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NO PROPHECY JUST A HOPE

DESPITE THE DAWN of a new decade—the "forties"—the present world continues to live from day to day. While Hitler remains a pal of Stalin and the Finns beat back the Russians, it is difficult to determine what unpredictable might occur next. In these complex and swiftly-moving times, one rapidly loses respect for prophecy. Little can be predicted of either foreign or home affairs.

Yet through the shrouds of uncertainty in the outer world there is a realization that assures us in this world of ours here—the Pennsylvania State College—that things may be a bit different.

The Collegian cannot predict what might happen in 1940, but it can hope.

And the hope is for a Student Union Building.

WAR AND COMMON SENSE

AS THE EUROPEAN WAR calmly plunges deeper into its fifth month of activity, it still proves to be largely a war of words.

Opposing sides apparently realize that there is more to be lost than gained in this war and a wholesome fear prevails—wholesome because it is plain common sense.

While plain common sense may be only a fictitious phrase to describe Europe's actions, it dominates the actions of millions of American college students today.

A sampling of opinion among 500 colleges and universities indicates that an overwhelming percentage of students is unambiguously opposed to entry of the United States in the war.

Yet it cannot be denied that such a conclusion might be a little more encouraging if it weren't for the fact that student action was almost identical before and during the last war.

Between 1914 and 1916 opinion against participation in the European struggle was almost as great among college students. Then, quite suddenly, it tottered and fell. Patriotic students rushed to the nearest recruiting offices while fellow classmates who stayed to their original positions were stranded.

Perhaps the thread of peace is not so thin in 1940 as it was in 1917. Undoubtedly, the hands will have to play louder, the flags will have to wave in greater profusion, and the need will have to be greater before today's college men are converted to the war attitude.

THE COLLEGIAN views with interest the local campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees in a world wracked with the tremors of wars and intolerance.

It is interesting to note that \$250,000 of the funds which are to be collected in the nation-wide campaign will be allocated to Christian refugees.

A heartening humanitarian gesture on the part of the Jewish Appeal. The world needs many more such gestures.

THANKS TO Interfraternity Council and the hat societies, which cooperated with the Community Christmas Committee, every needy and deserving family in the State College vicinity was cared for during the past Christmas season.

Such charitable spirit and unselfish generosity prompts the Collegian to commend these organizations for their participation in this project.

OLD MANIA

It always works out that way. Some days you sit at a typewriter for ages groping for an idea. And it's not often that you get one. At such times you pray that the stogees (candidates for the staff) know who's smooching who, so that you can fill this 1½ col by 14 in.

Finally, there comes the day when an idea dawns. So what happens? So this is what happens. Out stogees can't wait for us to get into the office. Immediately they flood our desk with 14,000 engagements, pins, births, marriages, divorces, etc.

The more conscientious (the kids who hope to make out) give us the more practical or concrete stuff. That all the noted money-huggers in town decided (all at one time) to part with some of the filthy lucre and put it into some much needed improvements.

We're not going to say who these Rockefeller's are, because that would be free advertising. But you all know.

The Idea

Getting back to that ingenious idea. Because of space limitations, we're not going to use it today. But we'll give you our plan and hope to carry it out sometime in the near future.

Since there are about 67 girls in this college (comparatively speaking, that is) and 55 of them have already been named some queen or other, we were thinking that in the remaining few there are some gals who have been slighted. No kidding.

Now, there could be a queen of unknown queens. For this title, we could name Louise Breuninger or any of a few others we have on the list. For queen of the handshakers, Winnie Watson could make some mighty fine curtsies. And so on.

So keep your eye out for next week's legal column.

14,000 Must Be Right

Excuse please. About 13,222 of the contributions received concerned Polly Swigart's chunk of "ice" she received from her Westchester Teacher's gym.

They say it's got more carats than the Maniac has readers. And that's pulchritude!

Others wearing African sparklers, and hurting people's eyes, are Ann McCracken, Brenda Eld, Marion Hartman and Abby Appleman. Doug Pierce is the local who gave the col to Abby.

The Burgess' daughter, Panny, went all the way to Bama over the vacation to get her proposal from Pete Meyer '38. Did someone say this is Leap Year? Bill Engel gave his Miss Rockwell a ring, too. But he assures us it wasn't a diamond.

Pins. Rod Sacho signmaned Bev Wilson. As did Howie Anderson, Ben Quinn. (And Bud Schanek was such a nice guy.) Marty Shafferman and Colin Robbie are kdr'd. Mary Jane Veil received phikappas jewelry from John Crocker. Add Mary-Lou Johnston and Alpha-chio Dave Snavely, TKE Ned Parkinson and Ann Evans. George Gittelson, gamma sigma phi, and Mickey Greenberger. Phidelt Pete Patrick-Florence Watkins. And Paul Haldeman (TV). Dorothy Johnson.

Autnoineses Skeed Dick and Kay Bruellv Knobby Heffner and Ed Spencer.

Blessed events. Santa delivered a gift from heaven to Phidelt Don Scheuer's wife in Seranton while he was home over the vacation.

Exclusive

The senior ball committee was named during the first week of November and was withheld from the press until today. We wonder why.

