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TO BE OR NOT TO BE

MORE THAN seven months ago, during the ceremonies marking the formal opening of the five-million-dollar building program here, Governor George H. Earle proposed that the name of the Pennsylvania State College be changed to "The University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"...

Following the Governor's subsequent request, the Collegian conducted a campus-wide survey of student opinion and found that of the 4,695 students contacted, only 7%—less than two per cent—showed disapproval of the change.

Of those who did prefer the change to university ranking, however, 3,492 proposed a name of their own choosing, a name which they thought would answer the need for a change in status yet retain the traditionally sacred words "Penn State." They suggested "Pennsylvania State University."

Soon afterward College President Ralph D. Hazel personally presented the results of the poll to the Governor, who promptly acknowledged the report and ordered Charles J. Margiotti, then attorney-general, to study the matter and present a formal opinion.

Accordingly, about a fortnight or so later, Mr. Margiotti ruled in a formal opinion that because the College is subject to the provisions of the Non Profit Corporation Act insofar as the amending of its charter—and hence its name—is concerned, it would have to follow a lengthy procedure requiring seven distinct steps and consummating at least four or five months.

1—A resolution authorizing the proposed amendment to be adopted by a majority of the Board of Trustees at a regular or special meeting "convened" after at least ten days' written notice to all members of this purpose.

2—The proposed name must be registered with the Department of State.

3—The article of amendment, together with a certificate from the Department of State showing the registration of the proposed name, must be filed in the office of the Centre County Prothonotary.

4—After advertisement, application must be made to the Centre County Court of Common Pleas for approval.

5—If the court is satisfied as to the propriety of the amendment, it directs the Prothonotary to transmit the amendment to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

6—Within 60 days after receipt of the articles, the Superintendent must convene the State Council of Education to consider the amendment.

7—If the Council approves the amendment, "the Court may consent" to it and the new name must be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Centre County, whereupon it must be returned to the Prothonotary and filed in his office.

Meanwhile, the Court may order hearings "for the purpose of determining objection to the proposed change of name."

NATURALLY, with so much red tape to go through it was only logical that the College should bide its time and wait for the State Legislature to convene in an effort to have the name changed by open, yet less drawn-out legislative action. At least, such seemed to be the policy.

Yet the Legislature has been in session during the past few months and not a word has been heard about changing the name of the College.

It is under these conditions that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees meets here tonight.

NOW THE Collegian does not know exactly how far the Board has gone in seeking to change the name. The Collegian believes, however, that the Board is just as anxious to change the name as are the students, the faculty, the alumni and the Governor.

It is for this reason, therefore, that the Collegian sincerely hopes the Executive Committee will find some time to discuss and to act on the name change.

If the Board of Trustees has not yet approved the name change, then the Collegian hopes that the Executive Committee will see fit to notify all members at once and call a special meeting for that purpose.

If the Board of Trustees already has approved the name change, then the Collegian hopes that the Executive Committee will see fit to register the proposal with the Department of State immediately in an effort to speed up the process and have the name changed before June Commencement.

Above all else, let's keep in mind that the Legislature is ready to adjourn at any moment and will not re-assemble until January, with prospects of changing the name by legislative action no brighter than ever.

And at the same time let's keep in mind that the Centre County Court of Common Pleas convenes Monday morning, December 12, with prospects of changing the name by next April or May just as bright as ever.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Hankow, Pennsylvania

'30 FLASH—Three thousand enemy bombers today made an intensive raid on the eastern section of the Pennsylvania State College campus driving the six thousand inhabitants to nearby bomb-proof shelters and escape tunnels.

Creeping high above the vulnerable and open terrain, the enemy's strutting destroyers began to unload their lethal cargoes just as the students were changing classes.

Although the population remained apparently calm, your Laveling reporter was able to pick up such comments as "It's not worth while to go over to the theta house anymore, you worry too much, look coming and going," and one of the women who was subject to the raid said, "We're all going to have to carry umbrellas if it doesn't soon stop."

Latest reports from the defending headquarters made no mention of any steps being taken to avoid further disaster. Agitation against "General" George Ebert has begun in earnest by the terrorized people.

Knowledge And How To Get It

In one of the class's blackboards this week one of our cynical sociologists chalked his definition of the course which was "Sociology, a course, the gist of which gets from the notebook of the prof to the name of the student without passing through the brain of either."

Campus Quote

"Well, do you want to call the whole thing off, or what do you want to do?" Tsk, tsk, and right before the Collegian's almost free dance (adv.)

Wellesboro Wedding

Quite the opposite is of course the authentic report of Ellen 'Penny' Nichols' marriage to Bill Ritts. September 12 was the date with parents of both on hand as witnesses. Both are sophomores, will finish school, take up housekeeping before the second semester.

Still successful is the true love between Jamie Guheh and Bob Clark. This week Jamie took sick and since Monday has been receiving two roses a day from trackman Clark.

Oh, To Be A Beta!

Stu Quinley, phidelt lad, received a card addressed to him at the beta house containing this choice though "Heavenly were the moments you and I spent at this spot (Kissing Rock at West Point) Will gladly come to houseparty. So glad you pledged Beta instead of Phi Delt. All my love Rosie."

