches in his travels in this country and abroad.

Local Council Named

Wood, speaking on the possibilities of collective security in bringing world peace, is a delegate to the National Peace Conference holding monthly meetings in New York. There he gathers first-hand information on activities and experiences of national peace organizations in their campaign for world peace.

Headed by Robert S. Lewis '38, the student Peace-Action Council in "Index David S. Anthony '39, Sylvia M. Etter '40, Louise A. Haines '39, Katharine D. Greiner '39, Naomi C. LeBouffler '38, D. Russell Palmer '39, Mildred A. Robbins '38, James W. Sheffer '40, Dorothy W. Silfies '39, and Doris T. Spiegel '38.

M. I. Shaft Holds Four-Year-Old Seismograph

In an unused elevator shaft below the Mineral Industries building, lies a delicate instrument which measures earthquakes. This seismograph, as it is called, records all ground movements on photographic paper. Designed and constructed by the Mineral Industries department, it is now in its fourth year of use.

About two hundred disturbances have been recorded since the apparatus was installed. The most distant of these occurred some 14,000 miles away, in the Solomon Islands. On November 1, 1935, a Canadian earthquake put the machine out of commission.

The earthquake station here is one of more than four hundred scattered throughout the world. With the information about the earth's interior structure which these studies reveal, scientists hope some day to predict where and when earthquakes will take place.

First Penn State Fraternity Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Attended by 120 fraternity alumni, the 50th anniversary of Phi Gamma Delta, the oldest social fraternity at Penn State, was held Friday and Saturday.

The celebration started Friday night with a friendship smoker at the Officers' Club at Bousburg, followed by an alumni golf tournament Saturday morning and a section convention of other Pennsylvania chapters of the fraternity. A trustees' meeting followed Saturday night.

A feature of the celebration was an alumni-athletic mulligan game in which the active triumphed to the tune of many creaking bones from their opposition.

The 50th anniversary banquet held Saturday night in the Nittany Lion Inn was attended by all active and returning alumni. Joseph M. Nelson

Peace Speaker



PAUL HARRIS, JR.

Kay Kyser Signed For Junior Prom

Kay Kyser and his orchestra will provide the rhythms at the Junior Prom on May 13, it was announced by James A. Glunt '39, chairman of the committee. As yet no theme for the Prom has been selected.

Starting at 9 o'clock, the dance will last until 2, adding one hour to the usual time of big dances. Programs of blue leather have been chosen by the committee.

After an unsuccessful attempt to book Hal Kemp for the dance, Kyser was signed after telephone negotiations with his agent in New York. The committee also considered Bunny Berigan together with Gene Krupa's newly organized band, Chick Webb, Fred Waring, and Larry Clinton.

With Kyser, originator of singing song titles, will come almost the identical band that played Senior Ball here in 1936. Heading this popular company are Miss Ginny Simms, Kyser's songstress; Sully Mason, whimsical "ride" type singer; Ish Kabibble, deadpan crooner; and Harry Babitt, syrup-voiced crooner.

Since it's last visit to this campus, Kyser's band has enjoyed widespread popularity. Recently the orchestra took over a big radio spot when Kyser signed with a cigarette concern to present the "College of Musical Knowledge." Kyser broadcasts over NBC every Wednesday night between 10 and 11 o'clock standard time.

Nominees For A.A. Will Be Selected

Joseph P. Proksa '38, president of the Athletic Association, has announced that a nominating committee consisting of the coaches, captains, and managers of all sports will meet in Rec Hall this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of nominating students to run for offices in the Athletic Association for 1938-1939.

Junior-Senior Faculty Reception Announced

The annual formal Junior-Senior reception for faculty members will be held in second floor lounge, Old Main, from 8 until 10 Thursday night.

Entertainment for the evening includes vocal solos by Doris-Jane Fishburne '38 and Barbara E. Hayes '40; piano solo by Bernard Rossman '39; violin solo by Madeleine I. Sincro '39, and a performance by the Speaking Choir. Pianist will be Florence Marquardt '40. Miss Hayes will be accompanied by Ruth Edgar '38.

First Penn State Fraternity Celebrates 50th Anniversary

acted as toastmaster, while Charles C. Hildebrand '32 conducted services for non-living members.

An important feature of the weekend was the "Burn the Mortgage" ceremony, in which the last vestige of the mortgage on the present chapter house, incurred when the house was built in 1915, was paid off by alumni.

A beautiful hand-carved mantel done by Ralph F. Martin '35 was presented to the chapter. The mantel was unveiled by two other members of the same class, C. W. Hepenstall and C. W. Burkett.

Phi Gamma Delta was established by six founders in Penn State in 1838 when the chapter lived in a site on Beaver Street across from the present post office. The national chapter was founded in 1848.

