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Editorial

Student Democracy: Where?

Chapter Two

Three days ago—in its Tuesday issue—the Collegian criticized the College Senate and the Calendar Committee for the dogmatic manner in which they rejected a proposal for a mid-year vacation—a proposal which had been offered to them by a special committee appointed by Student Board at their own request.

Today, despite efforts to offset the Collegian's case for the mid-year vacation through whispering campaigns, the Collegian stands as convinced as ever that it is right and that the College Senate and Calendar Committee are wrong—wrong because they refused to look into the merits of the plan, wrong because they refuse to show how they arrived at their conclusion.

Now the Collegian has presented its reasons why we should have a mid-year vacation—reasons which show clearly that students, faculty and administration alike would benefit.

The Collegian challenges anyone to disprove those reasons—openly not underhandedly. If the Senate and Calendar Committee disagree with the Collegian, if they believe they are right in their action, then the Collegian challenges them to have the courage to show why they are right and why the Collegian is wrong.

The Collegian believes it cannot possibly be any fairer than that.

Of course, during the past few days, the Collegian has intercepted some criticism of its reasons for the mid-year vacation.

Before the Senate or Calendar Committee move to justify their action on the basis of these arguments, therefore, the Collegian wishes at this time to point out their obvious fallacies.

Here are the objections which the Collegian has been able to collect—and here, too, are the Collegian's answers.

1. The mere fact that the Collegian wants a mid-year vacation does not mean that the students want it.

Taken at face value, this objection may be true. But the Collegian is not the only organization which wants the vacation. The special committee appointed by Student Board wants it. The School of Liberal Arts has through Dean Stodtlatz petitioned for one Faculty members want it. Administration members want it. In fact, almost to the man, the Collegian has found this to be the answer of every one it interviewed. "Oh, we want it, but the students don't."

Furthermore, if the administrative bodies in this College are going to assume that they are relatively better judges of student opinion than students themselves, if the organizations of student government do not have the right and the power to express student opinion, if it is necessary to circulate a petition every time the students want something, then why have student officers and student government at all?

Objection No 2. If a mid-year vacation is approved, the students would have to go to school an extra week in June.

Why? In all sincerity, the Collegian asks why?

The fact of the matter is that the 1938-39 calendar includes 188 school days—six more than we had last year. Thus, the College could grant a full-week vacation—5½ school days—between semesters and still have one-half day more of school than there was last year.

Objection No 3. Periodically, the College adds another week in June to bring the number of school days up to "an average." This, according to one story, is done every four years, according to another, it's done every seven years. Thus, the extra week this year.

Here are the number of school days for the past 10 years: 1929-30—178½; 1930-31—178½; 1931-32—178; 1932-33—178; 1933-34—182½; 1934-35—180; 1935-36—182½; 1936-37—183½; 1937-38—182; 1938-39—188. If, therefore, is an addition of a week in any year during this 10-year period except this year, then the Collegian deserves nothing more than minus two in math.

If there are any other reasons, the Collegian would appreciate hearing about them.

Meanwhile, the Collegian would like to know the answer to this question:

Did the Calendar Committee in its report to the Senate present the case FOR the mid-year vacation?

And why not?

Dr. McHenry Proposes Council-Manager Plan For Student Rule Here

By DR. DEAN E. McHENRY

The current discussion of plans for reorganization of student government interests me greatly for it is in this field that I obtained some of the most vital and valuable experiences of my undergraduate days. One method of approach in examining the possibilities for Penn State is to compare the system of student government existing here with that of other institutions. Eight years ago I made a survey of student organization in fifty western colleges and universities and found a striking similarity in a dozen institutions.

The basic master organization at all of them was a corporate body known as the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, or, in popular usage, the student body. All students may belong, some universities require all students to join. Generally a fee of \$5 each semester is collected; this admits the member to most athletic contests; entitles him to participate in athletics and other activities; brings him the daily student paper; and entitles him to reductions on the yearbook, and on dramatic and other events, and other privileges.

The Associated Students usually have jurisdiction of the following activities and enterprises: athletics (including men's and women's intramural and inter-collegiate), cooperative bookstores, cooperative cafe, fountains, dramatics, yearbook, newspaper, magazines, and others. In addition, the permanent staff of the student body handles, as banker and controller, all funds of student organizations, including classes, but excluding fraternities and sororities.

