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THIS ERA OF EXPANSION

EXPANSION seems to be the keynote of the present era at Penn State—an expansion which has added five million dollars worth of buildings to the physical plant of the College, an expansion which may add another four million dollars worth of buildings in the near future

Now, of course, expansion of the physical plant is necessary Most of all, it is necessary to accomodate the increasing demands being made upon the College by resident students of the state which the College was created to serve

Yet, in this era of expansion, there is one principle—one highly important principle—which should not and must not be overlooked

It is that principle which recognizes that a man is not rich merely because he has some property It is that principle which recognizes that a College is not rich merely because it has a collection of buildings strung out over the campus

It is that principle which recognizes that cultural as well as physical development is vital to the well-being of the College and vital to the future uninterrupted expansion of the College

Now we say This institution is one of the greatest educational institutions in the East and one of the greatest educational institutions in the nation

We say The graduates of this institution occupy some of the highest positions in the social, political and economic life of America

But let's for the moment forget about all that Let's for the moment look at ourselves right here and examine ourselves just a little more closely

Let's say Well, when this whole building program is completed, we'll have approximately twenty million dollars worth of buildings

Let's say we have an administration composed of some of the most brilliant and some of the most liberal educators in the country

And that's all we can say

Yes—whether we want to admit it or not—this College is becoming more and more each day to look like a vast mass-production machine, a machine engineered by capable men, but a machine so starkly realistic, so utterly devoid of all sense of beauty that it begins to look even more inhuman than it really is

It is then—and only then—that we realize how far our cultural development has lagged behind our physical development

It is then that we realize how, on the whole, the physical growth of the College has moved steadily forward

Perhaps it is time now to realize that we must move a little along the cultural path

NOW FOR THE WOMEN

FRESHMAN WOMEN have been laughing along with the rest of us at the sandwich displays of men violators of freshman customs

From now on, perhaps they shall smile with reservation when they realize that flagrant disregard of women's customs will no longer be tolerated

For the Senate of Women's Student Goverment Association has decided that it is weary of using the psychological approach in the enforcement of freshman rules Strong-arm methods seem the only solution Therefore, Mortar Board and Cwens have been called in to aid in apprehending violators

It will be their duty, as well as that of all upperclass women, to report all freshmen dating during the week or going without hair ribbons and name cards

Punishments will be inflicted on individual violators, and if the present disobedience persists, the entire class will suffer

For those who believe that overstepping of rules will be forgotten after a reprimand, the Collegain wishes to point out that a record is kept of all violations. More than one student has been surprised to discover that an appointment was lost late because of a misstep in her freshman year

Mac Hall women who feel that the absence of upperclass women in their building provides them with unlimited freedom should dismiss that opinion immediately Reports of unjudicious actions there reach the authorities as soon as they do from Frances Atherton Hall

The entire situation demands quick action by Student Government and adherence to customs by freshman women

Of the first we are now assured

Amount of freshman co-operation will determine the treatment they will receive.

—L.B G.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Back To Nature:

Monday night found two locustlane frat boys with a desire to commune with nature and where was a better place than the three-acre du estate, they thought. Borrowing a few badminton poles and then some blankets from the brothers, they pitched their tents behind the du manse

Came the dawn and with it two freshman sent out to investigate the intrusion When told by the campers that they were from pgh and meant to stay for a week under their shaky tent, the frosh hurried in for aid But before the du brethren could get awake, the two disciples of Thoreau fled back to civilization

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Stoveless Phigams:

Monday's centredeadlycolumns carried an ad for the fijis who are selling a "fraternity stove," evidently worse than an ordinary one From the looks of things we guess the fijis will eat cold meat for housepanty

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King Sugar Daddy:

Mortar Board, senior women's honorary, has decided to hold a dance early in December picking the campus' most popular man, King Sugar Daddy, Joe College, Caspar Milquetoast, and Mr Esquire Campy will name his own choices for the jobs as

Most Popular ---------- Will Hoôt
King Sugar Daddy ---------- Bud Gordon
Joe College ---------- Gordon Zern
Caspar Milquetoast ---------- Tor Toretti
Mr Esquire ---------- Art Elion

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Blessed Be The WSGA:

The Wsga, women's student government association to you, comes with an original list of beatitudes for the dining room Campy quotes four of the list of twenty-two

'Blessed are the neatly apparalled for they shall be admired"—at Penn State?

"Blessed are they who sniff not suspiciously at unfamiliar foods, but made a noble effort to partake of the dish"—you can only die once!

"Blessed are they whose favorite indoor sport is not the flipping of water with a spoon, for they shall preserve the respect of others—"and not win a varsity 'S"

'Blessed are they who use not others' water glasses as finger bowls in passing, but grasp the glass near the bottom, for they shall avoid criticism "—and their hands shall be dirty

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Children's Day Next:

Russ Gohn, the genial graduate who every weekend comes to see Buzz Acker, kkg, met a few friends at the Collegian dance, Friday night "When did you get back, Russ," they asked "I'm an alumnus "Well, what were you doing back last weekend?" "Oh last weekend? that was Dad's Day, wasn't it?"

