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## IT ISN'T SO DARK

TONIGHT the first in the series of Liberal Arts lectures will be presented in Home Economics Auditorium.

The College Administration has often been accused of not attempting to make available to students here the well-rounded and notable roster of speakers, the distinguished program of cultural activities which mark the curricula of other institutions of higher learning throughout the country.

The Collegian neither affirms nor disputes these allegations.

What the Collegian wishes to point out, however, is that the yardstick of an institution's cultural breadth is not wholly dependent on the contracting of Nicholas Murray Butlers, Norman Thomas's, or H A. Overstreets.

Here at Penn State it's been the case of the hills further away looking a bit greener. There are fine speakers among the State faculty, speakers whose wisdom and interpretations are born of an expert knowledge and broad experience

Let's not drop the subject with "Well, these guys may be all right, but really, they're not known and distinguished and . . . well, we hear 'em in class every day, don't we?"

The Liberal Arts Lectures have much to offer to this isolated college community. In more than one instance the speakers have national reputations in their respective fields. Any way you look at it:

There's gold in them thar Nittany hills

—E R.

## DUTY VERSUS COMMON SENSE

THERE IS NO DOUBT that this year's Artists' Course is the most outstanding in the history of the College

Enthusiasm for the renowned artists chosen to appear here mounts daily and the Artists' Course Committee deserves the highest commendation upon the splendid execution of its duties

However, we can raise the question: Do its duties end with the selection and contracting of performers?

Can no system be devised whereby subscribers to the Course need not stand in line for four, five and six hours before the ticket office opens? Is there no possible plan whereby tickets can be sold "on an equitable basis to the campus and general public without the necessity of forming a queue of people?"

If a few hundred persons are willing to forsake "3,000 man hours of sleep and rest" to take advantage of a unique program of culture, cannot the Artists' Course Committee at least recognize this interest by opening the ticket office somewhat earlier, or devising some plan to eliminate what surely must be an antiquated practice?

Entertainment and culture become more enjoyable when a barbed wire fence does not separate the audience from their gates.

—E.R

-- THE WINTER SPORT season is just getting underway in Recreation Hall and with it comes the annual problem of smoking in the Hall.

Obviously it is detrimental to the participating athletes. The majority of students realize this. Yet, if an outsider choses to smoke, students and faculty alike, say, "Shucks, if he smokes in here, so can I."

Such an attitude should not be assumed. On the contrary, every Penn Stater in the Hall should request such individuals to refrain from smoking.

It's a very simple task, but one which must prevail from the beginning of the season.

## OLD MANIA

### *First Nighters:*

As emcee Buddy Yanofsy said Satidee nite, "If you like the new Drydock, then give Ed Hall and his assistants a big hand for bringing it about"

We're still applauding, for it was the real thing . The entertainment, table-arrangements, lighting and everything else looked the real McCoy Even the two sharpsters sitting at ringside, stag but in tuxes Sock Kennedy reminded us so much of Charlie Speidel while his Thespians were hoofing

The setting almost caused Bernie Sandson to slip Bea Winn his pin Tor Toretti and Ruthie Kistler only had a lighted candle keeping them apart as they looked into each other's eyes across table Too bad Helen Briola couldn't get there

. Her new love, Lenny Cooper, sprained his ankle that afternoon playing football in back of the phiep mans Never saw Don Cresswell dance so smoothly as he did with Ann Halberstadt A plug for Vosburgh, the magician . He should forget the teaching racket and stick to pulling quarters out of peoples' clothes

### *Reporter's Notebook:*

Dick Porter, sae, mixed letters the other day . His mom wrote back and asked if was getting a bit balmy His girl sent him five bucks for Artist Course tickets Looked like Yankee Stadium in Old Main Sat. morn with a ragged line of exhausted people waiting for A C ducats Neil Griffing, frosh who eloped with Elsie Brockway last week, is honeymooning in Florida Stories are about that the only way he could get his car was by pledging DTD and then pointing out to his folks how far he had to walk to classes Pauline Crossman and about five others went to Harvest Ball in their bare feet Lanky Carl Guckelberger and Tiny Eleanor Horstemke received a corsage for being the prettiest couple at the Kappasig formal . Preston Prostlethwaite presented it

This dope is about a month premature, but next year's rushing code is going to be wide open with pledging allowed anytime after Freshman Week begins And the prospective pledges will be allowed to live at the Houses . It's a scheme to put emphasis on the fraternity selecting the freshmen instead of the other way around

### *They're Saying:*

The Margie Strode-Bill Hubler affair is history . Ironically enough, she went to the Beta dance (Hubler's house) with Don Eyer Ditto Jeanne Stiles and Bill Stohldrier Jim Ritchie took her to kappasig formal Craig White, Frankie Clark and Bob Reese did some first class wolfing at that affair They went stag Wally Syphert had Bea McKechnie And we thought she and Parker Russell were like that

