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Taking Stock Of Ourselves—The Mirror Test

We were a bit surprised Tuesday to note in the upper left hand corner of page one that Collegian was publishing its 100th issue of the year, also its 100th issue as a daily.

When we have come this far, we decided, it is high time to take stock of ourselves. How has the daily worked out as compared with the semi-weekly?

In our own minds there is no question that a daily paper is the thing for Penn State. We were pleased to note in a poll last January that most readers agree.

We started the year frankly afraid that the daily might not be a success because its readers might be too hasty in judging it by the mistakes and shortcomings we were sure a new paper like ours was bound to have.

Surprisingly, to us this fear was not realized. At the same time the daily has proved itself a financial possibility and has shown that students can produce a daily without flunking themselves out of college. In fact, the Collegian staff average was higher during its first semester as a daily than during its last semester as a semi-weekly.

The daily has had the advantages that were expected—chief among these, fuller and faster coverage of campus news. It has been able to reach into fields outside the college, although the full exploitation of that work must wait until it can afford to publish more pages every day.

Even more important than the present accomplishments of the daily are its potentialities. It can, and we believe it will, become State College's morning newspaper. If it is well handled financially, it will be able to afford more pages every day, it will be able to finance a telegraph wire service with one of the leading press associations, and it will be able to give complete town as well as complete campus coverage.

All of these things are demonstrated possibilities.

Penn State now has one of the 27 college dailies in the country and, with careful management, we think it can come to have the foremost of the college dailies.

Not This Absentee Voting

Penn State got a kind of absentee voting it didn't want in the All-College elections this week when a fraternity brother of one of the candidates tried to vote under two names.

To the credit of everybody but the two students concerned, the case was cleaned up quickly by Student Tribunal in a precedent-setting action that proved it is more than an agency to enforce freshman customs.

Tribunal for two years has had the power to enforce student discipline. Wednesday night was the first time it used it.

Thursday, in a precedent-setting action even more important, a faculty committee promised to enforce the decision of Tribunal in suspending the two students from a week of classes and from extra-curricular activities for the rest of their time in College.

The dishonesty that prompted one student to vote under another's name and the indifference that allowed the other to lend his identification, of course, are deplorable. They only prove, however, that a College society is no different from any other. As long as Tribunal is alert, both will at least be kept at a minimum, and this self-discipline is going to go a long way in making a strong student government stronger.



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

Slingin' Is Slung

The Econ Prof was holding forth at great length on satiety, and was using himself as an example. "If I need but two suits of clothes, then I have reached a point of satiety and I won't need another suit except for a special occasion. Now I don't need a suit of golf clothes because I don't golf; a tennis suit because I don't play tennis; or a full dress suit because I'm fully dressed . . .!" "How about a bathing suit?" inquired a student. "I don't need a bathing suit," the doctor began. Came a pause. Then—"You've got me boys." If you are a liberal artist you can guess who the prof was, if you're not a liberal artist, it's none of your business who it was because you couldn't appreciate it anyway. His nickname has the initials S. S. and we don't mean Storm Trooper.

Spring Prelude

"I'm going in the Army in May."
"May when?"
"Maybe."

"Be Prepared" Baird

Despite the fact that our new All-College Prexy Bob Baird won by over 100 votes, he was none too confident of victory before the election returns came in Thursday night.

Bob placed two ads in the custody of the Collegian Thursday, one of which, thanking his supporters, appeared in yesterday's paper. The other, to be used in case his opponent Charley Mattern won, read as follows:

"I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to my successful opponent, Charles Mattern. I could not have lost to a more deserving student. I wish to heartily thank everyone who supported me in this campaign. Robert Baird."

Good sportsmanship, we call it.

There's One In Every Town

The snow was piled a foot high and ranged three feet away from the curb in front of the Diner the other morning. It was well-nigh impossible for anything but a tank or a caterpillar tractor to get within a foot of the curb. A passing pedestrian eyed curiously the police officer who was writing out a ticket for a hapless motorist. The parking meter still had twenty minutes on it. The pedestrian asked the officer why he was giving the motorist a ticket.

"Why," the officer indignantly replied, "He's more than six inches from the curb!"

Prof Of The Week

The prof was leaning back in his chair reading the Collegian, apparently oblivious to the low murmur coming up from his class, who were busily engaged taking a bluebook. The low murmur rose to a murmur, and still the prof went on reading the Collegian. The murmur crescendoed into full-fledged conversations. The prof arose, turned to the blackboard. The class was breathless, scared. The prof turned around, sat down, resumed his reading. On the board were two words. "Talk lower."

British Morale?

According to a London dispatch, it's likely to be "Bombs and Babies" and not "Bombs or Babies." The dispatch stated that immorality was increasing to a "marked degree" in London's air raid shelters.

In fact, a probation officer even went so far as to say, "There are few boys and girls of 17 and 18 living under the present conditions for whose chastity I would vouch."

