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Changing Opinion, Changing World

The change that has come over student opinion as well as American opinion is reflected in a recent Student Opinion Survey which indicates that 67 per cent of America's students favor the lend-lease bill which would give Britain all possible aid short of war.

In October, 1939, this same survey found 58 per cent of the students opposed to changing the neutrality law so that ANY country at war could BUY war supplies in the United States.

Already in October, 1939, other surveys show, American opinion hoped Britain and France would win. The attitude we are assuming now is more severe. Some may not like the name but, in truth, it is a war attitude.

More and more the American press is giving itself over to pro-British news. We are seeing pictures like those of Willkie and Churchill which are calculated to have a powerful influence.

What this means is that America has finally chosen sides. We will probably fight out the war no matter what the cost, if the present trend in opinion continues.

Trans-Oceanic Note

Note to the British:

Some of us over here are beginning to wonder if you have an administrator. We see your Prime Minister three or 33 times a day and he is always walking through a bombed street, talking to an old woman, talking to a Tommy, or shaking hands with Harry Hopkins or Wendell Willkie.

Billy Soose And The Run-Around

The run-around that professional boxing is giving Billy Soose is the kind of thing that discredits the game with the public and which boxing itself should make every possible effort to do away with.

It is the kind of thing that will some day bring the public to demand government—national, not state—of these so-called "competitive" sports.

Consider if you will the present middleweight situation. Two men claim the title. They are unwilling to fight each other. Both have been beaten by Soose and both are unwilling to fight him in a championship bout. Their reticence is understandable, but boxing to be the kind of sport the public can respect needs a federal commission that can make a champion meet the most logical contender, not the most beatable one.

Today, just as 25 years ago when Soose's coach, Leo Houck, was an uncrowned champion, there are commissions and commissions and rules and rules and rules and champions and champions and champions.

Personally, we have seen enough. Let's have some air.

"For a century or more industry has been drawing freely on the stores of scientific knowledge built up over the ages by thousands of nameless investigators and doing so without concern for its exhaustion and without conscious obligation to contribute to its maintenance or replacement. Of late the margin between what we know and what we use has grown alarmingly thin and while we may expect many significant gains in basic knowledge to come from industrial research agencies and activities it still remains true as always that our major reliance must be on the great company of scholars in universities and primary research agencies, to whom the advancement of knowledge is not a means to an end but an end in itself." Dr. William E. Wickenden, president of Case School of Applied Science, reminds industry of its dependence upon educational institutions.



A LEAN
AND HUNGRY
LOOK

By the time this goes to press most of you dear good people will have undergone the ordeal by fire and sword that passes for a registration among the local educationalists. Gay times and good fun for young and old alike in Recreation Hall: bring your pen and no matter what happens don't lose your temper.

Which brings up a rather interesting question. Just exactly what does the statistical department do with all their old statistics? Allowing that the department probably has a quite reasonable answer we should like, nonetheless, to offer what we think is a very neat suggestion. With a little cutting and shaping, it seems to us that the old registration cards would make simply dandy bookmarks. Pass 'em out in class, or one with every dean's excuse, or something along that line. See what we mean?

We observe that the local Passport-To-Elysium Club known to its intimates as the PSCA, has determined to throw a panel discussion concerning the sociological implications of frosh customs. With, no doubt, group singing and refreshments for one and all. If nothing else, this would seem to prove that the halo boys are on their toes. Here a commission, a forum, everywhere a panel discussion. Hey down derry, and other cries of approval. Nothing of import escapes them. They are, as one Frenchman said of another in the dim past, the very conscience of humanity, if only for the moment. It is pleasant to have them about. Regardless of what the question may be, they have the answer to form a committee to look into the matter and report on it at the next annual meeting of the board of directors. The woods are full of earnest little bands of believers, each engaged in probing some imponderable riddle.

Don West's literary abortion has made yet another of its ill-timed appearances. Akin to the bubonic plague, this recurring phenomenon is apparently beyond the control of man. Like those of the poor chap who runs the humor page of a house organ for the mortician trade, the aforementioned West's efforts are well meaning, but utterly futile.

The wrath of gods will be on our heads for this, because the lads who work out every day in quest of varsity letters are going to be set a bad example. The awful truth is that this week's issue of a magazine that brags it dares to tell the truth contains a picture of an ex-Lion athletic star, who has gotten on in the world, wearing athletic equipment which Mr. Leo Houck recognized as belonging to Penn State.

WITHDRAWALS

Ten students withdrew from the College before the end of last semester, Registrar William S. Hoffman has announced.

Listed among the withdrawals were Margaret J. Chubb '42, Robert M. Diehl '42 and eight freshmen, Albert W. Feeney, Fred L. Goodman, Lawrence Hamacher, Xen S. Hosler, Albert J. Hrick, George R. Hunter, Henry S. McDevitt, and Paul F. Ryan.

The following reasons were given for withdrawing: two because of illness, two to go to business school, one because of poor scholarship, one to enlist in the Canadian Air Corps, two to go to work, one because of lack of interest, and one because of poor eyesight.

Collegiate Digest Calls For Photos

Action! Flash! Camera!

No, it's not the familiar cry of the newsreel movie director. Rather it's the call to every camera bug on the campus to dig out his best pictures of the year and enter them in Collegiate Digest's fourth annual Salon Edition competition.

This amateur photo contest is conducted each year to select the prize-winning photos to be featured in the annual Salon Edition—an edition that is a special showing of the best work done by collegiate photographers during the year. Winners are rewarded with cash prizes, publication of their pictures, and participation in a traveling photo salon that is exhibited at leading college art centers throughout the nation. A special \$25 cash award will go to the person submitting the outstanding print of the contest.

This largest and most widely known of all college camera contests is open to both students and faculty members.

Here are the rules:

1. All material must be sent not later than April 1 to: Salon Editor, Collegiate Digest Section, 323 Fawkes Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2. Send technical data about each photo submitted. Give college year or faculty standing of the photographer. Information about the subject of the photo will be helpful. Any size picture is acceptable, but photos larger than 3x5 are preferred.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Campus '41 party meeting, Room 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.
Frosh boxing, Penn State vs. Syracuse, Rec Hall, 6 p.m.
Varsity boxing, Penn State vs. Syracuse, Rec Hall, 7 p.m.
Varsity basketball, Penn State vs. West Virginia, Rec Hall, 8 p.m.

WSGA Senate meeting in WSGA room in White Hall, 5 p.m.

Student Book Exchange, Room A Old Library, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Student Union dance, Armory, 4 p.m.

Graduate students, desiring to take a course in elementary German preparatory to the Ph.D. reading examination, should consult H. W. Weigel, 225 Liberal Arts, at once.

Coffee Round Table hour, Hillel Foundation, 4 p.m.

Regular rehearsal, Men's Glee club, Auditorium, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Ag. Ec. club meeting, Dr. Lininger's home, 7:30 p.m.

PSCA Forum, 304 Old Main. Panel discussion, "Should Final Exams Be Abolished?"

Omicron Nu meeting, Room 117 Home Economics, 7:15 p.m.

3. Enter your photo in one of the following divisions: (a) still life; (b) scenes; (c) action and candid photos; (d) portraits; (e) "college life."

4. The outstanding photo submitted will receive a cash prize of \$25. First place winners in each division will receive cash awards of \$5. Second and third place winners, \$3 and \$2.

5. There is no entry fee, and each individual may submit as many photos as he desires. Photos will be returned if adequate postage accompanies entries.

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