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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For in tolerance there is no vision and there is no light

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OLD MAIN MUST DANCE

THE HOUSING pattern has hardened and the Administration has been staid in the mixture. Officially, at least, the great Borough of State College has yanked its neck back into its traditional shell of pious satisfaction, has swayed the titillating spotlight for housing reform to Old Main

Old Main must act in that spotlight. The President of the Board of Health and the Burgess of State College have shed the ties of common cause, in effect have proclaimed "We can't do anything, honest, we hoped we could but..."

So Old Main must act. The semester's drawing to a close, a new crop of students will soon be in the Nittany hills to breathe the odor of State College housing reaction

REPUGNANT TO REASON and conscience are the statements of Burgess Letzell and Dr. Ritenour

The Collegian challenges the assertions of these gentlemen that the Board of Health has no legal authority to issue a list of approved rooming houses, that the Board can now only enforce the minimum requirements set up by the Department of Labor and Industry

The Commonwealth has vested in its Boards of Health power greater, more extensive than it has vested in police. Pennsylvania Borough Law recognizes the unimpeachable fact that an unqualified right to meet the exigencies of any local situation can serve as a focal point of action

For Article XII, Section XVII under Corporate Powers in Pennsylvania Borough Law sets forth that a Borough shall have the power "to make such other regulations as may be necessary for the health, and cleanliness and the beauty, convenience, comfort, and safety of the borough"

Which, gentlemen, is the equivalent of handing you a blank check

You have made your choice, no offer of cooperation, no word of encouragement has issued forth from the insipidity of your indifference. It's up to Old Main

MOST LOGICAL and heaviest of all plans to erase the housing muddle has come from the Burgess's office. The proposed inspection set-up which Burgess Letzell proposes savors of no compulsion, is an entirely voluntary and cooperative venture

The College would set up rooming house standards, appoint a salaried inspector in order to be included in an approved list for students, houses would have to comply with such standards. If in any instance permission to inspect were denied, the establishment would automatically be barred from the approved list

The key to the solution lies in strenuous and conscientious endeavor by the College and its students. The entire question now resolves itself into direct action from the Old Main front

A gaudy embellishment of words can do nothing. Old Main must dance well in the spotlight -E.R.

THE HALO LIFTS

FOR YEARS the outstanding entertainment of the Penn State Players and the Thespians has gone to practically naught

Surrounding the productions of these two campus organizations has been a lofty halo which has divorced a large majority of students from the inspirational and cultural entertainment which rightfully should be a part of their education

At last these organizations have acted to lift that halo and make all students feel as if they were necessary cogs in the Schwab Auditorium mechanism of entertainment

With the price clash which the Thespians have already effected and the impending cut which the Players have announced for their next production, "Winterset," students can at long last look out from the inside and sincerely feel that they are paying for something worthwhile. The first step has been made

Both groups are recognized among the "tops" in collegiate circles; productions have, for the most part, been lavish; talent has been delightfully abundant. Excluding big week-ends, that same abundant talent has dishearteningly faced lots of yawning seats

The students and townspeople who went out of town to see "a good show," those who "didn't have the dough" to see the campus productions—all that should now be a thing of the past. For the almighty halo has lifted and popular entertainment for students has come into its own

Players and Thespians—the Collegian, in behalf of grateful students, faculty, townspeople—offers its congratulations—E. R.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

No Head Needed, Hughie

The Maniac deserves a bit of honorable mention for taking time off from the ridiculous pastime of telling about Tillie Glutz' latest romance to remind us ever so subtly that it can happen here

Slipped Over The Desk

Wednesday noon, while the Campuseer was loafing in the su office before his one o'clock a buxom blonde hurried up to the desk, and delivered the following message:

"To The Maniac"

Mac Hall Want Ads

Wanted

- 1 White Hall open to men and women over the weekends 2 A telephone operator that will let Jack Yudin talk more than one hour to a friend on the third floor

Jobs For All

Thinking of Czechoslovakia reminds Campy that most of the Seniors are not worrying about getting a job it's what kind of a job to get that won't necessitate getting their feet wet in a front line trench. Thus far the steel companies are favorites but place your bets also on Alcoa, GE, Westinghouse, and others who will be called to make war materials

It has even (was scarce) gotten to the point where the men are reading headlines instead of watching them. Paidon that pun

Prevue of a Swan Song

It won't be long before this Campy will be no more and all the things he wanted to print but wouldn't for various reasons will be divulged. In other words, all the dirt that is, has not been aired—for example, why were the thetas subject to so much publicity, why wasn't there a MDDOW printed every week, how come the plugs for the players in Maniac, why was Lois Jane Hunter built up so much, what is the story behind the Campuseer-Daily Half Colyum feud, is it true what they say about Dixie—we mean Washington. In the near future, ladies and gentlemen!

