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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 Shrine 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.

Annie 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. Annie was accused 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 girl's 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 neutral. Campus

Unique—Both parties used loud speakers (human 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 three-wheeler tagged "Camboose."

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 Sheriff 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) Stoddart 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 Stoddart 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.

Female of the Species!

Helen Camp, women's editor of the best college newspaper in State College, spent an hour convincing Editor Bill Engel that there should be a full page of women's news this issue. Finally she succeeded and shouted to her staff: "We've won! Look! A women's page!"

Then a puzzled look crossed her face. "Now," she said, "What are we going to put on it?"

So Long, Readers!

With this column, Campy ceases to be Campy and reverts to his directory name. Next week the senior board will take over the Collegian and a new, unknown Campy will do the snooping. Just as parting word before signing off, this Campy would like to ask all readers to be sure and read the Maniac on Tuesday—he promises a special review of the past four years, a column of great interest to seniors who lived them with him.

Thanks for putting up with what I've had to offer since taking over the column at the beginning of this semester. —Herb Nipson

SPRING SWAN SONG

SPRING . . . the season of renascence and a sort of humanity throughout the world, embattled, invites the downfall of a civilization.

SECRET DIPLOMACY . . . and the United States tread 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 palor 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—wheels dizzily onward.—E. R.

COMPENSATION CONTROVERSY

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

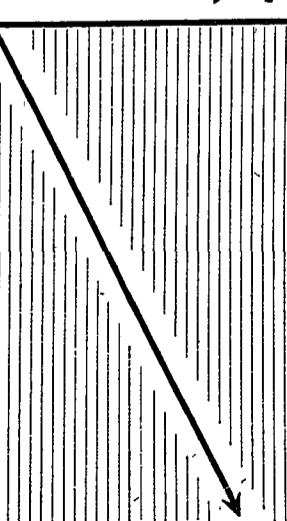
Despite dehouncement of the entire system of compensations by several members, the majority considered the general principle of compensations as indispensable at the present time.

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.

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You'll Enjoy

The Corner
unusual

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. Dengler guest speaker, auspices Phi Epsilon Pi, 7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

District conclave, Phi Kappa Psi, engineering honorary fraternity, here.

E. W. Nick, from Board of Trustees, engineering lecture, 110 E. Building 3:10 p.m. "What Industry Expects of the Engineering Graduate"

Senior Sponsor 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.

Elections

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406 Treasurer, Frank W. Stank (D), 507, Oscar Frank (C), 368

Junior Class (1942)
President and vice-president, H. Leonard Klouse, and Max S. Peters (C), 573-13 (penalties), 562, Gerald F. Doherty and Robert D. Baird (D), 484; Secretary Mildred M. Taylor (D), 491, Ethel M. Patton (C), 502-13 (penalties), 489 Treasurer James E. Ritter (C), 540-13 (penalties), 527, Benjamin L. Seem (D), 440

Sophomore Class (1943)
President and vice-president, Frank R. Flynn and Leonard O. Fieschel (I), 479, Charles B. Elder and Robert F. Ramin (C), 416

Secretary Sara E. Miller (D), 494, Helen J. Chiappi (C), 353 Treasurer William T. Richards (I), 491, Charles B. Ruttenberg (C), 360

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 duty shirt is not 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 detergency 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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Letter Box**To The Editor**

Penn State Collegian

The Collegian has devoted much space recently to placement services, 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 trains 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."

Inasmuch as the Burgess is a product of the College and owes a great deal to what it has done for him personally, it is hard to understand why he or his associates should be a party to that type of racket.

You may use this as you see fit.

Very sincerely yours,

W. F. H. WENTZEL, '08

To The Editor,

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I am writing under the assumption that you might be interested in how State College authorities deal with returning alumni.

Perchance your paper might give a little boost to something that could advance common decency, I am sending the facts, trusting that it may serve to bring about hopeful changes in policy.

I happened to drive into State College one morning just after a fairly heavy snowfall during the night. The snow had covered the sidewalks and street and was somewhat piled up along the curb, hiding evidences of traffic regulation.

After making a brief stop to step into a place of business, I hastened to my way, after which I observed that under the windshield wiper, was a tag calling attention to a parking violation. The tag did not indicate what my obligation was, and the haste of my journey was such as to seriously inconvenience me by returning to the Police Station, where I mailed the tag explaining the circumstances, and asked them to inform me what further obligation I had.

Common decency might have indicated that a stranger in town should hardly have been held responsible under the circumstances, however, this is the secondary point. The main point at issue is the fact that they went through the supposed routine of informations and legal documents, and instead of informing me the amount of money that would cover my obligation for the parking violation, they more than doubled the amount with expense items I made out my check and mailed it to the Burgess, with my protest courteously written.

I do not have knowledge of any municipality that gives the autoist as raw a deal as that, and I feel that the College can little afford to carry that stigma, or to permit, as far as is within the power of the College, that its municipality should do a deal with an alumnus, or with any stranger.

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