

With the Editor—

Ex-Editor Coogan Returns To Praise The Penn State Way Of Life

Editorial Note:—All the editors who served Collegian since 1925 have been invited to write the editorial they would most like to address to Penn State students today. Not all of them have responded. The editorials of those who have will appear in this column from time to time.

By **JAMES H. COOGAN, JR. '30**
(Mahanoy City Record-American)

Nothing has happened in the last 10 years to alter my conviction that Penn State represents the ultimate in democratic education—and the system, I submit, is well worth keeping.

I have met hundreds of Penn State men and women (older and younger than myself) in the years since I left the campus and, in the main, I found them people who were holding down responsible positions—and filling them with distinction. Of course there were exceptions—there always are—but their number was small.

To me this finding represented a victory for Penn State and the type of men and women it turns out. Even today it remains a source of satisfaction to me, to learn of a new Penn State achievement, to make the acquaintance of a man or woman who has something laudatory to say about Penn State, or to meet through the course of my own work a graduate who is doing big things in his or her field.

And as I stated in my introductory paragraph, nothing has happened in the intervening years to alter my faith in the job that Penn State is doing for the youth of Pennsylvania. The steady growth of enrollment during the years of business depression, is proof enough that the people of Pennsylvania have faith in the College. So was the fruition in recent years of the building program designed to make Penn State a greater institution of learning.

Not even the lean years in football, could have altered my opinion of Penn State. As a matter of fact, those years strengthened my faith in the College, for I was proud of our pioneering in the direction of "simon pure" football and intensely gratified by the job Bob Higgins did in the face of new obstacles. I was proud, too, when the College acted as it did in the Soose incident, for I could not think of another college that would sacrifice a great boxer for the sake of a strict amateur policy.

There was other news, too, which made me proud. I have always been glad that our college never plumped for the silly "fads" that embarrass many colleges. I have a faint recollection of some student swallowing gold fish at Penn State, but I don't think anybody took it seriously or that the student body approved. I was gratified, too, by the absence of anti-war resolutions in a period during which many student bodies showed a complete lack of understanding of the effect on the public of such short-sighted publicity.

These, then, are the things of which Penn State is made and they are, also, the things which produce better men and better women. In the critical years ahead, I am confident that Penn State again will prove itself capable of big things and contribute its share to the defense of that other great democratic institution—the American Way of Life.

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FIFTH COLUMN! What a swell idea! And I thought it up all myself (practically my only really original idea in three years of constant study at this worthy institution).

All summer long I went around congratulating myself and all for naught. There it would be, splashed down the full length of the fifth column of the new Daily Collegian and just to make the implication more subtle, the sinister words FIFTH COLUMN tacked on top of it all in the CDT's biggest and boldest grocery ad type. Ah, yes, I was going to fill it with grand and glorious subversive ideas to corrupt the mind of even Chaplain Frizzell.

AND WHAT HAPPENS! The second and columnist's page of this blankety-blank rag has only FOUR columns! I'm telling you Frosh, give up before it's too late! Surrender now. You absolutely, definitely, indubitably, and for sure, CAN-NOT WIN!

Well, even if it can't be the fifth column, I can still give you frosh a few tips I have learned since I have been to State. Now that you boys have all bought your dinks, alarm clocks and stationery, pledged (for better or worse) a fraternity, and filled your little bottle for Doc Ritenour and his boys to play with, you are all set.

Tip No. 1: Stay out of the Rathskellar. Those bartenders can tell within one week how old you are, beard or no beard.

Tip No. 2: Don't fall in love with Barbara Bowes at the Student Union Desk. She smiled that way at me when I was a Freshman.

Tip No. 3: Plan now to date a new girl when you go home for Christmas vacation. Absence does NOT make the heart grow fonder.

Tip No. 4: If you see a tall (and I do mean tall), slender man in a blue serge suit striding down Campus, say hello. It's Prexy Hetzel.

Tip No. 5: Anything you want to know about anything or anybody under the sun just ask George Donovan (the Smile behind the Student Union desk.) He knows all, sees all, and TELLS all.

More tips will be forthcoming, so hold your breath Frosh, and watch this space next week.

ADD Rushing oddities: Each of the Ten (don't ask me how they got them) Lambda Chi Awful pledges plays a different instrument, so hold your ears, Locust Lane.

Add vacation personal histories: Collegian Venus, Jeanne Stiles, at Ocean City, N. J., where she counted no less than seventy Penn Staters over the summer. Maybe they should move Summer School to Ocean City.

Warren Scott, Phi Delt husky, spent six weeks of his summer as farm manager for a girls reform school! He worked with as many as fifty girls under his sole supervision, spending the entire day with them out in the fields. Lucky boy.

Walt Chase, publicity hound par-excellence, says he won't subscribe until his fraternity affiliation is listed as phidelt and not fiji.

Campus Calendar— Today

Druid meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight, 305 Old Main, including Druids tapped for spring sports.

Varsity and freshmen lacrosse meeting, Rec Hall, 4 p.m. today.

Compulsory mass meeting for all women interested in playing hockey. Room 105, White Hall at 4 p.m. today.

Application blanks for the preliminary course in CAA training in Room 208 Main Eng.

Meeting of the editorial and business staffs of the Collegian, 5 p.m. today.

Freshmen payment of fees today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Armory.

TOMORROW:

Compulsory meeting for all transfers, 105 White Hall, at 11 a.m.

PSCA open house for '44 girls.

SUNDAY:

Pop-in night, visits by upper-class women on freshmen coeds.

Rev. William Knoll to speak in College Chapel at 11 p.m.

All College hike to Shringletown Gap. Leave at 2 p.m. in front of the Armory.

Thespians Hold Tryouts For Fall Show Sunday

Tryouts and rehearsals for the Thespians' fall show will get underway in Schwab Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, George L. Parrish, president of the Thespian Club, announced yesterday.

Both freshmen and upperclassmen who wish to try out for singing and dancing parts must report in the auditorium either Sunday or Monday nights. Although the date of the revue has been definitely set for November 1 and 2, fall houseparty weekend, the theme of the show has not been selected yet.

New Russian Courses Offered This Semester

A three-credit course in Russian 1 and 2 will be offered to students this semester. Russian 1 will be given on Tuesday or Thursday 1 to 4 p.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Russian 2 can be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Both courses meet Tuesday at 5 North Liberal Arts Building.

Shigley Announces Confab

Dr. James F. Shigley, professor of veterinary science yesterday announced the 58th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, to be held in Philadelphia today. Dr. Shigley is secretary of the group.

No Collegian Tomorrow

The next issue of The Daily Collegian will appear next Tuesday morning. Publication this week was from Monday through Friday but in the future will be from Tuesday through Saturday.

New Marriage Course Offered For First Time

Psychology 416, a new three-credit marriage course, will be offered this semester for the first time during regular session, Clifford R. Rose, instructor in psychology, announced yesterday.

The course deals with the psychology of marital and home adjustments. It will be taught Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Prerequisites are at least junior standing and six credits of psychology or sociology.

Engineering Talk Changed

The first lecture in the engineering lecture course will be given by Dean Harry P. Hammond at 4:10 p.m. Friday, September 27, in Room 110 Electrical Engineering instead of in Room 121 Liberal Arts as shown in the time table, Dean Hammon announced yesterday.

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