We predict Jimmie Dorsey will be signed for the affair and his fee will be \$1,500.

It was a phisgumakappa who gave the Pika puppie an overdose of epsom salts just after vacation.

Charlotte Callaway, practice teaching in her native Altoona, has finally confined herself to one man. He's a lawyer from there.

Overheard. A freshman in Pond Lab, to his prof, "How do you make holy water?"

The prof's reply terrific. "You take plain water and boil hell out of it."

At the Collegian office: "Do you know what happened to the Maniac for putting a match into a can of benzene?"

"He hasn't benzeen since."

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 preceding publication.

TODAY

William H. Guernsey, field secretary of Pennsylvania Guernsey Association, will address Dairy Science Club in Room 117 Dairy Building, at 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Report meeting of team captains for United Jewish Appeal at Hillel Foundation at 7:30 p.m.

Louise Homei Club meeting in Mrs. Pope's Lounge, Atherton Hall, at 7 p.m.

Dr. M. A. Farrell will address Iota Sigma Pi, chemistry and bacteriology society, in Room 318, Old Main, at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

All College clique meeting in Room 405, Old Main 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Friday evening service at Hillel Foundation auspices of Emanon, at 7:30 p.m.

A 50 Second Chat—

THE DEANS...

Dr. S. W. Fletcher

By JOHN A. BAER '42

"On Ag Hill we are especially proud of the friendly co-operative relations between faculty and students," Stevenson W. Fletcher, acting dean of the School of Agriculture, said yesterday.

He pointed out that the School of Agriculture has a standing committee on student activities working independently and through the Ag Student Council to foster student interests. In order that actions of the faculty and of the Executive Committee shall reflect the sentiment of the student body, he added, student representatives are empowered to meet with these bodies.

"Two purposes underlie our training in the Ag School," Dr. Fletcher



er said. "First and foremost, we try to train students to become useful citizens in a democracy. Second, we try to teach them skill in agricultural technology and in the sciences that underlie agriculture."

School Ranks 3rd

He said that in size the Penn State School of Agriculture ranks third in the country according to the latest available figures, those for 1938-39. Texas A and M has the largest enrollment, with Cornell second, he added.

Dr. Fletcher is an ardent fisherman, preferring to fish for trout and bass. He is also an amateur photographer.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1896, a Master of Science degree at Cornell in 1898, and a Doctor's degree there two years later.

US GALS

Editor's Note: With the New Year comes a new column. From now on, when we have a very serious problem to discuss it will be addressed to "We Women," otherwise we will just chat among "Us Gals."

1940—It always seemed like just a number the college used to separate one group of freshmen from another, and here it has suddenly turned into an honest-to-goodness year. Some joke on the seniors!

There are plenty of New Year's resolutions we could make, but we just aren't sure. When we see the same faces in the same CR booths year in and year out we sort of lose confidence in New Year's resolutions. Come to think of it, though, the CR is having its face remodeled. Maybe it's a good sign. January doesn't offer much—except finals. We'll keep our fingers crossed for ourselves as usual and offer a special prayer for the freshmen. For them, it's like moving from training camp into real action at the front. We hope they remember that half the battle is in study, but that the rest comes in rest and relaxation minus both overwork and overworry.

STARTS DRIVE



Dr. Baruch Braunstein

Author Opens Drive At Hillel

Aid Sought For Refugees Of War-Torn World, Fund Campaign Closes Friday

Pointing to the plight of thousands of Jews in a war-torn world, Dr. Baruch Braunstein noted writer, lecturer, and world traveler of New York City, opened the local campaign of the United Jewish Appeal in an address at the Hillel Foundation Friday evening.

The campaign, which is nationwide and has for its purpose relief and reconstruction, resettlement in Palestine, and Christian and Jewish refugee aid in America, will end here on Friday. The drive funds will be concentrated around Jewish students on the campus.

Braunstein in an impassioned plea to students to aid in the humanitarian work made necessary by the machinations of the European dictatorships, called for a united unselfish front to meet "the greatest crisis in the history of the Jewish people."

Solicitation among faculty and town-people is being considered after the student drive.

Handbook Staff Will Meet Tonight

A preliminary meeting of editorial candidates for the staff of the 1940 Student Handbook will be held in Room 312 Old Main at 7:15 p.m. tonight, it was announced yesterday.

All candidates must attend the first meeting to be considered for the staff, it was stated.

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a prayer for the freshmen. Here's to a good sane decision.

March is the windy month—and along come WSGA elections. We wish—as always—that we could remember to look possible candidates over now, but well probably wait until the last minute and either close our eyes and run a finger down the list or vote as our sorority sisters suggest.

April—Well, there'll be big dances and parties and stuff. April is a great month, what with spring fever and everything. Romance will be in the air—as well as on Holmes Field, Old Main lawn, and in the Hot Gardens. But then romance is a touchy subject, because when we get on romance we sometimes end up on morals. So—so much for April.

And May—ah, the month of the great upheaval. Thank heavens, after May it will be someone else's story. We can spend the rest of our college days trying to trade our polka-dotted grade sheets for sheepskins—and being sentimental about dear old State.

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