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Editorial

A Word Of Explanation About Collegian Policy

New Collegian policy has been called into question. We think it should be explained here.

In the past, Collegian quite frequently withheld names of fraternities punished for infractions of College and borough regulations—not always but sometimes.

Because Interfraternity Council is making an especial effort to enforce regulations, that policy no longer seems feasible.

Council can not do its best work unless fraternities and students generally are aware that enforcement is being undertaken.

Names are not released by the Senate Committee on Student Welfare; it is presumed they will be by Interfraternity Council; the borough authorities will release names. Where names are not released, Collegian will find them. It will be as accurate and fair as possible. It will hear both sides. It will write without fear or prejudice.

No requests for suppression of this news should be made. None will be granted.

Dean Ray's Statement

Who to vote for is important. Whether to vote is more important but less controversial. Collegian's answer to the first question in the presidential race is, apparently, agreed to by only 45 per cent of the American people.

The best answer to the second question is the old saw: A failure to vote is a vote for the other side. Since Pennsylvania does not provide absentee voting, the matter of exercising the franchise is a difficult one for most Penn State students.

Dean Ray has eased the problem for women students by urging all coeds to vote and by promising class excuses for the time missed.

The Dean of Men's office has made a similar practice in the past. Notwithstanding, a statement from Dean Warnock will be welcomed.

Reader Dietrick And School Spirit

Reader John Dietrick in a letter to the editor published yesterday urged a send-off for the football team, complete with band.

The request was sent on to Head Cheerleader Walt Sottung who immediately promised a pep rally to be staged at the Corner Room when the team leaves at 7:30 o'clock this morning. It was, however, too late to get the band.

School spirit is great to talk about. Not many people are opposed to it. But it won't do much good if Reader Dietrick and Cheerleader Sottung are alone with the team on Co-op Corner at 7:30 this morning.

That was about what happened at the send-off for the Cornell game last year. We distinctly remember one voice that said, "Yea, team, Beat Cornell." And that's all we care to remember.

With the nation's Number One Fan (manned by Sally Rand) scheduled to warm things up at the smoker in Philadelphia tonight, it seems unfair that 7,000 students shouldn't make things hot on Co-op Corner this morning.

PENNSYLVANIA AND DEFENSE

By DR. WILLIAM M. MYERS, Assistant Professor Mineral Economics and Technology

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the fifth of six articles prepared by the School of Mineral Industries and released to the Collegian. The last will appear next Friday.

Skilled labor has always been one of Pennsylvania's greatest assets. In fact, the rise of the state's mineral industries to their present position of national leadership is due to the ingenuity of its early workers who solved the problems of pioneer production.

The sudden rush of activity, due in part to the placing of war orders, which has been conspicuous particularly in the metal fabricating industries of Pennsylvania has disclosed an immediate lack of certain types of skilled labor. A portion of this lack may result from the fact that during the years of depressed business activity a considerable number of men have been obliged to leave their customary jobs. Some of these men are now scattered and cannot be located on short notice.

A more important contributing factor has been the distressful slowing down of business tempo since 1929. In the past ten years an abnormally small number of young men have entered the mineral industries of Pennsylvania. Apprentices have not been trained and the older men thus have not been able to hand over their skills to the younger generation in the school of experience.

During the same ten year period, age has taken its inevitable toll and replacements have not been made. The time factor in preparing a skilled worker is great, and therefore a sudden demand cannot be filled instantaneously. This condition has prompted the current government-sponsored industrial training program, an experiment which should help to relieve the shortage.

Mechanization in industry, a good example of which is seen in bituminous mining, has increased the output per man very substantially. At the same time it has altered the type of labor required. Operation of mechanical equipment demands a certain amount of training, and the trend in coal-mining has been to employ men with more advanced education than in the past.

Aside from skilled and semi-skilled workmen, the importance of skilled technicians is greater today than ever before. The annual influx of well-trained graduates from the technical schools of Pennsylvania has provided our mineral industries with men trained to assume leadership. The mining engineer, the metallurgist, chemist or ceramist, or other technologist can render services indispensable in this day of mechanical and-chemical warfare.

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