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Bucks For The Boys

It will never be earlier than now. Collegian wishes it had broached this matter before any question of personalities could confuse the picture. It didn't. The next best thing is to propose it before the personalities affected are definitely chosen.

To anyone who looks at it the system of compensation for student officers is cockeyed, nothing less. Strictly speaking, it is a hangover from the days when there was no such animal as an All-College president.

When there was no such animal as the All-College president, the senior class president got the highest student government compensation—about \$500. Two years ago, when the first All-College president was invented he was paid \$50. In his first year he definitely proved himself as important and as burdened as the senior class president who still got all he could grab or about \$500.

This year, Cabinet intelligently set definite compensations but unintelligently continued the policy of paying the senior officer most. While the All-College president gets \$250, the senior class president gets \$350.

Collegian suggests that next year these figures be leveled so that each officer will get \$300.

The Record-Breakers

Record-breaking boys of the type Barney Ewell is expected to be give us pause. Every year men get just a little better, it seems, and run a little faster.

For years the race has been improving. The physical products are better. They grow taller so they can run faster. They specialize at one distance so they can run it faster than anyone else. Other men, experts too, work day and night so that these runners may have the equipment that will give them the fastest possible sendoff and dash.

All the time we are increasing our speed. Every year the record drops just a little. Some day a sprinter will do the 100 in nothing flat. The race after that is the race we dread. We dread the position of the sprinter who that day must step to the starting line knowing full well that to set a record he must cross the finish line before he starts. We dread even more the awful position of the timer who must clock minus time.

We couldn't bear to face it ourselves. Our only hope is that perhaps the world will end just in the nick of time.

Fines For Charity

The All-College Cabinet's acceptance of the plan to turn student traffic fines over to Mrs. Hetzel's Emergency Fund is pleasing to all people concerned.

It may even be a pleasure to pay a fine in the knowledge that the money will eventually go to help some needy student over a crisis.

THE CAMPUSEER



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

Campuseer Exiled!

Omsk, Siberia, March 6—(special to the Collegian) Closely guarded by a band of vicious Cossacks, the sinister figure of the Campuseer, erstwhile collegiate columnist, leered horribly at neighboring peasant women through prison bars here today.

This lecherous figure, convicted last week on counts of libel, slander, high treason and illegal parking, was flown to his exile here yesterday via special Clipper. When interviewed by local reportoskys on his arrival, the Campuseer smiled into a sub-zero game and said:

"This here place is warm compared to the chill in State Collich last week!"

We Present A New Colyum— Boosters Of The Week

This week we should like to boost . . . The politicians, who are high-souled idealistic men not in the least interested in gravy.

Jack Dixon, the great LaVie editor who intends to shatter all records by getting LaVie out not more than a month late.

The sororities, which are magnificent organizations of unbounded pulchritude and lofty inspiration.

Kay Schott, Frankie Leiby, and Becky Rupp, three charmers who took advantage of Senior Ball weekend to divest themselves of DU pins.

Don Delmanzo, now living in a local love nest with his recent bride.

The Thetas, who are girls who know how to throw very interesting parties.

The freshman gal who dates a certain waiter with protruding molars. Every time she comes in from a date she puts hot compresses on her lips. That's what we call pluck!

Lloyd Parsons, who blazed a new trail in experimentation last weekend by mistakenly imbibing a good solid swig of Fixit from a bottle in a dark room. Fixit is an appetizing liquid made up of banana oil and charcoal, used for spraying art work. Mr. Parsons found it somewhat disagreeable but refreshingly potent.

Private Correspondence

Dear Gajeck: The list of BMB men at senior ball is being compiled and will be released in the near future.

Sure We Drink, We Say

AUSTIN, Tex.—Although college students are as a whole not teetotalers and a majority may be classed as liberals on the question of drinking, there exists today on the campuses of America a good amount of conservatism regarding liquor.

Two years ago this March, Student Opinion Surveys of America conducted a nation-wide poll that for the first time provided a complete picture of drinking habits and sentiment among collegians. The survey has been repeated, and besides producing a new set of figures on this topic, the study brings proof that the sampling procedure used by Student Opinion Surveys is of such stability that its results may be interpreted as an accurate barometer of college thought from coast to coast.

In summary, these were the results of the survey, taken through the cooperation of the college press, including The Daily Collegian:

1. Six out of every 10 believe that college students do not drink too much.
2. Nearly seven out of every 10 men, and nearly five out of every 10 coeds, admit they drink alcoholic beverages.
3. Eight out of every 10 are opposed to the return of prohibition.

