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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For in tolerance there is vision and there is might!

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STANDING ROOM ONLY

ELEVEN NEW buildings are rising on the campus now through means of a joint five-million-dollar grant by the General State Authority and the Public Works Administration.

Another grant of approximately one and a half million dollars for immediate construction of academic buildings has been approved by the State Authority and now goes for final approval to state and federal PWA officials.

Still another outlay of approximately two and a half million dollars for construction of income-bearing buildings looms as a bright possibility.

Meanwhile, President Ralph D. Hetzel visualizes an enrollment of 9,500 students within the next three years, should the latest four-million-dollar grant materialize.

Thus, a new era begins to open up for Penn State, an era which promises to skyrocket the College into the ranks of the nation's foremost educational institutions, an era which promises eventually to alleviate greatly the terrific demand for a college training by thousands of students in the state who annually are refused entrance because of inadequate facilities here.

But the solution of this problem—the problem of inadequate education facilities—will by no means free the College from additional student problems that are destined to spring up with the increased enrollment.

For the biggest problem of all will then arise—the problem of inadequate housing facilities. How the College expects to boost its enrollment by approximately 3,000 students, build dormitories for only 900 more and still expect the remaining 2,100 others to have decent, adequate housing accommodations is not an easy problem to solve.

If you don't think so, then take this year's cases as an example, because the picture it paints is so vividly symbolic of the future.

Now, mind you, there are only 600 extra men in town, according to the contracting company's own records—600, not 2,100, as there would be with the increased enrollment.

Yet these 600 have served to present an acute problem, a problem so acute that students have been compelled to grab up rooms without much choice, have been compelled to move to the outskirts of the borough, somewhere this side of Tyrone or Bellefonte or Bantburg.

But worse yet is the stark realization of the fact that some townspeople have begun to take advantage of a simple economic principle.

With supply unable to meet demand, they have followed the one logical course that any person would be prompted to follow. They have jacked up rental rates. As a result some of the rates have soared to four and four and a half dollars per week.

Of course, all of the townspeople have not turned to take this advantage, but it is an indication nevertheless of what they might do, an indication of what they could do, an indication of what could happen if the existing housing problem were to be intensified threefold.

Now it may be altogether right and proper that this should be so. But for the sake of the students, whose welfare is bound to the school, the College should take precaution not to be caught unprepared.

That is why the Collegian hopes sincerely that the College will take stock of its present inadequate housing facilities and that it will see its way clear to forego some of the planned additions to the educational facilities and substitute in their stead more and greater additions to its housing facilities. For, should students eventually be forced to shell out and pay exorbitant or excessive rental rates—even to such a point that some would be forced to give up their educational opportunities—it would be a sad commentary upon one of the East's greatest educational units.

Yes, while the Collegian believes that the enrollment should grow with the College, it also believes that the College in turn should make sure it will grow with the enrollment.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Some Stuff

Franklin Tinsley Sanford, Jr., original Flat Foot Floogee (sans "floy floy") is back in school after a second-semester practice course in Dirt Track Racing 279 Bindford, former nguethead and high muckety-muck for the 1940 Campus "hoque, tell-ma-ny a dust-biting tale of his escapades on an eastern speedway. His best yarn concerns a crack up in a super-super deluxe Viking Special. The catch: His bethem in sigma nu learned that "Crash" (as he has been dubbed) dove the water sprinkler before each race.

Add Freshmen Boners

The hill billy frosh banging into women's senate meeting the other night and explaining his difficulties to Dean Kay before he learned Triangular met in the same room—but later. The campus cluttered with candidates for the different publications, trying to sell subscriptions. Most of the people approached are still members of the different organizations. Mistaken co-eds: The freshman agr student with a laundry case under one arm, leading a dog with the other and his bright red and white satin jockey cap chinning in the boiling sun (Blue and white, lad, blue and white).

Overheard

Leslie Lewis: "In order to sell a Collegian subscription, I had to dance three numbers with that ugly-looking freshman." Frank Binford (again): "The gossip at this place is getting to be something fierce. Just because I went out with Hermione Hunt to help her find an apartment, it's been all over town that we're married and are apartment-hunting."

Sights You'd Enjoy

Seven-foot Russ Eck (never without his blue key toppe), rushing through the streets with his Collegian subscription pad in hand and a half-pint girl-friend trying to keep up with him. The four-foot ten freshman dancing with all the hefty blondes at the Alimony. The Thetas, on their way to dinner at Mac Hall, avoiding the path where all the birds are perched on trees.

