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Tuesday, November 28, 1939

DEAR MR. RUPERT

As editor of the Penn State Club's new "Post Script," you took occasion last week to challenge the work of the Student Housing Board.

I am writing, Em, to ask you to change sides. And I have a reason. Because, while the tone of your editorial took a stand directly against the Housing Board, what you advocated was directly in line with what the Housing Board is trying to do.

So that you and I and our readers may better understand this, Em, I am going to quote your editorial in full.

"A lot has been said about housing conditions in State College. Much of it has been true - most of it has been much about nothing. The fact that in one or two cases as many as eighteen people must use one bathroom is purely the fault of each individual in that house. In the cases of dirty houses or squalid conditions it is the responsibility of students to see that they do not rent rooms in such places."

"A canvass of the town or a search through the classified columns of our town's daily newspaper or college publications will show us that there is an ample supply of good clean comfortable living places within walking distance of the campus."

"Just so long as we students will reside in unclean homes or uncomfortable rooms we will have remaining with us these same conditions. But if we pass up and refuse to rent unfit places we will see them disappear. Then we will have raised the general standards of State College rooming houses."

"Luckily it is the minority who associate college with hardships and put up with conditions far inferior to their home standards. And it is this minority that has raised an unjustifiable amount of publicity. Let's hope that in the future we can look at this problem from a practical viewpoint, and not making a mountain out of a mole-hill."

"The way I see it, Em, after you were 'rough criticizing and complaining and stepped out to urge a solution, yours was the same as that already undertaken. 'If we pass up and refuse to rent the unfit places we will see them disappear,' you said."

That is exactly what the Student Housing Board is seeking in its plan for inspection and approval of rooming houses which was presented last May.

The Housing Board hopes in this way to encourage students to take the better or approved homes and thus to force landlords of the inferior homes to improve conditions. The difference in the two plans, yours and that of the Housing Board, is that you seek action by mentioning the fact to the present students while the Housing Board is trying to put something tangible before the students of this year and every year and before parents who may help them select rooms.

I might add just a word, Em, about your criticism of the publicity accompanying the matter. You see, the Collegian felt that the only way to make all of the students conscious of the problem was to tell them about it. If they are now so conscious of it that a lot of them are bored by it, the Collegian is not one bit sorry, because there are some students who aren't bored by it.

Students living under inferior conditions may be in the minority, the 319 extra rooms may be able to take care of students now in poor rooms, but even if there were only one student living in one poor room whether necessarily or unnecessarily, the Collegian thinks he would be worth doing something about.

And I believe you must agree with me, Em. Certainly I hope so. Sincerely yours, Penn State Collegian (-A. A. S.)

OLD MANIA

The boys stood on the burning deck, Betting State dollars by the peck The Panther tail was tied in a knot, The Higgin's outfit, blazing red hot

"This is the year," was his battle cry, Finally tuffe the Maniac cannot deny 10-0 was the unbelievable score, And so Mr Higgin's, we say no more

Dear Hig Ahem

A little over a month ago this column severely criticized Mr Higgin's and his team's showing. The Hig, as a figure in the public eye, was and still is open to criticism, favorable or unfavorable. The Collegian, an organ of student opinion, reflected the opinion of the students. It was unfavorable. Mr Higgin's is plenty riled at the Collegian. If he is, he is riled at a majority of the student body.

Perhaps the razzing was a bit premature, but if it did nothing else but ignite a necessary spark in a lifeless machine then we're satisfied. Wonders were accomplished since the Cornell game. For that Mr Higgin's deserves plenty of credit. So, Bob TAKE THE BITTER WITH THE SWEET!

Sparks From The Bonfire

You lucky people coming back next September should remember this past week-end. All the way through it was the most spirited and colorful exhibition we've ever had an opportunity to witness. Why it was better than you see in the movies. It's a lucky thing for those Panthers who were kept in B'fonte Thursday nite, for if they were ever here to witness such sincere enthusiasm oozing over at the bonfire from about 5,000 State rooters, the bottoms of their stomachs would have dropped out and the score would have been worse than 10-0.

Did you know that the football team hasn't lost a single game whenever the freshmen were compelled to wear "Beat Penn" (or Pitt, Syracuse etc) signs. Check on it. After the game we met George "Dutch" Brown at the "Skeller. He's the unsung hero who played the other end position and paved the way for Bob Higgin's 90-yard touchdown gallop against Pitt 20 years ago. Modest fellow that he is, Dutch wouldn't speak of his playing days, but instead of his seven-year old son who wanted to dash out on the field Saturday during the game and run, "down the field like his daddy used to."

Doc Schott was so thrilled after the game, he was dashing about with a smile a half mile wide. It looked just like Franklin Field when the students mobbed the field and started to pull down the goal posts. The hat men really deserve plaudits for the way they received the team on the field. We're still wondering about that lion skin. Is that it?