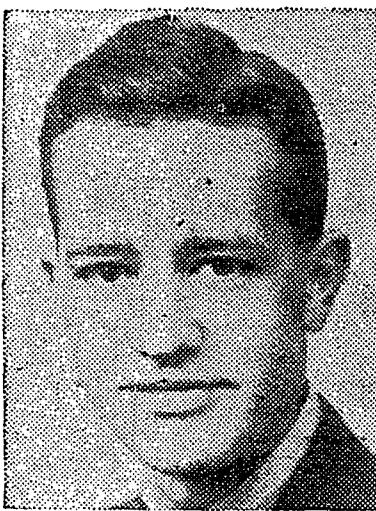
And here we've been thinking all along it was the British morale which was so high.

Burgess Goes Soft

Congratulations but no cigars. The borough tough man has gone soft. Burgess Leitzell has a grandchild. Beat me daddy eight to the bar!

Dr. Charles M. Heck, head of the physics department at North Carolina State College, wants newspapers of the country to coin a new word—"Slavaxis." He sent letters to principal papers throughout the country asking them to use the word in referring to the alliance between Italy and Germany. Italy, he said, is the slave; Germany, the Axis.

Urges Cooperation



Because of numerous complaints about enforcement of the dating code from students and administration, H. Edward Wagner '41, president Interfraternity Council, above, makes an urgent plea for cooperation in enforcing the code and reporting any infractions of it. "There is to be much more vigorous enforcement of the dating code in the immediate future," stated Wagner, "and this is not just an idle statement." All violations should be turned in to Wagner, who promises to keep reports in strict confidence.

Letters to the Editor—Religious Council Not A Part Of PSCA

To the Editor:
In your article in the Wednesday, March 12, issue concerning the special advisory committee for students seeking alternate selective service duty because of conscientious objection to military training, you state that the committee was established by the Student Religious Workers Council of the PSCA. The Student Religious Workers Council is an independent organization of all of the ministers of the churches serving students in State College and of the secretaries of the Penn State Christian Association. Miss Ione V. Sikes, associate director of the Westminster Foundation, is the president of the Student Religious Workers Council, and it was she that issued the announcement concerning the committee.

D. Ned Linegar
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Reader Sheds Light On Loan Situation

To the Editor:
The loan fund vs. murals controversy has been settled for the current year. Nevertheless, it seems to me unfair to many devoted graduates and friends of the College to leave uncorrected what is evidently a misquotation in your issue of March 13.

In discussing the merits of the two projects proposed to the senior class, you quote Dr. Marquardt as saying, "Since 1909 there has been no additional finance aid for students." I can only surmise that Dr. Marquardt intended to say, "Since 1909 no class has provided financial aid to students." I cannot believe that one so long a part of the College administration would ignore the James A. Beaver and Mary Beaver White Loan Funds, each of \$25,000, established in 1924 by J. Gilbert White, '82, donor also of the John W. White

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY
Music room in 417 Old Main will be open tonight at 8 p.m.
PSCA Cabinet Training Conference leave Old Main for Ralph Watts Lodge, 5 p.m.
Drydock, Sandwich shop, 9 to 12 p.m.
Library dedication, 2 p.m.
Roller skating, Armory, 2 to 5 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m. Admission 20 cents per session.

TOMORROW
Meeting of Pi Lambda Theta in Miss Kirk's apartment, Glenland Building, 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY
Because of the Artists' Course, there will be no bridge class. The next meeting will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3 Sparks.
Riding club meeting, 7 p.m. in Stock Judging Pavilion.
Alpha Lambda Delta meeting in Miss Zang's apartment, McAllister Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Nutrition exhibit on phosphorus from 8 a.m. to noon in Room 209 Home Economics.

Movie Scheduled

A movie entitled "Front Office Procedure" dealing with hotel work will be shown in Room 110 Home Economics at 11 a.m. today. The movie was made by the Hotel Greeters of America under the direction of Edmund L. Fynn, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Hotels Association, Lucius Boomer, president of the Waldorf Astoria, and is narrated by Lowell Thomas.

Fellowships and Scholarships. Nor could Dr. Marquardt be unaware of the State College Alumnae Club Loan Fund of almost \$3,000, the DAR Loan Fund of about \$2,500, the State College AAUW Loan Fund of \$1,000, and some dozen other funds of smaller amounts maintained by alumnae, WSGA, and other groups for the aid of students—all of them less than 25 years old.

As soon as an alumnae group has established a stable organization it begins seeking some means of contributing to the comfort or well-being of students in College. Most of the clubs in Pennsylvania have chosen either a loan fund of an annual scholarship award as chief project. A number of clubs maintain both types of help for students.

I admit—and deplore—the inadequacy of all these funds to meet the needs of worthy but indigent students, and am glad the class of 1941 is increasing the sum available. In justice to those who have for years been increasing it, however, such statements as I have quoted should not go unchallenged.

Sincerely yours,
Julia Gregg Brill

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