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THANKS FOR FREEDOM

AS ENLIGHTENED AS PRINCETON University is supposed to be, one would think that at the least their college publications would have a free rein in what they say or do. However, it seems from the dispatches from the reputedly erudite village that the editors of the daily collegiate newspaper are held well in hand by the administration.

We of the COLLEGIAN staff, who feel that freedom of the press, a much used expression which doesn't mean a lot to certain well-known people, is an essential element of newspaper work even in college. And every time we hear or read of action to censor the news by College officials we hold our breath and pray that this Administration will see the way as they do now.

This summer edition of the COLLEGIAN and the subsequent regular publications in the fall will be accurate and will editorialize in a fair, sincere manner. We feel sure that our administrative heads will continue to keep hands off as long as we keep our pledge, and to them we now wish to express our "thanks" publicly.

ACROSS THE WALL

ALTHOUGH SUMMER SESSION students may feel hampered by the huge construction work now in progress, they should remember that out of this dust and noise will come a newer, finer Penn State. A Penn State which soon will become a recognized university well equipped to teach and to keep up with what is going on out there in the world.

College life is the first break from home, so it is said, the first expression of learning to live with one's fellows. But we think that really it is but a four-year vacation from life. A chance to look at things and not get burned by our efforts to see just what's wrong with what our elders are doing to our world.

From the protection of the College walls, our view of it all may become too cynical, for we can see who is wronging who and why. But when we get out there ourselves only too often we do the same things that we despised from our lofty heights of academic seclusion.

Let's be tolerant with the poor fools across the wall, because we will be there all too soon!

PLUS EQUALS MINUS

LONG ABOUT THIS time of year, the warm still air of summer gets into one's blood and makes him yearn for a rest and vacation. And so to our Congressmen in Washington who couldn't wait to push through the appropriation bill and skip out to the mountains, seashore, or South Seas. And so they adjourned June 16, with the things done just about balancing the things not done.

Blinded by the enactment of vast flood control programs, wage and hour controls in industry, a billion dollars for a bigger navy, rewriting of the 32-year old Food and Drug Act and a dozen other laws, Congress went home leaving behind a number of important things for the next session to handle.

The problem of Roosevelt's plan for seven "little TVA's" met a quiet death, a plan to re-organize the Federal Reserve banking system under Government ownership were set aside for another Congress, plans to have Government license corporations and to aid the railroads were also sidetracked.

Many of the Congressmen who left Washington on June 16, went out with their tongues in their cheeks fearing their haste would turn into a boomerang—sprawling them back into the Capitol city for a special session as fast as they had left.

WOMEN DORMITORIES

For the use of the summer men students we are printing the list of fraternity houses which will board the women students during the session.

- Acacia.....Locust Lane and Foster Ave—2581
- Alpha Sigma Phi.....240 E. Prospect Ave—641
- Delta Sigma Phi.....Locust and Fairmount—2223
- Lambda Chi Alpha.....Fairmount and Garner—4061
- Phi Kappa.....E. Fairmount Ave—2681
- Phi Kappa Sigma.....234 E. Beaver—3911
- Sigma Nu.....East Campus—2381
- Sigma Phi Epsilon.....Prospect and Locust—821
- Sigma Pi.....Thompson and Foster—764

Listen, Unc:

You know, Unc, it just doesn't seem right for me to sit down and write this way, but I was thinking about it all day and thought you'd like to know what goes on under my hat.

I picked up the last copy of the regular session Collegian and read and re-read the two-column story about 888 students to receive diplomas. Eight hundred and eighty-eight more humans thrown into the broken labor wheel, a crumbling wheel that must withstand the load of about 170,000 1938 college graduates from the nation's institutions, not to mention some 1,000,000 high school students who now have their engraved sheepskins.

The irony of this situation lies in the fact that a good many of the graduates entered college at a time when conditions seemed at their lowest ebb and just had to pick up. Instead of keeping the corner drug store thriving, they thought it best to "wait the depression out" in some institution of learning.

But there they learned that things weren't picking up, that the country was getting no place, debts were piling up, more people going hungry, relief outlets were being overburdened and a few broken down, and now they were thrown into that mess and told to clean it up.

Up at M I T, Unc, there's a Prof. Robert E. Rogers who, in 1929 advised the seniors to "be a snob and marry the boss' daughter." This year, he did an about face and told the Rhode Island State College graduates to get governmental jobs because "you're most secure and profitable career will be on the public payroll, supported by the rest of the population. It's only another kind of dole," he said, "but you won't mind that."

On June 16, the P W A celebrated its fifth birthday by getting plans ready for a two-year \$2,000,000 non-Federal spending spree. It seems, doesn't it Unc, that this P W A is an important and indispensable part of our economic system? The large army it keeps off the bread lines was paid \$1,187,000 in wages during the five-year period while costs for materials was estimated at \$2,097,000,000.

