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WANTED: STUDENT OPINION

STUDENT OPINION, like public opinion, is a curious thing, not easy to gauge. With heated debates raging in every legislature, in every home, and in every flat...

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Less than a mere handful of Penn State students expended sufficient effort to fill out the simple yes-no questionnaire which recently appeared in the Collegian as a part of a nation-wide survey to determine what students are thinking on vital issues of war and peace.

Apparently Penn State students either have no opinions or just don't give a damn. If such attitudes are to be assumed, it is safe to say that only a bombshell would awaken the slumbering Penn State to the fact that there actually is a war going on.

Needless to say, every one would agree that America should stay out of war. And the majority would prefer fighting for democracy here at home with the weapons our education has put at our disposal rather than going across the seas and fighting with bullets and bayonets that "undraftable" Congressmen, greedy "big businessmen," and rabble rousers provide for us.

That would be student opinion here at this College.

But what is going to motivate this student opinion to serve as a sound basis in a unified body's stand for peace?

Organizational meetings, such as are to be held in Room 405 Old Main this Thursday night, tend to incite this movement but no drive can be successful without its power to carry on.

Indeed, Penn State's student opinion at present registers nil on the immediate crisis. But student opinion, like public opinion, is a curious thing, not easy to gauge.

With such organizations as the "Peace for America League" developing, Penn State need no longer worry about a gauge for its student opinion on this particular issue. It now has a yardstick available.

FOOTBALL PLIGHT

MOMENTARILY HALTED by the Nittany Lions' hard-fought 6-6 tie game with Syracuse, the "objective analysis" of Penn State's football plight, now being editorially conducted in this paper, will appear soon with further unprejudiced comment concerning the "intangibles," the material, the facilities, and the coaching.

Already the "intangibles" have been partially eliminated as instrumental factors in determining the cause. One or all of the remaining three objectives may be the answer.

OLD MANIA

Last week we had no room to print some of the things we had in mind, since we devoted the entire column to that certain game most of us are trying to forget. We have nothing to say about this week's contest.

The outcome may have stunk in the estimation of many and it may have been great to the other three, but don't feel that we're letting you down, my glorified readers (y'cs, all 10,327 1/2 of you). The half stands for Clappy Campy, who is original enough to start blitzkriegs against the Maniac but who, at the same time, is so unoriginal when it comes to gossip that he relishes every damn bit of stuff with which we've not only made history, but is history!

Coming Attractions

We hereby announce an expose in our next week's column of the many paloo athletes and oscillating octopuses who, this year more than ever, have embarrassed visitors, parents and fellow students in Ath Hall lounges thru their too frequent and unusual tactics of making woe. Watch next week's column for a list of constant offenders. Their faces will be redder than the Cossack jacket Jack Bachman had to wear last week-end for Scabbard & Blade intimation!

Scoop!!!

Local readers of the Pittsburgh dailies who saw only Wilson's "Between The Lines" column, quoted in the Post-Gazette missed a great feature article in the Press, which quoted OUR column, poem et al.

The Press used it in their Wednesday night edition and The P-G, already scooped, had to satisfy with using B T L the next morning. Reason we didn't have it in local edition of the Press was because the paper was rolling when they got the story and saved it for their later City editions.

Pull in your chest, Wilson!

Classroom Classics

Donald "Duck" Davis, in his Journalism 40 class the other day, called on Bill Hibler to read to the class the headline he wrote for an insurance ad. Here's how it went: "Don't Be Sorry, Be Prepared."

Bill Fowler was then called to read his masterpiece which read "Mr. Jones' Wife Isn't Worried."

When the Sage of Ag Hill was affronted in his classroom by a group of disgruntled animal husbands (joke!) who moaned to high heavens about the Cornell game, loyal that he is, the Sage pointed out that we must remember Penn State does not specialize in football but through the pigskin industry it attempts to develop morals and character.

Then the subject turned to sex. When asked what he thought of the glaring mismatches in local love affairs, the cagey veteran retorted beautifully "Why, I can mate some of my hogs much better!"

Maniagony

Morrie Feldbaum, who gained the distinction the past three years of being the worst Rote private since the Irzy Richter era, is plenty bitched this year. All summer he had nothing to do so he decided to learn every command and march this place had to offer. And he did, too. But he came back to find every damn match and command in the department changed. Poor Feldbaum is still the world's worst soldier.

