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SOPH FLOP? SOPH FLOP!

FOUR WEEKS AGO today, a Collegian editorial pointed out that a financially successful Soph Hop, under existing conditions, was highly improbable—improbable for the following reasons:

1 Name bands with adequate drawing power to pay for a big dance are seldom available before the first of the year.

2 Student finances are usually all but sapped by a socially active Fall season replete with Houseparty, Penn and Pitt Weekends.

As per specification, Soph Hop again nose-dived beautifully into the red ink—and to the depth of an estimated \$890 deficit. This loss resulted through no fault of a Committee which worked hard. The dance was a social success, even though it followed its financially unfortunate predecessors by losing almost enough money to build an inclined railway to Ag Hill.

As far as the Collegian has been able to find out, Sophomore Hops held in December for the past three years have resulted in a gross floppage of \$1,600, or an average deficit of \$415 per year which comes out of the common fund—Interclass Finance.

Thus, the Collegian believes that because December Sophs habitually flop and continually lose money, something must be done to remedy an obvious situation that is growing worse with each year.

IT IS IN VIEW of these facts that the Collegian submits the following plan as a possible solution for lessening the yearly loss—and by still maintaining a class dance.

The Collegian advocates an All-Sophomore dance, without a big name band, to which all sophomores would be admitted free on presentation of their matriculation cards.

Under this plan, sophomore men would be permitted to escort women of any class as well as outsiders. Sophomore women would be allowed to invite men of any class as well as outsiders. In this way, the Collegian feels, at least one member of every couple would be a sophomore.

As far as financial arrangements covering the cost of such a dance are concerned, the Collegian suggests that Interclass Finance handle the affair entirely. A local band could be obtained, the cost of an elaborate decoration scheme could be cut and other expenditures could be reduced to the least common denominator—all of which would probably cost slightly more than \$200.

For instance, if this plan had been in use for the dance just past, a deficit of only \$200 instead of \$900 would have been carried over to next year. In other words, in succeeding years \$700 less would have had to be made up from other dances, or by interclass penny ante.

TO ALL OUTWARD appearances then, assuming this plan is adopted, a better balanced social calendar would result, a lot of sophomores would have a lot of fun at a dance which would be exclusively their own, the profit-making of the dances which follow in the Spring would be bought considerably, and the necessity of scratching one of the four big weekends (since at least one of them flops every year) would be rendered nil.

Frankly, the Collegian believes that if it comes to the place where one dance must be sacrificed to save the other three, that dance, for obvious reasons, should be Soph Hop.

Rather than have this happen, the Collegian hopes that some plan, even if it is not the one suggested herein, will be adopted to save Soph Hop from absolute extinction.

Let's take the "flop" out of Soph Hop and give the dance back to the sophomores. —R. L. W.

MISFIRE

WILSON S. GEISLER, an engineering student with plenty of ambition, received only 29 votes in the Freshman Class elections last Monday night.

As a lone-wolf candidate on a "Progressive Lion" ticket, without any organization backing, this is not at all surprising. Whatever chance Geisler had of being elected, however, he tossed away by promulgating a platform, which, when translated into common sense, meant absolutely nothing. Freshmen, therefore, proved wise in not falling for personality and electing Geisler on that basis alone.

What the Collegian hopes, however, is that this defeat does not prompt Geisler to quit politics here. Perhaps with some additional time in which to acquaint himself more thoroughly with the needs of the student body, Geisler will come back next year stronger and wiser than ever. The Collegian hopes so—because men like Geisler are needed.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Dean Of Women Denounces Love As Being Detrimental To College

Excerpt from the Collegian of 1944

December 13, 1944—Carlotta E. Wraye, dean of women of the Pennsylvania State College and Day Nursery School for Young Females, today denounced love on the campus as being "entirely inconsistent with the fundamentals of an educational institution."

"Love," she said, "is what every 'lady' tries to avoid. If any girl is caught being in love she will be subject to a court martial, her parents will be notified and the whole subject discussed to determine whether her presence on this campus is helpful or harmful to herself or others."

When asked how she will find out whether or not a girl is in love, Dean Wraye stated, "I have an organized group of twenty-five stooges who snoop around every fraternity lounge and dormitory parlor, who inspect each co-ed's lips when she returns at night, who see whether or not her face becomes flushed when asked if she is in love."

Susie Sileh '44, president of Women's Stogie and Grape Association told a Collegian reporter that, "love is all bosh, the only love I have is for my books and my dear professors."

(The End) (I hope)

Of course, we all realize that the co-eds are young women in name only. As their ages range from 17-22 no one can expect children of that age to know anything about how to live, let alone love. Everything which these growing cherubs should know cannot be taught in this nursery because none of them will ever face such situations outside these walls and putting it before them now is putting "bad ideas" into their heads.

Further, in an interview with the Collegian it was said that women should not drink because this "institution" (well named) is "committed to the task of educating young people for places of leadership in the world."

Evidently, 2nd floor Old Main expects the nation to be an autocracy before the co-eds are graduated, a nation which "allahs" at the Leader's commands, a nation that does not think for itself but only knows obedience—or the firing squad. Since 2nd floor Old Main has the inside dope on the coming autocracy, similar to the one practiced on the students, I think Rep Dies should get the low-down for the "Revolution." Or better still, G-Man Helms ought to take a visit to this breeding place of fascism. Even Adolph could take some lessons, particularly the espionage chain.

air, Air, AIR!

