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**The Thespian Show, Froth, And Minsky**

Thespians put on one of their best shows last Friday and Saturday nights, but at the same time opened themselves to some criticism.

Someone asked—and it was a good question—why Froth's houseparty cover was censored and the Thespian houseparty show passed.

A.R.W., half-columning in the Centre Daily Times on Monday, quipped:

"When Thespians show againskey, There ought to be less minsky."

**Absentee Voting**

Ex-editor John Troanovitch '39 in his letter to the editor published yesterday raised an important point about absentee voting.

One of the finest editors Collegian has had, he helped foster the absentee voting amendment that first went before the state legislature in 1937.

He points out correctly and bitterly that political corruption helped kill the bill when it came before a Republican-controlled committee in the Senate last year.

Because one Republican senator didn't want anybody to vote for something he personally opposed the amendment was squelched. Because of that Pennsylvania did not have absentee voting yesterday and now can not have it until 1944.

If it is to have absentee voting in 1944, however, it must begin the necessary steps now. The proposal must start its path through the legislature anew. In the session that convenes next January it must be passed by both the house and the senate.

Then it must wait to be repassed by a new General Assembly, the one that will be elected two years hence and will not meet until January, 1943. If it survives that test, it will go before the electorate in November, 1943. With approval there the measure will become an amendment to the state constitution.

The process is long. This year's generation of college students will be alumni before the measure takes effect. But that is not the important thing.

The important thing is that, unless the 1941 General Assembly starts the legislation, the earliest date absentee voting can become a reality will be 1946 instead of 1944.

**The PSCA Forums**

A series of PSCA-sponsored forums has drawn to itself considerable deserved attention. The series began with a discussion of union with Britain before an overflow crowd in the Home Economics Auditorium last week.

As now scheduled, the series will consist of eight topics on subjects of current national interest to extend through the year. The speakers will be faculty members and townspeople who seem particularly well equipped to discuss the subject at hand.



**A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK**

Election is over. So's Houseparty. Let's let it go at that: we hope every one is quite satisfied. Political comment is not our forte, but Smyser's. If no one minds, we'll crawl back into the vinegar vat and try to catch up on our sleep. This past week has kept us in a perpetual stew.

Your correspondent has become a suspicious character: the name has been handed in to the FBI for future reference. Seems that our comments on hysterical patriotism won no friends.

Nice to know that people can still laugh. Witness Thespians' "Shaft in the Draft." Surprising fact; no one demanded Thespians be tried for treason.

Wasn't that good clean sport Saturday afternoon? Nothing like an elbow betwixt the teeth, or a fist on the nose. Ask Petrella. Those Southern boys are so impetuous.

We're still trying to forget last week's column; obviously glee doesn't come naturally to us.

What with the football stalwarts hell bent for leather, too many people forget Bill Jeffrey's soccer cyclones. Fifty eight straight wins; no other college, in no other sport, has piled up a record to equal it. Not since we took over from the Indians. Speaking brief, State has the best soccer coach; the best soccer team in the whole country. No one realizes just how good they are. Wise up good people.

Sad Man: Sigma Nu Bink Wharton, now on a year's leave of absence, who received the barbed baton from his import who observed tartly that she would not accompany him to next week's dog-fight. In case there were a dog-fight. Little lady backed up observation by fleeing to Old Flame Jack Jordan, out at the Alpha Sig manse. Wharton came along for the pure hell of it, muttering bitterly; left in same obscure condition. He still has his jewelry. We wonder. But he tried hard.

Glad man: Phi Kappa Sig Pere Bartholomew, by reason of Dorothy Johnson. She's had the Bart's badge for a week; el padre has been walking on air. High time is what we say. SAE Beatie who celebrated fact that it's been a year now with the same girl, Peggy Embury. Sigma Chi Pat Kjelman, on account of Shirley Leidich whom he festooned with the maltese cross. Same house's man Hibbard pinned the girl back home.