The 1939 survey and the present one, taken in identical manner, reveal figures that are almost parallel in every respect, giving new basis to the fact that by means of sampling it is possible for the Surveys to gauge what the total enrollment of nearly 1,500,000 thinks. Prohibition and drinking in general are rather static questions on which sentiment is not expected to vary considerably for long periods of time, and that is what this comparison shows:

	1939	1941
Believe students dont drink too much	65%	61%
Admit they drink (both men and women)	60%	61%
Opposed to prohibition	78%	81%

Letters to the Editor—

Who Was Checked Off In 'The Checkoff'?

Dear Old Maniac:

At two different periods in my own career, I have been responsible for columns such as yours. I know how difficult it is to keep such things alive. Thus, I bear no grudge because your little "Checkoff" in the March 1 Collegian contains a mere trace of truth with a great deal which is misleading. I even understand the value of sarcasm and so forgive it. Unfortunately, there really were two final examination blue books bearing the same name. I am still looking for an innocent explanation of that peculiar fact. I had hoped that the young man involved was trying to help in the matter. Meanwhile, the grade of -2ab has nothing shameful or permanent about it. Apparently, you are less tender of the good name of the student than I am. You put him in an unfortunate position by mentioning his name in connection with the strange pair of blue books. I would certainly not have done such a thing. While I am hoping for the innocent explanation, I very much fear that practically all of your readers will first get a good laugh out of the matter and then assign an obvious explanation which may be most unjust.

Going to your last paragraph, I am happy to say that we don't have any "similar ones."

Frank C. Whitmore, Dean of Chemistry and Physics

Maniac Misinterprets The Military Law

To The Editor: In the column of "The Maniac" in Saturday's Daily Collegian there appeared an erroneous statement which is, I believe, of sufficient import to all American citizens to warrant public correction.

The writer of this column asserted that in court-martial proceedings of the Army and Navy of the United States, the accused is assumed to be guilty until proved innocent. Although this remark was purely incidental and without intent to mislead, it seems possible that it might leave in the minds of the readers a lasting impression which would be highly prejudicial to the military services of the nation.

Actually, quite the reverse of "The Maniac's" statement is true, the law on the subject being as follows: 'In order to convict of an offense the court must be satisfied, beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused is guilty thereof.' (From A MANUAL FOR COURTS - MARTIAL, U. S. ARMY).

Let no one have the impression, therefore, that should he ever become subject to military law, he will forfeit any of those inalienable rights to individual freedom and justice which he is preparing to defend.

Yours truly,
J. L. Dilworth,
1st Lieut., CA-Res.

Ex-Governor Earle Grows Unpopular

To the Editor: Glad to read that your columnists are beginning to take ex-Governor Earle for a ride for the lousy job he is doing in Bulgaria. Remember Penn State and Governor Earle?

Ted Sproull '44

Economists At Meeting

Dr. Fred F. Linger, head of the department of agricultural economics, Dr. C. William Pierce, Dr. George E. Brandow, and Dr. Kenneth Hood, members of the agricultural economics staff, attended the two-day regional meeting of the annual Northeastern Dairy Conference in Philadelphia yesterday.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:

- Editorial candidates for Student Handbook meet in Room 412 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.
- International Relations Club meets in Room 100 Sparks at 7 p. m.
- Candidates for business staff of Student Handbook meet in Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main at 7 p. m.
- Education School council will meet in Room 108 Burrows at 8:30 p. m.
- Grange meeting in Room 405 Old Main at 7 p. m.
- Second World Construction meeting in Home Economics Auditorium at 8 p. m. Prof. Charles S. Wyand will speak.
- American Society for Metals will meet in Room 121 MI at 7:30 p. m.
- Campus '43 meeting in Room 318 Old Main at 7 p. m.
- Independent '42 meeting in Room 418 Old Main at 7 p. m.
- Mr. Charles Smith, representative of National Food Committee for the Five Small Democracies will speak in Room 318 Old Main at 4 p. m.
- Penn State Engineer business staff meeting in Room 314 Old Main at 6:45 p. m.
- Students having Froth questionnaire blanks are requested to turn them in at Student Union desk.
- Third Fine Arts Lecture by Antonin Raymond in Room 110 Electrical Engineering at 7:30 p. m.

Piano Wizard To Play At Drydock Saturday

Penn State's biggest cultural attraction of the year is promised by the Drydock committee for the night spot's floor show Saturday night, when Ralph Blasingame, piano wizard extraordinary, grimly battles with the classics of Chopin, Beethoven, and Brahms.

Also on the entertainment card will be the Singarettes, Alan Vinicoff, and Roy Rogers. Reservations, at 50 cents a couple, may be made at Student Union.

PSCA Swimming Party Set For Tomorrow Night

A swimming party for members of PSCA Seminar, Council, and Forum will be held at Glennland pool at 7:30 tomorrow night. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up at the PSCA office not later than noon tomorrow.

Admission will be free for freshmen and sophomores, and 35 cents for both juniors and seniors.

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