Giles Will Be Crowned May Queen On 7th

Front Campus Chosen As Scene Of Fete; Groups Named

Despite the excavations on front campus the annual May Day ceremony, culmination of the year's activities of the women, will be held as usual on Saturday, May 7, at 5 o'clock.

Lucille Z. Giles '38 as May Queen of the traditional Old English May Day court, will be crowned by Doris Blackmore '39, president of W. S. G. A. Rachel M. Bechdel '39, president of the W. A. A., will present her with the wreath and Lilia A. DeAngelis '39, president of the P. S. C. A., will give the Queen her scepter.

Attendees Named

Maid of honor will be Helen B. Cramer '41. The Queen's attendants: Mary E. Taylor '38, Jessie L. Schminkey '38, Cecile G. Metz '39, Anna E. Palmer '39, Alice C. Noll '40, Barbara V. Welles '40, Jo E. Condrin '41, and Olga B. Kreppl '41, and Martha E. McCornick '41 and Jeanne A. Smith '41 as heralds will lead a retinue consisting of jesters, the honor arch, the hemlock chain and May pole dancers.

This year, for the first time, Miss Cameron of the physical education department will select and train the jesters and dancers in the folk and May pole dancing.

Eleanor B. Acker '39 and Phyllis Herzog '39, co chairmen of May Day, have announced the following committees. Ceremonies: Eleanor C. Warr '40, chairman, Marcia L. Morfing '39, Helen P. White '39, Mary Jane Veil '40, and Anne M. Yeager '41.

Entertainment: Mildred L. Long '40, chairman, Elizabeth J. Hofmann '39, Dorothy M. McKinney '39, Margaret L. Collins '40, and Marguerite C. Schaeffer '40. Prizes: Melissa M. Minfield '39, chairman, Mary C. Healey '39, Martha M. Marusak '39, and Eleanor R. Hoffer '40.

The wardrobe committee consists of Dorothy A. Clarke '38, chairman, Nancy L. Bolden '39, Jean L. Brant '39, Mary Ann Fritts '39, Dorthea W. Silfies '39, Rachael E. Bogar '40, and Janice M. McPhail '40. Music: Jane M. Fisher '39, chairman, Ruth Edgar '38, Anne K. Hall '38, Mary Lou Jenkins '40, Josephine A. Keeney '40, and Kappy Keith '40.

Other committees are: publicity, Lucille B. Greenberg '39, chairman, Dorothy C. Benton, Phyllis R. Gordon '40, Rachel M. Jordan '40, and Maudie F. Norton '40. Decorations: Louise A. Haines '38, chairman, Mary I. Egler, Mary Rita Engelman '39, and Elizabeth T. Morrison '39. June I. Gruber '39 is budget advisor.

Szymczak Heads Group At Confab

Delegates Of 32 Colleges Meet At Government Conference In Harrisburg

Resolutions for the adoption of the metric system and a 13-month calendar by the states and the establishment of a national lottery through state cooperation, sponsored by Penn State's delegation of 15 students, were approved by 320 representatives of 32 colleges at the fifth annual Intercollegiate Conference on Government in Harrisburg last weekend.

The resolutions, introduced by Francis H. Szymczak '38, who headed the State delegation as Governor of the State of Illinois, gave the College a major share of the honor at the Model Governors' Council which was sponsored this year. A model unicameral legislature is scheduled for next April.

Besides Szymczak, other State representatives were Franklin W. Ruth Jr. '38, state treasurer; John A. Troarowitch '39, secretary of state; Edwin K. Taylor '38, attorney general; Daniel F. Joella '38, secretary of agriculture; D. Kahle '40, secretary of banking; Julius Marynor '40, secretary of health; Casimir Putkoski '38, secretary of education; Florence Szymankiewicz '39, secretary of public welfare; Charles Miller '39, secretary of highway; Ruthven A. Aubrey '39, secretary of forests and waters; Nestor V. Wahlberg, public utilities commissioner, and William E. Brown '38, liquor control administrator.

Thomas A. Moore '38, regional director of the conference, also served as chairman of the public welfare committee. Prof. John T. Law, political science, was faculty advisor.

Collegian

Emergency Fund Drive To Aid Lingnan Starts Today, Ends Saturday

STUDENT KILLS SELF

BULLETIN

Obviously a victim of suicide, the body of Derl Hess Jr., '38 was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the clothes closet of his room at Phi Mu Delta Fraternity. It was estimated that he had been dead approximately eight hours.

Fraternity brothers who forced his door open found that it had been locked and sealed with yards of adhesive tape on the inside. Several containers of sulphuric acid and sodium formate were found in his room, and authorities believe his death to have been due to gas generated.

