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**Mr. Moul Sets His Cap For The Educational Venture**

In the name of protection of the public interest, a lot of strange things are going on in Harrisburg these days.

Not the strangest of these—but one of them—is the House investigation of the Soil Conservation Board and the extension service of the Pennsylvania State College sponsored by Representative Moul.

Collegian does not have enough information on the problem of soil erosion to pose itself as an authority and it is not going to try.

However, it can't help thinking the issue is more political than real. Otherwise the House would hardly have voted the issue (as it did) on strictly party lines, all Republicans against, every Democrat but one for.

Briefly, the fight has been described as one over policy rather than over accomplishment. The Democratic federal government wants to set up compulsory erosion programs over the state. The Republican state government has been content to proceed on education lines.

It is barely possible that the Democratic House majority might also be trying to embarrass the Republican administration. No Democrat has suggested this motive. The Republicans have.

Somehow the Collegian is inclined to agree with the Republicans. A few passages from the resolution show why:

"Whereas, the Democratic Administration of George H. Earle enacted the Soil Conservation Districts Law of 1937 and created the Soil Conservation Board to cooperate with the Federal Government in a national program of conservation and soil erosion; and

"Whereas, the Democratic Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt has provided funds eventually to control erosion on the hillsides of Pennsylvania and other headwaters states, etc. . . .

"Whereas, the inaptitude of the present administration has brought the General Assembly face to face with a major financial crisis with many funds raided and many appropriations raided, etc.

If these are not political words, Collegian has never heard political words.

Apparently, too, the sponsor of the bill was not too well acquainted with the College he attacked. Mr. Moul wanted to investigate the agricultural extension service, apparently, but his bill forgot to state this and included just "the extension service"—engineering and all the rest.

The investigation is underway and the College is cooperating in every way possible. Representative Moul may discover something interesting and in the course of his probing he may learn a lot of new things.

Collegian certainly hopes so. It particularly hopes that he learns that politics and education shouldn't be mixed.

**Nibbling At The News**

with ROBERT LANE

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

Although history books will probably fail to record the fact, cafes are playing an important part in European events today.

Tomorrow those romantic little sidewalk restaurants where Frenchmen held rendezvous, where Italians talked politics, and where Americans tossed champagne bottles, may be closed forever.

The history of the German cafe does not present the chronicler with the wealth of material that surrounds other European cafes. However, if it is possible to call a Munich beer cellar a cafe, it can be recalled only too vividly that a certain German restaurant has succeeded in its bid for fame.

The first hint from abroad that the cafe was not the most healthy place in which to be discovered came with the news of the German invasion of Paris. The drinking places of Gay Paree were without patrons as the Nazi legions rolled across the Marne.

For six months after the fall of France the European cafe did not receive one line of publicity in the American press. Then one night, a Bulgarian restaurant entered its bid for recognition with headlines telling about the now famous "Battle of the Bottles in the Balkans."

By the tossing of a well-aimed bottle an American diplomat might easily have changed the map of Europe, but fortunately, all he accomplished was the changing of the map of a German army officer. After this attempted decapitation of an important cog in the German military machine, the cafe again resumed its unsung place in the annals of Europe, at least, until yesterday.

Italian cafes were not to be ignored while other gin-palaces squandered the limelight. When the "Gods that be" discovered that the people were talking politics in the sidewalk restaurants, a decree was issued stating that the cafes would be closed this coming Spring.

In Italy, politics are tolerated only to a certain degree. That degree does not include the right to talk about holding an election, especially when they don't intend to "draft" their present leader for another term.

Without the cafes Europe may lose a great deal of the glamor which it has attained in the past. Writers can no longer depend on French cafes for volumes of romantic literature. Artists will mourn the lost opportunity of putting a new Italian cafe scene on canvas. The Bulgarian mug-house will no longer provide the opportunity for Americans to indulge in a barroom brawl.

But that is the price of civilization, especially the European type, in which the concentration camp replaces the cafe of yesterday.

**Letters to the Editor—Reader Asks About WSGA's Mass Meeting**

To the Editor:  
Your editorial, "Student Good Government," was timely and well deserved. Now, how about discussing the other side of the picture with an analytic paragraph or two on WSGA's recent flop: compulsory politics? Several hundred coeds refuse to be forced—several hundred of the better Penn State women lost to WSGA—several hundred young Pennsylvanians given a new slant upon Government, a slant that leads to—??? How about a discussion of last week's compulsory mass meeting—perhaps WSGA knows the answers. But I doubt their validity.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard Yates '41

**INFIRMARY CASES**

A checkup last night revealed that 10 people are confined in the College Infirmary. They are Robert W. Noll '42, sprained ankle; Joyce Goodale '41, tonsillitis; Robert Preston '44, Donald A. Kratzer '44, grippe; John Fowler '43, Robert H. Akins '43, Harold G. High '42, J. Morton Thomson Jr. '41, George Plush Jr. '44, David Gordon '44, German measles.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

TODAY

Friday evening service, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p.m.  
Grange Moron Party in 405 Old Main at 8 p.m.  
PSCA Freshman Council band, 304 Old Main, 4:30 p.m.  
PSCA swimming party, Glendale Pool, 7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Campus Center Club members will hold a "Defense Party" in Atherton Hall lounge beginning at 8 o'clock. All members are invited.