The Anchorage has been having so many reciprocal dinner parties with the Pines lately

Paul Gift can't stop thinking of Marjorie McFarland Vic Sandham was up again last weekend to see Eleanor Fagans . Bill Mayer depinned Anne Borton after three measley weeks

Winnie "Farley" Watson, member of women's judicial com, was campused by that same outfit last week And right after she received phi-kappasig jewelry from Bob Ernst . And right after she gets Frank McClure all hepped up

Paul Haldeman is still nuts about the blind date he had for houseparty . She's Dorothy Johnson

### *Shrine on Harvest Moon:*

Here are some of the replies from the Collegian's Shrine survey "The shrine should be made use of on moonlight nights" "It should be used every time a campuscop picks up a stew" Location—"Hole 18, golf course" Additional remarks—"Make frosh bow each time in passing"

Add remarks—"Free beer at all rallies" .

According to the art work on two contribs from 428 Ath Hall, the occupants of that room are quite talented

There's one about Bill McKinney who five minutes after he said good-bye to his date, learned about the Monday vacation last week. . He called Hiway patrol at Philipsburg and had the mounties stop her and ship her back —The MANIAC


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## 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 preceeding publication.

TODAY

The Riding club meeting at the stock judging pavilion, 8 p m

TOMORROW

Candidates and staff members of Froth at Froth Office, Old Main, 7 30 p m

THURSDAY

K C Heald, chief geologist of the Gulf Oil Corporation, will address the Mineral Industries Society in Room 119, Mineral Industries building

## We Women

AT LAST PENN STATE'S get-acquainted spirit is being revived. The bouquets go to Junior Service Board. WSGA's experiment in greater coed participation Junior Service Board has more than proven its worth by tackling the ambiguous relationship existing between coeds and faculty members and between coeds on campus and in downtown dorms and by providing channels for new acquaintances between upperclasswomen and men

We've long needed more informal student-faculty relationships and, now that even our present vague faculty friendships are becoming rarer due to Penn State's mushroom growth, we welcome Junior Board's plan for faculty open houses and informal advisor-advisee meetings

We've long needed women in downtown dormitories to become more integrated into campus life and campus women to become better acquainted with women off campus Junior Service Board is breaking down the wall by cooperating with Miss Matilda Bentley, assistant to the dean of women, who has planned get-acquainted coffee hours

We've long needed opportunities for upperclass women to become acquainted with men students and Junior Service Board has met the breach with exchange dinners and dances

More power to you, Junior Service Board! You're doing a fine job

—E B R

## Ticket Line

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with well over a hundred envious ducat-desirers behind him Parky goes for some breakfast

5 00 to 6 00 a m—Very sleepy at this point, that nap in the car was only a teaser sex has entered the picture as coeds, held in the dormitories by a 5 o'clock rule, are beginning to appear Some chiseler tries to better his position in line and does he go for a ride some guy down by the public information office with a portable radio several games of bridge in progress coeds right across from me gnawing very hungrily on an apple, and trying to study at same time a camera fan dashing around but no pictures taken yet this guy on my left is snoring, and he's only been in line since 3 30

6 00 to 8 00 a m—Only two more hours now . Parky back and looking great after devouring two eggs, toast, two coffees, and an order of doughnuts says he will take over for the remaining time so that I can get some much needed sleep off to bed.

(What happened from this point on is much of a repitition of that before, but the important thing—Parky was first in line and got the first six tickets sold to any purchasers for the 1939-40 Artists' Course.)

## CINEMANIA

One of the bloodiest and most dramatic periods in all history, the fighting 15th century, reaches the screen for the first time in "Tower of London," showing at the Cathaum theatre next Thursday and Friday

The story centers around the life of Richard III, whose ambitions and treachery lead him to destroy five who stand between him and the English throne Basil Rathbone gives a brilliant characterization of this diabolic "crookback" king

Boris "Frankenstein" Karloff has a powerful art as Richard's ally, the grim, club-footed executioner of the Tower

Based on authentic historical records, "Tower of London" faithfully portrays the 15th century pageantry of the English courts, the gruesome torture chambers, the famous battles, and the courage of fighting monarchs who crushed empires to win their women.

If you like bloody conflict, mad monsters, and grisly lust, you'll be sure to like "Tower of London," which shows what a sissy Hitler is.

## HARVEST QUEEN

Ruth E Kennedy '40 was chosen Harvest Ball Queen by all College voting last week. The Queen, who ruled over costumed "hill billys," won a close decision in her election over Helen B Cramer '41.

