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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For intolerance there is vision and there is might

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NOW IT'S HERE, NOW IT AIN'T

MORE THAN six weeks ago, announcement was made by the General State Authority that it had tentatively approved a grant of approximately one and a half million dollars for additions to buildings at the College.

Through the sponsorship of Senator Edward Jackson Thompson, an additional two and a half million dollars was added to this for "income-bearing" buildings, 65 percent of which would be a loan from the federal government to be repaid within a specified number of years.

When College architects finally drew up the plans, however, the proposed grant had to be boosted to an approximate five million dollars.

Four weeks ago, at the height of reportedly strained relations between the General State Authority and the Public Works Administration, the grant was approved by the Authority and submitted to the PWA for final action.

Since then, except for one non-committal statement, PWA Administrator Harold L. Ickes—the man who holds the key to the money chest—has maintained a Sphinx-like silence.

Days dragged on into weeks with only one indication making itself apparent—the PWA, dazed by graft and corruption charges involving the General State Authority, was going to take its good, old time.

LATE LAST WEEK, however, Governor George H. Earle announced that the College had been allocated a new grant of approximately five million dollars, boosting the total outlay to the College to ten millions in two years, more than had been spent on buildings here in the past 71 years.

At the same time, the General State Authority added that work on the new program would be launched immediately—under the present PWA extension this must be done before January 1—and that it would be completed within 18 months.

Today the PWA has its own ideas about the matter—ideas which are destined to delay the beginning of the program and perhaps result even in a slash of the announced five-million-dollar grant.

THE GENERAL STATE Authority has submitted to the PWA applications for 175 projects, involving an outlay of some \$56,000,000.

It also has submitted an additional 704 applications for \$93,000,000 to construct schools under the Thompson Plan recently adopted by the special session of the Legislature.

However, it seems, the Authority has overlooked one vital provision. It has failed to furnish sufficient "sponsor contributions" to back its applications.

Thus, chances of obtaining a new five-million-dollar grant grow dimmer daily.

WITH ONLY two months time remaining under the present PWA extension, the Authority must:

- 1—Furnish the sponsor contributions, which total 55 percent of each job
2—Advertise for bids
3—Start actual construction

So, with so much still undone, the College seems to be as close to the grant as it was six weeks ago and considerably more mystified than ever before.

What happened last week, when official announcements bronched such finality concerning the allocation of a new grant, still has not been explained.

It begins to look, however, as if someone jumped the gun.

AT LONG LAST

FOR YEARS, the ROTC department here has been as hard-boiled as a Bellefonte cop, going far beyond all reasonable limits to attain what it calls discipline.

Thus it is with all sincerity that the Collegian congratulates the present staff of officers for their change of attitude toward the 2,000-odd gun-toting students who are being compelled to take military training, a change of attitude which permitted the students to shed their ill-fitting coats during the unusually warm days of the past fortnight and drill in less agony.

It's about time the War Department sent up some officers who are human.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Sorry But— A houseparty without "sorry but" telegrams would never do. Lucky recipients up to press time are Pootzie Henry, Sally Davidson, Al Eriel to name a few.

Runners-up In the Collegian's houseparty joll such campus beauties as Josephine Elkes, Peaches Gordon, Joe Dobby, and "Crash" Binford received but one vote apiece. Evidently the male population of the campus don't know their own classmates.

Wandering Willie: We boys on the staff are wondering where wandering Willie and Winnie Watson are tonight. No signs of any editorials and the deadline only two hours away. Johnnie please come back and write your edit before you and Winnie disappear in the direction of parts unknown. Love, your staff.

Brother Rat Bruce Harlan dined Peg Heiman at the error of the evening little suspecting that Peg had a date at 6:45 until she mentioned a meeting that she had to attend. At this cue, Harlan slowed his pace, finally got up to the Women's Building at time and there said goodnight.