Chief executive of the organization was the PRESIDENT of the Associated Students, elected by all members, voting directly. He was given general supervisory authority over all student activities and was the official spokesman of the student body. In some institutions he was given power to appoint most of the executive Council and other officers; in others his appointive power was limited invariably the President is chairman of the Council. This office is roughly comparable to the mayor in council-manager cities.

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Book Mart Will Reopen Next Term

Exchange To Be Held In Library From Feb. 2 to 15

The student cooperative book exchange, which was initiated here last year by the Independent Party, will be operated again next semester, Chairman Ed Hebda '39 announced yesterday. The exchange will be housed in the basement of the Library and will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. from February 2 to 15.

Same Plans As Before

As was the case last year, the owner of the book will be given two-thirds of the original value, minus a five-cent administrative fee. The buyer also will contribute a five-cent fee in addition to two-thirds of the original value of the book.

"Students saved from \$600 to \$1,200 through the exchange last year," Hebda said. "About 800 books were handled at a saving from 75 cents to \$1.50 per book. We hope to see these benefits distributed to a greater part of the student body."

Hebda will soon name a five-man committee to be in charge of the exchange.

Beaver Books Are On Exhibit

Library Collection Features Pennsylvania Background; Display Ends Jan. 25

An exhibit of books on Pennsylvania will be on display at the College Library until January 25. The books are chosen from the Beaver collection and include information of historical, literary, geographical, and biographical nature.

One book of interest to local readers is the Atlas of Centre County, 1874, which describes the College as it was then, consisting of one college building, eight farms, and a few business houses. Another volume is a copy of the first issue of Benjamin Franklin's 'The General Magazine'.

Among the collection will be found old agricultural almanacs, a book concerning the Pennsylvania Dutch and their methods of cooking and a volume on the superstitions of the Pennsylvania Dutch, Pow-Wow.

Sex Forum Slated Tonight

An Informal Sex Forum, sponsored by the Penn State Club, will be held today at 7:30 p. m. in Home Economics auditorium. Prof. Arthur F. Davis, assistant professor of physical education, will conduct the discussion.

The forum is open only to club members.

INTERPRETERS OF SPIRITUALS



Co-Eds Make New Rulings For Rushing

Four Points Outlawed By Pan-Hel

Misunderstanding of the "gentleman's agreement" between national and local campus sororities has actuated a re-statement of the plan to curtail first-semester rushing.

At a meeting of sorority presidents, the agreement outlawed the following:

- 1—Movie dates
 - 2—Meetings in the Corner and other eating places except dormitories
 - 3—Accompaniment to chapel or church
 - 4—Visiting rooms by either freshmen men or sorority women
- Chambers To Speak
- Juanita M. Chambers, acting Panhellenic president, will address freshman house meetings to clarify their responsibility in following the agreement. She will tell them that chance meetings, Little Sister and Senior Sponsor contacts and upperclass tutoring are allowed.
- This lenient silent period has been in effect since Christmas vacation and will extend through open rushing which starts February 3.

Hetzel Is Honored By Governor Earle

SPECIAL TO THE COLLEGIAN
HARRISBURG, Jan. 12—President Ralph D. Hetzel of the Pennsylvania State College was honored today by Governor George H. E. E. for meritorious service to the state.

Cited for his "life-long work in the field of educational and cultural developments," Dr. Hetzel will receive one of 61 service medals from the Governor tomorrow. Only other educators named were Dr. C. E. Beuty, Temple University president, and Dr. Thomas S. Gates, head of University of Pennsylvania Secretary of State Cordell Hull leads the list of 61 recipients.

Planned Economy Only U.S. Salvation, Thomas Says

A system of planned economy designed to utilize the nation's resources in such a manner as to gain maximum productivity and eliminate "bitter poverty" is the only salvation of American democracy evident above the horizon today, Norman Thomas, famed leader of the Socialist Party, told an overflow audience of approximately 1,500 in Schwab Auditorium Wednesday night.

"It is idle for us to talk about our fear of planned economy," he said, "unless we can show another way which no nation has yet found. The great question is not planned economy against no planned economy, but what kind of planned economy and what degree of collectivism."

