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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant! For in tolerance there is vision and there is might!

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IT'S A HELP, BUT...

In the December 2 issue of the Collegian, we asked the then Governor-elect, Arthur H. James to share the eye and NOT spoil the future of the College

Last Monday night we learned our fate. Said fate was a \$4,375,000 biennium budget for the College which is a net increase of \$150,000 over the appropriation the College had under the last two years of the Earle administration.

NGW, an appropriation increase at a time when the total state budget was cut approximately \$108,500,000 is something to talk about, BUT—

Since the time when the last state appropriation was allocated to the College, there have been built on this campus some \$5,000,000 worth of new buildings, all of which need equipment.

Because of the new buildings, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania naturally expect the Pennsylvania State College to increase its enrollment during the next two years, BUT—

An expanding college can't use laboratories or classrooms that have inadequate or no equipment. And, an expanding college can't teach an increased number of students efficiently if it hasn't the money to hire more, and better, professors.

A WORD about professors. In a report circulated to all faculty members and bearing the date of January 5, the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors pleaded for:

- 1—Salaries which would attract and hold able men
2—Rewards for teaching ability commensurate with those for distinction in research
3—Greatly increased library facilities
4—More favorable tenure regulations
5—A have revision of the system of instructorships

Point number one advanced by the report is the one that, to both students and faculty, is the most important. Under the recommended appropriation for the next two years, little can be done about it.

However, worse yet, the College is faced with a probable limited usage of the splendid new buildings that have been erected under the GSA program.

UNDER the original General State Authority grant for the building program, the College was allocated \$476,130 to equip the new buildings when they were finished. This money will be forthcoming and will partially serve the needs of equipment for the new buildings, BUT—

To be used to the fullest and intended extent, the new buildings will need an additional \$585,939.70 worth of movable equipment.

The College included provision for this movable equipment when it submitted its expenditure estimates to the new administration. At first the College asked for \$649,791.14, an amount that would provide for an increase in faculty, provide adequate movable equipment for the new buildings, provide for increased heat, light, and janitorial services needed for the new buildings, and in general enable this institution to receive a greatly increased enrollment during the next two years.

Then, when a slash was predicted, the College revised and trimmed its estimated expenditures, and asked for \$559,345.

Still, to the authorities in Harrisburg, this was too much. So they recommended that we receive \$4,375,000.

Yes, that is an increase over the last two years, and will somewhat aid this institution in its expansion.

Yes, it's a help, BUT— It isn't enough.

—W.B.O.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

They Say:

That the reason Charley Prosser has such a bad leg can be laid at the door of the women's athletic department who refused permission to the basketball team to use White Hall Thursday before Senior Ball Practice was then put over to the Armory where slippery floors not only took their toll of Prosser but also took others. Which brings us back to the point, what price generosity of the men's department who allowed the women to use Rec Hall every Monday night for the past some years?

On The Pan

Next Tuesday the local grad banquet, where "big shots" will meet THE big shots, the annual big shots are appropriately awarded.

We nominate the following for top honors: Biggest Apple Polishes—Tee Ryan; Did The Least Amount of Work—Registrar Nug;—Ray Warnock, Jr.; Key Man—Geo Yeckley.

Social Items

Bill Walker, 10, Philadelphia, married M. B. M. Kite, Lewistown at 2 p.m. Sunday-Holiday, March 4, Walker's roommate, was given an income tax exemption at the same hour when his child was born in Philadelphia.

Local Boy Makes Good

Nate Carlwell, former Lion track coach who used to give his county runners lanterns to find their way home, and now president of the Metropolitan Track and Field Coaches Association in New York, renewed old acquaintances with Leo Houck last weekend at the New Yorker. Leo and Nate's bull sessions in Rec Hall used to last for hours at a stretch and never was either outdone in the size of the story. By the bye, he was in charge of NAAT track and field meet in Madison Square Garden.

SUdance

Being as the advertising boys got busy this week we have to use this column to announce the fact there will be a sudance in the Armory tomorrow night. Varsity boxes of Wisconsin and State will be the guests.

Jim Lewis:

The athhall girls who threw water on you Monday night want you to know that they apologize for their over act. All is forgiven, please come back!

Captain Dennis Reports:

That at Senior Ball there were only four drunks, three male, one female, all safely removed before the lights came back on and no questions asked.

Nominated For Oblivion:

Prof Bill Dye who sent Gigi Kearns around with a request to each scheduled profs that they sign slip allowing her to remain in their course. Reason given Gigi was shopping for courses before the two weeks drop-add deadline. Cut the high school stuff, Shakespeare!

