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In Defense Of Expression

A word to the wise is generally sufficient. Sometimes it takes more than one word, and often a barrage of comment is necessary. We welcome the barrage.

Such a barrage, critical and complimentary, hit the editorial desk yesterday after the second of two columns written by "One Man's Meat" had been published. Some people questioned the integrity of the Collegian writer; others praised him for his thorough research and two-fisted attack on Lederer and Yougel, candidates for burghess of State College.

The senior editorial board of The Daily Collegian assumes responsibility for all columns which are printed—but, strangely enough, the board may not agree with the writer at all.

This situation may seem to be contradictory. To us, it is the best method. Above all, individual opinion and literary expression is encouraged in this student newspaper. Only when individual ideas are expressed and written can a free press maintain its independence. But, when writers are hampered by limitations and literary bars, the curtain of free expression will fall upon dull and disinterested readers.

We take this stand. What is written by a columnist is entirely his own viewpoint and does not necessarily express the attitude of the senior board. However, what is said in the editorial column does support the policy of the editorial board.

This method allows both individual and staff means of expression to be voiced. It demonstrates the "democratic phase" of an America which has struggled out of a tyrannic birth and is now seeking to maintain equilibrium in a slowly-progressive totalitarian world.

If one voice of dissension arises from our midst, if a single person wants to be heard, we believe by allowing him his voice, public opinion will not die. Therefore, as an editorial staff, we will stand behind him, if not in thought, at least as a medium of expression.

As Confucius would say, "He who stands alone will not be alone for long, for a man who will be heard will be believed."

Hat Men Show New Attitude

For years hat men have become synonymous with freshman customs, football rallies, and a hat-rack for glory-seeking men who wished to show off a bright, shiny new hat.

However, this year a few enterprising hat men have displayed a tendency toward sponsoring improvements in student government and welfare. Instead of making themselves known to freshmen as hard taskmasters, they have endeavored to instruct and help freshmen in campus and non-campus problems.

But the year has only begun. Will the new enthusiasm as campus honor men wear off, or will the hat men realize that through their organizations a wealth of good can be accomplished? Time will tell.

BULLOSOPHY

Of the various types of Penn State coeds, there are two that probably attract the men's fancy most. The first type is unattractive but likes to pet. She gets around like this:

One little, two little, three little "students,"
Four little, five little, six little "students,"
Seven little, eight little, nine little "students,"
Ten little "student boys."

Then there is the attractive type who has principles:

Ten little, nine little, eight little "students,"
Seven little, six little, five little "students,"
Four little, three little, two little "students,"
One little student boy.

While we're at it, we may as well give forth on a few campus ditties.

Sing a song of students
With stomachs full of rye,
And hundreds of professors
Baking in a sty.

When the sty is opened,
The students are unfurled.
Now isn't this an awful dish
To set before the world?

Mr. Professor, quite the impresser,
How does your classroom grow?
With gorgeous belles and cocky swells
And snoring students all in a row.

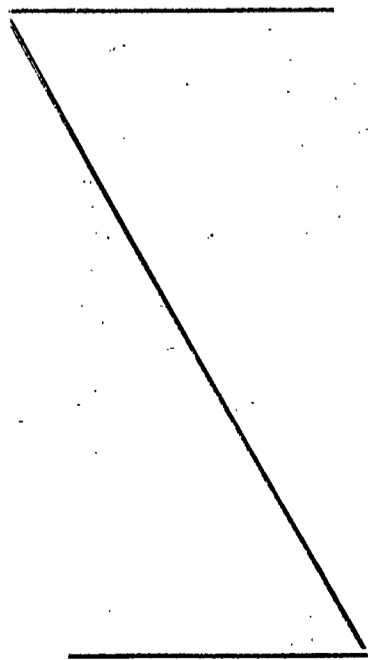
The Penn State jeunesse has lost its finesse
And cannot tell where to find it;
For all coeds prance when they go to a dance,
Wagging their tails behind them.

And now for something a little more general.

