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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For in tolerance there is reason and there is might.

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TIME IS FLEETING

ONCE AGAIN the Board of Trustees meets tomorrow to wrestle with the manifold problems that crop up in the course of running an institution as big as this.

Once again the entire membership of the Board, in session at Harrisburg, will discuss the proposal to change the name of the College to University.

For years, this College has been seeking to gain official recognition as a university. The hope that the change in rating would be made was expressed to the Collegian by authorities long before Governor Earle made his suggestion during the ground-breaking ceremonies in Recreation Hall last February 26.

In fact, a legislative committee headed by Senator Anthony J. Cavalcante of Fayette County was at that very time studying the possibility of not only changing the name to university but also creating four large branches in key cities of the state.

Thus, when Governor Earle proposed the change in name over a statewide radio hook-up on February 26, this College should have jumped at the opportunity at once—especially with the entire state administration fully behind it.

Instead, the College has for nearly a year let the issue cook until it has been burned almost to a crisp. Meanwhile, another commencement draws nearer and nearer.

It becomes imperative, therefore, that the Trustees decide tomorrow on immediate action to change the College's rating to university.

If there should arise opposition—political or otherwise—let's have the courage and the leadership to meet it and to fight it. We'll have to do so sooner or later, anyhow.

Why not now?

THESE, OUR FRESHMEN

"OH, I'D LIKE to get a campus so that I'd have a W S G A slip for my scrapbook."

This is the present attitude toward judicial committee, college rules, and women's standards of conduct. It's smart to get a campus, it shows the other girls you had a chance to go out. And you can always get sympathy and admiration from the more timid souls—admin' on of a sort, that is.

It's an age-old trap that catches far too many freshmen. For, contrary to popular belief, it is not clever to break rules, it is not smart to get campused, it is not admirable to face judicial committee with a wisecrack ready for any question.

In fact it is just another way of admitting your inferiority. You can't get the admiration you crave because of intelligence, personality, or ability. So you take another way. You come in late; you date anyone and anytime—and there are always a few freshmen who don't know any better and give you the attention you want.

But what of the remaining majority of students who do know better? Do you think they are admiring your popularity—or might they be laughing at your stupidity?

And you freshmen who are interested in sororities—do you think houses choose women who are constantly in trouble with the authorities? Do you believe they pick freshmen because they can break rules and get away with it?

Whether you are being caught or not, upper-class women are constantly noticing which freshmen have the look at the murder. I can get away with attitude and which are sincere in their desire to measure up to college standards. And constantly they are crossing the "smarties" off their lists for friendship—and for rushing.

Upperclass women have their duty, too. If they are interested in upholding high standards for women students, they must report things they see that tear down these standards. It is not merely the dormitory checker and judicial committee who have this responsibility—it is everybody. Only through cooperation can we meet this emergency—and prove to freshmen that for once it is not wise to be smart.

—H.L.G.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Suggestion-of-the-Month Club:

A guy who needs a healthy snack is that stinky scribe The Maniac

Weather Reports:

The following is the official College weather report on campus tonights for the week ending Jan 28

Mark Vanzant-Mary O'Connell Considerably colder in east portion. Fair today. Midge King-Dotty Walton Possibly light showers in north and west portions tomorrow.

Skinner Couch-Winnie Brechoff Increasing cloudiness and continued cool. Probable light rain soon.

Hoby Allen-B. McClure Warm today. Waimea tomorrow.

Al McIntyre-Alice Murray Intermittent rain with mild temperatures.

Dick Ewalt-Peggy Jones Increasing cloudiness followed by severe thunderstorms in east portion.

Eddie Feinblatt-Charlotte Callaway Slowly rising temperature. Probable rain changing to sleet soon, however.

Charley Prosser-Dotty Wagner Cloudy and warmer followed by light rain in south portion.

Joe Cohen-Mary Jane Veil Generally fair. Occasional showers.

Marie Feldbaum-Early Montgomery Snow and colder.

More High School Stuff:

It's a rare occasion indeed when someone writes into the Maniac B&T its old stuff to Campy. Only yesterday we emptied three bushel baskets of mail into the janitor's sack.