We See:

That Spring is really here for the crowds around the luener, as the maniac would say, are getting bigger, Don Wilson took his top down, and Prof. Lepley is readying his students for his annual spring fever survey, Rathskellar count, and Old Main Terrace questionnaires. Love, even new affairs, are getting more that way mentioning only a few as Bill Galbreath and Alice Marie McGarry, and State's smooth sophomores, Bobby Ernst and Jack Good, continue what they started in February. Only discordant note comes from the cheese-box on the hill where things are not working out according to Cupid

Smolders on The Campus

While mentioning things that are not well we could add that there is smoldering in Old Main in one of the departments on the third floor, possibility of a high wind in the red building, and things in the la group could be nice

On The Mall

Why does George Ebert have to ruin illusions of spring by propagating that terrible odor on the campus? Get your duds clean laddies, the Froth is running a best dressed man contest—while Europe lumps. Fred Ball, who walked into the wrong room in the State theater the other night had but one comment to make when he rejoined his pals, "The seats are just as comfortable"—Campy

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Romig Favors Constitution

WSGA Head States Women Will Benefit From New Government Plan

"I'm expecting big things from the revised constitution and all-College government plan," declared Jane A. Romig '40, newly-elected president of W S G A, in an interview yesterday

"As I see it," she went on, "we have everything to gain and nothing to lose. With the cooperation of all the women, I'm sure the plan will work"

Miss Romig admitted the possibility that the men might prove stronger than the women and subordinate them in the government. To prevent this, she declared, the women will have to show united strength, and if they do, it is her belief that they can certainly keep the men from making decisions for them

"I think the attitude of the women is discouraging," frowned the W S G A president. "They are not interested in their government and it is a hard job to get them interested. The trouble is that they don't know enough about W S G A, and they don't seem to care"

Stating that education will be the keynote of her Student Government work this year, Miss Romig added that the women's judicial system will be changed to further this program

"With a year's trial in the combined student government," she concluded, "we will be able to determine whether the plan is practicable. At any rate, the women have needed this chance to prove their abilities and now that they have it, it is up to them to make it work"

off the records

Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw, fighting skin and brass for national swing supremacy, wax two of the very best discs for us this week. Ziggy Elman's AND THE ANGELS SING is the hit of the hour featuring Martha Tilton's vocal and Ziggy's wailing trumpet. Guest Johnny Mercer sings a medium blue number on the reverse. We put Artie Shaw's ALONE TOGETHER on the vic all the time and play the other side, ROSE ROOM, almost as often. We fell in love with Artie's finely blended sax section all over again. It's all we ask for

Sammy Kaye's latest Victor recording is THURSDAY coupled with NAME IT AND IT'S YOURS, two numbers from "Blackbirds of 1939" Tommy Dorsey takes two numbers from the movie, "Honolulu" for his latest, the title song and THIS NIGHT. And Larry Clinton (March '31 obbyohobvohoy) also goes to a movie for his newest Victor recordings. From the "Wizard of Oz," he plays OVER THE RAINBOW and THE JITTERBUG

Debaters To Leave On Five-Meet Trip

Varsity debaters Fred S. Carlson '39 and Dennis A. Weaver '39 will leave Monday for a five-day western tour, opposing five schools in successive days

The University of Pittsburgh will be met Monday night, with the remaining debates taking place in Ohio, Dayton, Wayne, Akron, and Western Reserve Universities are the opponents in that order

The debate schedule will be concluded next week with this tour and six dual contests scheduled here or in the vicinity. Washington Y M C A will be met in Centre Hall Monday night, Juniata is the opposition in Philipsburg Tuesday. Susquehanna, Colorado and North Dakota appear here Tuesday and Wednesday, and Johns Hopkins winds up the season debating "pump-priming" with David E. Cohen '39 and Charles G. Sweet '39 in Clearfield, Thursday

Letter Box

To the Editor

Dr. Ritenour is quoted as saying of the Group Hospitalization Insurance plan now being considered by the College staff, "It's all right, but I wouldn't join it myself." May a layman in medicine ask whether Dr. Ritenour has told the whole story?

I am told that it is a rule in medical circles that one physician does not charge another physician for his services. Consequently, if Dr. Ritenour should go to a hospital for an operation, he would have no bill from the surgeon, while for ordinary mortals, this would be the major item. This would certainly be true of tonsillectomies and appendectomies, which usually require a relatively short period of hospitalization. LAYMAN

We Women

Penn State women at last have a provocative challenge made to them. With the approval of the revised combined student government constitution by Student Board and Student Council, co-eds will be forced to be alive to all campus happenings if they wish to regain their independence. It will be a new world to conquer. It will signify equality with men if all the women, instead of the few, work with and for the new set-up

Jane Romig indicates that, under her administration, W. S. G. A. will continue and augment its educational program so ably directed by Doris Blakemore and her staff this year. Such a far-sighted plan deserves support by every co-ed

Elinor Weaver is planning a more complete House of Representatives schedule for next year. This lower house has long been indifferent to student government and to its own functioning. Some pep introduced into the group would bring many more women within the ranks of those present and interested

Pan-Hell's committee of pledge takers has compiled suggestions to be presented to the Council for the improvement of pledge periods. The group suggests that pledge parties be standardized to allow for the meeting of pledges of all sororities

Such a system of entertainment would eliminate the mass party that the Council sponsors each year for the pledges. This party has proved unsatisfactory

The committee also turned thumbs down on the "Know Your Sister" gatherings. The purpose of these had been to educate all groups to the organization of the others. It has always been a bore. In place of this, each pledge tamer would be responsible for the education of her group

Ideas on pledge duties were also exchanged. Congratulations to this committee that has gone to work and shows results!

There's Nothing Better

A good meal is the way to make yourself feel right with the world.

After a hard day, relax, and enjoy a tasty dinner. That's living!

CAMPUS RESTAURANT

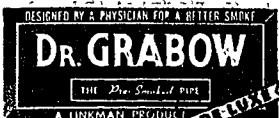
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Opinions Sought On Free Health Service

A scientific survey of 540 students to determine opinion on proposed changes in the College Health Service will begin today and carry on until Tuesday by students in advanced English Composition courses

Opinion on a proposed increase in the semester fee from \$2.50 to \$5.00 to give free dispensary treatment and seven days free hospitalization is the main objective of the survey, which is sponsored by the Student Health Board

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