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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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## THE DINNER GONG

CO-OPERATIVE STUDENT activity received a terrific setback Sunday afternoon when the College administration tightened its "restrictions" and forced the meeting of the newly-organized Penn State Co-op League to disband by cancelling permission previously granted to meet in Old Main.

The League, composed entirely of students under the temporary chairmanship of Allan Tapman '39, planned to establish a student consumers co-operative, which, it hoped, would make it possible for students to have five luncheons per week at an estimated cost of 15 cents per luncheon.

A week ago last Thursday, according to the League, a committee visited George W. Ebert, superintendent of grounds and buildings, and asked permission for 16 students to use Room 9, Darry Building, for "eating purposes." Mr. Ebert, it is said, referred the request to Prof. A. R. Bolland, dairy husbandry, saying the matter was out of his jurisdiction. Professor Bolland, it is reported, granted this permission, and the committee immediately set to work to build up a permanent organization.

Under the plan, members of the co-operative were to subscribe to individual \$1 shares to finance the initial outlay for food and necessary utensils—money which would be refunded as soon as the co-op began paying dividends.

THEN SUDDENLY last Friday the committee was summoned and told the plan must be discarded because, among other things, it involved 1—The making of money.

2—The establishment of a corporation, and

3—The use of College facilities.

Although plans reportedly had been arranged for the use of electricity and the committee had offered to set up its desire to use College utensils for making coffee, it was refused permission to continue because—

The College does not permit sales or solicitations on campus and because the use of a College building for such a student co-operative would be against the purposes for which the buildings are to be utilized.

Now there is much to be said in favor of the College's policy not to permit sales or solicitations on campus.

Yet, as far as the Collegian has been able to learn, there seems to be a general misunderstanding shrouding this particular case.

FOR INSTANCE,—if the College does not permit sales or solicitations on campus—why then does it insist on running the Sandwich Shop? Of course, the Collegian does not mean that the College should close up the Sandwich Shop. To do so would be foolish. But at least the College could be consistent in its policy.

On the other hand, the College may say that no PRIVATE organizations should be permitted to sell or solicit on the campus. In this, the Collegian stands firmly behind the College.

However, the Penn State Co-op League is not a private organization in the true sense of the word.

It is an organization of students, an organization open to all students willing to join, an organization designed only to benefit the welfare of the students, an organization which is similar in almost every respect to the student book exchange established by the Independent Party last year—an undertaking which was approved by the College.

AS FOR money-making possibilities, the Collegian would like to suggest that a co-operative does not make money, but shares its profits—or losses—among the individuals participating in its undertaking.

In other words, if the participants "make money" they make it only in the sense that their food bill is decreased, if they "lose money" they lose it in the sense that their food bill is increased.

Why the College, which itself has so boldly championed the cause of student welfare, should now decline to grant permission for a student co-operative of this sort, is not exactly clear to the Collegian.

Let's hope the College is not repudiating its liberalism now.

## OLD MANIA

### The Pen Is Mightier:

We don't know who they were, but some couple must have had a speech-less battle on the back of the corner room menu that a waitress handed us. She starts off:

"Will it assuage your feelings if we don't talk?"

"The speech of little men is as the squeaking of mice."

"Why classify yourself in the rodent family?"

Our guess is that it was either Jo Condin and Ernie Beikaw, Don McConnell and Emma McKelvey, or Miller Flaxner and Marge Little. They are always squabbling anyhow.

### Campus Personalities:

#### The Movie Ha-Ha

Here is indeed a peculiar animal. It lives in movies where people go to enjoy moving pictures. The Movie Ha-Ha is a big obstacle in their pursuit of happiness. It talks loud. It makes smart cracks. Worse still, it laughs loudly at its own jokes. Once in awhile it brings an alarm clock or a cow bell. Boy, that's fun. Ringing it all the time. Some people make good cracks in movies. We laugh too. But they stop at that. The Movie Ha-Ha averages two or three cracks every five minutes. Strangely, although it thrives on laughter, the species can go on for hours after the audience ignores its presence. It does have one admirable quality. It sees the humorous side of everything. Even when Paderewski is playing the Moonlight Sonata or when some poor soul lies on his deathbed. Personally, we wish the species would toss all the Movie Ha-Has out on their respective reversibles. And we fondly hope the species rapidly becomes as extinct as the racoon coat and the signboard hizzle.

### Our Favorite Author:

Elizabeth Woodward, who writes Sub-Deb in Ladies Home Journal. And we're serious.

### Deep in a Dream:

The best idea we have heard in a long while for a radio program comes from Miss Neusbaum, who has charge of the State College Hotel's Travel Bureau. Miss Neusbaum's plan calls for a program featuring a dream specialist, who would analyze dreams sent in by radio listeners. Joe Rubin, English comp. prof., suggests Maxwell House sponsor it and use as a slogan, "Good to the last drop-off."