Man who wasn't there: Rog Findley, the old smoothie. We hear tales of imports leaping from buses with the glad cry, "Where is he." Answer: visiting the men who go down to the sea in ships.

Man with smooth date: Danny Balmer, with a girl named Grace from out Indiana way. Blond. Caused aforementioned Balmer to brace self with coke upon departure. We wonder.

How long has this been going on dept.: Collegian's Routsong, pride of Phi Gam, with dark, handsome Betty Crilly. A peachy combine, if we may dart a barb.

Somewhere in the SAE house there is a man who ate an eight by ten photograph of his true-love. Or at any rate, tried to. To settle a bet.

Which just about finishes our little stock of comments. This is definitely not the sort of column we like to write, to put it mildly, this is pure tripe. But it's such fun for the people mentioned. For us too. If we hadn't sworn not to, this is very probably what we'd write the year 'round. But there are still a number of things we'd enjoy seeing cleared up. This sort of thing clears up nothing, except perhaps the head. The ivory tower gets a bit stuffy, from time to time.

It was a great houseparty.

Our agent stationed at the Corner reports nothing out of the ordinary. In fact, beyond a few minor incident, all was quiet. Even the crowd after the feud on Beaver Field. Can it be?

And now, if you'll excuse us, there is some very important sleep we've got to attend to . . .

CASSIUS.

In 1905 Theodore Roosevelt said: "No people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours, and the success which we have had in the past, the success which we confidently believe the future will bring, should cause in us no feeling of vainglory, but rather a deep and abiding realization of all which life has offered us; a full acknowledgment of the responsibility which is ours; and a fixed determination to show that under a free government a mighty people can thrive best, alike as regards the things of the body and the things of the soul."

**Letters to the Editor— Is There A Monopoly On School Spirit?**

To the Editor:

Coming from a freshman, that challenge to The Penn State Spirit is enough to bring forth my definition of, as well as a personal requisition for Mr. Hothan's conception of the noteworthy spirit. No, I admit that it was not complementary when just a handful of students, and a few sophomores, bade the team farewell. I am sure had they been previously informed of the occasion, The Hig, Gates, and Pepper would have been mobbed at the bus. But even then, is it a reliable test of true spirit when a student body cheers on a victorious team? Or would a better test be in form of an ovation for any man, team representing Penn State, winning or losing?

I have heard that the Class of '44 is a good representation of this intangible thing called spirit. Well, the Class of '43 has received little praise in this respect. Yet it was the Class of '43 that maintained school morale under the death blow of Cornell and in the midst of dissension wrought by campus radicals. It was the Class of '43 that started novelty political campaigning and promoted other activities that augment school spirit and propogandize it to each other. It was the Class of '43 that instigated rallies, parades, and meetings. All of these resulted in a general trend to The Penn State Spirit. The incoming class had only to follow the trend; the Class of '43 originated it.

Sincerely,  
Hil Kelley '43

**At The Movies**

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"Kit Carson"  
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TODAY:

Meeting of Alpha Phi Omega, National Boy Scout fraternity, 10 p. m. in 318 Old Main. All scouts and scouters invited.

Rifle Club meeting for all members and those interested, in Room 2 White Hall at 6:30 p. m.

Varsity, freshmen, and managerial candidates for the rifle team report today at the Armory at 8 p. m.

Meeting of PSCA Cabinet, Advisory Board, and Project Council in Room 304 Old Main at 8 p. m.

PSCA Community Service Committee meets in Room 304 Old Main at 7 p. m.

PSCA Forum music committee meets in Room 304 Old Main at 4:15 p. m.

Fraternity chapter presidents and counselors meet Dean A. R. Warnock in Room 121 LA at 7 p. m.

Miss Pauline Locklin opens Wednesday readings in Room 402 of the College Library, at 4:15 p. m.

Meeting of IMA Central Council, Room 318 Old Main, 8 p. m.

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