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

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## BRIDGING THE GAP

ANOTHER STEP toward the successful and constructive solution of the pressing housing problem was taken Wednesday night when a half-dozen groups, representing every section of the student body, established by unanimous action a Student Housing Board.

What specific functions the Housing Board will serve have not as yet been outlined. What is important for the present, however, is the fact that a Housing Board such as this can serve primarily as a focal agency where all students may and can file all their complaints in all confidence, an agency which can render invaluable service as a liaison group between students and townspeople and administration.

And what is most important of all is the realization that after all these years we now have a student body which is becoming increasingly aware of its problems and its responsibilities, a student body which is gradually being welded into a powerful, moving force behind the enlightened leadership of conscientious student representatives.

Under such circumstances, therefore, it was only natural to expect that when a legal body like the Board of Health, which has authority under state laws to regulate housing conditions within this borough, refuses to do so, the students should take their own welfare into their own hands.

SOME TOWNSPEOPLE, of course, will quake in their boots at this reawakening of the student body. These, however, should be in the minority. For the Collegian hopes to reassure those townspeople who supply decent living conditions at decent prices that they have nothing to fear.

In fact, the Collegian's housing campaign is aimed not so much at raising the standards of all houses as it is to bring the laggards up to the standards of the better houses in town.

In this way, we can attack the problem from two entirely different angles. We can promote the welfare of the students by setting up regulations that will make available to them the best living conditions at the price they are willing to pay. And at the same time we can promote the welfare of the townspeople by eliminating unfair competition from landlords who would fail to comply with these regulations.

As for competition from the College, the Collegian does not believe any assurances are necessary on this point. For the entire past history of this College shows that even when dormitories have been built, townspeople have not suffered. In fact, the College counts upon housing students in town and when it builds dormitories the usual procedure has been to increase student enrollment in order to fill up the available rooms—in town as well as on campus.

It is for these reasons, then, that the Collegian once again expresses its most fervent wish that townspeople who are far-sighted enough to realize that their welfare is intimately tied up with student welfare will join hands with the students and the College and make possible that cooperative spirit which is so vitally necessary to keep State College and Penn State marching ahead in perfect rhythm.

Reform must come sooner or later. Why delay it any longer?

## ACQUIRING A NEW WORLD

WITH THIS final week of rushing, freshman women are coming into close contact with the Greek-letter world of the sorority woman.

Approximately 200 women will become a part of one group or another. The question is: which group?

Two questions—money and doubt, whether to join this group or that, or none at all—loom like a mountain on the freshman's horizon.

Whatever your final opinion—take time and be sure the group you choose is the right one from your personal point of view. Don't let mob rule override personal wishes and desires.

You experience with Greek-letter groups and the attitude which you formulate toward them will become an important part of the world which you acquire in college.

The friends you choose now will be lasting in their influence on your personality and character. Acquire the right kind of a world.—P.R.G.

## CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

### Suggestion-Of-The-Week Club:

wherein Campy steps out of character to place a serious issue squarely in front of each and every Penn State student.

Tomorrow night Leo Houck's boxing Lions entertain their traditional rivals—the Orange ringmen from Syracuse.

For the past few years, a feeling of unmerciful hate for Syracuse has been evidenced in the shape of childish booging and a generally revengeful attitude on the part of State boxing fans.

It is Campy's purpose in this essay to ask for a redress of grievances concerning this situation. It is only natural for two perennially teams to point for each other. It is not at all natural for this intense rivalry to be shown outside the ring.

Treat the Syracuse team as you would have Syracuse treat our team.

### Assault And Battery:

Pistols, swords and soldier suits, Sam Brown belts and leather boots. Tonight's Mil Ball is in the air, Thank God that it's a closed affair.

### Valentines... To A Chosen Few:

Since Valentine's Day will have come and gone before this department gets another chance to recognize it, and since it comes but once a year anyhow, Campy takes this opportunity to dish out, with his usual unguarding lavishness, a few "le mots d'amour" to some of his better friends.

To Sammy Gallu (The Crooner): You think you're heaven's gift to gals. When you begin your crooning. But what you really sound like is a piano that needs tuning.

To Iennie Cooper (Political Boss): You like to give the impression that you really are the "stuff". But everyone can plainly see that you're very much a "Bluff".

To Al Elon (A Swell Dancer): You say although you're heavy you're quite light on your feet. But the girls who date to dance with you wish they'd never left their seat.