### In the Wake Of The Weekend:

The less said about Soph. Flop, the less said as for the game Saturday night, did anyone stay for the second half? Ike Gilbert looked a little happier this week. Tony presented itself with Warren Elliot saving seats for George DeLuxe and Winnie Brechoff. That was Frankie Binfoid walking around under that derby. Popular Mary O'Connor with Mark Vinzant. Dottie Walton comes in with DU Jesse Cope. Double dating with Eleanor Skinner and Dick Frederick. Devotion of the arts. Ed Woods, violin virtuoso of the college symphony, playing drums in the sophomore rock band. Ruth Reynolds, coming in late with someone. She's nice even if she does come from Scranton. Benny Gould, Crusader captain, stole the show with those out-of-bounds shots of his. We understand that the only spectator in the stands for the freshman game was Lillian McAlister, lovely blonde import from Upper Darby. She was waiting for a basketball second, Don Gatland. George Yeckley, retiring songbird, who once in awhile manages the football team, and who last performed in October at the Brockerhoff, put on a demand appearance at the Sigma Nu formal Saturday night. Everybody was signing Howie Anderson's tux shirt. Bob Wilson did too, and then found out that it was his own. Other news of the weekend has it that Phil Blough, alpha ki toe who plays sax for Charlie Smith, pinned Jean Livermore, gamma fibete. Bill Stohldriest, phi gam, has christened his new boat "The Aggie R." after you guess who. Gordy Zern, who sees red most of the time, feels blues since Sylvia Ester and he split up.

after reading the junk story in last issue of Froth, we wonder who came out second best in that battle of smells, the skunk or frothy. —MANIAC

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## Debate Team Ties In Meet

Squad Places 3rd in Tri-State Tournament Saturday At Westminster

Failing for the first time in five years to take first place in the Tri-State Debate tournament held at Westminster College, New Wilmington, on Saturday, Penn State's debaters tied with Mt. Meicy, Washington and Jefferson, and Waynesburg colleges for third place.

Each of these teams won five out of eight debates.

Eighteen teams from colleges in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia debated the question, "Resolved—That the United States should cease to use public funds, including credit, for the purpose of stimulating business."

Fred S. Carlson and Arthur R. Neary debated the affirmative side for the College while David E. Cohen and Charles G. Sweet supported the negative. All are seniors.

## off the records

Hit of the week record is Tommy Dorsey's Room With a View backed by Down Home Rag, two Victor musts. The first is the best Dorsey record since Josephine in our opinion, and that covers a lot of ground. Jack Leonard does a spine-tingling job on the vocal. The reverse is a bit of the corn on the cob, but a swing achievement that you can't help but like. Victor gives us the answer to the jitterbugs' prayer, especially for Goodman fans. Benny has completed a swing album of four discs, including four recordings by the orchestra and four by the quartet. The numbers are Make Believe, The Blue Room, I Never Knew, Sweet Sue, S'Wonderful, I Must Have That Man, Sweet Georgia Brown and Opus 36. The latter is an original number composed by the members of the quartet.

Goodman also waves another swing classic in doing Bumble Bee Stomp, containing some thrilling clavier, and Cribbabin, the old Italian waltz song done up in swing style. Skinny Ennis, former sken-beater and vocalist for Hal Kemp, records Gardamus, and Deep In a Dream for Victor with his own newly-organized band, and they're right in there, too. Hats off to Artie Shaw, who has one of the best bands on wax, and headed for the top at a steam-heated pace. His Begun the Beguine on Bluebird is the best recording we've heard so far this fall, and Back Bay Shuffle, Any Old Time, and What Is This Thing Called Love? are "must-be-heards" for any wax devotee. You will like his vocalist, Billy Holiday. Drop in at the music shop and hear her sing Any Old Time.

Les Brown does two Bluebird hits which you'll like from the current musical comedy hit, "The Boys From Syracuse." This Can't Be Love and Sing For Your Supper. And we have the Philly Phloggie, Jan Savitt, recording Hooray Home and Just A Kid Named Joe, with good vocals by Bon Bon and Carlotta Dale. A band that surprised us was Guy Gordon and His Tie-Toe rhythm doing Eralaine, Wayne King's sequel to his sensational Josephine. The style is perfect for the interpretation this time requires. The reverse, Let Me Sleep Tonight, is sweet music, nicely handled.

For the boys that like hot music, we recommend Sidney "Pop" Bechet's Shag and I've Found a New Baby. These were recorded in 1932 by Pop and his New Orleans Feetwarmers, but have been reissued because of the tremendous interest in Bechet following Hughes Panassie's labeling him as one of the greatest geniuses in swing music. In these recordings we hear swing with the gates wide open.—A. G. M.

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## We Women

Most of our sympathies of the past few months have gone to refugees and the suffering populace of warring nations. Now that Christmas approaches, we become thankful that the spirit of the day exists in our country.

We are secure in our homes, we know that our stockings will be filled Christmas morning. But, there are many close to us who do not have these benefits and this love that makes the season one of joy.

In State College and Lewisburg, two institutions exist that attempt to make up for the lack of these benefits to poor children.

W. S. G. A. is sponsoring its annual Christmas drive to make sure that these boys and girls will wake up to filled stockings and holiday fun on December 25.

The aim of Freshmen Council and House of Representatives, who are conducting the campaign, is to collect 25 cents from each woman student. A quarter is a cheap price to bring a smile to the face of a child without home, or privilege. The donation of a few cents means more than an expensive gift to a friend—it means that the spirit of Christmas still lives.

Mac Hall Christmas dinner will be held Monday, December 19. After the ceremonies, the count will, visit Atherton Hall for a coffee hour.

### New Gauge Installed

A new electrically heated precipitation gauge was recently installed on the roof of the Mineral Industries Building. Constructed from sheet metal, an old funnel, an old tube, and a copper valve, the instrument was assembled in the Mineral Industries Laboratory at a total cost of \$3.40. By melting snow as it falls the new gauge makes possible a more accurate measure of snowfall than formerly obtained.

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to those who assume responsibility for investigating.

The Why of Preventing Drinking. Regarding the why and wherefore of preventing drinking among women students, Dean Ray says:

"There are those who say that we have no occasion for trying to restrict drinking among college women at a time when society in general, with a good boost from the liquor interest, regards drinking more lightly than at any time in the recent past."

"Then why attempt to preserve a totally different situation in a college? Because a college is committed to the task of educating young people for places of leadership in a world desperately needing good leaders."

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