"The whole drift of the times, the logic of the machine age require a planned economy," he added.

Thomas warned, however, that before planned economy can be introduced successfully, it must be accompanied by the necessary psychological and political attitudes that would permit the adoption of the change.

Although maintaining that the New Deal had "prolonged the life of capitalism by assuming governmental social responsibility," he claimed



it had done comparatively little to meet the basic problem.

"The failure of our time," he said, "is the failure to get at the root of the matter."

The basic fact in logic and experience in the past few years is that we have not been able to find an answer to the need for security and modest abundance.

"The system needs more than pumping the pump," Thomas added. "Besides pumping, it needs a new pump."

Although assailing pump pumping as only a temporary cure, the Socialist leader blasted conservative contentions that a check on government spending would restore business confidence and take us back to the "good old days."

"We'd get back to the glorious state of the 20's," he said, "when we did so well we got to the 30's."

"On the whole," Thomas said, "it was very fortunate for America that there was a man in 1932 who was so closely in touch with the prevailing conditions as to avert chaos."

"We were not on the verge of any constructive revolution," he said. "Any attempt to continue the Hoover policy—if for no reason than the psychological reason—would have resulted

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800 Workmen Are Living Out Of Town, 2-Month Survey Shows

Welfare Committee Will Act Today On Plans

With one session already behind it, the Senate Committee on Student Welfare will meet again today to consider definite proposals to alleviate the housing situation in State College.

Discussions were opened Tuesday afternoon in the Dean of Men's office when the Collegian presented results of its town-wide survey. No specific action was taken at the meeting, but it was indicated that in addition to today's session, one more would be held before a recommendation would be forwarded to President Hetzel.

Collegian to Give Proposals
The recommendation is expected to be in the President's hands before the end of this month. Collegian proposals will be formally presented at today's session.

Chairman of the Tuesday meeting was Dr. Warren B. Muck. Other members of the Senate Committee present were Dr. Joseph P. Ritzema, Dean of Women, Charlotte E. Ray, Dr. Franklin C. Banner, head of the Department of Journalism, and Prof. Ruth Graham, Home Economics Department.

Other representatives were Prof. B. K. Johnstone, head of the Department of Architecture, H. W. Loman, purchasing agent, and Emanuel Roth '40, head of the Collegian housing survey.

Sexes Differ On Social Rating Of Drunk

The drunk is popular with girls, say the boys. The drunk is not popular with girls, say the girls. The drunk is only fair in looks, say the boys. The drunk is good-looking, say the girls.

These are a few of the opinions revealed by a three-semester survey of students conducted by the department of psychology. Those tested were asked to rate four male types—the drunk, the pseudo-big shot, the grind, and the fool-on-a-number of different characteristics.

The pseudo-big shot is over-sized, the grind is a runt, and the drunk is of average size, according to a consensus of male and female opinion. The majority of the boys, however, think the grind is poor, the girls think he is rich.

The drunk, according to both sexes, leads in popularity with boys, with the pseudo-big shot second in sociability the drunk is out-distanced by the pseudo-big shot, according to the boys.

The Survey

QUESTIONS

- Questions covered by the Collegian housing survey include:
- 1—How many students are there in the home?
 - 2—How many more can be accommodated?
 - 3—How many bathrooms?
 - 4—How many living rooms? (including resident family)
 - 5—Heating facilities
 - 6—Rent paid by each student
 - 7—Name and address of land lord
 - 8—Number of workmen in home
 - 9—What are general sanitary conditions?

SCOPE

Covered by the survey were all rooming houses in State College.

AVAILABLE ROOMS

The survey revealed that a total of 319 rooms, including single and parts of double rooms, will be available at the beginning of the 1939-40 term. Rooms now available total 145, rooms occupied by workmen, 174. Total, 319.

(See also editorial, "The Way Out," Page 2)

Freshmen Will Fight Feb. 14

Customs Removal Prize For Win Over Sophomores; Nine Are Punished

St. Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, has been selected by Student Tribunal as the day for the Soph and Freshmen to exchange greetings in the form of leather goods in the annual Rec Hall battle to determine whether freshman customs will be discontinued.

