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IT'S TIME TO BURY THE DEAD

"JUSTIFY your existence" With this as its slogan, the Collegian seven months ago launched a campaign to clean up and to revive the men's campus honorary societies and to bring them back once more to the high level which they had enjoyed in years past.

Among other things, the Collegian pointed out then that self-seeking interests, desirous only of perpetuating their own control regardless of the effect upon student welfare, had crept into the system and were poisoning it with the poison of partisanship and inaction—the kind of partisanship and the kind of inaction which lead ultimately only to decay and finally to self stragglation.

The Collegian pointed out, too, that the seeds of this decay and self-stragglation had already been planted and that it was high time for the societies to take steps to clean house—or have somebody else clean it for them.

Whether there was a lack of bloom, or brains or ambition, the honorary societies failed to start their housecleaning and went right on doing just as much as usual—which was practically nothing.

ONCE AGAIN, the Collegian issued a warning to the societies—

A warning that they had definitely lost prestige among the members of the student body.

A warning that they were signing their own death warrants if they persisted in their policy of doing nothing.

Whether this warning fell on deaf ears or on dead ears could not be ascertained for by this time the societies apparently were outdoing even old Rip Van Winkle himself.

Some of them which did wake up, however, just frowned or laughed at the insolence of a student body demanding to know upon what basis they selected members, what they were doing with the money which they received from students and, above all, what they were doing to justify their existence as student organizations.

Only one—Blue Key—had the courage to admit the truth of the existing conditions and to promise all in its power to help rectify these conditions.

And at the very same time that Blue Key was announcing its intentions, '39 Class President Joseph A. Peel revealed that he was ready to ask Student Board to make a thorough investigation of all honor societies.

Thus, with the handwriting on the wall becoming clearer each day, the societies finally began to shake off their lethargy and move into action.

IN THE MONTHS which have passed by since then, much has been accomplished.

Aided by new members—members who are sincere in their desire to clean up these conditions—some of the societies have executed complete about-faces in their policies. Notable among these have been Blue Key and Drums.

On the other hand, slackers, too, have become evident. And notable among these, it seems, is Friars.

As far as the Collegian has been able to learn, Friars has done only two outstanding things in the past year or so to justify its existence.

1—It voted along with five other organizations to accept the plan to place finances of honorary societies under the Interclass Budget System—after constant prodding from outside agencies.

2—It held a beer party. To all outward appearances then, it is becoming more and more evident each day that Friars is not only dead but is in that stage of decomposition when the odor is anything but fragrant.

NOW, FRIARS was awarded a charter to exist as a student organization on the belief that this would be a definite contribution to the advancement of student welfare.

Today, however, Friars stands indicted as a sad failure, as an organization which has been unable to keep faith with the student body.

As such, it constitutes a definite drawback to the campaign now under way to improve the honorary system.

It is for this reason that the Collegian today calls upon Student Board to have the courage to face facts and to exercise its power over societies by asking that the College Senate Committee on Student Welfare revoke the charter that has been granted to Friars.

This is destruction, of course—but no one can deny that the destruction of a weed may save a garden.

And no one can deny that when an organization is dead—dead through its own inaction—the best thing to do is to bury it.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Found in the Mail

"Dear Campy When it comes to giving tips on who's going to be Harvest Ball Queen, you'd better stick to picking the pomes.

Yis truly, A Faithful Reader"

Dear Faithful Reader

First of all, thanks for being a faithful reader. That makes two who read this column, Benny, the Knottypist, and you. I read it, but then the only reason I do is that I have to.

My naming the Harvest Ball Queen was contingent to change and the person who was supposed to change it, didn't.

About the pomes, I am not too bad at that but it is all due to "Potesie's Little White Card" on sale at the right place for only 25 cents (no advt.)

Yours truly Campy

P. S. I have a sneaking suspicion that you're Dewey Moore, right?

Attention Lexicographers:

New arrivals to the local colloquial speech are the following:

"Cooking"—to pitch woo, usually in a kitchen, when the living room is full or when there are too many lights.

"Wriestling"—synonym for looking, etc., usually on a comfortable couch.

"Get off the ear"—quit throwing it, I don't believe it anyway.

Flash, Flash—

Alme Larch is married, has been for three months. Just the Collegian pulling another scamp. Lucky girl is Edith Wilkens.

Another Letter

"Dear Campuseer, What well known red-head in the apt house (apartment) whose initials are Jack Saver, received a letter from a lonely hearts club, Monday of this week?"

This is straight stuff, no joke. Oh, ok, we don't know, who is it?

Donovan Says

George Donovan who has just returned from the West tells me at the Soph Hop booster dance that Penn State men and women are the best dancers he has seen. Incidentally, popularity of that dance may mean the return of such affairs if WRA and SU can get together.

Filling In The Space

It cost me a nickel to get my second page back—and then I had to pay it to a junior. We saw in the CACOMpass where somebody missed the Maniac's column—well, everybody can't be perfect. Nuff for tonight.