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Prevue of HP Weekend:

The International Association of Police and Fire Surgeons hired a doctor to figure out six stages of drunkeness Camp and Mamac will go together hp weekend to fill the list with local color The list follows

1 Dry and decent
2 Delighted and devilish
3 Delinquent and disgusting
4 Dizzy and delirious
5 Dazed and dejected
6 Dead Drunk

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Names Now Heard:

Barbara McClure does not wear her beta pin faithfully Dottie Wagner "I do 'ed" Hank Carson the other night at the theta house before her sisters and his brothers Al Tapman warms up for boxing season by struggling at the su afternoon dances with ALL the girls . Jack Good, pks pledge, will become the next campus smoothy the girls tell me Bob Tapp still keeps his summer school love . Bill Neal and Cordy Beach still find things sweet after three years —CAMPY

Although Ebbing Now, Democratic Tide Still Is High, Ferguson Says

However, Anti-Roosevelt House Coalition May Stymie F. D. R. Program

By DR JOHN H FERGUSON

The national and state campaigns which are now in progress will terminate on November 8 Much of what transpires later will depend upon the outcome of these elections, hence this first column is sort of a forecast

At present, the Democratic party controls the Presidency, both houses of Congress, over three-fourths of the state governorships and state legislatures and a majority of the large metropolitan centers The United States Supreme Court has been compelled to liberalize its interpretations of constitutional law and the situation will not be altered after the present vacancy is filled (by Professor Frankfurter, we hope) What hope is there for those who deplore this Democratic supremacy?

What G O P Can Hope For

Republicans cannot hope to obtain control of the national Congress in the approaching elections They can reasonably hope for only two things

1—To diminish the overwhelming Democratic majorities and thus weaken President Roosevelt's leadership

2—To elect enough state governors and legislators to improve Republican chances of capturing the Presidency in 1940

To what extent are they likely to succeed? It requires no wizard to prophesy that the Republican position will probably improve—it can hardly become worse! Here is the present line-up in Congress

	Dem.	Rep	Up For Election
Senate	76	15	38
House	330	89	435

The Democratic majority in the Senate is unlikely to be materially reduced In fact, if the contest between Senator Davis and Challenger Earle in Pennsylvania is any criterion, the Republicans will have trouble in holding their own To say that the Democrats will continue to dominate the Senate is not to suggest that the President will have as much support from that body as previously Only a third of the Senate membership is standing for election, thus many conservative Democrats will still be there and the "unpurged" Senators will be back—and with a vengence Led by Vice-President Garner, whose anti-New Deal tendencies are well known, these forces are likely to carry on back-stage maneuvers to obtain control of the Democratic Convention in 1940

House Coalition Seen

In the House, it looks as if the Republicans will win enough seats to effectually frustrate the President's leadership Republicans predict a gain of from 70 to 100 seats in the House Conceding the loss of a maximum of 100, the Democrats would still have a substantial majority, but the balance of power would reside with the Conservative Democrats who demonstrated their effectiveness in recent sessions by killing the wage and hour bill, the executive reorganization and court reform proposals It looks, therefore, as if President Roosevelt will need to wrestle with a Republican-Conservative Democrat coalition in both of the houses In this circumstance, he cannot hope to wield the same influence over Congress as in previous sessions

If the Republicans pick up strength in these elections, it will be the first diminution of Democratic strength since 1930 If their numbers are reduced again—for the fifth consecutive time—the G O P will be as extinct as the conservative Supreme Court of 1935

New York Crucial State

Thirty-nine of the present 48 state governors are Democrats, seven are Republicans Governors are up for election in 34 of the states Gubernatorial contests are important to national leaders because the party which controls the state usually has a decided advantage in presidential contests The contest in New York is by far the most crucial Dewey's election in that state would do more to resuscitate the G O P than victory in half a dozen other states Without New York's 47 electoral votes, the Republican Party finds it virtually impossible to elect its presidential candidate The Democrats can, on the other hand, win in 1940 without New York as was demonstrated in the election of 1916 Lehman's defeat, however, would be a serious blow to the Democrats As compared with New York, Pennsylvania is relatively unimportant in Presidential contests, but it is becoming more important since it has abandoned its Republican moorings

It is my guess that when the dust of battle is over, the Democrats will have lost very few, if any, governorships to the Republicans Pre-election estimates of victorious pluralities are meaningless, and wishful calculations are worse The cold facts are that the Democrats swept the country only two years ago carrying New York by a plurality of nearly 800,000 votes and Pennsylvania by nearly 665,000 Only rapidly ebbing tides can so quickly change such overwhelming victories into defeats, and no such tides are apparent

