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A Coed Views A Coed's Views

Dear Coeds,
You might as well face it!
Today that biyearly dread disease—imports—attacks the campus for a concentrated weekend, leaving the male victims jubilant, and the coeds disgusted.
Reports are that about 100 lucky females will combat the disease, but the other 1200 will be confined to their dorm rooms with no relief in sight until 10 p. m. Sunday.
Usual symptoms of importitis are conversations like these:
"Gee, honey, I'm sorry I can't ask you to Houseparty, but I met this girl last summer, and I just had to invite her. You understand, don't you?"
Or with the woman he's been dating steadily. "One of the boys fixed me up with a blind date for Houseparty. Can you put her up at the dorm?"
The import appears late this afternoon, bedecked in heels, dress coat, and a hat. She'll rate the biggest corsage, watch the sunrise, and be "simply thrilled" with everything.
At the game tomorrow she'll sport a crysanthemum, eat hot dogs, eye the hat men, and pull out her lipstick while Pepper Petrella is tearing down the field.
You just have to bear it, though, and rejoice that imports come but twice a year, except for Soph Hop, Junior Prom, and every weekend the fellows can manage it.
Resignedly,
Another Coed.
—R.H.G.

Home To Vote

Both the Dean of Women and the Dean of Men have informed Penn State students that they will be granted full class excuses to go home to vote next Tuesday.
This is the only way to vote. Pennsylvania, unfortunately, is one of the six states in the Union that does not allow any absentee voting. The others are Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey and New Mexico. South Carolina allows absentee voting only in the primary election.
It is to be hoped that the Pennsylvania General Assembly at its session beginning next January will begin the steps necessary to insure absentee voting. Last week more than 100 Penn State students wrote to their legislators urging just this. The only replies received and reported to Collegian have been favorable.
Absentee voting, however, will not be possible this election when a most important issue is to be decided.
What the voters will decide next week is far more than whether the political gravy for the next four years will go to Democrats or Republicans. They will decide on the third term and all its implications.
Even more important they will choose between two entirely different philosophies of government: The different conceptions of the role of government that the two leading candidates hold.
These issues are worth voting on. They are worth missing class, they are worth the cost of a trip home.
Strangely enough, one vote does count in an election. All the votes cast are single votes.

PENNSYLVANIA AND DEFENSE

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of six articles prepared by the School of Mineral Industries and released by the Collegian.

By **DR. WILLIAM M. MYERS,**
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If the present condition of disturbed commerce should be prolonged or its seriousness greatly increased, what would be the result with regard to our supplies of strategic minerals? This is a question which vitally affects many of Pennsylvania's greatest industries. It seems only reasonable to expect that American ingenuity under the spur of necessity will go a long way to provide proper material or suitable substitutes.

Geologic exploration already has indicated that the possibility of future discoveries of high-grade ore bodies of any of the strategic minerals in which America is deficient is not promising. Most areas in which such discoveries might be expected have been examined with discouraging results.

However, certain low-grade ores do exist and the possibility of developing alternative materials is always with us. Manganese and tin are among our most pressing necessities and, as noted previously, are essential to the steel and tinplate industries of Pennsylvania. New treatment for some of the complex manganese resources we possess offers promising possibilities. It is interesting to note that manganese minerals in small amounts are widely scattered in Pennsylvania and commercial production is reported to be underway at one property in Cumberland county. If domestic tin production cannot be assured, enamels and lacquers, of which there is no lack, may replace the metal in part. The use of silver in very thin films in place of tin offers many interesting possibilities in spite of the cost.

It is a gratifying fact that the list of import minerals is now much shorter than 25 years ago. At that time, America was largely dependent upon imports of potash from Germany, nitrates and iodine from Chile, and magnesite from Austria. All of these commodities are essential to Pennsylvania industry, magnesite being exceptionally useful in the production of high-grade refractories.

The search for these materials carried on during the past 25 years has been highly successful due to the utilization of patient research and modern technology. As a result, California and New Mexico can now furnish quantities of potash. The brines of California coming from oil wells can supply a substantial percentage of our iodine requirements. Fixation of nitrogen from the atmosphere makes the country independent of nitrate from Chile. The mining of magnesite in the state of Washington and the recovery of magnesia from sea water can supply our needs in this mineral.

The entire pattern of the world's resources of these materials has been rearranged to the benefit of Pennsylvania and the country as a whole. Such a feat would have been impossible without the advances made in mineral technology in the past few years. It is of interest to note that to produce some of these materials the last great reservoirs of minerals have been utilized. The atmosphere and the ocean now take their part with the land in yielding the minerals necessary for man's use.

**Letters to the Editor—
Mr. Convers Returns
To The Battle Front**

To the Editor:
I wish that our class president would not direct his excuses to me, for I know that there are many others who believe as I that Soph Hop should be formal. I notice that in Mr. Flynn's letter of Wednesday a week he states that the Soph Hop of last year was semi-formal. The Penn State Collegian of November 21, 1939, states that the Soph Hop of last year was informal. I am told that the main reason for it being advertised as such, was that when the boys from Pitt came up they would not bother to bring formal clothes with them. The great success of last Soph Hop was no doubt due to this consideration. This does not imply that since our Soph Hop is not formal it too will be a success. Oh, yes! I also noticed in Mr. Flynn's letter of the 24th of October that he made reference to the fact the Penn State students welcome rulings that tend to equalize social opportunities. I can see his point here, but if such is the case why then do we have formal All-College dances? When a formal dance is held it no doubt is unfair to the boys that are unable to get hold of a tux or tails, but the point I am trying to bring out is if these fellows are considered every time a formal dance is about to be announced there would not be any. (Take it easy fellows. I am just trying to get my point across.) Furthermore, when a dance is semi-formal the girls have to go to a lot of trouble and maybe expense to dress for the occasion and then when they arrive they are in direct contrast with the boys who are wearing a wide range of tweeds, etc. (street clothes) I believe that even Sophomore Independents will agree that this is not a nice picture to see.
F. L. Convers '43

**Temple Alumni Head
Praises State Spirit**

Editor's note: George H. Detweiler, President of the General Alumni Association of Temple University and prominent Philadelphia attorney wrote the following letter to Dr. Sheldon C. Tanner after the Nittany Lions' victory over Temple last weekend. Dr. Tanner kindly consented to release the letter for publication in the Collegian.
Dear Dr. Tanner:
"Your boys gave me, as President of the General Alumni Association of Temple U., an uncomfortable afternoon on Saturday last, but as I watched that battle I thought what two fine groups of young men were out there showing the kind of material that our colleges are handling and turning

out today. With such courage, resourcefulness, and everlasting fight, we as spectators had proof that not all of America is trying to get on relief.

"Also, as I looked across at that great bank of Penn State Alumni, I considered what a tribute they were to you and your colleagues on the faculty at Penn State. When people leave an institution and carry with them the spirit that the Penn State Alumni always manifest, it bespeaks a faculty that has not lost touch with the spirit of America.

"Frankly, I felt that Saturday's game was no disgrace to Temple. Your team had incredible strength, its coaching was superb and its performance was everything that anybody could ask, and I feel that you, and Penn State, its coaches, and its teams are all entitled to be complimented on not only the quality and power of their play, but its cleanliness, and I so compliment you.

"With warm good wishes to you and to all Penn State, I am,"

Sincerely,
GEORGE H. DETWEILER,
President.

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