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Squabble Goes, But Bus Problems Stay

As far as all practical considerations are concerned, State College's bus terminal apparently will remain on North Atherton Street. All ifs, buts, and whereas about Greyhound returning to Co-op Corner seem relegated to the land of wishful thinking, since no business is going to commit itself to investing upwards of \$25,000 in a terminal, and then let it stand idle.

In this entire affair, the student body has found itself in the unenviable position of being in the middle of a squabble, which, in spite of sincere motives on the part of some to remove unnecessary traffic hazards, has resolved itself into a petty, personal fight between downtown business interests.

It would be less than truth to say that all of the parties involved had public interests at heart. To the contrary, most of the interested people had their interests centered about the general region of the pocketbook and when this interest is involved, public consideration usually finds itself out in the cold.

That much of the bus terminal mess is spilt milk. In their inconsideration of public interests, however, the disputants have left certain problems which should be solved.

Some of these problems are in the process of solution already. We understand, on good authority, that the College will build a walk west from Burrowes Road, south of the Beta house, to the site of the new terminal on North Atherton Street. This walk, well-lighted and patrolled by the Campus Patrol, should give the coeds, adequate protection to prevent recurrence of last year's tragedy.

In the past, buses have been permitted to use College parking lots to load passengers and baggage before vacations. Up to now, it has not been

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It would be possible, we believe, to have buses unload on campus following peak movements. College authorities have indicated that such permission could be obtained, though for vacation-returning buses only.

We are anxious that such permission be both requested and granted. It would eliminate much of the inconvenience which the new terminal offers. —S.J.P.

Planning The Future

How can a student, planning his future, face the draft? In days when few enough things are certain, how best to face this immediate additional uncertainty?

The director of Pennsylvania's selective service, Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette College, urges that students should concern themselves with the matters at hand and "not go out to meet the crisis."

In a sense, Dr. Lewis suggests that students should build their lives around the possibility of military service, going ahead as usual, answering the draft if called, and taking up where they left off when excused.

In a talk here last week, Dr. Lewis suggested that as little as possible should be done to disrupt education. He characterized it as an essential industry, as essential to good government and progress as gunpowder, cannon, and airplanes.

When the uncertainty now harrowing us will change to certainty of active war or certainty of peace, Dr. Lewis could not say. He guessed it might be as soon as July 1.

Dr. Lewis clearly pointed out that we can not afford to sacrifice education to total war, that if we do, war can lead us only to another Dark Ages. After war we will need minds and men equipped to carry on.



A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

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

In writing this column we have endeavored to maintain a fairly high standard of accuracy. That there have been grievous mistakes we don't deny. But generally the comments uttered here have not been too far from the norm of sanity. Recently, however, we made an implication which in retrospect is found quite without foundation in fact. Mr. W. H. Auden, we mentioned, was a possible instrument of British propaganda. This statement, we should like to say now, seems untrue. During his visit on this campus there was, so far as we've been able to discover, no hint of an attempt to influence political thinking with regard to this country's possible future actions. Mr. Auden's function was that of a literary man acting in a sort of advisory capacity to students interested in writing. He performed that function admirably, and gained the respect of all those who came into contact with him. Our apologies for our own suspicions and the perhaps unfortunate impression which may have been gained from our writing.

The thought that the school of physical education should ever react with anything resembling speed is enough to shatter the tissues. The muscle moguls are prone to follow the questionable example of the Tortoise, thinking, no doubt, that whatever shall come to pass will come to pass, Heaven willing. Not too recently monies were appropriated to install an electrical scoring system in Rec Hall. The proper governmental machinery was set in motion and all that sort of thing. Finally the matter came to rest in the laps of those in power among the physical educationists. It apparently is still resting right there. There has been a report that if the omens are good and the republic does not fall, the electrical scoring system may be in use by next year. It is a very cautious procedure; one not to be hurried. The idea that the whole business could be taken care of with dispatch would seem to be unheard of, and besides it's none of our business. Atsyol-fitegang . . .

Last week's drive for funds to aid the English was none too huge a success. Just what such a lack of enthusiasm over the plight of one's fellow men indicates, we're sure we don't know. It may be that we have no vision, no humanity. It may be that financially Penn State simply cannot go about handing out field kitchens. Or then again, it may be that we, all of us, are getting pretty well fed up with the idea that college students are a sure bet for anybody's troubles.

Letters In The Editor's Mailbox—

Portfolio Replies To Cassius' Blast

To the Editor:
In replying to Brother Cassius' remarks of Wednesday, Portfolio does not admit the need of a defense, because, after all, Cassius classically is a synonym for a stab in the back.

We do not wish to dwell on the style of his 32 lines of poetic comment upon our latest issue, although we too could make justifiably caustic comments about "the fine art of imitation."

We are more concerned that

an intelligent guy like Cassius, who we admit is also an honorable man, should complain about an excess of freedom in writing in his column headed by a tag line to the effect that Collegian is not responsible, etc.

We worry about the fact that a group of poems, checked and double-checked by both faculty poets and staff poets should bring the designation "slightly feverish gately." Especially when a couple already bear the approval of the American Mercury and Poetry magazine.

We wonder if Cassius' dislike for a modicum of art comes from the fact that he was absent from sculptor Peter Fingesten's lecture, which was welcomed by the department of fine arts. But, then, we concede Cassius' right to shy away from these lighter things.

In short, we ask Cassius to take time to read Portfolio before he writes about it. Then we will welcome Cassius who is also "strong and utterly free."

Sincerely yours,
Barney Weinberg,
Managing Editor,
for the Portfolio staff.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

All Collegian second semester subscription books due, 313 Old Main.

Faculty members file income tax returns, 305 Old Main for the last time.

AAUP meet, 119 New Physics, 7:30 p. m.

Girls Rifle Club, 3 White Hall, 6:30 p. m.

ASME meet in Home Ec. Aud., 7:30 p. m., W. A. Hanley, speaker.

SAME meet in 107 Main Eng., 7:30 p. m., Lt.-Col. D. Lee Hooper, speaker.

Prof. J. Burn Helme will speak on the current art exhibit, 303 Main Eng., 7:30 p. m.

Phi Eta Sigma meet at Sigma Nu, Major Heraty will speak on National Defense.

PSCA Fireside Session Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p. m.

PSCA Forum Council Cabin Committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet, Harry W. Seamen's residence.

'44 Independents, Room 418 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Debate, Penn State vs. Lehigh, 316 Sparks Building, 8 p. m.

Student Union Dance, Armory, 4 p. m.

Ag Student Council, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Home Ec. Club, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

IMA Central Council, Room 412 Old Main, 7:15 p. m.

Louise Homer Club, southeast lounge, Atherton, 7 p. m.

JAZZ RECITAL NO. 1
This is an invitation to all jazzmaniacs to attend a jam session of hot classics. All you cats that want to get hep to a little jive had better get set for a big afternoon.
THE PROGRAM:
The Bobcats vs. Johnny Dodds
+
Albert Ammons
Pete Johnson
Joe Sullivan
"88" Bradley (Beat Me Daddy)
+
Barnet
and
Bechet
+
Blues by Bessie Smith
+
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WHEN? Thursday Afternoon 4:00 P.M.
WHERE? The Record Shop of THE COLLEGE BOOK STORE 129 W. Beaver Ave.

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