101 eng, they say is hotter than anything this side of hell, what makes it worse is that some profs won't open the windows flanded to me the other day is this bit of verse

"AIR"
We aren't asking for gold,
No, that wouldn't be fair,
All that we want is some G. d. . . Air

We aren't asking for women,
With nice golden hair,
All that we want is some G. d. . . Air

You tyrant, Leffler, you rule your-lar,
You make us sweat and tear our hair,
We don't mind that, Leffler,
BUT WE WANT AIR!

Happy New Year and Stuff

Along with 130,000,000 others we wish you the Season's Greetings tributes to the pks club for its annual children's Christmas party. Bill Bradford got his date with Ruth Bentz this weekend via westerunion, when phone service was cut at 10pm there are lot of ugly rumors about, but don't believe them "no necking" sign has been placed in Mac Hall, I found out, maybe the above "Excerpt" is not too far dated after all. Manny Roth and Leah Goldberg are still that way after over a year.

—CAMPY

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Ludlow Resolution: When And Why Will U. S. Declare War?

(Continued From Page One)
propaganda; and, perhaps, to end all wars

If we go to war again undoubtedly it will be for these reasons and if we do so, the war must be fought either in Europe or Asia or upon the high seas far from our mainland. Few if any experts and few reasonable people believe that as things are likely to stand during the next decade there is much danger of an attempted invasion of countries in this hemisphere or of our ability to meet it if it should come. But our present foreign policy and conception of "adequate defense" is based upon the presumption that we must and will engage in war if the above mentioned "rights" and "interests" are trespassed upon.

This policy persistently pursued in the face of increasing disillusionment over the results of the World War evokes the demand on the part of many for additional guarantees. They are asking that they who must do the fighting, pay the bills, suffer the inflation, loss of liberty and the concentration camps that are certain to follow another international war, be permitted to vote on the proposition.

The Ludlow resolution will probably fail of passage since the Administration is unalterably opposed to it and it must obtain the approval of two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ultimately of 36 of the states. Its discussion, however, may have the effect of forcing the Administration to clarify and modify its foreign policy.

If its consideration forces us to reconsider our interests, to discover what we are willing and able to defend, to abandon the hope of policing the world, and to discontinue trying through war to make the world safe for anything except dictatorship and anarchy, then it will have served a good purpose.

Society Holds Dance

In an attempt to establish a custom and to create a closer relationship among its members, Skull and Bones, honorary activity society, will hold a dance Saturday night at the Phi Kappa Psi house.



To All Our Many Friends

SAUERS ON ALLEN ST

Letter Box

To the Editor:

During the past seven months, the Collegian has been conducting a campaign, urging honorary organizations to justify their existence. To date, most of the specific references have been to campus hat societies. It might be of interest to the Collegian, as well as to the student body as a whole, to learn of the activities of Phi Lambda Upsilon, national honorary fraternity.

Since September, the local chapter has had three business meetings, a smoke, an initiation and an initiation banquet.

During the next semester, the activities of the organization will be similar to those listed above. In addition, a series of five scientific lectures will be given by a lecturer of national renown. This annual series, known as the Priestley Lectures, was inaugurated in 1926. Since 1931, Phi Lambda Upsilon of this campus has been financially supporting them.

To round out a full program, individual scientific lectures by members of the local faculty, or visiting scientific lecturers, are sponsored from time to time. These, as well as the Priestley Lectures, are open to the public. As an incentive to high school-

ship in chemistry, the name of the highest ranking sophomore in chemistry or chemical engineering each year is engraved on a scholarship cup, which is on display in the chemistry library.

Regarding the Collegian's comments as to the method of handling money received from initiates, it is in point to make known the affairs of the last meeting of the local chapter of Phi Lambda Upsilon, which was held December 8. Since the start of the school year, there were discussed at meetings various possibilities of reducing a surplus, which had accumulated in our treasury during the past year due to an unusually large number of initiates.

At the last meeting, these measures were voted upon, special emphasis being placed upon the inadvisability of projects which would not be of a stimulating value to the society, such as beer parties, etc. The final results of the meeting were the passage of three motions: (1) The initiation fee is reduced from \$20 to \$17.50. (2) The sophomore who wins the scholarship award given by Phi Lambda Upsilon is to be given a replica of the cup on which his name is engraved. (3) A Phi Lambda Upsilon shelf of scientific books is to be installed in the

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chemistry library; money for these books being regulated by the status of the chapter treasury at the beginning of each school year.

The local chapter comprises over 30 undergraduates, over 79 graduates, and more than 40 faculty members. Qualifications for membership are based on scholarship rating and recommendations from professors who know best the candidate's character and ability. Initiates are drawn from the junior and senior classes and from the graduate school. Initiations are held twice each year.

I hope this letter will be accepted, not as merely a news item, but as an answer to the challenge given in the Collegian to the honorary societies to awake from their lethargy. Let this be put in evidence that Phi Lambda Upsilon is not one of the Rip Van Winkle organizations, nor has it been.

A. C. MEUNIER, Secretary
C. S. CARLSON, President
(Ed. Note—In view of the change made by Friars in their letter to Collegian (page 1) your letter could not have come at a more appropriate time. The Collegian therefore offers this letter as an answer to Friars' statement: "Ask them (honorary fraterni-

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