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No New Order, Thanks. Let's Heal The Old One

Over the holidays a youth organization (the National Student Federation of America) by doing nothing particularly despicable moved itself into the national spotlight and re-opened a national sore spot.

The N.S.F.A. withdrew from the American Youth Congress because of its alleged radical tendencies (impolitely called Communist) and thus should have endeared itself to ardent patriots. It did nothing of the sort. It merely re-aroused the old dissatisfaction with the Youth Congress.

Since there are people who judge youth as a generation by the actions of these few it is about time for the generation to rise up and express itself. The American Youth Congress, the American Student Union and other "radical" groups represent hardly more radicals than attend their meetings. Most of their contemporaries are just as incensed as the adults at what goes on.

In all fairness this must be said for the "radicals" wherever they are. They are by-and-large much more actively interested in government and better informed about it than those young people who have tagged them "radicals."

The fair indictment thinking adults could level against today's young people is that they do not know and do not care how their government is run. That is why they let themselves pretend to be represented by those who profess ideas that they themselves would never entertain.

The trouble with our "radicals" is that they are gentlemen and gentlewomen who have no real experience. They seem like a bunch of starry-eyed intellectuals cultivating a deep hurt they would hate to see heal.

They are doing damage because they are aggravating a real wound in a social order that needs healing more than anything else.

Not It—Us

We are forgetting that democracy is a government individuals imposed on themselves so that each might have the best possible way of life.

We are too prone to forget that we are the government.

We begin to think of ourselves only as insignificant parts in a great wheel over which we have no control.

The force that makes things happen is always "They", a great, unapproachable, indefinite monster called "They" over which we have no control and which we have not even attempted to understand. "They" will do this and "They" will do that, and while he is rampant we can see no reason for us to try anything or think anything. "They" rules.

Sometimes we think of democracy as the richest nation, the most powerful political force, the biggest army, the biggest navy, the nation with the biggest foreign trade, the nation with the tallest buildings, the nation with the biggest parks.

Always we are wrong. Because we do not know what democracy is we are losing it. We think it is something imposed on us when actually we, through our forefathers, imposed it on ourselves.

Democracy hasn't gone sour. We have. We haven't understood it. We don't know how strong we are.



A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

This is the first column for the New Year. This may or may not be a good thing, depending on whether or not you like it. Most people don't. Most people do not like this column one little bit, a fact which causes us no end of mental distress. Our message is ignored; our searching comments pass unnoticed. We have therefore determined to attempt to remedy this unfortunate situation; we may even indulge in a spot of yellow journalism. In the future the term sordid will apply to the tripe published herein. We stoop to conquer... but not too far. Damned be he who first cries 'Hold... enough!'

In case the matter is of interest to any one, we've received some nasty rumors. The sort of thing that requires the sort of check and recheck which the amateur journalist finds impossible to achieve. What we mean to say... more in the vice squad's line. Several entirely authentic sources report the existence, somewhere in this fair little hamlet, of establishments given over to the worldly pleasures. The abodes of hetairae. We make no definite statement; no accusations; name no names. Nor do we intend to go any further into the matter, it's a trifle sticky. It remains simply an interesting story so far as we're concerned, but rather jarring upon the nerves. State College has the air of a Utopian village. One would never suspect that beneath its calm exterior all manner of peculiar things go on.

Neatest bit of propaganda yet (when one excepts the beautiful job done by the British) to hit the United States is the present hue and cry for the Greeks. Descending to even worse prose than usual, we might call it the magnificent metamorphosis of Mr. Metaxis. From dictator to champion of democracy with a capital D. Defender of the heritage of Athens and Sparta. No one seems to remember that not so very long ago General John was numbered with Adolph and Benito among those who held power by means that were often quite unethical. Now that his little playfellows have turned on him, he has suddenly become the grandson of Wily Odysseus.

One of the local cinema palazzios began the week with a magnificent display tacked onto its facade. This fact alone is insignificant. What fascinated us, however, was a legend painted over an entrance cut into the display. It read, with simple dignity, "Santa Fe Trail begins here." This we thought was demanding a bit too much of the imagination. Not even a card-board figure of Errol Flynn brandishing a sabre will convince any one that College Avenue West is a part of the great American frontier.

