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Friday Morning, April 4, 1941

We Dreamt We Dwelt In Marble Halls, Of . . .

Chatting the other day, we were presented with the proposition that Penn State men are like yardsticks, long in one dimension, but surprisingly narrow otherwise.

The point was that Penn Staters learn a lot in their chosen field, chemistry, engineering, or what have you, and not enough outside.

Our first and best defense was an alibi that other colleges are just as bad—which is not a defense at all.

In State College, situated as it is away from most centers of population, there is plenty of opportunity for study but not much else. Particularly is this true of the 65 per cent of the male students who are non-fraternity.

The man who raised the point happens to have the job of hiring and promoting men and he knows that it takes more than knowledge of one subject to win a promotion. He has seen men, hard workers and full of specialized information, passed over when promotions were due because they didn't have the personality and leadership necessary to advancement.

In our crowded rooms where the midnight oil burns every night with never a rest we are manufacturing those men by the thousands. In the process of mass production we've taken the stress off the polishing job that a product needs to make it highly salable.

Penn State men need this polish even more than men in private colleges, it was pointed out. For the most part they come from poorer homes and have fewer advantages. For them college is able to offer so much. And it had offered so little.

The dating code has raised a problem. Coeds can't be guests in apartments. Those who want to drink can't go near fraternity houses. And without money there is not much else to do or many places more to go on a date. Witness the overstuffed and overfluffed dormitory lounges on a weekend.

The conversation turned to cures. Where are they? What are they? Aren't we too pre-occupied now with building classrooms, boosting enrollment, and getting bigger appropriations for more classrooms and more enrollment?

Can't we rest just a minute, catch our breath, fill out this vast, hollow shell we call a college with more of the real stuff of life. Not that we aren't moving somewhat in that direction now, not that organizations such as the Recreation Coordinating Committee aren't tackling just such problems, but can't we move faster?

Why can't the College help the situation by providing a Student Union Building? Why can't students be permitted the recreational facilities they need so badly. If the College can't provide the building, what about the students themselves or the alumni?

The people who don't want a Student Union Building could meet in an Old Main telephone booth. Why then don't we do something about it? Because we have no leader, of course. Let's find one.

Let's find him, say, in the Alumni Association. Let's give him (from, where Collegian doesn't know) enough money to get the College architect to plan such a building.

Let's have those plans printed up with attractive descriptive material.

Let's show people what we want.

Let's show them why we want it.

Then, let's ask them to help us get it.

Let's stop dreaming and act.

Nibbling

At The News

with ROBERT LANE

The First Lady Speaks!

If Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt continues to encourage labor in its "all out" fight against big industry, the President may find himself in a very embarrassing position.

As strikes continue to paralyze the defense program Mr. Roosevelt is playing in a new role for the first time in his career. He is the employer. The President has always been considered a friend of labor, but even friendship has its limits.

In the meantime pseudo-columnist Eleanor Roosevelt tells the world that the industrialists must learn to consider problems from the point of view of the working man. She characterizes the laborer as "the man who, after all, is carrying on the old American tradition of working with his hands."

Mrs. Roosevelt is taking the part of labor and indirectly encouraging them in their fight, while the rest of the citizens are trying to remain neutral, if at all possible.

Last January the first lady overstepped while speaking to a Yale group on the subject, "Youth's Duty to Democracy." She said, "The President could take over Mr. Ford tomorrow . . ."

Since Mrs. Roosevelt is somewhat close to the President and many of her comments are unofficially viewed as giving the green light to labor, the situation becomes more unhealthy everytime she speaks.

It was only a few months ago that she spoke to strikers in Brooklyn and interceded in their behalf.

While the nation is striving for unity, Mrs. Roosevelt has seen fit to play the role of the "Joan of Arc of Labor," at a time when she should be cast as an extra.

She has been severely criticized by the press and by industry, but has turned a deaf ear. Her answer is, "We do not want to keep security for some, and not for all." Which reminds one of the unsavory "I want to be a Captain, Daddy" episode, which she defended.

Never in the past history of the nation has a First Lady cast herself into the limelight as has the author of "My Day." Mrs. Roosevelt has admitted that she likes and works in politics, but her recent barbs against the Republicans for not applauding the President's speech were very poor taste. Especially, since the G.O.P. didn't like the talk.

One wonders if Mrs. Roosevelt would have applauded if the last election were reversed, and Mrs. Willkie had become the first lady of the land. Regardless of party politics, the prestige of journalism would no longer be in danger.

Letters to the Editor—

CAMPUS CALENDAR

A Rose So Early In The Spring!

To The Editor:

I wish to congratulate The Daily Collegian upon its splendid achievement this past weekend in putting out the "fight extras."

This I believe is definite proof that our own daily paper is doing its part in making this a bigger and better Penn State.

I know that this required a great deal of time and effort on the part of the staff and it is one of those things which could have been dropped because it was too much work, so again I would like to offer my congratulations!

Sincerely,
ARNOLD C. LAICH '41,
All-College President.

Another Rose, Let's Start A Bouquet

To the Editor:

I want to extend my most grateful thanks and deepest appreciation to the Collegian for the splendid support you gave the NCAA boxing tournament. Coaches and visitors were generous in their praise of the splendid manner in which the

TODAY

Intramural Spring sports entries now received in Room 213 Rec Hall. Deadline Wednesday noon.

PSCA Freshman Cabinet meeting, apt. 34, 7:30 p.m., 221 S. Barnard.

All fraternities must have furniture out of Rec Hall by 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Thespian show, "The Joint's Jumpin'," Schwab Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Interfraternity Ball in Rec Hall, 10 p.m.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—

"Topper Returns"

STATE—

"The Monster and the Girl"

NITTANY—

"A Man Betrayed"

Collegian covered the tournament. As far as I am concerned, it was "big league" in character.

Very truly yours,
CARL P. SCHOTT, Dean,
Physical Ed. and Athletics
Editor's Note: Collegian owes Dean Schott a vote of thanks for his kind and generous cooperation throughout the tournament.



"OH! OH!

Forgot to write home!"

Funny, isn't it,

how the days whizz by?

No use crying

over unused ink.

A long distance call

will fix things up . . .

and the low night rates

on most calls

after seven p. m.

and all day Sunday

are easy on your exchequer.

After
IF Ball
It's
the
Corner
unusual