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We Make Our Editorial Debut

As the new senior board of The Daily Collegian takes over the editorial reins for next year, it encounters a student body which appears more harassed and uncertain of its future than any other group since 1917.

At this time, another great world crisis is facing the students of Penn State and the long fingers of dissension and controversy have reached into Penn State campus life and again threaten to take hold and change the aspect of student thought and behavior.

What then shall be the editorial policy of The Daily Collegian? Shall we take a stand upon the national and international situation which concerns each one of us? Shall we determine who is right and who is wrong? Shall we blaspheme and conduct campaigns against the inner factions of national and economic groups for their guiding the world of today?

Our answer must be no. We cannot mop up the international wranglings or compete with experts who differ on many major points in attempting to solve the economic or political problems which puzzle us.

Temporary campaigns and issues, which are set up as a standard bearer, soon fade and disappear under the forever changing conditions of the present day. We cannot pledge to support something which has lost its savor or will be outmoded tomorrow. Rather, we must choose a more consistent scope. Our editorial policy must be flexible and unlimited enough to permit us to make decisions as situations change and issues about face. It cannot be confined.

Thus, deserting the traditional platform of the past, we simply assert, "The Daily Collegian will represent the voice of the student. Realizing our limitations, but upholding our right of critical opinion, we will fearlessly and frankly discuss those issues which bear upon students as students."

Out of our backyard of campus relationships and contacts, we intend to interpret, express, and lead student thought along avenues which hub on student interest, activity, and future. If we believe we are right, we will hit hard. If we are wrong, we will admit our error. Our mistakes may be plenty, our policies varied, but we will be consistent in one thing: we will present a student outlook with no attempt to outguess the experts. They do enough guessing themselves.

Prompted by the present uncertainty and bound by a dark future, we will consider it our duty to analyze a little more judiciously, dare to do with a bit more imagination, and look to the future with a little more youthful enthusiasm.

What shall we praise tomorrow? What shall we attack? What side shall we take? We don't know! But one thing is certain. Dispelling the adage that a new broom sweeps clean, we will cling to a simple action-provoking keynote adopted last year. It asserts, "For A Better Penn State."

"It has been well said of universities that they are among the true immortals. They have outlived nations and forms of government. Their task is essentially the undramatic and long-range task of diffusing light and leading among mankind. Without them democracies are crippled. They are themselves as integral a part of the national defense as our arms and soldiers. They deal with the ideals which we must defend and all that strengthens them strengthens the foundations of democracy itself." Harry Woodburn Chase, chancellor of New York University, sees the universities as beacons in times of distress.

THE CAMPUSEER



To Whom It May Concern

Gene Wettstone: You did a fine job on the third All-College circus. It would take a whole issue to recognize the creditable performances of all of the 200 or more participants, but they certainly deserve a hand. (The visiting strong men act was the only thing Campy objected to . . . After "Mr. America" John Grimack twitched his big muscles for the audience, Campy couldn't get near his date for two hours. Hmm. Now where did I put that set of dumbbells?)

Professor Klassen: Please be careful when you take your class on its annual tour of Northeastern Penitentiary. Don't forget what happened last year. After the group of Penn State men and women had completed the tour, the warden said to you, "Remember that young fellow in tier 3 that looked like a movie actor? Well, we had to put him in solitary confinement after he saw the coeds." (Campy was truly amazed when he found that Penn State coeds could do anything like that to a man . . . but all is explained when the warden tells us that the gals were the first thing in skirts and sweaters the unfortunate chap had seen in three years.)

Mr. Roosevelt: Campy (and a few thousand other upstarts in the U.S.) would like to know why the heck the War Department ordered 4,500,000 identification tags for war dead and wounded. Why do you expect to have at least 4,500,000 men under arms in the near future? And while you're at it, tell us why a certain shipbuilding yard is at the present time constructing troop transport ships as fast as they can be turned out.

Better Late . . .

"Goober" Marvin, as his econ students affectionately call him, bustled into his classroom with the bluebook that he had promised his understudies. After distributing the ominous looking sheets to the class and urging them to "get started," he discovered that he had the wrong class. He was an hour late.