No False Alarm

The centredeadlytimes reported a false alarm the other day at 821 Prospect Avenue. However, Collegian reporters who always investigate news in the times have uncovered the real dope. A stove pipe in the Spc house caught fire and Homer Huhn rushed to the phone to call the fire department. When asked the street number he gave, the phone number, 821 Soon the local "fire eaters" dashed out Prospect passed the flaming edifice to 821 Meanwhile, brethren threw water on stove pipe, saved the house.

Umph and Pitt

Piffing it are Rhoda Greenberg and "Buck" Epstein. Almost piff, but not quite, is the Hulda Brown, Frankie (two-gun) Binford couple.

Fletch Byrom is looking for a blind date this weekend; first time in his career.

Umphing it are Bus Anderson and Eleanor (Benny the Bum) Binfei. Bill-Hendrikson and Mary Jane Mitchell—somebody tells me this is pretty sentimental.

—X CAMPY

BULLETINS

TODAY—Engineering lecture, 4 10 p. m., 11C White Hall. Hillel Service, 406 Old Main, 7 15 p. m. Soph Hop tickets, Athletic window, Main, 8 a. m. to 1 30 p. m.

TOMORROW—Roller skating, 1, 3, 7 p. m., Armory.

SUNDAY—Student Union, 105 Main, 7 30 p. m. Church of Christ, 405 Main, 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 7 p. m.

MONDAY—Chess Club, special meeting. Dairy Science party, 7 p. m., 8 Dairy.

MISCELLANEOUS—All NYA problems pertaining to time worked are to be taken up only with Raymond Whiting, 319 Old Main.

German Attainment test, Tuesday, January 10, Room 207 Home Ec Building. Students taking exam see Prof. C. C. Wagner, 406 Main.

Tickets for Penn State Club banquet, Student Union. All Soph Collegian salesmen who have not received commission, Student Union.

Interested in Les Sabre's foil's tournament sign up, Student Union.

All student commuters who bring lunches are invited by the Sandwich Shop to meet at a reserved table at the back of the Shop.

Will Average I. Q.'s

A series of new intelligence tests are being tried out on Penn State students. Administered by the Psycho-Educational Clinic under the direction of Dr. Robert G. Bernier, the tests are being given to a random sampling of students. When finished in January and tabulated, they will reveal the average "I. Q." of the student body.

CLASSIFIED

TYPEWRITERS—All makes expertly repaired, portable and office machines for sale or rent. Dial 2342 Harry E. Mann, 127 West Beaver avenue. BB yr.

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LOST—Gold bracelet about one week ago. Finder please return to Delta Gamma House. 142-1t-pd-BB.

LOST—One pair pink shell glasses, black case between Library and SLA Wednesday. Finder please return to Agnes Ross 308 Atherton. Reward 141-1t-pd-TB.

FOR RENT—Single room comfortably heated, \$8.00 per week, 538 West-Beaver Avenue. 138-1t-pd-BB.

FOR RENT—Single room with board, 117 East Foster Avenue or dial 2600. 140-1t-pd-BB.

LOST—Gold signet ring with initials ESC and diamond chip inlayed. Finder please remit to Ed 816 West College avenue. Phone 2269. Liberal reward. 139-1t-pd-GD.

Letter Box

To the Editor—

I have read your editorial of December 6, 1938, with interest. I have gone through the list of official dismissals from College as of the mid-semester period and can find no student who was dropped with below grades in eleven credits and passing grades in six. Perhaps there is such a person but certainly no individual case exactly fits these figures.

Representative dismissals are as follows: A sophomore in an engineering curriculum was admitted at his own request in September on probation. At mid-semester he was below grade in seven academic credits out of a total of fifteen and a half scheduled. He was required to withdraw.

A sophomore in another engineering curriculum was placed on probation a year ago, warned in February, 1938, and has been on probation since last April. He has below grades in eight academic credits out of the total of eighteen and a half on his schedule and was required to withdraw.

A senior in yet another curriculum was dropped from College last February. On petition he was readmitted in September. At the end of the eight-week period he was below grade in eight credits (most of which he was repeating) out of a total of sixteen on his schedule and was required to withdraw.

Cases like these could be given in much larger number. Most, if not all, of these students were advised not to register, were admitted only at their urgent request, and were placed on probation with the understanding that unless they did work of a high caliber they would be dismissed at the mid-semester period.

Students withdrawing from College, whether of their own accord or for poor scholarship, receive rebates according to a definite schedule which is available to and, I believe, in the hands of every student in the College. I refer to the Regulations Affecting Undergraduate Students, rules 3 to 6 inclusive. According to these rules a student dismissed at the end of eight weeks is entitled to one-half of the fee he paid at the beginning of the semester.

