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The Times Sees Ghosts

The all-seeing New York Times not long ago disparaged what it called the fact that ghosts of the speech-writing variety are passing a great many lazy students through college these days with theme and report writing.

Authority for this statement is Dr. Clarence Linton of Columbia University's Teachers College. What Dr. Linton found true at Columbia is not true at Penn State.

Dr. Linton implied that the ghosts who write the reports and themes submitted to him and the Columbia faculty are professionals so brassy that they resort to public advertising and mail soliciting. There is none of the first at Penn State and Collegian knows of none of the second.

Collegian does know of engineering problems and chemical flow sheets that have been filed for attempted (and usually unsuccessful) re-use. It also knows of exam files—a practice so subversive that even the College Library has a file.

The best and most common field for real plagiarism is with English composition themes. However, since the department here is none too consistent in its standards the field is a chancy one to enter.

The only theme plagiarist met by Collegian this year was a gentleman who copied a "3" theme of last year and got his usual zip minus.

Two years ago there was an incident where this game was expanded into an intercollegiate sport with questionable results. A selection of "A" and "B" themes from the University of Pennsylvania could do no better than "1's" here. On the other hand, a "C" theme from Penn entered in this intercollegiate judging got a "3" . . . all of which merely serves to put the plagiarist on the defensive.

Collegian has never answered any of the ads put out on fraternity bulletin boards by people who promise to do neat typing. Therefore it has never been called into a side room by a sneaking hunch-backed typist and told that a dollar extra would get not only a neat typing job but a neat theme. It knows of no one who has. But here, at least, is a possibility which might support Dr. Linton and the New York Times. If either of these parties or someone else is interested, The Collegian will send its whole staff out spook-hunting during exam week.

Investment On Faith

The \$5,600,000 which the College hopes to get from the state for its 1941-43 operation is only part of the income which it receives from outside sources—the federal government and private contributions.

Students actually pay something like 10 per cent of the annual operating expense of the College, perhaps less. Even in private institutions (which are usually endowed) the student pays only a fraction of the price of his education.

The conclusion, of course, is inescapable. A college education is a lifetime obligation to society.

Woodrow Wilson once remarked that a college education is valuable because it removes the student from the necessity of making a living for four years. Figures are proving to us just how bad his joke was.

The \$5,600,000 that the state is being asked to invest in the College is an investment in Pennsylvania and America's future. Because it is an obligation made with faith as its only security it is one which deserves a high rate of interest.

THE CAMPUSEER



Postlude

Nineteen forty was notable for battle, blood, bombs and blitzkrieg. But to us it will always be the year Effie was chosen Summer School Queen.

They Say

"I'm so full of corn I don't undress to go to bed, I just shuck myself." Roy Rodgers.

"This guy Hugo Bezdek is a fine chap; he set us up down at the Warrington Inn Saturday night." Rusty Earl and Art Thormann.

"After all, Ohio U is a long way off." Charlotte Lipman, explaining why she wears her phi ep pin from Ohio University inside her pocket. "Besides, it might put a hole in my blouse. You know, he gave it to me on our first date."

"I never played post office." Alice Murray.

"I haven't been in the column for ages." Jane Stanton.

"Flossie." Bill Finn.

Diamond Shortage Reported

Santa was good to all the little coeds.

Elaine Grove got a diamond. Bernice Wetmiller ditto—from a Penn State grad. Frenchie Capers got an engagement ring from someone in Bellefonte. Betty Georgia is going to be married next semester to fidelit who graduated last year.

Beatrice Williams (KKG) annexed pika jewelry formerly belonging to Chas. Lockwood.

It's Off—It's On

The tempestuous Jimmy Stagg has done it again.

Monday, accepting another sigmapi's pin, she decided to talk to ex-romeo Carl Zeigler and tell him all was over. She did.

Tuesday she was still walking around with a sigmapi pin. But it was Carl-Zeigler's.

Prelude

We were worried about 1941.

We visioned extension of the bloody holocaust of war—new chapters in fire and destruction—democracy at the crossroads—civilization crumbling before the modern Attila.

Then we read WE, THE WOMEN. "Things look bright. Here's to 1941. It looks good."

Boy! Are we relieved!

Chatter

At last we've located heaven: the Maple Inn, a new dine and dance, is advertised as "four miles above Port Matilda" . . . The ASCAP-Radio squabble having robbed Johnny Long of his theme song, we understand the maestro now opens his programs with "White Star of Sigma Nu" . . . Larry Driever spent a week in St. Petersburg, Fla., home of the octogenarians—a brazen lass whose grandson just graduated from Notre Dame grabbed him at a lady's dance.

The Greeks Have A Word For It

Our operatives, reporting back after the vacation, tell us that in the cities, Restaurant keepers are wearing their chests well puffed in addition to broad smiles on their faces, what with the recent Greek successes in Southern and Central Albania. Our own observations prove that even the Fraternity boys are taking a new pride in their greek letter affiliations. Wow, that's spreading it on a bit thickly.

The Greeks attribute their successes in part to the fine physical condition of the Greek soldier. There's no truth in the rumor that the Greek Man-of-war went into the Albanian mountains loaded with OLAFSEN's ABDG capsules (the ideal winter cold preventative—sold locally at McLanahan's Drug Store), but we suggest that if you plan to get in good physical shape to combat the winter colds that lie ahead you stop in and buy some. Remember, locally at McLanahan's, 100 capsules for a dollar ninety-eight

Hard Question Department

We noted with interest the news story carried in yesterday's DAILY COLLEGIAN to the effect that Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman women's honorary, would give away a minimum of \$30 for questions that'll stump the experts on the "Information Please" program in the Liberal Arts building on Sunday.