Obtaining the services of one of Peg's sisters, Bruce sat down by the piano propped up a paper, poked a hole through the center to wait for Peg's late date. In the meanwhile his co-conspirator played the piano to her watching g-man. Not much later in walks Bill Sweet who claims Peg for the evening. Now the Alpaheo's think Harlan is a heel.

The Key To My Heart Ruth Hitchcock seems to have lost big Herman Carver, after a two year fight to one of the many beautiful freshman women (The Mammie says he couldn't date them all, HA, HA!) Besides having the keys to his car, fresh Mammie Eberts has also hagnrined for jewelry.

Change Partners and— At the Pennstateclub's picnic the other night Mary Houghton met one of the boys who asked her for a date. Also gaming a freshow, colts, etc. was one Maige somebody. Came time to date and Mary's date confused names and did "Maige's. Only in the show did Mary find out she was out with Maige's date. Back to Athhall went the couple to find their right partners and after the exchange went their ways.

I Smell A Skunk! It was 2:45 A. M. and the two Collegian stoozes left stranded were wearily writing away as the third floor janitor toops in with a skunk to show them if you hold them tight, they don't make a skunk. Realism was too much for the boys who fainted on the spot resulting in mixing pep rallies with thespian shows and etc.

Driftwood Overheard in the Collegian office, Paul Halderman to Helen Camp, "Don't think you can conquer me with your womanly wiles." Erik Moeller and Betty Albright, the transfer mentioned once before we have to say that Johnnie Crocker and Jan Fisher are seen together in church, in camp, in pep lodge, and just walking. Dean McKinley should ask that Gardner what hat tonic he uses since the latter is not sporting new growth on his dome. Preview of the Thespian show is that there will be nice legs in the dancing. Barbara Thiel for example will have the boys rushing the stage. Curly Pomeroy will do his usual stuff in the slots. A choice bit is French Miteille Paquet, wow! we hear that there will be a scene at the fuy lodge this week-end with Cash Beaver as one of the principals.

—CAMPY

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It's always The Corner unusual

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Laich Appoints Keim To Post On Hop Group

Will Take Position Vacated By Kent's Resignation; Independents Begin

By A WILLIAM ENGEL, JR. "Bob Keim, Alpha Sigma Phi, will replace Stanley R. Kent, who resigned as Stan Hop committee man."

Thus did Almie Laich, sophomore class president, lightly overlook Kent's vigorous charges of dissen-sion in the '41 Campus clique hurried in the last issue of the Collegian.

We admire Kent's courage in going out on the limb and sawing off further affiliation with the sophomore clique, but we do not believe his action was too well-grounded. In our opinion, men appointed to such committees should feel honored to a certain degree.

There are numerous others deserving such a post. Independents Organize In defense of Kent, we believe his point is well taken when it is that Laich failed to appoint another man immediately.

Meanwhile, back among the class of 1942 the Independents were peacefully organizing under the guidance of Bill Galbraeth '39.

Holding its initial meeting in Old Main last Friday, the Freshmen Independent group selected Gerald Dougherty, temporary chairman, Albei Kaplan, associate chairman, and Joe Guffy, secretary.

Jack Crawford, temporary chairman of the '42 Campus clique, took a definite step forward at a meeting in Sigma Nu Wednesday by announcing a nominating committee and a platform committee.

Four potential presidential candidates, all football players, were introduced at the gathering.

Both parties will probably reveal their candidates and platform by November 9 or sooner.

We Women

At last something novel has hit campus and Mortar Board is carrying the idea but in grand style. Plans for their Spinster Skip point toward the prize women's dance of the year. Tickets may be bought from members.

Inconsiderate lovebirds who monopolize telephones in the dormitories will have to cut down on the billing and cooling. Conversations should not exceed five minutes and, at the most, 10. If the women don't do this of their own accord, rules will be improved.

Three o'clock permissions are given for both nights of House Party.

Halloween will be celebrated Monday night at all dormitories. Only freshmen will decorate tables and dress in costume. Decorations and costumes are optional to upperclassmen.