Dismissals from The Pennsylvania State College for poor scholarship represent a smaller percentage of the enrollment than at any other Pennsylvania college, save one, to the best of my knowledge. No person is dismissed from College without the recommendation of his own School faculty or executive committee, the approval of the Dean of Men or Dean of Women, acting for the President, with the final letter of dismissal being written by the undersigned.

WM S. HOFFMAN, Registrar.

(Ed Note—The Collegian understands that it is the policy of the College to drop students who are on probation in mid-semester if deemed feasible. Unfortunately, however, the case to which the Collegian referred in its editorial in the last issue was entirely true, and the student was being dropped without any refund. The case has been ironed out and the student is to receive one-half of the fee he paid at the beginning of the semester.)

To the Editor—

At various times throughout this football season you have published editorials in defense of Penn State's poor excuse for a football coach, Bob Higgins, and you have given us many reasons why he warrants our support and not our criticism. Yet, here on the day before the Pitt game, I read in your paper that Joe Metro is an announced captain of the team for the second time this season. Frankly, I was very surprised for

I did not believe that even Mr Higgins was so small that he would pull a downright dirty trick like that. Not that I have any prejudice against Metro, understand, but he's had his turn this season and it seems to me that one of our star players, Dean Hanley, has been given the worst kind of a deal by a coach who is such a baby that he lets personal feelings interfere with good judgment. Maybe you don't know it but Mr Higgins and Dean have not been very friendly this past season and because of this Hanley is robbed of his one last chance of being captain of the team for which he has played so well. It seems to me that a coach who would do a trick like that is not worthy of keeping around. You will probably foam and fume around a while and then throw this away, but I would certainly like to hear your explanation of this.

J. N. HIBBARD

Ed. Note—The Collegian was under the impression that Mr. Metro was selected only because Coach Higgins wished to have an experienced leader on the field, a man who had already been captain before. However, if what Mr. Hibbard says is true, the Collegian agrees with him in saying that a coach who is supposed to teach sportsmanship should not let petty dislikes or differences interfere with his work.

To the Editor—

There is no comment to be made on your editorial of Tuesday, Nov. 15, several copies of which I had been mailed.

I can only remind you of a state ment made, I believe, by Voltaire: "I cannot agree with what you say, sir, but I will fight to the last to preserve your right to say it."

If you could read the 25 letters from Penn State students and alumni my well meant column on Penn State evoked, you might understand why I quote him.

CY PETERMAN

(Ed Note—When Mr. Peterman speaks of freedom of the press, he should remember that it is purely a license and not a liberty—a license, by the way, which should be respected at all times, a license which grants no right to any person to, wilfully and deliberately, libel the reputation and the integrity of any other person or persons without just cause. Incidentally, even though it be granted that tearing down goal posts is not exactly gentlemanly, the Collegian still is unable to see how Mr. Peterman is able to call this rowdyism and a few days later call the Penn "rowbottom" fiasco just pure college spirit. Maybe it does make a difference, whose foot the shoe is on, eh?)

To the Editor—

After seeing with what whole hearted enthusiasm the College audience enjoyed the recent Amateur Night and after hearing from several sources of the fun summer school students have had at their weekly song fest, I am wondering whether we regular students could not have a song fest every now and then and "give out" together. Here's "one ounce of prevention" for snowball battles and fires.

ALLEN ZERFOSS

Radio Station Sends Out Call For Help In KDKA Banner Search

Word has been received from Pittsburgh that the silk banner used on the KDKA broadcasting booth at New Beaver Field during football games, as "borrowed" by some student or students after the Lafayette game.

KDKA officials describe the banner as being approximately 4 x 12, blue silk with white letters reading "Special Broadcast, Westinghouse Station, KDKA, National Broadcasting Co."

Ridge Riley, College sports editor, has requested the Collegian to cooperate with him in locating the banner. Riley points out that KDKA was instrumental in providing Penn State's alumni and friends with first hand accounts of all games this year and that pilfering the pennant was hardly a grateful gesture on the part of local people.

AFTER SOPH HOP. Try our sandwiches with a special double dip milkshake. Mott's Soda Grill. Corner of Glennland Building.

Coliseum. WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT? Watch for next issue of the Collegian.

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Soph Hop Nightcap! You'll find EVERYTHING in Glee-Thespians. 'College Album' (Returned by Popular Demand). COMEDY—SONGS—DANCE SATIRE—SWING. Reviving the all-male show in a modern musical "Romeo and Juliet" play. Campus BMOC's, Frats, and Borough Government taken for a royal ride! Thespan Swing Quintet Real "Cat Jive" in the latest dance creations of a jitter-bug madhouse. Star Dust Ballet starring Pat Altwater of Pittsburgh Civic Ballet fame. Says GEORGE DONOVAN, Student Union manager: "College Album" is as good, if not better, than most Broadway productions. Schwab Auditorium. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Reserved Seats 75c and \$1 at Student Union.