A Co-ed's Prayer:

Dear Lord, they can call Recreation Hall "Rec Hall" and I won't mind, they can call MacAllister Hall "Mac Hall" and it won't phase me a bit, but please spare me the horrible agony of hearing a tongue-tied frosch abbreviate the name of this beautiful Frances Atherton Hall. Amen.

Ath Hall

Setting Frances Atherton Lobby Characters: Men Men everywhere Men! Men deep in front of the desk Men lining the walls and draped over each and every bench in the joint Men! Men! Men! Enter three ladies. They stop, they stare, they gasp. One gasps a little louder than the other. "Why," she exclaims, "I thought this was a girls' dorm!"

Back In Our Midst

Howie Anderson, reported to have toured England during the summer, confides that it was only a camp in "New" England. Peggy Schaeffer, looking delovely with that set of tan acquired at Track Coach Ray Conger's summer camp. Peggy Jones instructed at a summer playground in Scotland.

It Don't Pay:

First victim of the parking meter was Higgins' pivot hope, Tor Torretti. The first day Letzrell's legal slot machines were in operation, Tor stuck a slug in the meter. When the Chief of Police was showing a group of prominent visitors the newest thing in town, he came across the com and waited for the car owner's return. Burgess Letzrell presented Tor with a screw driver stating that if the slug were removed Tor would be excused from a \$18 fine. Tor had to work three hours before he was able to toss away the slug and relax.

Ross Shaffer, 3 Others Hurt

Auto Accident Occurs Near West Chester As Driver Sleeps At Wheel

Injured in an auto accident while returning from a wedding early this week, three Penn State students and an alumnus are resting in Chester County Hospital, West Chester.

The injured are Ross P. Shaffer '37, last year's wrestling captain and former intercollegiate champion, John H. J. Peate '39, manager of wrestling, Jack K. Mahaffey '39, associate manager of basketball, and William H. Simms '40, assistant boxing manager.

According to police, the four were injured when Mahaffey fell asleep at the wheel. The car left the road and crashed into a tree.

They were returning to State College after a trip to the seashore following the wedding of John D. Lennon, '37 class president, and Dorothy V. Lutz '40, in Norristown.

Peace and Shaffer were asleep in the back seat of Peate's car when the accident occurred, police reported. Peate was shaken and bruised, but not seriously injured. Shaffer suffered a fractured nose, broken upper jaw, and possible skull fracture.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

The present building program is in full swing. You last issue carried the story of another couple of million dollars' allocation to the College appearing imminent. An other building program seems almost certain to follow the present one.

Granted, our campus is a beautiful one. We students love to take our visiting friends and relatives around and show them the beauty of a typical college campus. Of course the construction has somewhat changed its appearance but the wounds are only temporary. Yes our campus is beautiful, but our entrance seems to forebode nothing more than a pasture beyond it.

Wonders can be done with the campus entrance, wonders can be done with the entire front campus in fact. All we have to display now is a dingy gas wall, piled through to let students piss. It doesn't express the magnificent sweep of what's beyond.

It's not a prison, but a campus. The point is the present front of the College is ridiculous. Let's get some beauty, some sculpture, some something to relieve the unnecessary dullness. A nice show case means a lot of advertising, makes us feel really proud. Let's make the place really look academic.

INTERESTED STUDENT

Camera Club Offers Photography Course

A course in practical photography sponsored by the Penn State Camera club, will be given this semester.

The course, under the direction of George E. Woods of the department of chemistry, will be directed towards fulfilling the needs of the average amateur photographer. Limited to members of the club, the class will meet one evening each week. All students and faculty members interested in photography are eligible for membership to the club which will hold its opening meeting September 22.

Ritenour Announces Two Appointments

Two new appointments have been made in the Health Service.

for this year, according to Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician. Miss Verma Ault of Greenville, Pa., was named laboratory and X-ray technician, a new position on the staff. Miss Katharine Taylor replaced Miss Ruth Lonberger, resigned, as clerk.

Approximately 2550 students received degrees at the end of the summer session this year.

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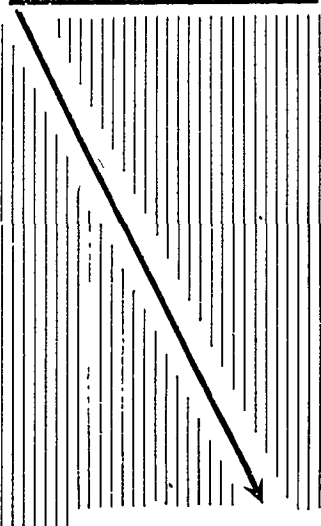
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