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CAMPUSEER
 BY HIMSELF

You Can't Win!
 The grounds and bldg dept finally got around to spreading an odorless fertilizer on the campus grass—and then that political campaign had to start!

Politically Speaking!
 Bernie Newman, committee chairman and chief exponent of a Lion Shime as the senior class gift, came smiling out of the polling booth on Wednesday. Suddenly he started sweating—he had forgotten to vote for the Shrine.

Arnie Laich, Campus all-college president candidate, spent a few bad moments in the Corner the other day. Surrounded by Independents and members of the Elections Committee, Arnie was accosted by a zealous coed Campus campaigner. "You know what," she said. "Those Independents put up so many signs in the dorms that it took me almost an hour to tear them down!"

A visiting alumnus was showing his wife Old Main. For a moment, the mural scaffolding had him stumped. Finally came the light. "That," he told his wife, "is where the student candidates deliver their political speeches."

House Divided—All during the campaign one window in the girls' dorm on Miles street held a sign brazenly announcing that the dorm was voting "The Independent Way"—and a sign in the next window just as brazenly announced that the house was strictly Campus.

Unique—Both parties used loud speakers thumper and mechanical) but the Independents took the prize for originality with their little race in front of Old Main. They featured a bicycle (Independent) running away from a tricycle—a tree-wheeler tagged "Comboose."

Military Tactics—
 Major Yeuell's 10 to 12 o'clock ROTC class was getting a little restless as 11 a m rolled around on Monday. They were remembering that the administration had promised all students excuses from class at that hour in order to hear Sherwood Eddy's peace convocation talk. Finally the Major asked how many wanted to be excused to hear the talk.

Every hand went up.
 So the Major marched his class over to the auditorium, saw that they got seats, and then calmly began taking the roll.

Poetically Speaking?
 Dean (Liberal Arts) Stoddard reports that one of his English comp instructors received the following instead of an office call in answer to a below grade.

I found it in the morning post,
 And it was colored yellow,
 Dean Stoddard is a darn poor host,
 To so upset a fellow.

(Next came two stanzas in which the writer very unpoetically bet that he would still pass the course and then he wound up with—)
 Why not forget this office visit?
 They're so routine and all—
 It isn't necessary, is it?
 I know I must get on the ball.

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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
 Discussion of fraternity placement services, Alpha Tau Omega, 8 p.m.
 Hillel evening service, Dr. R. E. Dingle guest speaker, auspices Phi Epsilon Pi, 7:30 p.m.
TOMORROW
 District convocation, Phi Kappa Phi, engineering honorary fraternity, here.
 E. W. Nick, from Board of Trustees, engineering lecture, 110 EE Building 3:10 p.m. "What Industry Expects of the Engineering Graduate."
 Senior Sponsors meeting, 305 Main, 11:10 a.m.
SUNDAY
 Dr. W. T. Thompson, professor of religious education, Union Theological Seminary, chapel speaker, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a.m.
 All-College Hike to Mt. Nittany, 2 p.m. Meet at post office.
 Hillel service for conclusion of Passover, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY
 Student Housing Board, 312 Main, 4 p.m.

Letter Box

To The Editor,
 Penn State Collegian

The Collegian has devoted much space recently to placement service plans, and methods of placement used by different departments. All Penn Staters seem to agree that any move toward improved placement would be a step in the right direction.

But your readers might be interested in knowing how one department acts—or rather fails to act—in trying to place its seniors.

Recently United States Civil Service examinations were given here. One of the examinations was for the position of Junior Information Assistant, paying \$2,000 a year.

Basic requirement for taking the examination was 30 credit hours of journalism in other words, the test was practically limited to seniors in journalism.

47 Were Eligible

There are 47 seniors in journalism here, any one of whom would be more than satisfied now with a chance for a journalistic position paying much less than \$2,000.

Yet, only two students took the examination. They learned of it when they happened to see a notice on the bulletin board in the journalism office. No notice was sent out by the department.

The Collegian's drive for a placement service is a fine idea, but perhaps it would be even more timely and practical to urge such departments as journalism to take advantage of the placement facilities we now have.

The department of journalism might take lessons from such departments as agricultural economics, which not only notifies its students of impending Civil Service examinations, but even trans them in the type of questions that are to be expected.

Sincerely yours,
 JOBLESS JOURNALIST.

Dickson Helps Show

An article by Harold E. Dickson, associate professor of fine arts, has been contributed to the New York Historical Society's centennial exhibition commemorating the death of the noted American portrait painter, John Wesley Jarvis. The New York Times called his article, which is in the April issue of the Society's quarterly bulletin, "an informative and amusing monograph."

'43 Class Inferior To Last Year's Freshmen, Psychological Exam Shows

But Frosh Are Still Second Best Prepared Class To Take College Test; Coeds Rate Above Men

This year's crop of freshmen has a poorer pre-college training, and has less mental agility than the 1938-39 crop, but it is still the second best freshman class rated under the College Psychological Examination given each Freshman Week.

The average score of 106.50 made by the class was surpassed only by the 108.9 average made by the present sophomores, it was shown when test results were released recently.