## *Give Now! Only 4 More Days To Help*

### *Coed Christmas Fund To Provide For Needy*

By VERA L KEMP

Coeds! There are only four more days to give 25 cents to members of WSGA House of Representatives, Junior Service Board, and Freshman Council — which should interest those who have not yet contributed to the Christmas drive which started last week and ends Friday

Your quarter will help to buy bread for children evacuated from war zones in Europe, provide fun for children whose families can afford only the barest necessities, and help your schoolmates over financial crises.

The Christmas fund will be divided among the American Women's Hospitals, Mifflin County Children's Aid Society, and Mrs Hetzel's emergency fund, which is being organized now to help needy students pay small fees and buy books

Your contributions will help Give now!

## Co-Edits

Each sorority will entertain 15 freshmen from 4 to 5 30 p m to morrow

L Eleanor Benfer, student chairman, Mrs Elwood C Davis, Miss Mary T Nitzky and WRA club presidents are arranging games, refreshments, and a Mickey Mouse movie for a party in White Hall at 4 p m, Friday, December 15, for underprivileged children Dean Schott will sub for Santa and distribute gifts furnished by the coeds

Gamma Phi Beta supper partied thirty-seven Sunday evening Mr and Mrs Edward J Nichols and Mr and Mrs Ritter, Czecho-slovakian refugees, were guests at an AOPi get together Sunday

Delta Gammas heard classical records Sunday afternoon as part of their cultural program

Jean Gillis '39 visited TPA sisters this week-end

## War Benefits Cited By Chinese Student

Lai Yung Li, Chinese exchange student doing graduate work in horticulture, spoke on the present Chinese-Japanese war before the Kiwanis Club of Clearfield last Tuesday.

Lai said that the war has brought great benefits to China through unification, disappearance of social classes, the rise of a liberal government, and rapid industrialization


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# Romig Named Matrix Girl At Journalism Banquet

Jane A Romig '40 was named Matrix Girl, M Elizabeth Miller '40, Cap Girl, and Georgia W Owen '40 Quill Girl, at Theta Sigma Phi's annual Matrix Dinner in the Nittany Lion Inn last night Attending were 135 prominent town and campus women

The matrix award is given each year to the senior woman who has done most for the college, a cap goes to the most versatile woman, and the quill is presented to the woman voted most popular by women students

Guest speaker, Miss Doris Fleeson, Washington correspondent for the New York Daily News, discussed "Personalities In Politics"

Members of Theta Sigma Phi presented a skit entitled "Famous Women In Journalism"—a take-off on the lives of Queen Elizabeth, Elizabeth Mallot, Dorothy Thompson, and Mrs Roosevelt, and on the problems of a college gossip columnist

## Pottery, Paintings In Combined Show

A double display of pueblo indian pottery and of 12 framed fascimiles of contemporary American paintings will continue in the College Art Gallery, Third Floor Main Engineering, until the start of Christmas vacation

The pottery display includes 50 reproductions in color of pueblo indian pottery circulated by the American Federation of Arts, Washington, D. C

The fascimiles of American paintings are a recent gift to the College by the Carnegie Corporation of New York American artists represented are Adolf Dehn, Leon Kroll, Grant Wood, and Luigi Lucioni

## 4 Debaters Enter Tourney Saturday

Four local debaters will represent the College in the annual Tri-State Debate tournament at Westminister College, New Wilmington, next Saturday

Eddie G Couch '40 and Leonard S Schneider '41 will form the affirmative team, while David R. Benjamin '41 and Harvey Levin '40 will debate the negative side The subject will be, "Resolved — that the basic blame for the present European war rests on the allied powers"

The debate tournament, first of the year for the local varsity, is expected to attract representatives from about 20 schools Last year the Lion team tied for third with Mt Mercy, Washington and Jefferson, and Waynesburg, after having placed first for four successive years

New York City in the next six years will spend $5,000,000 improving the buildings of its municipal colleges.


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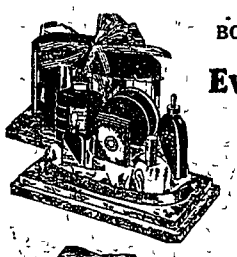

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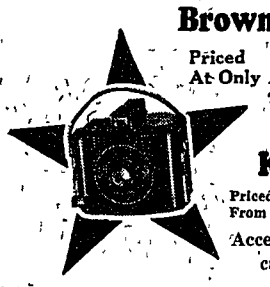

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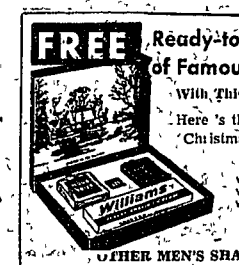

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