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### The IMA Retrenches

At the All-College Cabinet meeting last night, Collegian's editor did not make the motion he had promised if Independent Men's Association failed to step up its program.

If IMA continued in its lethargy as an inactive, dying organization of non-fraternity men, Collegian was ready to urge that the IMA lose its representation in Cabinet. It did not have to make that move.

Since Collegian launched its first editorial criticism of IMA, these things have happened:

IMA has added three units and 125 members, boosting its total to 13 units and 750 members. (Two of these units came in unsolicited, one was invited in.)

No more than two units have been absent from any of the weekly meetings of IMA's central council.

Daniel A. DeMarino, an un-official "assistant dean of men," has become adviser to the Association.

The IMA has resumed publication of its monthly newspaper.

Work has been started on a mountain cabin for the use of IMA men.

These things seem to Collegian as ample reasons why its motion should be withheld. Should the IMA prove that all this activity is only the point on a corpse or should any other organization bump out as badly as IMA last fall, Collegian will not hesitate to renew its motion.

### The Senior Gift

The senior gift committee in narrowing down suggestions for the class gift followed what seemed to Collegian to be two very important rules:

1. The gifts should be within the range of the class funds so that there need be no delay to raise more money; and

2. Arrangements should be made to have the gift properly handled when the class graduates.

Both the murals and the loan fund are within the range of the \$5,000 the class will have. The second point can not be fully carried out until the gift is selected, but there need be no fear on that score because there are existing agencies which will be glad and able to handle either gift.

Collegian might add that it thinks the method of selecting the gift is far superior to any tried recently.

Two years ago it was proved that class meetings are no longer practical. In 1939 a meagre attendance "packed" by two partisan groups, one for murals and one for the mountain lodge, went through an orgy that finally delivered the mountain lodge (on which construction has not yet started).

Last year the class tried to improve its method but fared badly. The original suggestions were placed before the seniors on a hit-and-miss Student Union poll. Under this plan it was difficult or impossible to give every senior all the information he needed to vote intelligently. The Lion Shrine emerged.

This year, it was decided to rest the elimination with a committee chosen by the senior class president. It was small enough that it could thoroughly study whatever proposals were made.

Naturally, there will be some disagreements with the suggestions made by the committee but until some better plan is proposed this seems like the fairest way to arrive at an intelligent decision.

The class now is left with a choice between two practical gifts.

### To Yesterday's Readers

Collegian believes it is possible to reconcile these two ideas. (1) America should do everything possible to help Britain; and (2) the democratic cause will be helped by a clear statement of the exact peace terms we hope to establish. To those to whom this was not clear in yesterday's editorial, Collegian apologizes.



### A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

(The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of The Daily Collegian.)

Possibly the most remarkable thing we've run across during the past week is the fact that, in the minds of the campus weather seers, almost anything can happen in the heavens that hang in shimmering majesty over the Mineral Industries Building. The rain and snow boys have special forms which they fill out and post for the edification of the citizenry concerning the probable state of the weather. This form is not, however, the usual run-of-the-mill type of form. No, indeed. Along with prevailing winds, mean temperature and the rest, there is a special section devoted to special events. There you have it. Those words, "special events," can mean almost anything. One has horrid visions of special events occurring in the upper air. There is a gnawing fear in our breast that one day Mr. Heimit Landsberg will be found screaming and with glazed eyes, having run across something a little too big for the ken of man. We had better be pretty careful how we go around horning in on the heavens. Mene, mene, tekel . . . or something along that general line. We knew a man who got struck by lightning one time.

One of these fine days we are going to bind the temples with fillets of purest wool, find some quiet wood near Athens and write a modern poem to end all modern poems. Or then again, we may write a stream-of-consciousness novel which we will call, depending on how we feel after the ordeal is over, by a title which will make absolutely no sense to any one. When we have done this, our life will be complete. It would appear that the prime criterion of modern writing (which is a term that has come to mean anything from Gertrude Stein to Kholer (of Kholer's latest catalog) is incoherence. And at the risk of seeming awfully dull and just too stupid, we're getting damn' tired of the whole business. Another thing we don't particularly admire is the fine art of imitation. When one person has treated a theme which is peculiarly his own, it seems a bit lacking when another uses precisely the same theme in an obvious effort to produce the same effect. All of which ranting means nothing unless we go further and state that, in our very own opinion, Miss Jean Craighead's nobly intended magazine has laboured mightily and borne a stinker in the shape of its latest issue. A modicum on the arty side, too. The problem of keeping a collegiate literary magazine within the bounds is one apparently which is insoluble. The spirit of youth, you know . . . strong and utterly free . . . and contributed. Perhaps all this freedom, this passionate and slightly feverish gaiety, is fun for the boys and girls. But does it make for good writing?

—CASSIUS

### Letters to the Editor—

#### Chairman Grateful For Help On Projects

To the Editor:

Now that the examination file and the Student Book Exchange have fulfilled their purposes for the time being, they will naturally fade from the minds of the students until needed again. I can't let this opportunity slip by without giving credit to those people who helped make both projects a success.

The 1,500 students who used the examination file owe their appreciation to the kindness of Mr. Lewis, College librarian, who allowed the file to be placed in the Library; to Miss Frear and Miss Ulrich, reference librarians, and all of their assistants, who so capably handled the filing and charging of the exams; and finally to the many professors who cooperated by sending copies of their examinations to the Library.

The 1,000 students who saved money by buying and selling their books through the exchange should thank Mr. Watkins, scheduling officer, for allowing the committee the use of their room; Mr. Ebert, superintendent of grounds and buildings, for having the chairs moved out and tables put into the room so that the exchange could be conducted more efficiently; Mr. Donovan, Student Union manager, for lending the committee a cash box and for allowing the cash to be kept at Student Union in the evenings; and Mr. Hoffer of the First National Bank for cashing the exchange checks and supplying change free of charge.

All of the people mentioned deserve credit for assisting a few students to aid many students. Both of these projects are worthwhile, and I sincerely hope that the Independent political party, which sponsored them, will see fit to continue helping the students through the medium of the examination file and the Student Book Exchange.

David Finkle, '41

### CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Illustrated lecture by Dr. A. O. Gettler, internationally known crime detection expert, on "Micro-chemical Methods in Toxicology" in 119 New Physics at 7:30 p.m.

Prof. J. Burne Helme will speak on the current art exhibit in 303 Main Engineering at 7:30 p.m.

'44 Independents meet in 318 Old Main at 7 p.m.

Varsity basketball, Penn State vs. Georgetown, Rec Hall at 8 p.m.

Frosh basketball, Penn State vs. Bucknell, Rec Hall, at 6:30 p.m.

W. A. Hanley, national ASME president, will speak on "Why National Defense?" at the Home Ec Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Fireside Session Committee meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, at 4 p.m.

PSCA Race Relations Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 7 p.m.

All members of the junior class of the School of Engineering meet in 121 Sparks Building at 4:10 p.m.

TOMORROW

All students interested in working with College Radio Station meet in 418 Old Main at 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Faculty members may file tax returns Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25, in 305 Old Main.

### Topians Elect Officers

Officers of the Topian Society, student landscape architecture organization, will be elected in Room 205 Horticulture at 7 p. m. this evening George Hay '41 president, requests the presence of all landscape architecture students.

### At The Movies

CATHAUM:

"Flight From Destiny"

STATE:

"Wild Man of Borneo"

NITTANY:

"Santa Fe Trail"

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

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