To Lando Bigman (Cigarette Fiend): Light up another, keep puffing away, I'll hot you smoke at least ten packs a day. But be nonchalant, smoke plenty and often. And save all the coupons to buy a new coffin.

### Add: "How To Win Friends And..."

Overheard in a local book store: "Do you have a textbook entitled 'How To Win Friends With Editors And Influence The Collegian'?" It was Burgess Wilbur "Adolf" Letzell.

### Rat Race Review:

Morry Feldbaum was Zachary Moe Zaleh, Curley Pompey was Silas K. Vanderlouse. Harold Stubbs, State's most publicized freshman, was bitten by the Theta Xi's dehydrated skunk when she tried to pet it. Lucky for her that it wasn't an alligator. Bill Stohldner, pigman maddcap, wore a red turtle neck sweater. Bill Bottorf looked like somebody's scarecrow. So did Joe Dobbs. Mae Wiegner, alphancho, was there with her grandad. Fletcher Byron, phupps, was there with some gal even shorter than himself. And Campy wasn't there! Ha, ha.

### Drop Adds:

Among those seen recently with that glad-to-be-back look on their pans are Johnny Pearce, Billy Simms and Skee Dick, all kappas; Al Blaup, thetavi, Press Postelwarte, unattached, and Jimmy Kukhoff, agi.

Despite all rumors to the contrary, Betty Lane, a comely transfer from Geo. Washington U last year, will not be back this semester.

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## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

and

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

By BERNIE NEWMAN

### TODAY'S QUESTION

Do you think students should be exempt from taking a final exam if they are rating more than an 85 in the course?

Reggie Scheaffer '40 education: "I think they should, because students would have something to work for throughout the semester. And if they showed during the semester that they know the course, there is no point in giving them an examination to determine a grade. Only those who are not rating too high in a course should be allowed to take the final exam so that they may be enabled to raise their grade."

Dyane Swager '40, commerce and finance: "Yes. It would do away with the awful strain of final exam week, and I'm sure that most students would study much harder throughout the semester under such a system."

Joe Dobbs '39, dramatics: "Personally, grades annoy me, but if a person is rating an 85 or better throughout the course, there is no point in examining that person. He has already shown a comprehensive knowledge of the course."

Mary Brucilly '39, agriculture: "Yes. If a student is rating high in one course and low in another, he would have the opportunity to work hard for the course he is lower in and forget about the course he already knows. Besides, there are many students who can't hit final exams, and many times this is the cause of low grades."

Bernie Scheetman '40, education: "Final examinations don't prove a thing, for many students are excited and nervous when taking any form of examination or quiz and therefore are unable to show exactly what they know. Also, many times there are certain problems or perhaps troubles weighing on one's mind at the time of examinations which definitely would hamper him from doing his best."

Mark Vinzant '40, commerce and finance: "Positively. When one goes in to a final exam with a grade of 85 or over, he is at a psychological disadvantage because of the fear that the exam may lower his final grade."

Don Newbury '40, general major: "Yes. I found that every final exam I have ever taken tended to lower my final grade. The fear of finals prevents one from doing the work he is capable of doing."

### Lecture Course Held By Poultry Congress

A six-day short course in "Profitable Poultry" will be given at the Poultry Congress in Cleveland, O., July 28 to August 7, according to a report made by Professor H. C. Knapfel, head of the poultry husbandry department.

The course will include a series of lectures by noted speakers in the field of poultry, and discussions involving economic tendencies in modern poultry raising.

### Thurman To Speak In Chapel Sunday

Reverend Howard Thurman, dean of the chapel at Howard University, Washington, D. C. will speak in chapel Sunday on "The Kingdom Come."

Mr. Thurman is a graduate of Morehouse College and Rochester Theological Seminary. He has preached extensively among American colleges and universities.

## Co-eds To Hold Confab Here

Discussion About Leadership Set By Mortar Board For Late March

A Leadership Conference similar to one presented annually at the University of Pittsburgh is being organized here for a date in late March by Mortar Board, in collaboration with the Dean of Women's Office.

Talks by faculty members and laboratory hours conducted by students for practical application of the principles discussed by prominent speakers will constitute a large part of the conference.

