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Shattered Vision

"A colossal stone Lion . . . a magnificent memorial of the class of '40 . . . a shrine of striking magnificence . . . a towering symbol of Penn State tradition . . . an inspiration for future generations of awed undergraduates!"

This is the Lion Shrine which was to be. This is the Lion Shrine vision, as conjured up by its eager backers.

This is the Lion Shrine which was to be. Class of 1940 were persuaded to vote their funds in preference to a scholarship fund.

This is the Lion Shrine which exists only in others' minds—has not yet even reached the paper stage.

Now, almost a year later, the vision is still a vision. No arrangements have been made for the Shrine. No official committee has been appointed to supervise such arrangements and no chairman has been officially designated to head the project.

Furthermore, such investigation as has been made by an "unofficial committee" has revealed that a suitable sculptured Lion must cost several thousand dollars more than the \$5340 left by last year's graduates.

The Collegian has no quarrel with an attempt to encourage tradition at Penn State. Rather it has deplored, and will continue to deplore, lack of college spirit and tradition. If shrines will help achieve an institutional pride, let us have more shrines.

Unconstructed shrines, however, like unconstructed mountain lodges, will never be a spur to tradition or anything else.

There are two primary requirements for a class gift:

- 1. Sufficient funds to buy it. 2. A capable committee and chairman to take care of buying it.

The Class of 1940 apparently failed to provide for either. We trust that the Class of 1941, profiting from the Shrine fiasco, will prove itself a bit more practical in handling the class gift problem. No more shattered visions, please.

—W.E.F.

Hell Week

Now that the hat societies have begun their house cleaning, it might be a good time for fraternities to take the hint and do something about Hell Week which is returning to its old position of abuse even though officially legislated out of existence.

The National Interfraternity Council, the national organizations of a great many if not all social fraternities, and the Penn State Interfraternity Council have all voted for the elimination of Hell Week. It still persists.

"We don't want pity but we do hope that the older men of this nation will use their wealth of experience and wisdom to show us how to fight if necessary. However, these men must be sound in their thinking, far-visioned in their planning, and bold in their policies. We don't want the type of leadership that succumbed to Hitler in the past 18 months. We want clean-cut, honest, sincere and decisive action. We reject the glorification of war itself. Perhaps here lies the greatest difference between us and our German contemporaries, whose ideals are blood and iron. We will not fight just for the sake of fighting, but convince us that war is the best means of serving our American ideals and we will follow you anywhere.



Campus Chatter

Heard and Seen about Campus: Bill Bartholomew, shapely Senior Class prexy, angling with Thespian mogul Ned Startzel for a part in the Spring show . . . Dotty Savard looking like a feminine Captain Kidd with a patch over one eye . . . George Parrish, debonair IF Ball Chairman, beaming over his recent appointment . . . Bill Hubler, Beta golfer, back for the Spring season . . . 200 sorority gals and 200 rushees in 10 crrm booths . . . Tommy Backenstose and sometimes blonde Betty Christman (we wonder if Betty knows about Tommy's trying to date that Penn AlphaChio?)

Mutiny On The Bounty

Ed Spenser, Kingpin of the SAE manse, had to sleep downstairs on the floor the other night. It seems each time Ed stuck his head through the door to the dorm he was greeted with a barrage of snowballs hurled by playful cohorts Wake Thompson, Daye Wilson, Craig White, John Barr, Jim Ritchie, et. al . . . Mutiny we call it.

Inside dope is that the IFC Rushing Code will remain as is unless somebody squawks.

And He Means It!

A senior, who for obvious reasons prefers to remain anonymous, made a sensational announcement yesterday that, if it is carried out, will eclipse the Senior class gift, the 1908 Flag scrap, and the transporting of the horse to Old Main Tower. This senior, in good faith and before reliable witnesses offered to buy five (5) barrels of beer for the senior class to be used for a Senior Party to be held May 31st, 1941 at Whipples Dam. The party will be open only to senior men and dates. Any comments on the matter should be sent to this column as the donor wants to be sure that the party has the support of an overwhelming majority of the senior class. Speak now or forever hold your peace.

We hasten to rush to the defense of Froth Editor Don West. A columnist of this paper recently charged that West was lifting the jokes for his mag. body and soul, from the Temple Owl. Even the Temple Owl wouldn't print jokes THAT bad.

Is it true that Leslie Lewis and Posey Williams, KAT sirens, received super-magnificent valentines from Phi Kappa Sigs Jack Good and Lloyd Engle after the recent visit of the Campus belles to the downtown lads' frat house? What those boys won't do when they see a woman.

Beautiful (?) But Dumb

We understand that the sororities are having a tough time with their rushing because a great number of the "smooth" freshmen women don't have the required "1" average. All we've got to say is that we hope they qualify for the rest of the adage and be beautiful.

Helen Swanson, Helen Cramer, Jane Parsons, Louise Brueningner will help conduct a summer camp near Ligonier this vacation under Audrey Dice and Marce Stringer. The line forms to the right, and don't crowd boys, as we understand it is open to teen age girls only.

Re: Cassius' attack on the Liberal Arts School council. Why don't you investigate the worth of the Liberal Arts school period?

Nation's Students Believe In Lend-Lease Bill

AUSTIN, Tex.—The belief that the United States must help England on a lease-lend basis, trust in a British victory, and faith that democracy will survive—those are three patent manifestations of current collegiate thought expressed through Student Opinion Surveys of America.