Pat Murphy, blond frosch, very nonchalantly picked herself up one afternoon, took a bus to Washington and there visited a Justice of the Peace with her old, hometown sweetie. Looks like the Wally Jones-Mary Ann Hutchinson combo is no more. He was playing with one of those 13-year old numbers from Grier school at their recent Halloween dance. Incidentally, the fljis and deltachs who were predominant at the affair, made 16 attempts to spike the punch but were almost slugged each time by the many chaperones. When Bernie Sandson and a few other Parmi Nous initiates had to parade thru the Cium the other p m, a group of C Cuties chorused, "What's the trouble, Sandson, did you have one too many fights?" Ed Pennington, wrestling manager, pinned Janet Eyer last week and not with a half-nelson, ether! The MANIAC

FORMAL WEAR FOR HOUSEPARTY TUXEDOS \$22.50. Jack Harper. FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 17th. Tickets \$1.00. At Student Union or from any Member of Mortar Board.

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices of meetings to be published in this column may be left at Student Union Office in Old Main up to 1 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

TODAY

All fraternity presidents should call at Student Union office for their copy of Student Union Directory.

Duplicate Bridge Tournaments, Pi Kappa Alpha at 8 p m Pizes.

TOMORROW

International Relations club, 418 Old Main, 7.30 p. m. Zoology club and Red Wing Society, joint meeting, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p m.

THURSDAY

Mineral Industries Society, Room 119 M I Building, 7.30 p m.

We Women

NECKING IN THE LOUNGES in Atherton Hall is no longer a thing to be ignored and made the best of. It has since passed that stage.

This dormitory is one of the show spots of the campus. It is one of the first things that visitors, parents, and prospective students want to see. And naturally they want to inspect the beautifully furnished and much-praised lounges.

But what do they do? They walk into the first lounge, blush, and walk out again. And they carry away with them their own opinion of Penn State and Penn State coeds—an opinion that is fast becoming general in the state.

We do not mean to be priggish about the situation. We realize that, in spite of what anyone says, women will kiss their dates good-night. We know that on weekends the lobbies and lounges will be crowded and that every couple will not be just talking.

But when it is impossible to walk into a lounge anytime from 9 a m. on without feeling that the least you can do is turn and walk out again as if you hadn't seen anything—then something should be done.

Sunday afternoon is the most popular time for guests and sight-seers. Yet this is the time that women pick for putting on such a show as would convince anyone that the Penn State coed is all she is blamed for being.

Nothing seems to help. Hostesses, house presidents, and WSGA have all complained long and loudly. They have been answered with giggles and smears from the guilty women. Is there no pride among the women students?

Even the freshman lounge is not sacred. While upperclass women are expressly forbidden to entertain in this lounge, they persist in going in there and demonstrating how a lady does not act. Are these the examples we want for our freshmen?

Women who insist on showing their affection in such ways in a public dormitory lounge don't even belong in college.

Are they what we want people to think of when they hear "Penn State Coed"? The worst offenders are proportionately few, but they are persistent. It is by their conduct that the whole coed population is being judged, and it is only through a concentrated effort by the women who care that the lounge conduct can be corrected.

Mortar Board To Meet Advisor

Mortar Board will entertain Miss Ellen Fernon of Philadelphia, National Section Advisor, tomorrow and Thursday.

She will be guest of honor at a coffee hour at the Delta Gamma house from 7.30 to 8.30 p m tomorrow with members, faculty advisers and campus alumnae. A regular Mortar Board meeting will follow the coffee hour.

Kerns Writes Circular

"Better Rural Meetings", a new circular has been written by R W Kerns, associate professor of rural sociology.

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Warnock, Selsam Discuss War Crisis

College Students Show No Signs Of War Nerves. Declares Dean Warnock.

"Students at Penn State show no evidence of jittery nerves from the battle guns of Europe," declared Arthur A. Warnock, dean of men.

Although collapse is threatening in the background, students are working more earnestly and taking more interest in campus affairs, is the opinion of Dean Warnock.

"Because the definite opinions of American people warrants our staying out of the European conflict the students do not feel the hopelessness that their studies or careers may be interrupted by the demands of war," continued the dean.

It is the belief of Dean Warnock that the European war made the average American student more realistic concerning world affairs and more wary on propaganda methods, which may draw us into the present world struggle.

Coinciding with the dean's statements were the plans for a student movement to "Keep America out of War." H Clifford McWilliams, all college president, presided at the first meeting last week.