The freshman girls this year ousted the boys from supremacy with an average of 107.6 to 106.35. Last year the coeds were beaten 109.1 to 108.1.

The tests were given last Fall to 1,219 incoming freshmen in all schools but Liberal Arts. They are designed to test preparation, knowledge, and intelligence.

By schools, the Chemistry and Physics freshmen scored highest with Mineral Industries second. Agriculture was lowest. The highest individual score was 191 out of a possible 247. The lowest was 23.

Last year's extremes were 208 and 33.

The purpose of the poll is to give an advance indication of the caliber of work incoming freshmen may be expected to do. The School of the Liberal Arts uses first semester grades as a basis of its estimates.

Resembling the larger machines used in stores, a crank operated machine has been invented to slice foods with a revolving knife in home kitchens.

SPRING SWAN SONG

SHRING... the season of renaissance and a host of humanity throughout the world, embattled, invites the downfall of a civilization.

Secret Diplomacy... and the United States reads the ROAD TO WAR.

"We must be prepared to meet force with force!" President Roosevelt proclaims.

"GERMAN WHITE BOOK BARES U S COMMITMENTS TO ALLIES," the headlines blare.

And again, President Roosevelt. The papers which the German Government seized in Poland and which purport to show that Ambassadors Bullitt and Kennedy had made the most extreme and unwarranted commitments in the history of American diplomacy—these papers, President Roosevelt amazingly suggests, "should be taken with three grains of salt."

UNITED STATES WARNS JAPAN TO KEEP OUT OF DUTCH EAST INDIES"

CANADA ASKS U S TO JOIN THE WAR"

ADMIRAL STARK ASKS CONGRESS FOR WORLD'S BIGGEST NAVY"

SPRING... and a second successive generation of Americans prepares to don the righteous and noble cloak of Galahad. The Yanks, indeed, are again on their way.

SPRING... and here on the Penn State campus a new crop of students prepares to take up the reins of lagging leadership.

During the past year, a passive, do-nothingism has been the dominant feature of all campus activity. Issues fresh and vital have been cloaked with a destructive verbal pallor of "everything's C. K." and "we've really accomplished something."

This Sunday a new Collegian editorial board takes the helm. Members of the Board must realize that responsibilities of student leaders expand with the College.

The presentation of news is an important function but not the sole one. There must be interpretation. There must be a constructive, yet aggressive, editorial policy, sensitive to trends and completely conscious of the manifold potentialities of all problems and situations. The middle of the road is rarely a useful spot for any leader.

SPRING... and a mad world—fighting, bleeding, crying, laughing—whirls dizzily onward.—E. R.

COMPENSATION CONTROVERSY

WITH CABINET'S approval of recommendations made by the Interclass Finance Committee relative to a reduced scale of compensations, another bitter controversy has come to a logical conclusion.

Despite dehonourment of the entire system of compensations by several members, the majority considered the general principle of compensations as indispensable at the present time.

Financial remuneration to students under the system which exists here is justified on the basis that it is pay for work done, responsibility assumed, and money handled, as distinguished from graft, commissions, and cutbacks.

That the present setup of compensations and central control is working advantageously to general student interests and has eliminated all forms of illegitimate returns to student participants in various activities has been accepted not only among student leaders but also among Administration heads and faculty members.

It was indicated, however, that Cabinet's acceptance of a revised scale was a transition step toward the possible elimination of financial rewards to students.

Undoubtedly, the controversy will provoke additional thought and action by Penn State's second All-College Cabinet—which assumes its new duties soon.

MEN OF MARK

PENN STATE'S RESEARCH

THE DIRTY SHIRT

"The dirty Pennsylvania shirt" is a name facetiously given by Dean Frank C. Whitmore to the standard soiled fabrics used in laboratory research and control work in connection with a plan of cooperation between the Pennsylvania State College and the Pennsylvania Laundryowners Association.

"A standard soiled fabric," said Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, professor of textile chemistry, in an interview with a Collegian reporter, "is a considerably more scientific article than would generally be thought, since actual dirty shirts may not be used in research and testing work in this field."

"The reason for this," explained Dr. Mack, "is that shirts in actual use do not become uniformly soiled, and consequently a method of producing a soil which is dependable, that is to say, which always has the same original shade, and which comes off to the same degree with the same detergent treatment, is a matter of considerable importance."

The famous dirty shirt, or standard soiled fabric, was produced in the textile chemistry laboratory by J. Fred Oesterling, research fellow for the Pennsylvania Laundryowners Association, and Warren Stubblebine, his assistant. Oesterling is responsible for the development of this fabric, which required several years to standardize. In addition to the standard soiled fabric, Oesterling and Stubblebine also use standard stained strips, which contain all of the types of stains which might conceivably be found in fabrics reaching a commercial laundry.

For the past eight and one-half years a laundry research fellowship has been maintained at the Pennsylvania State College by the Pennsylvania Laundryowners Association.

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You'll Enjoy

The Corner
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TYPICAL NIGHT AND SUNDAY RATES FROM STATE COLLEGE FOR 3-MINUTE STATION-TO-STATION CALLS

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