Two Loves Had Hermione

Tuesday pm, campy's informers saw the one and only Hunt horseback riding with signa smoothie Paul Dean at 2 o'clock. At 3:30, another campy cyclops caught the same blonde golfing with Bob Kirby. Later on that night campy understands that Dean was stood up, and Hermione and her date snubbed Paul as they entered the errand. Nobody will talk about it so I give you but the mere details and add that Hunt-Dean romance is pft.

The Thirteenth Chime

Flossie Watkins, the afternoon hall wit, let this brilliant gem go in journalism 40 class the other day. It seems that Davis had asked for ad head that appealed to women suggesting something as "Helen always goes to dances." Quick on the puns Watkins piped up, "You too can be an 'Old Maid Belle.'" All we can say to her is, if she doesn't watch out, "he too will be an old Maid Belle."

Con Man

Tuesday night, a smooth talking south american bothered the student union laddie until he was put in touch with Gus Bigott, varsity soccer player. Putting on a fast line, the newcomer gave his name as Luis Alvarado, took Bigott for \$60 and Prof Hellel for one tweed suit, so the story goes. —CAMPY

Hello, Alumni!

We're glad to see you again! It's going to be a great game... Bucknell's Bisons are always colorful... and they get a big kick in knotting the Nittany Lion's tail... although you're just a grandstand rooter, you'll know you've had a workout when the game is over... rest, refresh, renew old times at the Corner.

Make it a point to see the new room at the Corner. Find there the pictures of Penn State greats—fellows you know or knew about... buildings long since torn down... championship athletic teams.

The Corner unusual

Faculty Association Begins Drive Here

With a skeleton outline of its year's program completed, the State College Teachers' Association, an affiliate of the A. F. of L. American Federation of Teachers, has started a membership drive here, Prof. Howard Rowland, sociology, publicity chairman of the group, announced yesterday.

All members of the College faculty are eligible for membership. Application blanks may be obtained from Prof. Edward R. Van Sant, economics, secretary of the association, or from any of the members. Organized in the Spring of 1937, the State College unit is one of 200 locals comprising the American Federation of Teachers, an autonomous body within the A. F. of L. Dr. Alfred G. Pundt is president.

Hyslop To Address 2nd S.U. Gathering

The American Student Union will hold its second meeting of the season in Room 410, Old Main at 2:30 Sunday. Mr. Francis E. Hyslop, Jr. will address the meeting on "The Problem of the Artist in the Present World Crisis," after which an open forum will be held. The meeting is open to all students and faculty members.

At last Sunday's meeting a tentative program for the coming year was outlined. Gordon K. Zein, '40 chairman of the organization, indicated that the program would center about the four basic principles of the national program: peace, democracy, security and equality.

In adopting this program to campus conditions, the organization plans to initiate action for the elimination of compulsory ROTC, the increase of federal student aid, and the setting up of student cooperatives.

Beta Theta Pi Has Golden Anniversary

Beta Theta Pi, second social fraternity to be established at Penn State, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this week-end.

Installed here on October 4, 1888, Alpha Upsilon chapter of the fraternity has now reached a membership of 467. Beta Theta Pi is a member of the Miami Triad together with Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi which were founded in 1879 at Miami University in Ohio. Tomorrow the Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa fraternity will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. Originally a local fraternity in the name of Sigma Phi Delta, Gamma Chapter became a unit of the national organization in 1917.

Nearly 150 alumni are expected back for the Beta Theta Pi celebration while approximately 100 will return to attend the Phi Kappa demonstration.

Metallurgy Group Meets Here Today

The Cooperative Committee on Research, representing steel manufacturers and users who cooperate with the College in research, will meet here today at their fourth annual meeting in an attempt to learn how to obtain complete uniformity in steel products with subsequent economic advantages. Dr. Charles R. Austin, professor of metallurgy, who is directing the metallurgical research, will lead in the explanation of phases of the program at the College.

Ag-Home Ec Mixer Attracts Over 400

More than 400 students attended the Agriculture-Home Economics Mixer held Friday night in Recreation Hall, sponsored by the Ag Student Council. Singing was led by Wilbur Kerns, extension specialist. The committee in charge of the dance was composed of H. Arthur Hoffman '39, John Duam Moore '39, Blanche Goehring '39, and Eleanor E. Skinner '40.

Josephson Appointed

D. V. Josephson has been added to the Department of Dairy Husbandry as an instructor in Dairy Manufacturing Research. Previous to coming here he has been connected with the Borden Research Laboratories in Syracuse, N. Y. and Elgin, Ill.

Letter Box

Borough Assures Help With Organized Rally

To the Editor: Regarding your editorial in the Collegian advocating an organized demonstration this week-end, would advise that this is a very good suggestion and I wish to assure you that the Borough will cooperate 100 per cent with you and any student committee. Anything we can do to help put this across in the way of closing streets or regulating traffic we will be glad to do.

We hope that everybody backs the team 100 per cent and that Penn State is on the road to a successful season. BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE, Wilbur F. Litzell, Burgess.