Five minutes later there came a tapping at our window. For a second we thought Poe's Raven was outside, but on closer inspection we discovered that it was only a little carrier pigeon with a small envelope strapped to his back.

Inside the envelope was the following note: "Dear Campy. We're sick and tired of reading about women in the Maniac's pillar. That classification of super Penn State coeds was the last straw. We want more dope about men. And here's our list of masculine top-notchers to start it off."

(signed) Three Senior Women

Best looking - Bud Schank; Nicest eyes - Art Kohn; Nicest hair - Ernie Berkaw; Best profile - Pat Costello; Best build - Spike Alter; Best personality - George Yeckley; Best dressed - Jerry Darrington; Smoothest talker - Bob Tapp; Best dancer - Verne Auhel; Best future husband - Jack Hush; Nicest smile - Arnie Lach.

To this list we add: Best all-around man - The Campuseer; Best date - The Campuseer.

Ghost Story:

Second only to the perennial rumor that the ROTC stores gunpowder under Mac Hall is the superstition that a Mac Hall ghost roams the attic of the venerable hall, causing periodic waves of frenzied excitement when the girls hear weird sounds at night.

A few nights ago, freshman Helen Swanson and a few of her Fourth North pals, deciding to scare hell out of the rest of the inmates, crawled up into the attic via a trap door in the ceiling of a phone booth.

Suddenly shrieks came from a fourth floor room. Running into the hall a freshman screamed that she had seen the ghost—a white thing coming down from the ceiling.

It seems that one of the would-be ghosts prowling around in the attic accidentally pushed her foot through the plaster.

Prattle Prattle:

Question of the semester: What has happened to lovely Louise Paraska? A "glamor girl" last year, Louise was conspicuous by her absence around local hot spots this semester.

Some one has dubbed the Corner (unusual) "The Beany by the Gate."

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Pennsylvania's Conservatism Is Rooted In History And Tradition, Alderfer Writes

Individualistic Feeling Of State Clashes With Mid-Western Collectivism

By DR. H. F. ALDERFER

Several months ago I wrote in this column words of praise about the sovereign state of Pennsylvania. A few days later, an esteemed colleague needed me with these words: "Perhaps Pennsylvania is as wonderful as you imply, but why is it conservative and backward in so many things?"

An honest question, it deserves a thoughtful answer. Many people, even Pennsylvanians, are prone to believe implicitly that we are living in one of the hinterlands of the United States. There is, in fact, some evidence that might lead toward such a conclusion, for it is true that Pennsylvania does not lead the parade of the states in a number of important items of American life.

Before going on to the treatment of the subject, let us admit this fact, yet point out that it is a mistake to put our state too much in the rear, even on standards set by other states.

Take for instance, the realm of politics. Granted that Pennsylvania has not always been a model, nonetheless, I am happy to compare it during the last 20 years with the politics of say, Ohio, Minnesota, California, and Louisiana, not to mention a host of other so-called progressive states, the antics of which are continually starting us down in the headlines of the morning papers.

Our political leaders have not yet promised the people the moon, nor have they ridden into power on the tails of a hill-billy band parked on the tail-board of a campaign automobile.

Administrative Overhauling

There are other things about Pennsylvania government about which we do not have to be ashamed. For example, the Pennsylvania state government was one of the first to overhaul its administrative departments. Its organization is considered one of the best.

It is often mentioned that the state government does not have a merit system. However, only about 14 states have over-all civil service. Most of these established this innovation during the past few years. Furthermore, three important branches of our state government are under merit, both major parties sharing in the credit. Furthermore, the state government has an excellent personnel set-up including classification of positions, a retirement system for employees, and most everything, except tenure.

We might go on down the line in social legislation, welfare organization and other fields, and examine each element of social, political and economic life of the Commonwealth. We would find out that in most cases Pennsylvania does not rank at the end of the procession. In many cases, it actually does better than show.

But this does not tell the whole story, or even the most important part of it. One might say that being one of the wealthiest of states, the Commonwealth should rank high in every conceivable standard of American life. I would like to make a few observations on the reasons this is not and cannot be a fact.

In the first place, it is my personal opinion that there is a great gulf between Pennsylvania and all other areas of the United States. This is especially noticeable, as between Pennsylvania and the Middle West where most of our national mental patterns are now being manufactured. These patterns are based upon excellence as conceived by the Middle Western type of mind.