Jane Stanton, sub chairman of Freshman Council, automatically becomes a member of Judicial committee.

Thumbs down on "ladies" smoking on campus.

Dramatics Division To Extend Services

In a series of institutes in various towns throughout Pennsylvania, the division of dramas here will extend its services to communities which support theatrical groups.

Inaugurating a new program, the department will supervise the production of plays at Westminster College "Hedda Gabler" and "Berkley Square" are among the productions to be presented.

Arthur C. Cloetingh, aided by the College dramatic staff and theatrical professional workers will present the program in which all phases of theatre craft will be considered.

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THE BEAM IN OUR EYE

Some Problems of American Democracy

By DR. ALFRED G. PUNDT One very interesting and instructive revelation brought out by the recent European crisis is the measure of America's devotion to democratic principles.

Judging from the tone of our liberal press, America has something like a providential mandate to foster and uphold democracy abroad.

This attitude naturally springs from a new concept of America's position in the modern world. Among the enlightened classes of America there is a growing awareness of our interdependence with other nations of a world which modern technology is constantly contracting.

Also it must be obvious that the United States is coming to the end of its adolescent cycle and is ripening into maturity. Furthermore, America has reached a stage of economic equilibrium and is now faced with all the problems of adjustment which that transition entails.

That Crusading Zeal Yet our concern with Europe, Latin America and the Far East is not entirely free from the crusading zeal of an earlier generation. "Making the world safe for democracy" is the headline which, nevertheless, our press, by and large, has consistently sought to associate the United States with the cause of democracy abroad.

In the days of the Soviet Revolution and the consequent civil war American editorials and even news items bristled with undisguised disdain and contempt for Communism as the negation of democracy.

Popular opinion in this country similarly derided Mussolini and his legendary blackshirts during their march to Rome 16 years ago. Again, when Primo de Rivera seized control of Spain in 1923 we professed alarm in our own day it has become the fashion to decry German National Socialism and all its works, all in the name of democracy.

Thus we suddenly became the international champion of democracy, of oppressed minorities and of the Church, the enemy of coercion and totalitarianism.

How About Ourselves? Inasmuch as Fascism represents a menace to world peace we will be rightly concerned with its international ramifications. No doubt also, the concentration camp, a rigid press censorship and economic regimentation as practiced in Russia as well as in Italy and Germany entail a repression which no civilized person can condone.

However, what is the quality of our democracy at home? Must we not be vastly more concerned with the safeguarding and perfection of our own democratic institutions than with the eradication of "isms" abroad?

"Government of Terrorism" The comments of Monsignor Francis J. Haas of the Catholic University before the Eucharistic Congress in New Orleans last week are very pertinent to this theme. Said the Monsignor "The authoritarian governments, whether Communist or Fascist, are functionally governments of terrorism. The principal democracies are thinly veined economic dictatorships based on class struggle."

Apart from the comfort we have from this positive commitment on the part of a member of the Catholic hierarchy, what are the truths behind this assertion? Are we, in fact, free from the oppressions so widely publicized as Communist or Fascist? In other words, do we not face economic, social and political problems of the first magnitude at home, fundamental problems involving the very existence of our democratic institutions?

U S Is Rich, But— America is doubtless the richest country in the world from the

standpoint of its actual resources of food, minerals, lumber, cotton and its agricultural and industrial capital equipment. Yet, according to the Department of Agriculture, which is not reputed to be under Communist influence, 17 out of our 23 million families live on less than an adequate diet, two thirds of our people do not have adequate homes, over one third of the homes in towns and cities and nearly 80 per cent of those in villages have no sanitation or running water, only one out of five persons in the United States receives dental care while only every other person receives medical attention.

Added to these misfortunes is the fact that the depression has bequeathed to us an army of over ten million unemployed but potential wage-earners whose prospects of re-employment dwindle with every passing year. This appalling catastrophe has overtaken a country which is actually rich and

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