And the government is going to spend almost two-thirds of that in two years. Does it pay?

And then, just to make it all the more senseless, over in Cleveland, you'll know, Unc, if you took less time to read the spots and more for the news, that the people are starving, storming the relief stations for food which the social workers do not have.

To add to the folly, our democratic form of government allows two different legislative groups to hicker, quarrel, adjourn because they can't agree, to waste time when time means life and death. In this case, the Ohio Legislature, fearing outbreaks among the starving citizens were stymied by TWO programs set up to relieve the situation because each wanted their own pot o' gold.

Apparently, the Federal government doesn't have the means to aid its taxpayers in emergency cases or at least the attitude of Harry Hopkins, W P A administrator indicates that. When asked for aid, he stated that it was one for the city and state to solve and the Washington had done its share in providing thousands of additional jobs.

Always democratic the State moved in and appointed a committee to investigate how Cleveland, Toledo, Akron and other cities handled relief. Some weeks later, it reported to the effect that the administration was not efficient and let it go at that.

Strictly democratic again, the legislature was called into special session to raise \$17,000,000 for their needy but they did nothing to alleviate the problem because they couldn't agree on how to raise it. If this keeps, they won't have citizens to feed but citizens to fight.

Say, Unc, have you had a strange feeling lately, though something were amiss? Well, don't worry. It's one of two things—the earth being seconds off-schedule according to astronomer Harold S. Jones, or the earth rapidly peeling out in its spin, according to Dr. Martin Davidson of the British Astronomical Association, at the rate of 1,000th of a second every 100 years.

Your nefew,
HORATIO

Don't Quote Me...

It will be the purpose of this column during the six weeks of summer session to present some of the highlights and sidelights of what is happening in Washington and on the political front line trenches. The writer will attempt to give some of his own opinions on such matters and comment on those of others.

The big attractions along the line are of course the coming senatorial elections not only in this state but several others, with the people's attention focused on the Earle-Davis fight in Pennsylvania, and the Chandler-Barkley affair in Kentucky.

Right now, the legal proceedings in the Earle-Davis fight charges affair holds the Pennsylvania spotlight and is sharing a part of the national focus. The recent kick-back of the case to the lower courts of the commonwealth with instructions to go ahead by the Superior Court was probably received with some alarm by the alleged defendants in the case.

To assure the state administration a more fair trial, the Dauphin County judges, all Republicans, have asked that Judge Paul N. Schaeffer of Berks County, a Democrat, take control. This was then answer to Governor Earle's radio address which charged them with being "three highly political-minded Republican judges."

The Republican forces have taken courage at this bombshell in the midst of a campaign and are expecting the public's disapproval to such matters to swing the election for Senator James J. Davis. Should the charges be proved, we believe that Governor Earle's political future will be very cloudy.

Although it has not been announced publicly, subway rumors in the capital have it that the President himself will go on the platform for George H. Earle making at least one and possibly two speeches in his behalf. The performances are tentatively scheduled for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, early in the fall.

In the meantime, Arthur H. James, the unanimous choice of the Philadelphia Inquirer for governor will dish it out with the lesser known

Contractors Speed Work On Buildings

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August In the spring they were held up by the bed rock formations on the lower campus and the fact that auxiliary pipe lines had not yet been laid. The total length of the new tunnels and reconstructed tunnels will be 4,500 feet, and the length of tunnel across the lower front campus from Francis Atherton Hall to the Mail is a little over 1,300 feet.

College To Landscape In all cases of construction work on the campus, the College will do their own landscaping and final grading. This has been the custom here for some time.

When the new buildings are completed, the real estate value of College property will almost be double as what it was this time a year ago.

Charles A. Jones in the gubernatorial race. In a harmony move recently, junior Senator Joseph F. Guffey declared his backing of Jones whom he bitterly opposed in the primaries.

James will be backed principally by the Pew-Gundy machine of Philadelphia. The large contribution by Joseph N. Pew of the Sun Oil Company to help nominate James was made public early this week, and his loan to the party made Matt McCloskey's aid to the Democrats look like chicken feed.

In a recent meeting of the Republican committee, the Pew-Gundy machine took a slip at Davis by refusing to name Davis' private secretary as the secretary of the Republican

State Committee. We think that this action by the Philadelphia money men can do Davis no harm for the name of Grundy and Pew have been given a bad smell by several of Pennsylvania's leading newspapers and the voters don't go for the die-hard political bosses of the pre-depression days who are now trying to save their political selves which have been dead now for over four years. We are sure of one thing and that is that this election will be very hotly fought, and by the by, do any of you have an extra pair of hip boots and a heavy raincoat we can borrow to help shed the splashes of mud? THE SENTRY

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