Tip

Bill Werner, the litetist of modern literature, so seldom cuts a class that when he does it becomes a world shaking event. To every student of Wednesday's classes Bill postcarded a "no class Wednesday" tip.

Aside To Warnock:

We didn't get a chance to congratulate you on your column last week when you took Gov Moore of New Jersey, the DAR of Washington, and few others for a ride. Added to you: His please place the NLI who refused (in a phone talk this protecting themselves) to accommodate Duke Ellington for dinner.

—CAMPY

PUNDT

No Greater Problem Than Crime—Who Foots All the Costs?

The recent conviction of James J. Hines as a political "fixer" once more focuses attention upon the "unholy alliance" existing in many communities between politics and crime and upon crime as a national problem.

Quite naturally, we like to think of America as exemplifying progress and virtue in all things. In and out of election years the other rewards with allusions to "American institutions," "the American way" and "American ideals," as though everything foreign was contemptible and everything indigenous noble and beyond reproach. Invariably statistics are cited to show that wages in America are higher than abroad, that our standard of living is "the highest in the world," that our taxes are lower, etc.

Seldom, however, has any aspiring politician called attention to the fact that America has the largest pool relief problem of any country in the world or that we have the largest number of automobile fatalities.

Our picture of these "Americanisms" seldom conjures up images of the lower east side of New York, the gangster tradition in Chicago, the desperate plight of the sharecropper or the notorious lynchings in the south. Not for that matter is America held up as a model of law observance or of social justice.

Crime Solution Needed. And yet today America faces no problem of greater magnitude than the widespread prevalence of crime.

There are perhaps few fields in which statistics are less reliable and definitely conclusive than the figures on the incidence of crime. Nevertheless, there is no doubt whatever as to the vast scope and seriousness of the problem.

In an article that appeared in "The American Observer," April 19, 1937, the writer stated that "in proportion to population, there are more murders, robberies and other crimes committed each year in our land than in any other modern nation." Certain homicide figures as recently collected by the Prudential Life Insurance Co. showed that the American homicide rate was 20 times that prevailing in England and more than twice that of Greece, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, Norway, Sweden, Spain and the Netherlands. The law enforcement committee of the American Bar Association reporting at the annual convention in Indianapolis, Ind., July 25, 1938, estimated the annual cost of crime in the United States at 15 billion dollars and warned that crime was increasing.

Many Young Offenders

No less significant than these circumstances is the fact that a large proportion of our criminals are youthful offenders. In 1937, 34.8 percent of all persons arrested were less than 25 years of age while half of all persons arrested for crimes against property were below 25. In the same year the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that 42.4 percent of all persons arrested already had prior fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division of the Bureau, indicating a large number of habitual offenders.

There can be no doubt that there are many causes for these crimes. Low standards of American police, venality in municipal administrations, the multiplicity of local jurisdictions, a faulty legal system, delays in trials, inadequate protection of witnesses and many other factors no doubt play a part.

Nevertheless, there can be no doubt that disregard for the law on the part of many criminals is due to a prevailing belief that justice is not meted out equitably in the United States. Again and again attention has been called to the fact that well-to-do people, bankers who embezzled funds, officials of corporations who ruined properties belonging to many stockholders, income tax evaders, etc., were treated much more politely by law-enforcement officials than were petty criminals who lacked social status and were unable to hire respectable legal counsel.

Unquestionably the most important cause of crime may be found, however, in the injustices of our social system. It has frequently been pointed out that "no less than 80 percent of all crimes are property crimes, and it seems probable that, of the rest, most

arise from the same motives." As the late Clarence Darrow wrote some years ago, "Whenever civilization exists on the private property basis as its main bulwark, we find crime as an inseparable result." Many writers claim that nearly all crime is caused by economic conditions, or in other words, that poverty is practically the whole cause of crime. Endless (Continued On Page Four)

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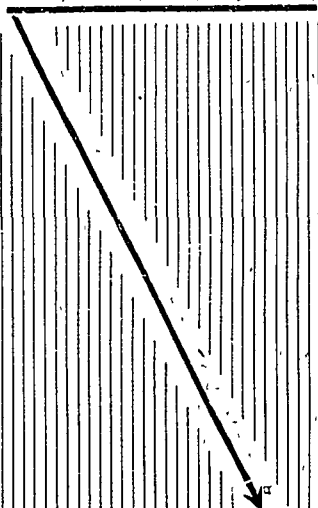
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