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THE CAMPUSEER



Best Advice Yet

A rascally, insignificant, anonymous germ appeared in the deltachi house last week and promptly sent some six of the brothers scurrying infirmly-ward.

The good doctor Harriet Harry, fearful that the measles-monger might spread, determined to take precautions. Accordingly she buzzed out to said delta chi house last Friday and warned Prexy Jack Thomas as follows:

"Tell your boys to be sure not to do anything platonic this weekend!"

Mystery

Helen Chiappy, of Ath Hall, has the measles. Helen Chiappy does not date any deltachis. ??????

Enticing, Eh?

We are indebted to Dr. Dengler, who even offered to give us the word the Greeks had for it, for calling our attention to the following interesting statement in yesterday's Collegian:

"Penn State women may join their College sisters throughout the nation in preparing to DOFF a uniform and . . . restore the injured to health." We should be delighted to witness a demonstration of this new treatment.

Booster Golyum

This week we should like to express approbation for the following:

Bill Bartholomew, who took his medicine gracefully at the Gridiron Banquet Monday.

Our next senior class president. We hope he knocks down as much as Bartholomew did.

Jean Lowry '42, for cooperating with the Dies Committee in exposing a hotbed of fascist ideology and fifth column treachery on our campus.

Freddie Rasmussen, who succeeding in depositing his alpha zeta badge on Ruth Pearce, pride of the chi o mansion. Tough luck, George.

Sally Miller, KKG, who depledged Sigma Pi.

Journ. 68 Dialogue

Bill Finn: Mr. Gardner, if I sold my picture to the Arrow Shirt Company, could they sell it to Stegmaier's?

Voice from back of room: Just Stegmaier's would want it.

Apropos Poem

Snow Everywhere I go Falling through the air Sifting through my hair TOO DAMN MUCH! (Note-Roethke did NOT write this.)

Move Over, Boys, There's A Crowd In The Draft

About two months ago, the College agreed to have the Health Service give preliminary physical examinations to students called in the draft. By doing this, it obviated the necessity of students going home to be examined by physicians attached to their local draft boards.

Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, was officially designated as the examining physician. He accepted the appointment with the understanding that he would be called upon to examine students only. A private doctor in the borough had previously been selected to handle local draftees.

However, this doctor also made an agreement. It was that he would examine only two men each day. From his viewpoint, he was justified in this policy. He has one of the most lucrative practices in town and sees fit to make the examinations, for which he is not paid, only in his spare time.

For a while the local doctor was able to make all the examinations necessary. Then there was a sudden rush and the College Health Service was asked to take care of the overflow by making examinations for the State College draft board. The number of draftees has continued to increase, however, until now the College is examining an average of five or six men, not including students, each day. This is nearly three times as many as are being examined by the local doctor, the man originally supposed to do all the work.

In an attempt to remedy the situation the local draft board has obtained the appointment of another doctor as a qualified examiner. However, this action has fallen short of the desired result because the new examining physician is a part-time member of the College staff and makes all his examinations on College time.

This work is too much for the already overloaded dispensary staff. It is a hardship on students who must wait even longer than usual to be treated. And, because they can not receive the attention they deserve, it is a hardship on men sent to the dispensary to be examined.

We doubt if members of the local draft board realize how the additional work handicaps the College Health Service. We do not believe that they intentionally throw the burden on the College merely because it is the easiest thing to do. With this in mind, we submit two suggestions which we strongly urge them to consider.

1. Put in a request to have additional examiners assigned to the State College area. According to the Selective Service regulations, this can be done. It seems like a logical solution. The more examining physicians there are in the borough, the fewer examinations must be made at the dispensary.

2. Ask the present examiners to resign and select new men for the positions. Men should be chosen who will have sufficient time to do their share of the work. Men should be chosen who will not make examinations in a manner which will interfere with the essential duties of the College Health Service.