Hess, aged 22 and an honor student with a 2.13 average, was last seen at about 11 o'clock the preceding night by fraternity brothers who claim that he seemed in good spirits. None of them could offer any reason for his act.

Pianist Ends Artist Series At 8 Tonight

Percy Grainger, noted pianist and composer, will conclude this year's Artists Course series in Schwab Auditorium at eight o'clock tonight. Artists Course subscribers will also be given an opportunity tonight to indicate on a ballot their preferences for numbers on next year's series.

Grainger, born in Australia, was introduced to the piano by his mother when a mere child. At the age of 10 he studied with Louis Pabst, in Melbourne. By the time he was twelve he had earned enough from his concerts to go with his mother to Germany for further musical studies.

Music expresses definite pictures and emotions to Mr. Grainger, and he does not hesitate to communicate to his audience his impressions of the compositions he undertakes.

Tickets Still Available

Included in the program, Grainger will play numbers by Bach, Schumann, Grieg, Hanson, and some of his own compositions. A limited number of tickets for this single performance will be available.

During the intermission tonight, each subscriber will be asked to name his preferences for five numbers. He may write in the names of individuals or organizations not shown on the ballot if he so desires. The committee in charge will consider the suitability of available dates, total expense, and attempt to organize a balanced series.

Kindler Orchestra Signed

Because of the great demand for Hans Kindler and the National Symphony orchestra, the committee has engaged him for the coming fall. This was done in advance so as to take advantage of a favorable opening date.

Suggestions which will appear on the ballot include lists of different dance groups, string quartets or quintets, ensembles, choirs and vocal groups, singers, violinists, cellists, and dramatic groups.

Noted Art Critic Endorses Poor As 'One Of The Best'

See editorial, "Again—How About Murals?" page 2

In the midst of universal acclaim for his latest work, "The Culture of Cities," Lewis Mumford, one of the foremost architectural and social critics of the day, takes time out to give his "unqualified recommendation" as to the abilities of Henry Varnum Poor, noted artist mentioned in connection with the proposed murals for Old Main.

In answer to an inquiry made by a mural-minded faculty member, Mumford wrote the following letter:

"Henry Varnum Poor is one of the most distinguished artists painting in America today, a man to put alongside the very best in any country; and his choice as a muralist for the Pennsylvania State College would reflect great credit on the institution. The turning away from the mediocre and the insipid in public works, and the willingness to use the more able and original spirits in painting is a sign of a growing cultural maturity and self-confidence of which I, as a patriotic American, am proud. All the more happy should an American be when this new spirit manifests itself in one of our publicly

Students From China, Japan Give Talks In Auditorium

See editorial, "In Common Cause," page 2

Organized for the purpose of providing aid to Lingnan University at Canton, China, the Far Eastern Student Emergency Fund drive will begin today and continue until Saturday.

Striking the keynote of the drive, Toru Matsumoto, a Japanese student at Columbia University and Cho Yuan Lin a Chinese graduate student at State, spoke at an all-college mass meeting held in Schwab auditorium last night at 7:15 o'clock. Dean Ralph L. Watts, head of the Penn State in China committee, presided at the meeting.

The drive here will form part of a nationwide campaign conducted among colleges which act as big brothers to Chinese schools. President Ralph D. Hetzel is a member of the national committee for the drive which has set a goal of \$25,000 to be gathered from colleges throughout the United States.

Zahn Heads Drive

The drive on this campus will be conducted under the auspices of the Penn State in China committee and will be headed by Clayton H. Zahn '38, an exchange student to Lingnan last year. Emmett E. "Dusty" Brookes '38 will have charge of men's solicitation while Beulah F. Gerheim '39 will supervise the campaign among women students.

A special cablegram from "Daddy" Groff at Lingnan was received last Thursday by Dean Watts, who is a member of the board of directors of Lingnan. The text of the message follows:

GROFF INFORMS ZAHN MANY CENTRAL AND NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES DESTROYED STOP STUDENTS MIGRATING SOUTH STOP ASSISTANCE NEEDED. CANTON

Because of heavy bombing of the civilian population in Nanking, Hankow, Peking, and Shanghai, many students at Lingnan have found themselves both destitute and orphaned overnight. In order to provide aid to the stricken colleges and universities in China American schools organized the nationwide drive.

In a campaign already conducted among the faculty before the Easter vacation by Prof. Donald D. Stevenson, one time instructor at Lingnan, a sum of \$298 was raised to add to the amount gathered in the student drive.

ROTC Unit Inspected

Today and yesterday the annual official inspection of the College R. O. T. C. has been carried on by Lieut. Col. H. H. Stickney, Corps of Engineers, and Major Charles D. Carle, infantry. The officers came here from the Third Corps Area headquarters at Baltimore.

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