In the event that the Class of '42 boxes are victorious, all freshman customs will be dropped, Tribunal pointed out.

Bond's Third Offense
With John R. Bond appearing before the Justices for his third offense, violators of freshman customs were penalized. Bond was sentenced to wear a cardboard dog house over his head and a rope, along with two signs reading "I'm in the Dog House With Tribunal," and "I Have the Distinction of Being the Only Third Offender in My Class."

Robert B. Adams must carry two rocks tied to a rope around his neck and a placard "I Don't Need Matches—I'm the Outdoor Type." Guad J. Culbertson bears a sign "Don't Forget the Boxing MATCHES."

Wilson S. Geisler, a former violator, again was penalized and must push a wheelbarrow loaded with stones. Two signs read, "I Lost a Political Bet," and "Remember Me"—The Independent.

Richard D. Larabee will walk with barrel steins and a banana stock while wearing two signs, "Tribunal Put the Skids Under Me," and "I Tried to Give Tribunal the Oil."

"I'm a Match—Strike Me," with some sandpaper pasted on the sign, is the punishment for Eugene W. Lederer.

Unsanitary Houses Are Uncovered In Study

By EMANUEL ROTH
Room for only 319 more students will be available at the beginning of the 1939-40 school term.

This was revealed for the first time by the Collegian before the Senate Committee on Student Welfare at a special session on housing Tuesday afternoon. Data presented to the Committee was based on a two-month town-wide investigation of the rooming situation in State College.

Astounding to those who had expected that most of the 1,000 workmen engaged on construction here were actually living in State College, was the fact that approximately 800 workmen are living out of town. The Collegian found a low total of 174 workmen in State College.

This number, coupled with the total single and double rooms available at present, 145, makes a grand sum of 319 places to be filled for the next school year. Indicative of a trend, a trend which at the very present seems unlikely to be checked are flagrant instances of overcrowding. Below, the Collegian presents instances of where more than 10 students are making use of toilet and bathroom facilities.

Names and specific addresses of the rooming houses, landlords, are being withheld from publication. They are available

BATHROOMS

South Burrows—four examples, 11, 12, 11, and 13 persons using a single bathroom.

Hattiswick—one small bathroom for 13.

South Frazier—one bath for 14.

McAllister—one bath for 13. East College—one for 12, one for 13.

South Pugh—one for 12, one for 14, one for twelve, one for 11, one for 16, one toilet for 18; one bath for 11, one bath for 15.

East Beaver—one for 12, one for 16.

South Atherton—one for 14. North Atherton—one for 14.

GENERAL CONDITIONS
The law of supply and demand has had some devastating effect on the rooming houses, Collegian reporters found. Cited below are an increasing trend are further examples of overcrowding and unsanitary conditions. Aware, perhaps, that students cannot be too particular about conditions, householders have posted warnings, which, in many instances comply with human sensibility, but which also in many instances are evident manifestations of a "what-the-hell-they-can't-no-competition" complex.

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A Smiling Killer--He'll Be In Schwab Tonight!

A smiling fellow with murder in his heart will hold the spotlight in Schwab Auditorium tonight and tomorrow night as the Penn State Players enact the terrifying drama of "Night Must Fall."

Olson Welles' Martian invasion may have thrown half the United States into a panic, but "Night Must Fall" will give the over-floored audiences tonight and tomorrow night a taste of incredible ruthlessness, horrifying subtlety.

The play is a study of murder, murder that seethes in the pathological mind of a congenial guy named Danny, to be enacted by Paul Dean '40, Jane Eames '40 will portray the role of the eccentric, glib old lady of the house who is charmed by Danny's manner.

Her niece in the form of Margaret Jones, falls in love with Danny and tries to shield him. Louis Hall '39 will fill the part of sutor, vacated by Bernard Scheet-

man '40, because of illness. Bernice Hunn '41 will undertake the characterization of Dora, the maid with Matia E. Leety as the housekeeper. End Hunter '42, nurse; and Angelo Jerome '40, detective.

The drama is directed by Charles F. Diehl, instructor in dramatics with David Jackson, graduate student in dramatics, as assistant director.

Ticket sales point to a packed house both nights of presentation.