

With the Editor—

About Our Trademark, The Sign Of A Student's Letter Home

It has been suggested that this communication from the students to their parents would not seem genuine if there were not incorporated in it a request for money.

The trademark has not been omitted. It is on pages 4 and 6.

Whether the two offers there are worthwhile is up to the parents to decide. Briefly, here is the case for them.

The Parents' Association membership coupon previously had been transmitted to the parents by way of "The Nittany Firesides," a leaflet mailed several times annually to all parents of Penn State students inviting them to visit the College for such occasions as Dad's Day and Mother's Day. The Association takes on itself the responsibility of promoting College observance of these days and on inviting parents back at a time when they can see the College in action. Funds received from the Association dues are used to promote these days and this year are paying part of the cost of this special issue of The Daily Collegian.

The Collegian subscription coupon bases its case solely on the desire of the parents to keep in touch with the College at which their sons and daughters are students. Daily this year for the first time, the Collegian publishes five mornings a week, Tuesday through Saturday.

The Collegian program aims primarily at coverage of student activities and thus offers parents at a comparatively small cost a complete report of the Penn State activities and the Penn State program.

Type Lice:

Type lice are scapegoats. They must have gone to work in the Collegian office on Monday night while the staff and the printers were out for a midnight lunch. How else could all those mistakes have been made? Certainly we couldn't have made them. Certainly.

Would we have said that Chi Phi pledged two men when actually it pledged 13? That Pi Kappa Alpha pledged 41 when actually it pledged 14? Would we have listed Sigma Phi Sigma's pledges under Sigma Phi Epsilon? Or called a Co-op Dorm a Co-up Dorm? Or tried to say that the College last fall had enrolled 72,000 freshmen instead of 7,200? Or called Ned Wakeman's step-father his father and brother-in-law? Or omitted the notice about the intramural deadline? Or not known that 43 of the 47 fraternities had been called and told they could get copies of the list of freshman residences at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house between 2:30 and 3:30 a. m., on September 12, just after they became available?

We don't think it sounds like us. But if you don't believe in type lice, whom else can you blame?

A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

There are a number of places on this lovely campus of ours where the casual stranger is definitely not welcome. Ever since we came here we'd heard about them from nervous people who claimed that the petroleum lab. was the most important bomb target west of Bellefonte. Comes the present defense hysteria and we began to feel a more than passing interest in the secret places. So we strolled down into the maze of engineering buildings, intent upon investigation. We ended up in the petroleum laboratory, the very bowels of the joint. They were very polite about it, but very firm. There was, they said, always the danger that the whole place might blow up in one vast explosion. "Experiments," they muttered darkly. They offered to show up around a bit, without too much enthusiasm. We left quietly.

Down in the insulation experimental station they ignored us in a marked manner. They knew that whatever we saw we wouldn't understand anyhow. Even the janitors in that establishment have a godly air. We dare say it gets you . . . being in on the conception of scientific marvels. Probably explains, also, the low morale of other than the janitorial staffs.

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We are struck, now and again, by the futility of writing a column for a collegiate newspaper. It profiteth naught, and bringeth only woe. But there are compensations for the task. We are able to air our pet prejudices.

Nothing has irritated us more than the current surge of rampant patriotism; the waving of flags and the loud cries of death to the traitor. The ladies, bless them, wear little flags in their lapels; the ladies are always so very shocked at war, but remain delightfully blood-thirsty. The gentlemen wear tie clasps with the colors tastefully embossed in enamel, red, white, and blue. We sing, with strong proud voices, nauseating doggerel to the effect that it would be nice if God were to bless America; we are also from the heart of us Americans. There is an element of exquisite irony in it. We know so much of war. We are suddenly so aware.

We have yet to see Colonel Emery shouting out his love of country. Robert Lee was noticeably silent on the subject; Jesse Grant's son the same.

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There are a couple very angry juvenile Jacksons in the senior Rotisse class this year; not only angry but deeply hurt. This past summer as they strolled the broad avenues of Washington on leave from their summer camp, they were accosted by a gentleman. He asked them kindly whether they were National Guardsmen. Our heroes replied that such was not the case. The gentleman pondered for a moment and finally . . . "Ah yes. You are the C. C. C."

And with Sam Browne belts and all . . .

At Pottsville



Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, new administrative head of the Schuylkill Undergraduate Center of the Pennsylvania State College at Pottsville, served for six years in a similar capacity at the Uniontown center before his transfer this fall.

Art News Lauds Old Main Mural

Henry Varnum Poor's Penn State mural won national acclaim for the third time when the September 14 issue of "The Art News," leading art publication, featured two illustrations of the now-famous fresco on the frontispiece of the magazine.

One of the illustrations was of the entire mural, while the other view was a detail of the agriculture-student group.

Lauding the work of Poor, "The Art News" referred to the mural as a "significant contribution to American painting." In addition, reference was made to the detailed group as "eloquent of the strength and pictorial quality of this, one of the most logical solutions to the mural-painting problem seen amid the recent work in the fresco medium to decorate public buildings."

The other two magazines that gave national recognition to the mural were "The Magazine of Art" and the "Art Digest."

Glass Rod Provides Clue To Sun Tan Rays

Dr. Helmut Landsberg, assistant professor of geophysics, has developed a practical new method for measuring ultraviolet radiation—the force that influences the amount of sun tan a person may expect in summer time.

By the use of his method, a photosensitive glass rod, it is possible to determine which regions are exposed to the greatest degree of radiation. Preliminary nationwide tests showed, according to Dr. Landsberg, that the Southern regions have 30 to 50 per cent more ultraviolet radiation than the Northern. Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, had the highest recorded rating, and Tucson, Arizona, was a close second.

The Beef Gattle Barn was erected in 1923.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- TODAY**
 Noon—Tickets for the Campus Center Banquet on Thursday night must be purchased by noon today. On sale by Kathleen Barron in Atherton Hall, by Student Union, Keeler's Book Store, and Mr. David B. Pugh's office in Liberal Arts.
 4 p.m.—Judicial meeting in WSGA office, White Hall.
 Freshman soccer team versus Boalsburg High School, practice field.
 6:30—Senior Sponsor meeting in second floor lounge, Old Main.
 6:45—Cwen meeting in WSGA room, White Hall.
 7:00—Glee Club tryouts for baritone and basses in Schwab Auditorium.
 All freshman applicants for the staff of The Engineer report to room 314 Old Main.
 Meeting of the officers of the IMA central council in 418 Old Main.
 7:30—Meeting of the entire IMA central council in 418 Old Main.

FRESHMAN NOTICE
 Fraternity freshmen may be exempted from customs at one house dance before Thanksgiving if house puts in a petition with Tribunal.

- TOMORROW**
 5:00—Sophomore women candidates for Collegian editorial staff, 312 Old Main.
 Iota Sigma Pi supper and business meeting in the Sandwich Shop at 5:30 p.m. September 25.
 Important Notice to Faculty: All announcements of any nature whatever will be published in this column if received by 6 p.m. on the evening preceding publication. At other institutions, similar columns are used to announce examinations, room changes, class changes, etc.
 Notice to Graduate Students: A course in Scientific French will be offered this semester on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 in 304 Liberal Arts. Those interested please see Mr. Bench, Room 302 LA, or attend the meeting, Monday evening, September 30.
 Makeup section for freshman library practice will be held at the new library, 7 p.m. Thursday.

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