One creeps, two wobbles, three walks,
One gurgles, two babbles, three talks;
Four shows off, five has a pout,
And number six's teeth fall out.
Number seven's very quiet;
Eight and nine should start to diet.
Ten and eleven discard their toys;
Twelve is awkward, fond of boys.
From here on the fun begins
Till thirty winds up holding twins.
So thirty-one renews the diet,
Thirty-five begins to sight at
Handsome, younger men.
And forty's teeth fall out again.
And so it goes on up the scale
To number sixty, growing pale.
Here the wobbling starts again
With babbles for another ten.
Seventy-five crawls into bed,
And eighty lies here stiff and dead.
Now here the story ought to end,
But somehow one just can't depend
On women's never marrying men
To start the whole damned scale again.

ALUMNI

As Usual Visit



The Corner
Unusual

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Senior engineering lecture, 121 Sparks, 4:10 p. m. R. L. Sackett, dean emeritus, School of Engineering, will speak on "Ethical Standards and Personality in Engineering."

Candidates for freshman and varsity swimming, Glennland pool, 4 to 5:30 p. m.

Annual Horticulture Show, Stock Judging Pavilion, 7 p. m. PSCA Personnel Committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

TOMORROW

Freshman football, Bucknell vs. Penn State, New Beaver Practice Field, 10 a. m.

Varsity football, Bucknell vs. Penn State, New Beaver Field, 2 p. m.

Varsity cross country, Manhattan vs. Penn State, New Beaver Field, 3 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tickets for the Temple football game at Philadelphia on October 18 will be sold at the Athletic Association window beginning Monday at 8 a. m. Price, \$2.85.

All candidates for the varsity fencing team must report to Rec Hall between 3 and 4 p. m. Monday.

Hallie Harris, supervisor of janitors at the University of Kansas, estimates that in 14 years he has climbed 5,880,000 steps, or a total of 742 miles.

Letters to the Editor—It Was Peaceful Until . . .

To The Editor: Isn't there some way—short of one of your "campaigns"—that you could let the girls of Penn State know that they are overcrowding men's favorite beer parlors in Centre County?

It is my contention that a fellow should be able to relax week nights and over weekends without being subjected to the extra noise generated by these fair young ladies.

Would you object to making an appeal to the girls? Not that they don't do some good things—but we older fellows do like some measure of peace and quiet.

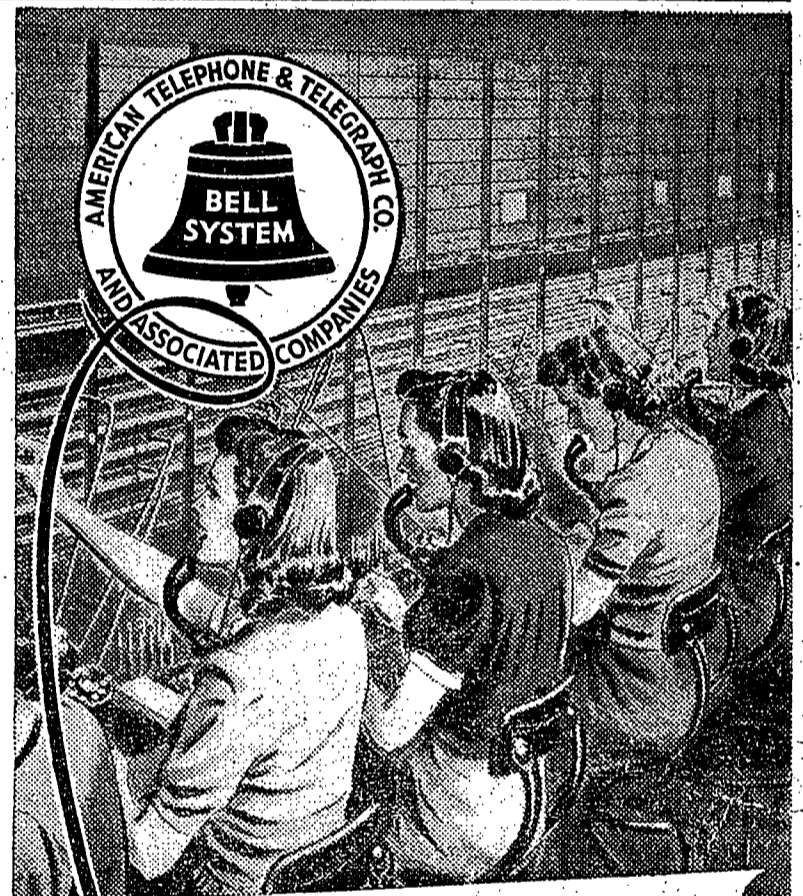
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