Now the great difference between Pennsylvania and the Middle West as affects this problem is that the Middle West has a much more highly developed community and collective spirit. The people are more like each other, they are able to get along under more

Individualism And Collectivism

There has always been in Pennsylvania a distinct class feeling that never existed west of the Alleghenies. This, transplanted from England and Germany during the colonial era, was gradually adapted from its rural setting to the industrial development of the nineteenth century. Never intellectual or implemented with an ideology as in New England, nor as grand in the outer garments of living as in the South, it existed and has continued in various manifestations for two and a half centuries. It was based on real property, both rural and industrial, and not on liquid wealth, and as a result is solid, responsible and without fuss or feathers.

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Mid-Year Graduates To Hear Corson Talk

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L. Morfing, Louise K. Nolan, William W. Parks, Carl B. Petty, Walter H. Pine, John F. Pucell, Bernard L. Raincock, Harriet A. Ricketts, Barbara J. Roof, Jerome Shaffer, Clara A. Stankowich, Martha Wallack, Dennis A. Weaver, Benjamin D. Weiner, and Charles E. Williams.

Historical Roots And Class Feeling

Reasons for this difference are not immediately apparent. Some of them are historical. Pennsylvania was founded and well established before the sweep of democratic dogma during the first half of the eighteenth century. The West was born and nurtured in it. The state has had racial islands, whose people presented to the outside world an impenetrable wall of indifference. These were established long before the United States as a nation amounted to much. There are in Pennsylvania literally thousands of folks who still look down the side of their noses when anything national is brought into the conversation. It does not make much sense to them.

Then, too, the great importance of business and industry is not to be discounted. There are many of the generation before the World War who remember that progress in Pennsylvania then meant new developments in business organization—a more thorough exploration of our natural and industrial resources, the use of new methods and the vision of bigger and better factories for our towns. Work, thrift, cleanliness, religion and financial solvency were what really interested the great masses of the state. Ideas about schools, community activities, the arts and leisure activities filtered but slowly into the life of the last century. It might even be said that the colonial period was brighter in the texture of its activities than any period since.

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Three Men Expelled

During the past week three men students have been dropped from college on charges of serious misconduct. Dean of Men Arthur R. Wagoner announced yesterday in conformity with college procedure their names were not made public.

Contribute to the fact that Pennsylvania is different. The impact of the New Deal has disorganized her thought more than it has in most other states because she was not as ready for it, nationalizing effects. But, I believe, it is true that the state is today more alive to what is happening than it has been for a long time. What direction its policy in dealing with them will take only the future will tell.

Personally, I hope it does not blindly follow national standards and practices, but that it adapts what it can use to its own conditions and traditions. I hope it does not submit to dictation, on the part of a national government anymore than it must, no matter what party is in power. Above all, I hope that it will develop a leadership, indigenous to its life and soil, that can cope with its momentous problems.

Sororities To Begin Rushing

Pan-Hellenic Party To Start Formal Sessions; Open House Stated

Formal sorority rushing will open next Wednesday, with the Pan-Hellenic party in the freshman lounge of Atherton Hall from 7 to 9 p. m. for all sorority women and new students.

Each sorority will hold open house from 7 to 9 p. m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the same week, to give the new students an opportunity to visit all houses on campus.

On the following Sunday, February 12, invitations for Sunday and Monday parties will be issued. From Sunday until Thursday, February 16, free association parties will be held by each house.

The first silent period begins at 9 p. m. Thursday, when invitations for formal parties will be given out, and lasts until 5 p. m. Saturday. Freshmen will place answers to their invitations in boxes in the Dean of Women's office between 1 and 5 p. m. Friday, February 17.

On Saturday, February 18, the first silent period will end at 5 p. m. Formal parties will be held from 5:30 until 9, when the second silent period will begin.

Rushes will receive their ballots at 10 a. m. Sunday, February 19, and answers must be in the Dean of Women's office by 3 p. m. At 4 o'clock the rusher will be notified which house has accepted her preference, and will report to her new house between 4 and 6 p. m. Formal pledging will follow at the discretion of the houses.

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