Sampling a representative cross section of campuses, including Penn State, the Surveys interviewed typical students, presenting three queries that cover one of the most crucial problems ever faced by the U. S. There were the questions, and the majority answers given by American college youth:

- 1. It has been suggested that the U. S. allow Britain to have planes, guns, and other war materials on a lease or mortgage basis, with no cash payment. These materials would be returned or replaced with new equipment when the war is over. Do you approve or disapprove of the plan? APPROVE, said . . . 67% 2. Do you think Britain or Germany will win the war? BRITAIN, said . . . 88% 3. Do you think American democracy will survive if Britain is beaten by Germany? Yes, said . . . 71%

Letters to the Editor—Radio Station Proposed As Gift

To the Editor: The following is in answer to questions about the proposed Penn State radio station. In reply to the question whether the town can support local advertising, the answer seems to be no. We wish to state that the consensus of opinion among some of the college executives and those who are now successfully operating college radio stations is that advertising is undesirable because commercial programs generally crowd college broadcasts into the less desirable, unsaleable time.

If the college is willing to maintain its own station free from commercial programs, it results in numerous advantages. The college stations are exceedingly valuable to the cause of civic broadcasting. They are free to experiment with different types of educational programs and have copyright privileges.

In the ideal setup, the station would provide programs of educational value for all types of people with entertainment programs which help to put over educational features. Outlets are thus provided for the tremendous amount of talent available here.

A chain of state-supported college radio stations has been formed in the west. They wish to extend this to include the eastern states. Penn State would thus have the opportunity of being the first and foremost station in the east in this chain.

If the senior class gift helps make possible this radio station, the benefits and publicity resulting to the college will make this the outstanding institution in Pennsylvania and will place us among the very best in the country. This is an unequalled opportunity for this senior class to be remembered.

Student Committee, Richard E. Haskell, Robert E. Zuber

CINEMANIA—40 Students Preview 'Flight From Destiny'

Forty students saw a college professor commit a socially necessary murder at the Cathaum theatre Wednesday night to reunite a young married couple in a preview showing of "Flight From Destiny." It will open Monday for a three day run.

The guests, campus leaders, proclaimed the unusualness of the picture which stars Thomas Mitchell, James Stephenson, Geraldine Fitzgerald, and Jeffrey Lynn. The picture brings forth the young South American veteran Mona Maris in a menacing role.

In the screen play written by Barry Trivers from a story by Anthony Berkeley, Prof. Henry Todhunter, knowing he has only six months to live, decides to make his life worthwhile by destroying someone who menaces others and remains free of the law. —L. S. Driever

Herb '41, Herrman '44 Cast In Players' Show

Paul N. Herb '41 and Robert H. Herrman '44 have joined the cast of "The Streets of New York," to be presented in Schwab Auditorium on March 7 and 8, Director Lawrence E. Tucker announced yesterday.

Herb has been cast as Mr. Puffy and Herrman as Paul. They replace Leon Rabinowitz '43 and Carroll D. Hippensteel '43, respectively, who withdrew.

Dr. Smith At Meeting

Dr. K. R. Smith, assistant professor of psychology, is attending a program committee meeting of the Industrial Psychology Section of the American Association for Applied Psychology in New City today.

In Rec Hall, more smoke, less victory—it's a smoker's choice.



Notices for this column are run without charge but must be received at the Collegian Office, 313 Old Main, no later than 6 p. m. the day preceding publication. Faculty members are urged to use this column to announce exams, class cuts, and similar material.

TODAY

A Valentine tea will be held in the northeast lounge of Ather-ton Hall from 3 to 4 p. m. today.

Executive committee meeting, All-College Cabinet war relief drive, Room 305 Old Main, 11 a. m.

Varsity swimming, Penn State vs. Pittsburgh, Glennland Pool, 2 p. m.

Varsity gymnastics, Penn State vs. Chicago, Rec Hall, 3 p. m. Drydock, Sandwich Shop, 9 p. m.

Phi Eta Sigma magazine available for members at Student Meeting of dramatic group of the Hillel Foundation for casting of "Education of Hymie Kaplan," at the Foundation, 3 p. m.

TOMORROW

Chapel, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m.

Evangelical Society, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Campus '42, Room 318 Old Main, 2:30 p. m.

Campus '43, Room 305 Old Main, 2 p. m.

'44 Independents, Room 418 Old Main, 2 p. m.

Recordings by W. H. Auden, Edith Sitwell, E. E. Cummings, and James Weldon Johnson will be played in the lounge of the College Book Store at 11 a. m. Program is open to the public.

Town Meeting, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY

Coed interclass swim meet, White Hall pool, 7 p. m.

No Philosophy 2 classes.

4-H Club, Room 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

'42 Independents, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Business Staff, 1941 Student Handbook, Room 304 Old Main, 7:30 p. m. All persons interested in becoming candidates for staff positions are urged to attend.

TUESDAY

Meeting of Omicron Nu, Room 117 Home Economics, 7 p. m.

Circulo Espanol meets in Grange playroom, 7 p. m.

Russian 1 classes will meet Tuesday at 2 p. m. and Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p. m., Room 412 Old Main. Russian 2 classes will meet Tuesday from 3 to 5:30 p. m. and Thursday at 3 p. m. in the same room.

Viewing The Draft

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for ordinary causes, will be needed three, four and five years hence. The trained men now at work are not enough for rapidly expanding industry and additional men will be needed for this reason, too. The nation's colleges and universities are the logical place—almost the only place—to recruit these replacements.

Second, when and if the United States enters the war the Army will be subordinated to industry in "total defense" preparations. This means that the engineer or the chemist will be of more military importance than the soldier. Again, colleges and universities will be the best place to train defense workers.

All this is bound to work out to the advantage of the thousands of students in engineering, physics, geology, chemistry, bacteriology, and similar curricula. These students are the ones potentially most important to "national health, safety or interest."

But what of the liberal arts student? The best advice to him seems to be "Johnny, get your gun." Liberal artists, along with other students will be transferred to Class 1-A but unlike a good many other students the liberal arts artists will probably stay there.