The dispensary exists for the sole benefit of the student body. In treating student cases, the staff has all, if not more, than it can properly handle. There is absolutely no reason to give the Health Service work which can and should be done elsewhere. -J.A.B.

Loan Fund, Murals

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2. Proposed switch of the class of 1922 funds of \$29,000 to the scholarship and student loan fund is sufficient. Only the Board of Trustee's approval is needed.

H. Ridge Riley, director of College sports publicity and representative of the class of 1932 who donated the Poor mural, said, "My class sponsored the original mural with the idea that other classes would complete the project. A class must finish the mural project, because the College cannot."

Letters to the Editor-

Ex-Collegian Writer Scorns Passive View

To the Editor: "Sixty-five per cent of Penn State students believe that the United States will be actively involved in the war by 1942, but only a minority think America should enter the conflict now." How charitable of the majority not to think so.

The attitude of Penn State's students as gauged by the Collegian's survey is significant. If there is any step which brings us closer to war, it is the persistence of such an attitude. It reminds us of a dying patient lying helplessly and whimpering, "I'm not going to take that medicine, I'm going to die tomorrow anyway." To conquer an entity which we regard with passivity and defeatism, something which sweeps us along like a leaf in a rushing torrent, is an impossibility.

The attitude of the Penn State student is merely the reflection of the attitude throughout the country. Each is spineless, each denies the power and freedom of the combined wills of millions of Americans. "Sure, we'll be in the war soon, there's nothing we can do about it." "I'm not going to take that medicine, I'm going to die tomorrow anyway." The difference between the two attitudes is nil.

Let's get to the point: America today is close to war. It is close to war because it believes that democracy and fascism cannot exist side by side; it believes that the aim of fascism is the destruction of democracy; and it believes with all its hearts that aid to Britain is in fact aid to America. It is difficult to contest those beliefs.

Despite the fact that we have underwritten British independence and victory, however, it is difficult to comprehend the attitude that says war is inevitable. Where reason and the will exist, there are few, very few, things in the world which we can say are inevitable.

I contend that the only thing which will get the United States into this war is its will to be drawn into it.

The Axis does not want to fight us. Italy as a military power is shattered, Germany is occupied on all fronts and would surely regard the entrance of the United States into the war as a major tragedy. She is doing all she can not to offend us. The brutal and indiscriminating action which helped to draw us in is lacking now. The Nippons have backed down time and again in the Orient in the face of aggressive Anglo-American diplomacy. Japan is wary, afraid.

Aid to Britain short of war, yes. Nothing more is needed. The Empire's manpower is untouched. Its fleet is intact. Its air power increases and is in evidence daily. I repeat, the United States will not get into this war unless it wants to.

Even Pennsylvania's own George Earle, the William Tell of the whiskey bottle, could not make it otherwise.

Sincerely, Emanuel Roth '40 Ridgefield, Conn.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Le Circle Francais Club, main lounge of Women's Building, 8 p.m. Please note change of meeting place.

PSCA Seminar, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p.m. Pocono and Washington Conference reports.

Student Handbook business staff, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

All-College elections, first floor lounge, Old Main.

Lecture on Christian Science by Mr. Peter B. Higgins of Seattle, Wash., 121 Sparks, 8 p.m.

Student Handbook editorial staff, 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Kappa Phi Kappa, 405 Old Main, 5 p.m.

Portfolio, 416 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Jazz recital, College Book Store, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Friday Evening Service, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p.m. Purim quiz.

Pennsylvania State Debaters Convention, 121 Sparks, 8 p.m.

CINEMANIA

"Tobacco Road" the stage portrait of a backwoods clan from the "dirty white trash" caste has finally been transposed to the screen, and will appear at the Cathaum today, tomorrow, and Saturday.

Although still definitely adult program fare, the film translation, as compared with the original profane stage depiction of the "Lester" tribe and its collective woes, wants, and wickedness, is almost Sunday school fare.



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Comment by Walt Berkov and Bill Lahner

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