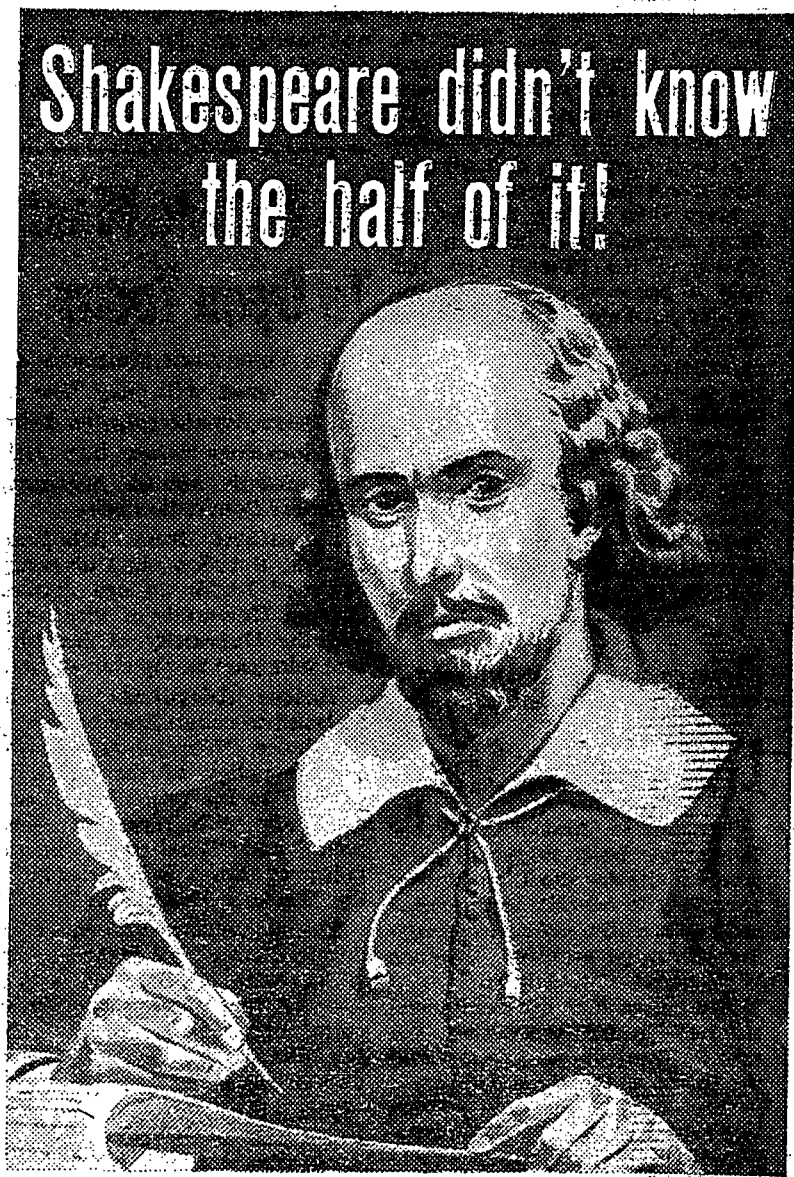
**At The Movies**

**CATHAUM**—  
"Footsteps In The Dark"  
**STATE**—  
"Blondie Goes Latin"  
**NITTANY**—  
"Ride Kelly Ride"

**Alderfer Re-Elected**

Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, professor of political science, has been re-elected secretary of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Read The Collegian Classifieds



Shakespeare didn't know the half of it!

... when he wrote

**"What's in a Name?"**

The Bard of Avon was right about the rose—its name is unimportant. But if he'd had anything to do with naming telephone exchanges, he'd have learned a lot!

Names must be easy to pronounce and transmit—must not look or sound like other exchange names—must not use the same dial finger spaces.

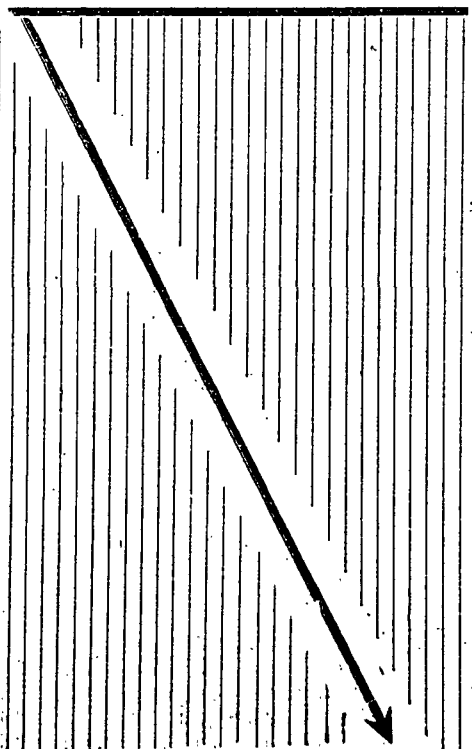
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