"The College of New York has the largest R O T C voluntary unit in the nation.

Selsam Condemns Allied Powers For Germany's Present World Position.

Declaring that "the Allies are to blame for Herr Hitler", Dr J P Selsam, professor of history declared recently before the members of the Kiwanis Club in town that it was impossible for the United States to stay neutral by changing the embargo act after the war has started.

Although Congress is unified on the question of keeping America out of war, Dr Selsam said, one group believes that repeal of the act would aid the Allies directly, whereas another group favors keeping the embargo since it aids neither side directly.

Dr Selsam placed the blame for Germany's present position in the world on the shoulders of the Allies. He maintained that the Germans never had a chance after the World War.

"Germany was crushed economically by the Versailles treaty," Selsam declared, "and when it could not pay indemnity in 1920, the Allies entered and took possession of several German industrial centers."

"When such a man as Hitler gave the German people the hope of regaining their pre-war position in the world, of course they followed him," Selsam concluded.

295 New Admissions Made By Graduate School

Two hundred and ninety five new admissions were made to the graduate school here. It was announced yesterday by Dr Carl E Marquardt, College examiner. This figure includes only the students who enrolled during the new fiscal year which began July 1. All prior enrollments are included in the past fiscal year, Dr Marquardt pointed out.

Of the 295 admissions, 87 were graduates of the College, with 208 entering from other schools.

"No single factor points more to the prestige of a graduate school than this," Dr Marquardt stated, "the outside enrollment is the true barometer of recognition of a graduate institution."

Of the admissions made 207 were men and 88 women. Bachelor of science degrees were held by 132 of the graduates, bachelor of arts by 86, bachelor of education by four, bachelor of engineering by two, bachelor of chemical engineering, bachelor of business administration, and diploma of mechanical engineering by one each.

Enter 48 Fields. Forty-eight major fields were entered by the graduates. The fields which attracted 10 or more students were agriculture, biochemistry, chemistry, education, English literature, French, history, home economics, industrial education, mechanical engineering, physical education, and psychology.

The students come from 104 different colleges representing 32 different states and foreign countries. Among the universities from which they came were Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Florida, Illinois, Nebraska, Michigan, Johns Hopkins, Wisconsin, and Toronto. Smith and Wellesley were among the colleges represented.

Craighead Twins Have Book Published

A new book, "Hawks in the Hand", by the Craighead twins, John and Frank, who graduated here last year, is on sale in downtown bookstores.

The book is concerned with adventures in photography and falconry, both favorite hobbies of the twins who were Phi Beta Kappa members as well as varsity athletes.

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Penn State Co-Eds Fear Foreign Invasion Nov. 3

Western Union From State College, Pa. Tuesday before houseparty! To Senator Dies, Committee on Un-American activities, Need help at once stop Have problem stop Un-American activities stop Deluge of undesirable aliens threatens Penn State within week, stop Have evidence of illegalities stop Alienation of affections comma theft of anticipated houseparty dates comma sabotage comma slander Penn State coed stop Please advise stop Imperative.

Watkins Uninformed About New Buildings

Still "in the dark" about how many new buildings will be used next semester, Scheduling Officer Ray V Watkins was preparing this week to start work on the second semester timetable.

The question of seating makes use of all the buildings very dubious, according to Watkins. No seats have as yet been installed in any of the new structures. Plans for the 1940 summer session have already been completed, Watkins stated, and the summer session schedule should be released before the end of this semester.

The University of Chicago has an endowment fund of \$65,400,000.

Placement Service

(Continued From Page One) have been studying the plan for a placement bureau for two years. A program for a similar bureau, which had the backing of 200 firms in the Pittsburgh area was released on October 12 by the newly-formed Alumni Committee of 100.

The Committee of 100's plan was presented to the executive committee of the Board of Trustees at their meeting here October 13, and by it referred back to President Hetzel for further study.

The following day, October 13, the Council of the College Alumni Association announced its own committee headed by George M Arisman '19 to study a plan for a placement bureau. The committee appointed by President Hetzel will have the task of working these studies into one plan which can be presented for action by the Board of Trustees.

ROTC Absences May Be Made Up At Home

Basic ROTC students who have classes to make up, will be given an opportunity to do so at home for the first time this year.

Under the new arrangement students who have missed classes will go to their instructors for assignments which they may do at home over a week-end on during the week.

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