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The Student Placement Bureau

One of the things that students wanted but did not get this year is a student placement bureau. The College purposely passed it up.

College monies are never overabundant and the draft has inclined to make it wary of money-spending adventures. It can not be sure how many students it will lose to the draft and to defense industry. As a result it has hesitated on all new suggestions. "Trimming our sails," is the way President Hetzel described the policy last fall.

Today there is no great need for a placement bureau. The defense crisis is creating more jobs than there are men to fill them.

However, the crisis will not be permanent. The need for a placement bureau will be renewed, but then is not the time to establish it. The time to organize the placement bureau is before jobs fall off, so we will have it when we need it.

How long the College can afford to wait before setting up the bureau is a question. Even now there is a need for it as a clearing house for undergraduate employment.

The Elusive Phrase

Success is a word that most men would like to define so as to describe what they have done.

That so many have succeeded is a credit to the word and to man's ingenuity.

In its best sense, success consists of getting someplace, then deciding that is where you wanted to go.

It is the latter happy circumstance that has crowned the efforts of so many people, including even student leaders and student groups at Penn State. To your attention, Collegian especially recommends the highly successful school councils.

More Deans Of Men

Apparently, the dean of men's office will be expanded as requested by the dean and the All-College Cabinet. Provided, of course, that all goes well. The plan is still to be officially approved, but all signs point to its acceptance.

Four reasons were given by the All-College cabinet when it recommended to President Hetzel last fall that two assistant deans of men be employed:

1. Need for leadership in motivating or organizing already existing organizations of student welfare.
2. Need for additional counseling in the men's dormitories.
3. Need of the IMA and un-affiliated men for continuing leadership or advisory facilities to continue progress already begun.
4. Need of a continuous connection between the fraternities and the dean of men for centralization of the study, drinking and dating problems.



In the midst of this world's confusion the past two weeks have seemed almost dream-like. We have permitted the mind to vegetate, and put aside our lethargy only at languorous intervals to absorb cooling beverages and discuss philosophical doctrine with the insects which cluster about our reading lamp. Then, too, there has been a little work done on our Handbook of Bee Culture which we are writing as a sort of sedative to those several nasty moments we spent with Moriarity above the falls. Things have, as you might say, been a trifle dull. But there have been compensations; little things that for a brief moment, stimulate. Consider the awful holocaust which destroyed Metzger's awning. Consider the latest issue of Missie Jean Craighead's literary magazine. Consider the late President Atherton's tomb.

We have waited for nearly four years for the pyromaniacal pleasure of beholding something dreadful happen on Allen Street which we should be able to see without moving from the vicinity of the Corner. This past Sunday saw our patience rewarded, for as we sipped a glass of iced coffee all Hell broke loose as the Alpha Fire Company's whistle began its melodious baying. From every side the brave volunteers came, running and hooting with purely professional glee. Anon, the Alpha's scarlet juggernaut. Metzger's emporium was saved. From an aesthetic perspective, Sunday's blaze had none of the majesty which has attended previous events of that nature. Still, it broke the monotony.

Feeling that Mr. Barney Weinberg had spoken with some justification concerning our comments in the past about the Portfolio, we read the latest issue from cover to cover in what we can best term a benevolent frame of mind. Our old eyes, which are just dark, guarded pits of cold hatred for this damn' December moonlight anyhow, were none too impressed. While our laughter was not a travesty in gold, we confess it had a bit of brass scattered through it. Apparently the sure hall mark of modern literary achievement is that fine old word of French-origin signifying illegitimacy; the more often you use it the more young, and sensitive, and terse, and free your prose becomes. Or vulgar (you'll pardon an old reactionary's ravings) Credit where credit is due goes to Penny Ritts' scholarly review of Mahatma Gandhi; except for a somewhat plethora of footnotes it was, we thought, the best thing in the whole issue. Come out from behind there, Dotty Bosley . . . we know you're not Thomas Wolfe. But do not mistake us please, we admire the spirit which produces the Portfolio and sincerely hope that that publication flourishes. It has a definite and necessary place on this campus. CASSIUS.

Salutatorian



Elinor L. Weaver was chosen salutatorian of the senior class yesterday. (Story on Page 1.)

Letters to the Editor— Lewis Sees Challenge To New Staff

To the Editor: As the retiring editorial board of the new Collegian fades into history, I would like to express a personal word of appreciation to the board for a new and difficult task well done and for the many courtesies extended to the Library. They have left a challenge to their successors. Very truly yours, Willard P. Lewis, Librarian

Jones '42 Elected Head Of Industrial Ed Club

Robert F. Jones '42 was elected president of the Industrial Education Society recently when returns from the preferential ballots by mail were counted.

Eugene R. Stall '43 was elected to the vice-presidency and John W. Struck '44, secretary-treasurer.

Contestants that received the next highest number of votes and to be appointed as representatives to the governing board are, Robert W. Mengle '42, James H. Boltz '43, and Donald L. Yoder '44.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Bridge Club, WRA lounge, 6:45 p.m. New members welcome. Cwen meeting, Miss Stevenson's apartment, Grange Dormitory, 6:30 p.m. English Comp 9 review, Room 305, Saprks Building, 7 p.m. PSCA Cabinet, Hugh Beaver Room, 8:15 p.m. Parmi Nous, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m. House of Representatives, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m. House of Representatives meeting, 318 Old Main, 5 p.m. Archery Club meets, Room 3, White Hall, 6:30 p.m. Cwen meeting, Miss Stevenson's apartment, Grange Dormitory, 6:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Student Radio Committee, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m. Chemistry Student Council, Room 305 Old Main, 7 p.m. PSCA Seminar, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:15 p.m. English Usage test for Lower Division sophomores will be given in Rooms 121, and 10 Sparks building, and Rooms 105, and 3 White Hall from 3 to 4, and 4 to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Press Confab Here May 23, 24

Dates for the annual Pennsylvania Press Conference, largest of three newspaper conclaves scheduled this spring at the College, have been announced as May 23 and 24.

Sponsored jointly by the department of journalism and the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association, the conference this year will center around the theme, "Defending America."

Preceding this gathering by one month will be the annual High School Press Conference, to be conducted by the department of journalism Saturday. Prizes will be awarded to outstanding high school reporters of the state by the P.N.P.A., and the winners of two scholarships to Penn State will be announced.

The other newspaper group to meet here will be the interstate Advertising Managers Association, whose sessions will be on May 16 and 17.

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