Physics Group Holds Meeting

Annual Conference In Session Today, Tomorrow; David Dietz Will Speak

Physicists from all over the State will gather here today and tomorrow for the annual fall meeting of the Pennsylvania Conference of College Physics Teachers

Highlighting today's program will be a talk by David Dietz, Science Editor of the Scripps-Howard publications, on "The Cultural Value of Physics," in the Home Economics Auditorium at 8 p m

This will be an open meeting and should be of interest to all students who intend to teach or work in the field of physics

A symposium at which four college presidents will speak will feature tomorrow's program The subject to be interpreted is "Physics as an Essential Part in a Modern Education

President Parke R Kolbe, Drexel Institute of Technology, will give a paper on this same subject in Room 108 Physics building at 3 15 this afternoon

College presidents to take part in the symposium are John A Schaeffer, Franklin and Marshall, Paul S Havens, Wilson College, C S Swope, West Chester State Teacher's, and Rev Thomas J Higgens, St Josephs

Of special interest to physics students is a book and apparatus exhibit which will be open throughout the conference

Off The Records

This type of record-review column in the Collegian has usually clung pretty close to popular recordings However, because of the increase in interest for chamber music of late among the fraternities, it seems fitting that some attention be given to this more serious type of music

Last semester several fraternities made allowances in their budgets for classical recordings Probably because the brothers became a little tired of eating their baked ham and sweet potatoes to the tune of "A Tisket A Tasket" at dinner time Then there is a varying percentage of men in every house that thoroughly enjoy classical music

Decca comes through this week, with an album of salon music priced within reach of any fraternity's budget It includes five recordings by the Decca Salon Orchestra under the direction of Harry Horlick, former musical director of the A and P Gypsies The recordings are of Dark Eyes, Two Guitars, Massenet's Elegie, The Swan by Saint-Saens, Rubinstein's Melody in F, Lehar's Frasquita-Serenade, Schubert's Serenade, Toselli's Serenade, Traumerei by Schumann, and Alt Wien by Godowsky

Among the Populars

Bobcat Bob Crosby hits the jackpot this week with Wolverine Blues and Louise Louis, featuring Ray Baudue on the skins and Eddie Miller's clarinet. A lot of you will like the Mills Brothers' recording of Just A Kid Named Joe It's slow-moving blues that has to grow on you The reverse is Funiculi Funicula, only not sung the way we sang it in high school On another Decca, Count Basie's piano features Texas Shuffle

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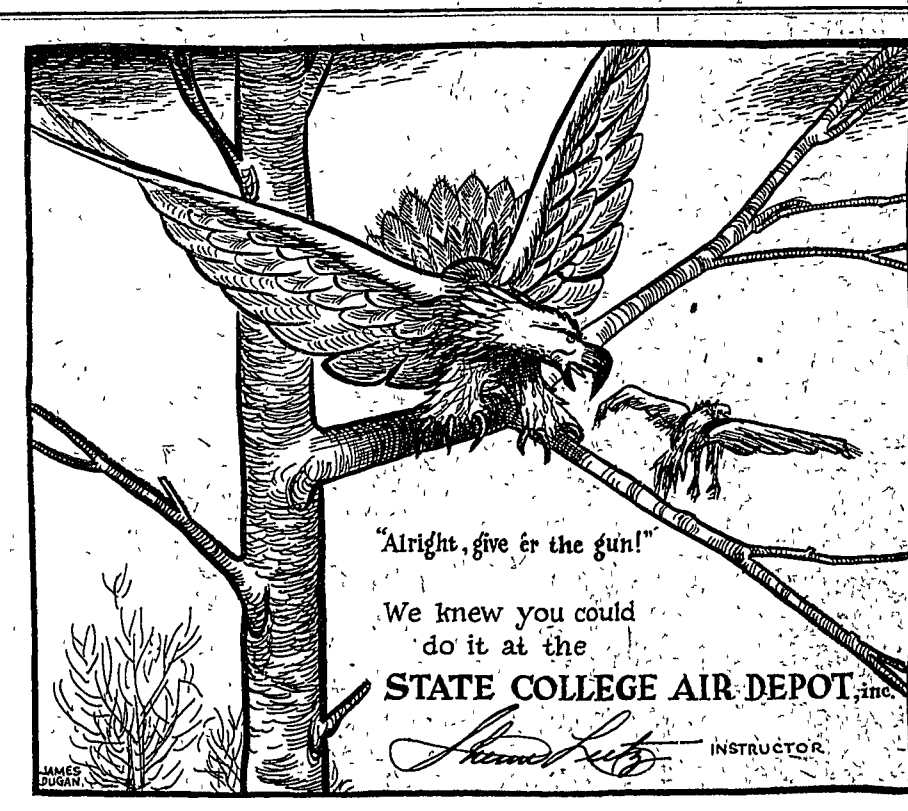
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