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THE WAY OUT

WITH INCREASING demands being made upon this College for admission here each year, it is becoming more and more evident that something must soon be done to raise the quota of the freshman class...

No one recognizes this fact more than does the College itself

Thus it was that last September—when a new PWA-GSA building grant was visualized by Penn State, a grant which would have brought among other things two men's dormitories—the College announced its intention to increase the freshman quota annually for the next three years until the entire student body numbered approximately 9,500.

The Collegian immediately pointed out that such a tremendous increase in the student body would precipitate a perplexing housing problem in town and that unless the College moved to build additional housing facilities, students would be forced to suffer the consequences that would inevitably result from overcrowded housing conditions—density, unsanitary and unhealthy conditions, and above all rising room rents caused by the fact that the demand was greater than the supply.

Today, the Collegian publishes the results of its house-to-house survey of rooming conditions—covering the entire borough of State College. The results prove the Collegian's contentions.

THEY SHOW, for instance, that there will be room for only 319 additional students downtown next year—far below the 2,100 which the College had visualized last September.

They show that of the 1,000 workmen reportedly in town at the present time, only 174 are actually living in State College. Approximately 800 are rooming outside of State College—in Lemont, in Bellefonte, in the Bannock—because room rents are relatively higher in State College.

They show that the trend toward increasing room rents is becoming more evident as a natural result of the demand-supply principle.

They show, too, that overcrowded conditions in many houses make way for unsanitary and unhealthy environment and bring about intolerable rulings by landlords who take the "what-the-hell-there-aunt-no-competition" attitude.

All this is a dangerous indication for the future, dangerous because it shows that with increased demand for rooms come rising rents, greater independence on the part of some landlords, and therefore less choice in the matter for the students who must live downtown.

ON THE BASIS of these results, then, the Collegian presents the following recommendations to the Senate Committee on Student Welfare and the College Administration.

First, if the quota of the freshman class must be increased, the increase should not be more than 100.

The Collegian, despite its hope that this College could admit all qualified applicants, would prefer not to have "the freshman quota increased" at all at this time. There will be, as the survey shows, room for an additional 319 students next year. But this does not mean that the College should go out and increase the freshman quota to fill up that number of rooms. It would be healthier for the students, the College and the town as a whole to have the supply of rooms greater than the demand. In this way, students at least have some choice in the matter, little though it may be. Certainly, townspeople who offer decent housing facilities at decent rates would have nothing to fear. And townspeople who do not have decent facilities to offer at decent rates should not be given the opportunity to assume any "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude.

Second, the College and the Borough should cooperate in setting up standards for all rooming houses in State College, covering heating, lighting, fire hazards, adequate toilet and sanitation facilities, etc. The Borough Board of Health has the authority to do this.

Third, the College through authority vested by law in the Board of Health should inspect all houses in the Borough before the beginning of each semester and publish—as it has a legal right to do—an approved list of rooming houses for the guidance of the students.

Thus, despite the fact that the courts have ruled blacklists illegal, the College could serve the same purpose by omitting from the list those houses which do not live up to the established standards—which is strictly legal.

Fourth, the College—when it seeks to gain additional funds from the state—should forget for the moment the need for increased educational facilities and place greater stress upon the need for housing and other social facilities.

In this way, the Collegian can show its sincerity in promoting the interests of the Commonwealth and the welfare of the students.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Hello Again:

Back in the office again with a stack of mail one postcard high, so here goes Dear Campy

Here is a little pre-Xmas gossip which might interest the foresters. There is a pretty substantial rumor that John Mohr, a forester, is very fond of a certain home ecceci (home-town gal, in fact) and that if the feeling is mutual, and we suspect it is, at least one guy we know is going to be very disappointed.

Yours truly, A FRIEND

Which makes us having two friends

Notes At A Speech

While at Norman Thomas' lecture Wednesday, we noticed one couple necking in broad daylight, Dean Ray standing in the back, Dutch Vosters and be-pinned Leslie Lewis, two grim Army officers, and such remarks as "Carlson spoke too long," and "I haven't gone anywhere in the past six months that I haven't sat behind a feather."

"How to Win Friends—"

Johnny Wray, phugam senior, called the Theta house the other evening after reading Marnac's column and announced that "God" was calling and would there be a Theta around who would speak to him

Pin Hanging

Miss Campy comes this with a few pin exchanges which will cause more than casual interest. For example Barbara Mc... now wears Jack Allen's delt badge while still possessing a beta tag.

Page Schaefer has put the crescent and the star on Bill, Emhardt. And Ann Brinton once more has Bill Wien's phi kappa tau jewelry. Further advanced we hear is the Marie Kase-Tom Jenkins, an affair which someone tells me will end at the altar.

And Flossie Says:

"It is better to be seen somewhere than to be obscene anywhere," which earns a wilted gardenia any time of the year.

Theta Tripe

From the Theta house, Lou Emmett, no less, (remember she runs back-and-forth from the kappa sig house to the phi kappa sig house) becomes slightly poetic.

Grandpa's hair is long and wavy, He often gets it in the gravy, Grandma chews it in her sleep, She thinks she's eating Shredded Wheat.

The Ugly Head Again

Collecting membership dues was long a tough problem for officers of the Penn State Club. Now they have hit upon a sure plan: a series of SEX talks are being sponsored by the club, admission to which will be permitted only to members with paid-up dues.