Soph Hopped

The Hop finally justified its existence. We hear they made a commendable profit. 950 couples. 1,920 sober people. The decorations weren't so hot. Nan Wynn, Kemp's highly publicized vocalist, was not with the band in case you don't know. A gal by the name of Janet something, from Altoona, was the lovely looker in her place. George Yeekley had her here to a few affairs last year.

Listen To This

You can take this with a grain of salt if you wish, but it sounds pretty good to us. Celebrating as is only natural after such a bangup game, Wade Mori, we're told, went up to Grange dorm about 1 o'clock that night and became very angry with the checkermer because she wouldn't check him in. We'll see you at the Saturday nite club after the basketball game where Sally Rand is reported to be the featured artist in the gala floor show. Don't crowd, boys. -The MANIAC

Advertisement for XMAS GIFTS for MEN. Lists various gift categories like Gifts Men Like, Gifts to Wear, Gifts for Indoor Men, Gifts for Outdoor Men, and features Jack Harper's products.

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

American Chemical Society, Central Section, Home-Economics Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Dr. O. A. Gage, manager of the Optical Division, Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y. will speak on "Special Glasses."

TOMORROW

43 Independent Party, 14 Home Economics Building, 7:30 p.m. Student Housing Board, 312 Old Main, 4 p.m. Important meeting. 43 All College Party, 419 Old Main, 7:30 p.m. ASME meeting, 110 Home Economics Building, 7:30 p.m. O. E. Szekely, consulting engineer for U. S. Naval Aeronautical Division, will speak.

New Nite Club Signs Talent

The cream of campus talent was under contract today to appear at the premises of the Soft Drink Nite Club this Saturday as the nite club committee planned to make the opening supper plus an entertainment value. With the closing of the smash Thespian star, "Hot Pinpoint," five of the stars of the show were immediately signed to appear in the nite club revue.

Decorations for the nite club are still being planned, but committee members indicated that the Sandwich Shop will not resemble the Sandwich Shop on the opening night. Meanwhile, EMOC's and other many students alike began making reservations for tables at Student Union as excitement over the opening of the hot spot mounted on the campus. Tables may be reserved for 25 cents per couple and admission to the nite club will be through reservations only.

Campus Sororities Approve Revision Of Rushing Code

Approval today by campus sororities of a revision of the Panhellenic rushing code will enable each house to invite 15 instead of the stipulated 10 rushees to the informal get-together next Wednesday. The change was suggested at the last meeting of Panhellenic Council by sorority women who felt that they were not able to meet enough new students. It cannot be adopted until formally approved by each house.

Housekeepers Speak

Miss Betty Keener '39, of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, and Miss Helen McIntyre '39, of the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, spoke to the Junior and senior Home Economics institutional management classes last Friday. Their subject was "Hospital and Hotel Phases of Executive Housekeeping."

CINEMANIA

The heroic struggle to conquer the Atlantic by a ship powered with steam, set in motion by the salty, red-blooded men and women with the courage to bring a dream to triumphant realization, is gloriously told in the new Frank Lloyd production, "Rulers of the Sea," which continues at the State Theatre today and tomorrow.

Eugene H. Lederer REAL ESTATE

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War Holds Up Completion Of Observatory

Completion of the second unit of the new multiple observatory east of Beckhout Laboratory has been held up by a rush of war orders that delayed the manufacture of a special section of aluminum equipment necessary for the base of the dome.

Dome For Second Unit Is Completed, Awaiting Special Aluminum Base

The dome has been completed in Greenburg and it is expected that the base section will be provided in a few weeks. Everything here is ready for installation of the dome and within a few weeks of its arrival the unit will be ready for use. The first two sections of the projected nine unit observatory have been paid for by a gift of the Class of 1938. Funds for the remaining units will be raised elsewhere.

Women in Sports

Gather health cards while you may. Interclass basketball games start Monday, December 11, and you'll need certification from the College Health Service to take part in the necessary five practices, Monday to Friday at 4 p.m. or Tuesday at 7 p.m. Wanted: An interclass basketball manager. If you have managing ways and basketball's your sport see Marge Harwick.

Co-Edits

Miss E. C. Davis will address Home Ec Club members, faculty and freshman in "Personality in Action" in the Home Ec Auditorium at 7 p.m. tomorrow. A skit on personality will also be featured. Owens dined together yesterday at Mac Hall to celebrate their Founders' Day.

Metallurgist To Speak

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Women's Activities

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We Women

WELL, WE'VE JUST finished another Penn State week-end. And, much as we hate to admit it, it wasn't entirely one to be proud of. The dance was grand, the game was perfect—and yet some things had to tarnish an otherwise 14-carat good time.

White Article Gives Spirit Of WSGA Christmas Drive

Appropriate for Christmas thinking and action is an article by William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, Emporia, Kansas, in The New York Times Magazine, November 19, which should convince Penn State women to contribute more than ever before to the WSGA Christmas drive which starts Friday and ends December 8.

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