About Town

Campus Closeups: Pat Young and Audrey Schoemmel in their Mr. and Mrs. Mystic garb at the Theta Xi dance Saturday night . . . Note to Fear Lab janitor: winter is over now and a permanent temperature of 80 degrees is a bit too high for comfort . . . Now that Daylight Saving Time is here I just can't get over the horrible thought of going to my two 8 o'clocks at 7 in the morning . . . G-77 reports that the SAEs had a field day last week, and with all the honors going to Mac Hall. Pete Rutan had his pin about two hours before bestowing it upon Helen Hall; Dick Swaggert gave his to Sue Clouser; and Don Knatzer's pin now graces Pat Dougherty . . .

Plays Here Tomorrow



Vincent Lopez, above, famous band leader and showman, will bring his orchestra and radio revue to the Cathaum Theatre tomorrow.

Circus Attracts Capacity Crowd

A crowd of 5,000 students, faculty members, and townspeople filled every available seat in Recreation Hall Saturday night to see the third All-College Circus, sponsored annually by the School of Physical Education and Athletics and billed this year as "Penn State On Parade."

Soccer coach Bill Jeffrey acted as ringmaster and introduced Helen B. Cramer, 1941 Queen of the Big Top, and her attendants.

Beta Sigma Rho's skit on "Noiseless Surgery" captured the prize for the best fraternity act of the show. Other fraternity acts were presented by Delta Sigma Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Sigma Nu.

Feature display of the show was Bob Hoffman's weightlifters, who have won numerous prizes in all classes and weights of the exhibition sport. John Grimack, current "Mr. America," appeared with the troupe and gave a muscle-control exhibition.

Appropriation In Senate

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The delay is practiced with all major appropriations to give the Governor extra time to consider them. If he gets a bill less than 10 days before the end of the session, he has 30 days afterwards to act on it. During the session he must act in 10 days.

As it now stands, the bill would provide the College with the exact appropriation it asked—\$5,509,046. This is \$1,134,046 more than the \$4,375,000 recommended by Governor James. Even though passed by the Legislature, the appropriation can still be revised downward by the Governor.

The Senate bill appropriating \$75,000 to the School of Mineral Industries for coal research passed second reading today and comes up for third and final reading tomorrow. If passed, it will be matched by another \$75,000 from the coal operators of the state.

Bell Elected President

At the annual business meeting of the Penn State Glee Club, Boyd A. Bell '42 was elected president, Richard W. Vollmer '42, vice-president, D. Augustus Swope Jr. '42, manager, William F. Christoffers '43, secretary, and Harold E. Farver '44, librarian.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—
"Road to Zanzibar"
STATE—
"Flame of New Orleans"
NITTANY—
"Andy Hardy's Private Secretary"

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Iota Lambda Sigma, Room 405 Old Main, 5 p.m.
Campus Center Club, elections of officers, Room 318 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Important meeting of all freshman men editorial candidates, Room 312 Old Main, 7 p.m.
Campus '44, Room 418 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Druids, Room 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Philotas, Room 302 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Meeting of Ag Education seniors, Room 412 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Portfolio staff, Room 416 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Observatory open tonight and Thursday. Subject this week: "Double Stars." Hours changed to from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Daylight Saving Time.

Informal History Club meeting, Room 7 Sparks, 7 p.m. Dr. Martin will speak.

All Collegian freshmen and sophomore editorial candidates are reminded that Collegian survey sheets are due at the office by 4 p.m. tomorrow.

PSCA Freshman Forum and Council groups, Room 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Baseball game with George Washington University on Beaver Field, 4 p.m.

All sophomore candidates for cheerleading report to Walt Sotung in front of Old Main at 7 p.m.

Tickets for Thespian show, "The Joint's Jumpin'," go on sale at Student Union. Friday tickets, 50c; Saturday tickets, 75 cents.

Liberal Arts Council election of officers, 305 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

Freshman tennis candidates sign up for tournament at Athletic Store before Thursday noon.

TOMORROW

Student Union dance, Armory at 4 p.m.

AAUP, Room 305 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

Iota Lambda Sigma, Room 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Co-Edition, Room 318 Old Main, 5 p.m.

Dr. Birl E. Shultz, director of the N. Y. Stock Exchange Institute, will speak on "The Work of the Stock Exchange" in Room 121 Sparks at 4 p.m. Motion pictures of stock exchange operations will be shown.

Junior-senior reception, second floor lounge, Old Main, 8 p.m.

Conflicts Are Due

The deadline for reporting conflict exams to the Registrar's Office is tomorrow at 5 p.m. Any person having more than one exam scheduled at the same time is required to report the conflict. Any student having three exams on one day may report them as a conflict.

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