Methods of Study

Subhead I. Go down to the new Record Shop in the College Book Store, listen to a symphony or two, pick one out and buy it, take it back to your room. Undress—make yourself comfortable—put your new symphony on softly, and—study.

Subhead II. Go down to the College Book Store, select a new book—from their extensive lending library, or buy one—return to your room, read awhile till state of relaxation is reached and nervous tension has disappeared—then turn to your textbooks for a few hours of easy, profitable work.

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College Rated 18th On Enrollment List

According to the annual report on enrollment of colleges and universities compiled by President Raymond Walter of the University of Cincinnati, Penn State dropped in national ranking from 15th in 1939-1940 to 18th for 1940-1941.

The ranking was based on the total number of fulltime resident students. Despite the fact that total enrollment here is greater than last year, the College was forced lower in the ranking by the more rapid growth of several other universities.

While President Walters placed Penn State fifteenth for the year 1939-1940, the report of the American Association of College Registrars, which announces its ranking at the end of the college year, named the College twenty-first. It is probable that their respective ratings will again disagree this year.

The University of California retained the first position it occupied last year with an enrollment of 28,856 full-time students. Finishing behind California last year were Minnesota, Columbia, Illinois, and Ohio State in that order.

Penn State granted 1670 of the 53,297 degrees given by the 21 largest educational institutions last year. Total number of degrees conferred by the 681 reporting colleges was 178,339.

An interesting sidelight to the report was the fact that of the 21 largest universities in the United States, Penn State is located in the smallest and therefore the most truly academic town.

Fifty Engineers, Cadets To Be Trained Regularly

Fifty civilian engineers and former flying cadets throughout the country are to be selected every three months by the War Department and sent to New York University and Purdue University to obtain training in aeronautical engineering beginning this month and continuing for 12 weeks.

Preference will be given college graduates and seniors in engineering curricula. Only unmarried candidates between the ages of 20 and 26 will be accepted.

Candidates may apply at any recruiting station or by writing to the commanding general, Third Corps Area, Baltimore.

Building Being Renovated For Extension Offices

The old education building is having its face lifted slightly to make room for the Central Extension offices of the College.

When changes are completed, probably within a week, the field service, class center, and informal instruction divisions of extension will be moved into the finished rooms from their present quarters in Engineering F.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:

Mr. D. O. Noel of Metal Disintegrating Company will speak to student chapter of American Society of Metals in Room 121, Mineral Industries, 7:30 p. m. on "Powder Metallurgy."

Ag Council meets in Room 418, Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Iota Sigma Pi meeting in Room 318, Old Main, 7 p. m.

Max Dercum will speak on skiing in Room 110, Home Economics, 7 p. m.

PSCA Freshman Council Cabin Retreat Committee meeting Room 304, Old Main, 7 p. m.

Community Service Committee meeting; Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 7 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet meeting, Room 304, Old Main, 8:15 p. m.

Figure Skating Club, Room 420, Old Main 7 p. m.

Coffee hour, Hillel Foundation, 4 to 5 p. m.

TOMORROW:

Student Union dance, Armory, 4 p. m.

Campus '44 meeting, Room 418, Old Main, 7 p. m.

Meeting of Campus Patrol, Room 318, Old Main, 8 p. m.

College Senate meets, Room 121, Liberal Arts, 4:10 p. m.

J. M. Lovejoy, president Seaboard Oil Company, will speak on "Current Trends in Oil Industry," Room 121, Mineral Industries, 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY:

Senior engineering lecture, Room 110, Electrical Engineering, 4:10 p. m. H. K. Breckenridge, assistant to president, West Penn Power Company on "Induction of Graduate to Industry."

New Music Hours Listed By Fishburn

A new schedule of listening hours for the Carnegie record library in Room 417 Old Main was announced yesterday by Hummel Fishburn, associate professor of music education.

The new hours will be open to and including January 19, when the schedule for examination week will be released.

The complete list of listening hours is:

Monday—8 a. m. to 10 a. m., 11 a. m. to 12 noon, 1 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Tuesday—8 a. m. to 11 a. m., 1 p. m. to 3 p. m., 5 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Wednesday—8 a. m. to 12 noon, 1 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Thursday—8 a. m. to 9 a. m., 11 a. m. to 12 noon, 1 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Friday—8 a. m. to 10 a. m., 1 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Saturday—8 a. m. to 12 noon, 1 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Sunday—2 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

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