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**Mrs. Hetzel's Committee**

Among the organizations connected with the College that need and deserve "angels" to help them carry on their work is Mrs. Hetzel's Committee which is explained elsewhere in today's issue of The Daily Collegian.

Founded with purely charitable intentions, the Committee has proved to be an enlightened charity and a successful one as some of the case histories illustrate.

Limited funds, of course, have handicapped the Committee since it was started.

The College Senate, appreciative of the work done by the committee, last spring voted that the money received from students in holiday cut fines should be turned over for the use of the Committee. This recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees at the same time the cut check-up was stiffened and the limit boosted from 24 to 48 hours.

The Board accepted the stiffened check-up and the time increase but rejected the suggestion that the money be turned over to the Committee, perhaps because the Committee has no official connection with the College and because of some fear about setting a dangerous precedent.

Thus the Committee, which had hopes of an important source of revenue, is back to depending on charitable gifts to enable it to carry on its work.

Student groups have from time to time sponsored benefits for the Committee but it remains for any substantial and dependable source of income to be found.

Believing this to be as worthy as war relief causes because it is far closer to the College, the Collegian suggests that some definite campaign be started either by the Committee or by those interested in it so that the group may have at hand more funds to work with.

**Beautiful And Unmolested**

Sponsored by the State College Commerce Club, the borough is planning to erect and light 100 Christmas trees, the work to be complete this weekend.

Because of its experience in the past and not from any instinctive distrust of student temperament, representatives of the club have had occasion to make an appeal to the students not to wreck the decorations.

Whether they expect fraternities to get their Christmas trees off the downtown posts or at least get their lighting paraphernalia there is not quite clear. The club might have some grounds for this if it did think so. A few years ago a surprising number of bulbs disappeared or were broken.

There is, of course, a jail penalty for such offenses. The Commerce Club, however, has not mentioned that, perhaps has not even thought of it.

All it has asked is that its decorations—which it has gone to considerable trouble to provide—be allowed to stand, beautiful and unmolested.

**THE CAMPUSEER**



Despite the gratifying plug in the Post-Gazette, Penn State is not going to the Rose Bowl. Sunny, balmy California is not to be the lot of the Higgins hurly-burly-burles and their enthusiastic frost-bitten following. No Trocadero, no Hollywood Hotel, no Catalina Island.

All of which leaves us still 3,000 miles from Betty Grable.

**Among The Amorous**

Leslie Lewis, pride of Kappa Alpha Theta, has consigned her other two fraternity pins to the bureau drawer and is now sporting Bob Montz's Kappasig sparklers . . . other Thetas who made out: Gertie Hellmers, who annexed Bill Dorworth's phigam jewelry, and Iby Kinsloe, who put the charm on Bill Henning and carted off his sigma nu badge . . .

Johnny Fowler recently planted his deltachi badge on winsome aopi Betty Vinson . . . Barbara Newton has announced her engagement to a Penn State grad . . . Helen Westbrook aopi is sporting jewelry of Ned Plum. R and D pharmacist—evidently he knows the right prescription . . . Eddie Harris, according to reliable authorities, has pinned a lovely transfer . . . but cheer up, girls—Gazzy Green is still playing the field . . . Dutch Vosters '39, who might have had something to do once upon a time with one of the pins in Leslie Lewis' drawer, is engaged to Bunny Harshaw, ace female racket-wielder of the Philadelphia area. Dutch was once business manager of Penn State's outstanding student publication.

**This Baffling World**

The complexity of modern transportation was dramatically demonstrated last weekend to Bill LaPorte, suave Sigmanu smoothie who boarded a philly subway thinking it was a train to Baltimore . . . imagine his surprise on disembarking to find himself, not in the Maryland city, but in the somewhat crummy section of Philadelphia known as the "end of the line."

**Tales From Taxation**

It seems that Professor Wueller, master of the slur and keen judge of the finer things of life, was asking his befuddled taxation class (which is in no way related to certain courses in supercolossal salesmanship) for examples of site value, which, it seems, is stuff which can't be reproduced by man.

Said a comely coed: "Site value? How about human life itself?"

Pityingly Dr. Wueller regarded the young lady as he replied: "My dear, you are the first woman in my experience who ever suggested that human life cannot be reproduced."

**A Salute To The '400'**

To the four hundred sundry guys that stood in line yesterday morning waiting for the A. A. ticket windows to open up so that you could push your cold cash across the window and collect the much-sought-after Artists' Course tickets, A Toast.

But let's be smart about this thing, why not put that foldin' green into a gift for the little lady? Down at McLanahans you'll find the niftiest little "Purse Pouch" by Revlon that you ever saw. It consists of nail polish and lipstick and they give it away for a few cents more than the price of four movies. That is, if you go to the evening show.

**Co-Ed Economics**

It seems to be the general consensus of opinion around here that Co-Eds aren't very smart, economically speaking. (WOW! That oughta bring down a shower of wrath if it ever gets by the editor.) They don't have to be smart about book learnin' and things if they're smart about what they're going to give Johnny Romance, the swellest and smoothest fella that ever hit the campus, this Christmas.

Even if you never took a course in Calculus, you oughta be able to figure out how you can save enough outta your allowance to pick up one of those smoothie little Ronson Lighters that McLanahans are featuring from One Dollar-Fifty up.