Gourmet, No Less

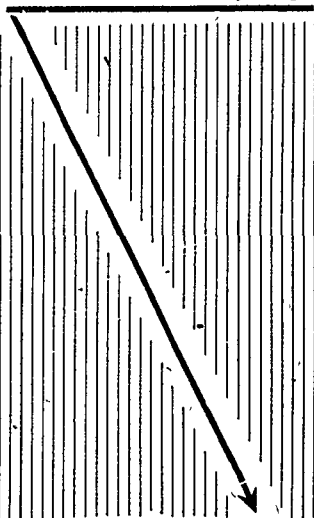
Monday night Iv Glaubman and Gordy Zern decided to have one of Spider's steaks for dinner instead of the usual hash. After sticking away a steak dinner, Iv ordered and ate three steak sandwiches. At this point Zern's eyes failed him and Gordy bet him that he couldn't eat anymore. Nonchalantly, Glaubman digested 3 more steaks, quit by quipping "I'd bank up you if you'd let me." To prove his point he shipped down a pitcher of beer on top.

Pick-ups On the Campus

"You should have seen this babe that picked— Somebody ought to tell Ace he isn't do doggone smooth as he— who do you think they will sign for Semor— then we went to Joe's and saw a couple of kappa sigs and Hank Cai— "Yen, Cliff went out to see her New Year's D—"

—CAMPY

You'll Enjoy



The Corner unusual

75% Of Building Program Finished

3 Structures To Get Steam Heat Sunday

Project May Be Completed Before May 27; Plaster Work Terminated

Seventy-five per cent of the on the contract for the five-million dollar College building program has been completed, according to James F. Beaver, assistant superintendent of construction of the McCloskey Company.

Heating equipment has been installed in the Forestry, Agriculture, Engineering, and Education buildings, and steam heat will be turned on Sunday. After the three buildings are turned over to the interior decorators it will require three weeks to hang the doors and finish the metal work.

Plastering Completed Starting Monday, work will begin on the roof of the Chemistry and Physics buildings. The wall plastering has been completed in all of the 11 buildings included in the program.

Beaver stated that the remaining 25 per cent of the contract work may be finished before May 27, the contract date for the termination of the project.

BULLETINS

TODAY Hiller Foundation, 406 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.

TOMORROW Roller skating, Army, 1, 3, 7, and 9 p.m. Admission 20 cents per person.

SUNDAY Church of Christ Bible study, 10 a.m., preaching, 11 a.m., 7 p.m., 406 Old Main.

1940 Campus Clique, D U, 3 p.m.

MONDAY Campus, B W C, 407 Old Main, 7:40 p.m.

M. I. Groups To Meet

A joint meeting of the Penn State chapters of the American Society for Metals and the American Ceramics Society will be held next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 119 Mineard Industries. Dr. C. H. Heriz, Jr. of the Bethlehem Steel Company will give an address on "Steel."

off the records

The latest batch of records just came in and we couldn't wait to tell you about it. The Shaw's DEEP IN A DREAM. Here's one of the most popular of current tunes done in beautiful style by a band what is Boy! they're good. DAY AFTER DAY is on the other side and almost comes up to the sky-high standard set by the former Shaw fans. Will be glad to hear he has recorded COPENHAGEN, a radio favorite.

Larry Clinton gives us another sweetheart, VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE, done in his hard-to-beat style. Too bad he couldn't keep his Soph Hop date. Bea Wain and Ford Leary team up on a catchy vocal. The other side is TEMPTATION, an old-time done up tight with some notable tenor sax by Tony Zimmes.

Marilyn Tilton sings I MUST SEE ANNIE TONIGHT for Benny Goodman in a way that we liked, and she also does a smooth job on the reverse, KIND 'A LONESOME Soph Hop's Bunny Benigan records the classic BLUES by Jelly Roll Morton featuring his hot trumpet 'DEED I DO, another old-time is well handled on the reverse.

Guy Lombardo is recording Decus at an assembly-line pace, his latest being I MUST SEE ANNIE TONIGHT, featuring the title's good vocal. The reverse side is GIRL FRIEND OF THE WHIRLING DERVISH, another good number spotlighting the title. The Royal Canadians sound off on another record smacking slightly of the time, I UPS TO HER AND SHE UPS TO ME. The reverse is way of a different color, IT'S A LONELY TRAIL, with Carmen doing the vocal in his distinctive style.

Ruby Newman does two numbers from the current hit, The Boys From Syracuse. Everybody and his brother has recorded THIS CAN'T BE LOVE, but none of them any better than this one of Newman's. The other side is THE SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Count Basie squirms his way out of his narrow New York night spot, The Famous Door. In order to record DARK RAPTURE, a number you'll all like. Specialty Helen Haines' vocal. The Count jumps all over the keyboard on the reverse, TUMPIN' AT THE WOODSIDE, a hot number.

Deadline For Invitation, Cap and Gown Sale Set For Tomorrow at Noon

Noon tomorrow has been set as a deadline for the sale of caps and gowns and invitations for mid-year graduation. It was announced late yesterday.

Both are on sale at the Student Union desk. The \$5 cap and gown fee must be prepaid. There are no limitations on the number of invitations, which sell for five cents apiece.

Letter Box

To the Editor: The American Student Union gives its complete endorsement to the editorials in last Tuesday's Collegian. We feel that the Collegian has brought before the student body two of the most vital problems facing the campus—the problems of housing and mid-semester vacation.

The A S U questions whether there can be student democracy when student opinion is ignored, as in the matter of student vacation. We lend our fullest support to any cooperative effort on the part of the administration, faculty, and students to re-examine this issue.

The A S U heartily concurs in the Collegian opinion that through joint action and joint action only can any thing of a constructive nature be accomplished in solving the housing problem.

We suggest that a committee composed of all sections of the campus be formed to consider this problem and work already done at Penn State in cooperative living.

Cooperatively yours, FRIBBA HOSHALIK, Chairman of the Penn State Chapter of the American Student Union.

Combat Movies Shown

During the past week, the sophomore R. O. T. C. students were shown moving pictures in class portraying the rifle squad in practice combat and attack.

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