To the Editor: This is the second letter I have written you. The first was never sent, mainly because it was written in haste and without a great deal of thought. Not so with this.

I am rather amazed and then amused at your presumption in calling yourself a collegiate newspaper. I am delighted with your peculiar method of thinking; when you cavil at the sophisticated activities of our student body and proceed to permit such utterly puerile trash as the Maniac to clutter your columns. Sometimes I wonder whether or not you quite understand your own philosophy. I take the example of my classmate, Mr. Young. Mr. Young asks, reasonably, why the flags are not flown in front of Old Main. Thundering down from Parnassus you declare that such an exhibition is flag-raising. Bravo! Yet I daresay that if one of your editorial scribblers had thought of the idea there would have been a minor chaos until something had been done about flags in front of Old Main. All these things confuse me.

Why, too, this earth-shaking clamor over the incident of the bonfire and the rape of the parking meters? Granted that it was, in a sense, not in the best of taste, yet we might forget about it with the passing of time and the cessation of the nagging and ill-planned comments of your paper. If we be humans, if there is in us the blood of Attila and Tamekane, then, Sir, here is very little you can do about it. Might I suggest that instead of the pose of the crusader, the Hostatus at the Bridge, you might better adopt the manner of the Grandfather, looking on in amusement, knowing that a few words will make the children quiver with embarrassment and that a storm of protest will merely arouse resentment and the determination to respect the evil.

When, in future issues of your bulletin, (for such it is) you feign to survey the mob and find it unclean, pray do it in the inner recesses of your mind. One becomes bored with being sneered at. After your paper advances beyond the stage of a clerical journal perhaps you will have more of the esteem of your fellow students.

May I add that this is not to be construed as personal, for such is not the case. Rather this is a minute blast at your policies. JACOB HAY '41

O'Brien Elected Head

Professor Joseph F. O'Brien of the Division of Speech, was elected to the presidency of the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges at a conference in Harrisburg Saturday.

'38 Collegian Dance To Be Held Tonight

Tonight at 9 o'clock Penn State's social season gets under way with an ultra-ultra and much awaited affair—the annual Collegian dance.

Everything's in readiness—the hall, the band, decorations, chaperone list. Oh yes, and those who applied to our date bureau have been fixed up.

The chaperone list consists of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Braton R. Gaidner, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Ullrich.

Freshman customs will be lifted for the affair. Those who have no tickets may either purchase them at the door or subscribe for the Collegian at the Student Union office and receive a ticket free.

Jack Bigham and his boys will supply the rhythm.

Annual Hort Show Starts Today Noon

The annual Hort Show sponsored by students of the Horticulture Department will open in the Armory at noon today and continue until 5 p. m. Sunday.

An old English garden and miniature greenhouse will be featured. Displays Dr. Warren B. Mack of the Textile Chemistry department will exhibit research on nutritive values of certain horticultural foods. The usual competitive exhibits for flowers, fruits and vegetables are also scheduled. Robert F. Fletcher '39, president of Ag Student Council, is general manager of arrangements.

Faculty, Students Form Debate Plans

Fifty-two freshmen and upperclassmen met with faculty members of the Public Speaking department Wednesday, to discuss debate plans for the forthcoming year.

Official tryouts, it was announced, will be held Wednesday in Room 3, North Liberal Arts. The topic for discussion will be the major question for first semester debating. Resolved that the United States should follow a policy of isolation toward all nations involved in international or civil conflict outside the Western Hemisphere.

Roller Skate

Every Friday and Sunday 8 till 11 HECLA PARK 7 Miles E. of Bellefonte



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Houses To Decorate

A decoration contest for Alumni Week will be held by the women's fraternities as well as the men's. Any theme appropriate to alumni day may be used, and a cup will be awarded to the winning house.

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There'll be a Vacant Chair at Home Tonight



Someone will be missing at the dinner table tonight—someone whose place only you can fill! And there'll be a strange silence about the house that only your voice can dispel.

Perhaps you have been too busy to feel lonesome, but the folks back home would be thrilled to hear your cheery "Hello!"

And listen! Most long distance rates are reduced tonight after seven and all day Sunday. You can reverse the charges if you're short of cash.

Enough said? Number please!



THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Advertisement for a dance at the Student Union. Dance Tonight From 9 to 12 At Rec Hall To The Music of JACK BIGHAM And His Orchestra You Can Still Get Your Ticket For The Collegian Dance at STUDENT UNION

Advertisement for Frank Medico cigarettes. BOY, THIS PIPE TASTES G-R-E-A-T! IT must TASTE BETTER WITH THIS FILTER! NEW SHAPES & FINISHES Frank MEDICO "Never bites my tongue. Juices never reach my mouth. I never had to break it in. And the tobacco's much more fragrant! Changing my filter gives me a clean pipe. Medico's Filtered Smoking is truly sensational!" \$1

Advertisement for a ball. GET YOUR DATE NOW for BEAUX-ARTS "NUTHOUSE" BALL Friday, October 14th \$1.00 Per Couple