**We Were Only Foolin'**

Honest we were. We really think that Co-Eds are very, very smart, economically speaking. And we know that the ultra-smart ones are looking forward to receiving gifts of cosmetics from any one of the leading lines featured at McLanahans. . . Arden, Max Factor, Mais-Oui, DuBarry, Rubinstein or Fvening in Paris. Adv.

**Letters to the Editor--**

**Reader Disagrees With Collegian Editorial**

To the Editor:  
Wednesday's Collegian had a couple of editorial comments with which I disagree.

"As Britain fails our own day of reckoning is drawing nearer."

Why? Is Hitler going to storm the Armory and Carnegie Library when Britain fails? Why would we be obliged to go to war against Germany? I can understand why some people really think that we will be invaded. Certain groups in America have tried hard to scare the people; and they have built up a successful hysteria. But more people think we must go to war because they will lose money if Britain fails, or because Britain is fighting for democracy and so must we.

"In waiting we have only made our own job harder."

I guess this means that wars are easier when you start them early. It would have been an easy war if we had marched on Berlin before Hitler invaded Austria. Or better yet, perhaps we should not have made an armistice in 1918 until every German had been annihilated. This would be practical militarism; this would prevent the American-German War of 1941.

I do not doubt that we will get into the war, but I don't think it will be because Britain failed. We will get into the war because those in America who think they have something to gain from the war will have decided our policy. I don't think we will be sorry we hadn't got into it sooner. Wars aren't much fun. The reaction will be closer to being sorry for having got into it at all. When the war is over and its misery and suffering are lessened perhaps people will see their ideals in the slime and wonder how effective the war was to save anything. They will have lost freedom and economic security because they thought they needed armed force to save them.

Stanley Ulick '43

**'Freshmen To Arms,' A Sophomore Urges**

To the Editor:

It is time that a stupid practice be brought to the attention of the Penn State public, and especially to the notice of the faculty. Too long has "hazing" gone on in State College; too long have groping, bewildered, stumbling, freshmen been accosted with "Injustice" Corbin, and his slimy stooges.

Too long has the powerful but disunited majority been humiliated and "infantized" by a sadistic group of bullies, with a perverted sense of humor. Too long has our learned faculty, stuffed with wisdom, tolerated a contemptible practice, with a toleration befitting a moron of eight.

I ask you, The Faculty, to abolish hazing. I ask you, Freshmen, to act if the Faculty does not. Let December 13th be "Freshman Independence Day." Unite, castigate the Tribunal, make them wear sandwich signs, make them dance Mazurkas in front of Old Main.

Let the whole powerful freshman class doff customs that day, and establish a precedent of no more hazing for eternity at Penn State. Let the last clod of dirt be removed from the name of our Alma Mater.

Bernard Setlow '43  
P.S. I expect the Tribunal's secret police anytime now.

**A Reader Expresses Approval Of A Policy**

To the Editor:

I wish to express approval and delight over reading your leading editorial in the issue of December 4th.

It is based on a consideration of the facts and of the fundamental viewpoints of the two combatants. I am glad to see a few instances of presenting in print the other

**Nibbling At The News**

**Defense Only?**

The United States is going to fight only in defense—or is it?

As much as most people in this country would hate to frankly admit the fact, the answer to this question is still quite unknown, but pages 14 and 15 of Monday's New York Times would seem to give some little indication of how two groups feel—one group feeling that the immediate entry of this country into the European conflict is necessary, the other fighting tooth and nail to keep this nation from a foreign war.

On page 14, headlines shout that General John F. O'Ryan, wartime commander of New York's Twenty-seventh Division, says that we are next on "Hitler's List," and that we should enter the war now, while we have an ally.

We weren't around in 1917, but, if our history books are correct, such statements began to appear in American newspapers about 24 years ago.

And then, page 15 shouts right back across the fold with a full page advertisement, its headlines being, "Her Daddy for Defense Only—Not For Foreign Wars!" Complete with well-reasoned warnings and a coupon to be returned with funds for a drive to keep this nation out of war, this advertisement is sponsored by Scribner's Commentator, a magazine which makes it its business to keep in touch with and interpret current trends.

Such a publication must occasionally hear things, "off-the-record," from Washington and have other sources of information not available to most people. It could just possibly be that it has "inside dope," spelling W-A-R.

Maybe that cartoon showing a conscriptee with "To be used only in the Western Hemisphere" tattooed on his chest has something.

**Doherty '42, Loeber '43 To Chairman Talent Night**

Theodore Rice '41, president of the Penn State Club, announced that co-chairmen for the All-College talent night will be Gerald F. Doherty '42 and William B. Loeber '43.

Auditions for the program, which will occur just before the Christmas holidays, will be held next week. All those wishing to participate should hand in their names at the Student Union office.

There will be a \$15 first prize, a \$10 second prize, \$5 third prize, and a complimentary award of \$2 to all other participating acts. In order to assure satisfactory prizes for the best campus talent there will be a ten cent admission charge.

**Three Delegates Attend Student Union Meeting**

Arnold C. Laich, All-College President; William B. Bartholomew, senior class president; and George L. Donovan, assistant manager of Student Union, left yesterday afternoon to attend the twenty-first annual conference of the Association of College Unions at Philadelphia today, tomorrow, and Saturday.

Six round table discussions dealing with social and business policies of central interest to union leaders will highlight the program. Student delegates will then have two meetings of their own to discuss specific problems of interest to all.

viewpoint from that of the Peace Action and Isolationist group who seem to expect a monopoly of publicity.

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