We're so sure of ourself that we're going to include a stamped self-addressed envelope with our entry:

"Where can you get a better treat for 15c than the Johnston's Hot Fudge Sundaes served at McLanahan's?"

That ought to stump the experts, it sure stumps me!

College Incomes Show Sharp Rise

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—College and university income throughout the country rose sharply last year, according to a survey of some 340 institutions just completed by the U. S. Office of Education.

The report follows closely widely published statements that many American colleges are not only sorely pressed financially, but are actually on the threshold of bankruptcy.

Contrary to persistent reports that colleges are in financial difficulty, the Office of Education survey notes substantial income gains in student collections, government contributions, private grants, miscellaneous university revenues, and endowment fund earnings.

College revenue from "sales and services" lead the upswing with a 39 per cent increase. Additional income advances were student collections—4%; national, state, and local government contributions—2%; private benefactions—3%; and income from endowment funds—2%. According to the Office of Education survey, 25 institutions received private gifts and grants totaling more than \$100,000 per school. Two schools reported more than \$1,500,000 each in private contributions. The report laid particular emphasis upon the increased earnings of endowment funds, which last year climbed to nine-tenths of the pre-depression peak of 1929-30.

The optimistic report lead financial specialists of the Office of Education to predict that, although a few minor institutions—particularly among liberal arts colleges, which must bear the brunt of the national defense emphasis upon technical education—will undoubtedly be pinched out of existence next year, the financial picture for colleges and universities generally will remain bright for some time. The report, which is issued as Circular 188 and is entitled "College Income and Expenditures, 1939-40, Preliminary Sampling Report," may be obtained free of charge from the U. S. Office of Education, Washington.

Beer 'Good Thing' Says Yale Prof.

Beer drinking among young men, especially college students, under 21 years of age as a method of keeping them away from stronger liquors should be encouraged according to Dr. Yandell Henderson, professor of applied psychology at Yale University, in his book, "A New Deal in Liquor." He believes that both absolute prohibition and complete lack of restriction are conducive to increased consumption of spirits, and advocates the "dilution theory." This would encourage the sale of "fortified wines," whiskey, and other spirits diluted at the distillery to 12 or 15 per cent alcohol by volume, or the strength of a mild highball.

"A beverage above 15 per cent by volume," continue Dr. Henderson, "is habit-forming and injurious to the individual, and also socially and politically injurious for society."

He thinks that if Americans confined their drinking to beverages with alcoholic content of 15 to 18 per cent by volume that problem peculiar to America would disappear.

As a solution, he urges use of beer as an effective way to lessen consumption of spirits.

Hoffman Recovering After Leg Amputation

Pete Hoffman, a graduate of the College and well-known reporter of the Centre Daily Times, is recovering at the Geisinger Hospital in Danville following an amputation of his right leg.

The amputation was found necessary when Hoffman broke his leg in December and the injury failed to respond to treatment.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- TODAY:**
- Campus '44 meeting, 418 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
 - WRA Outing Club meeting postponed until next Thursday.
 - Winter sports schedules are now available at Student Union.
 - Student Union dance, Armory, 4 p. m.
 - Campus Patrol meeting, Room 318 Old Main, 8 p. m.
 - College Senate meeting, Room 121 Liberal Arts, 4:10 p. m.
 - J. M. Lovejoy, president of Seaboard Oil Company, will speak on "Current Trends in the Oil Industry," Room 121 Mineral Industries, 7:30 p. m.
 - Pi Lambda Theta meeting, Room 421 Old Main, 8 p. m.
- TOMORROW:**
- Ski Club meeting, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.
 - Frear Laboratory open house, from 3 to 5 p. m.

Lettering By Hoffman Shown Today, Tomorrow

An exhibit of lettering by William S. Hoffman, registrar of the College, will be on display at the College Book Store today and tomorrow.

The feature of the exhibit is a Phi Beta Kappa scroll, containing the history of the Phi Beta Kappa charter on this campus. The scroll is done in medieval script. Besides the scroll, there are 13 shingles, printed in Greek, Latin and English, and a book lettered in medieval script.

CINEMANIA

Paul Muni becomes an Empire Builder and turns in another star performance in "Hudson's Bay," playing at the State Theatre today and tomorrow in the "January Jubilee of Hits."

"Hudson's Bay" depicts a turbulent story of roaring action in the north's frozen wilderness. Although it is essentially the dramatic story of the founding of a great commercial empire in Canada, the film is also a powerful and eloquent story of courage.

Four Tries, Four Medals

John R. Suydam, a graduate student in architecture, has set a new record for the College by winning four medals in four successive architectural design competitions. His latest award was the first medal in an Emerson Prize contest.

Correction

In a Collegian story yesterday, the name of H. Jean Fox '41 was inadvertently omitted from the All-College Elections Committee.

Burgess Meredith Star of "Mice and Men" Is A Real Comedy Find.

SECOND CHORUS
Cathaum Theatre Now Playing

MORNINGSTAR BREAD

Morningstar Bread is fine for every purpose. It makes sandwiches that are pleasing in taste and at the same time nourishing. And if you want crisp toast that fairly melts in your mouth this is the loaf for you.

Morning Star, Tru-Wheat Purity Bread and Trophy Winner Cake.