Tentative purposes which have been formulated by the committee of campus women, headed by Jean Stillwell '39 for discussion purposes are:

- 1.—To arouse interest in leadership and show its practical application in one's life.
- 2.—To create a feeling of responsibility in scholarship, leadership and service.
- 3.—To make every girl aware of her potential qualities of leadership.

Committees which have been selected are: Program—Miss Betty Bell, Paula Wohlfeld '39, Frances E. Hohn '41, Fanny M. Armit '42, Betty F. Gibson '42, Velma L. Clark '42, Lillian R. Wallace '40, Sally H. Norris '40, Vera L. Kemp '41, Lois Meyers '40, Betsy J. Boman '39, Publicity—Melissa Minnich '39, Ann G. Branton '39, Hazel Stroppe '41, Arrangements—Jeanne M. Walker '39, Ruby H. Hantos '41, Barbara M. McClure '39 and Mortar Board.

## Letter Box

To the Editor:

A very unfortunate incident, recently occurred in the Art Exhibition Room of the Main Engineering Building. The Scwab Fraternity was sponsoring an exhibition of drawings and paintings by students from a number of colleges, one of these drawings was stolen. Bad enough if it had been stolen from one of our own students, it is infinitely worse that the property of a student from another campus should be taken. It will be a great disappointment to Morris Kn-shenbaum, the student artist, an insult to Carnegie Tech, the school to which he goes; and a reflection upon Penn State and its students and faculty.

It is hoped that the person responsible for the disappearance of the drawing will see his error and return the picture to the Scwab Fraternity or to the department of architecture. Description of the drawing: A nude female figure executed with a graphite crayon (similar to pencil) on a newspaper stock, about a foot and a half or two feet high. The model was standing with most of her weight upon one foot.

(Signed) Scwab Fraternity  
Per John R. Syd

### Neyhart Presents Course

Professor Amos E. Neyhart, assistant professor of engineering extension, is in New Roselle, N. J., this week and will be in Richmond, Va., next week presenting courses in teacher training for high school automobile driving classes.

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## We Women

Rushing season just wouldn't be rushing season if someone did not misinterpret a Panhellenic ruling. This year unfortunately is not the exception. Recently sorority women have started to think about second semester arrivals on campus. Some of them see no reason why these women should not be rushed.

Numerous reasons are obvious enough to one familiar with Panhel and its workings. Rushing of second semester students is not allowed at this time, Vivian Doty, Panhellenic president, has announced.

To begin with, it is not logical since these women can't be pledged until next September. In addition, limited expense accounts do not allow for any further burdens. Sororities should be concentrating on the present prospective pledges, not on those of six months hence.

Lastly, and probably of prime importance, is the consideration of the leopold it would be for a second semester student to be rushed consistently for 10 days and then not receive any bids.

If you happened to be deficient in English Comp 1, don't break any W.S.G.A. rules. Judicial Committee may ask you to write a paper on "Why the high moon last night made me five minutes late."

## Landsberg, Klepper Will Present Paper

Dr. Helmut Landsberg of the department of mining and Montis R. Klepper '39 will be in New York next Wednesday to deliver a paper they have prepared on "Tests of Radioactivity for the Correlation of Horizons." The occasion will be the annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. The paper will deal with a new method of testing rock samples in the laboratory for radioactivity. Since earth layers of the same age have the same content of minerals as well as the same content of radioactivity, this method promises to be of some importance in finding land suitable for prospecting.

## Eugene H. Lederer

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## Thursday, Friday Set For Payment Of Fees In Armory; Fine Is \$5

Payment of fees will be made next Thursday and Friday in the Armory from 9 to 5 p. m. No break for the noon hour, will be given.

A fine of \$5 will be imposed on those making their payments later than these dates. As in the past year, 10, alpha-hetized windows will be spread across the Armory floor to handle payments more quickly.

## Club Will Sponsor Chess Tournament

Registrations for the second annual all-College chess tournament, open to both students and faculty and sponsored by the Penn State Chess Club will be accepted at 8 o'clock tonight in the second floor lounge of Old Main.

The Club's chess team, composed of leading players, will meet any other group in matches made by appointment with Robert K. Smith '41, secretary of the organization, it was reported.

**Alumni Board To Convene**  
The executive board of the Penn State Alumni Association will hold a meeting in the Alumni office in Old Main at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, Edward K. Hishman, executive secretary of the association, has announced. Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of the College, will attend the meeting.

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