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It's Up To You!

An Editorial

Two years ago, the Collegian began its reign as Penn State's daily newspaper. With it was born a service—or better yet, a contribution—to campus life that could not be doubted, questioned, or matched. Today this contribution is seriously threatened, chiefly because the war has disrupted America's economic life.

Frankly, Collegian is in a tough spot, and in all possibilities, may be forced to return to semi-weekly or weekly publication. In all parts of the nation, newspapers are facing the same plight, and many college publications, as well as large metropolitan dailies, are on the verge of bankruptcy.

Decreased advertising volume and increased printing costs are the two big threats that have invaded the newspaper world and caused many papers to curtail publication. The Daily Collegian is no exception, for it too is threatened with financial collapse.

But there is a solution, if the students and the Administration feel that a daily paper is a necessary part of campus life. But first, let's look at what The Collegian has done for the College during the past two years.

Without a daily paper, the average student does not have an opportunity to know what activities are occurring on campus. This point is clearly stressed by two little incidents that happened last week when the Collegian published only once at the beginning of the week. After scheduling a dance for Saturday night, WSGA discovered that it was without any effective means of publicizing the affair. As a result, the dance was not successful.

The other story involves the Naval Reserve Examining Board which appeared on campus during the middle of the week to give physical examinations to applicants. But the Board lacked effective means of publicity; so it also failed in its mission. Maybe you'll still say that a daily paper is not necessary—but WSGA and the Naval Reserve Board will heartily disagree.

In attacking the situation from another angle, it might be well to consider what might have happened if The Collegian had not announced plans for last week's blackout. Without proper publicity, the Administration would have been forced to admit that there was cooperation among students during the blackout. As it was, the blackout was termed "tremendously successful" and commendations were in line for everyone concerned.

From another angle, the Army, Navy and Marine enlistment services have written acknowledged the outstanding support that their programs have received from The Daily Collegian. Through the publicity support offered by the paper, each of the U. S. Service Corps have been able to enlist a record number of men from Penn State. What better argument can a newspaper offer at this time when America is behind the eight-ball and needs all the available man-power and support that can be mustered.

Without a daily paper, the average student does not have a convenient time-table of daily campus activities.

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Solicitors In Current Collegian Campaign Will Meet Tonight

Solicitors in the current subscription campaign of The Daily Collegian must attend a meeting in the News Room, Carnegie Hall, at 7 o'clock tonight.

Senior board members will attempt to explain problems that must be faced and the possible changes that may be made in The Daily Collegian's publishing policy this Summer.

The meeting has been called for all sophomore, junior and senior men and women staff members.

Players' Tryouts Set For Tonight

Actors' tryouts for the Penn State Players' first Summer performance of Richard Sheridan's famous comedy of manners, "The Rivals," will be held in the Little Theatre at 7 o'clock tonight. All interested students, whether they have had any experience or not, should sign up at Student Union sometime today, Prof. Frank S. Neusbaum, director said.

"The Rivals," the second Sheridan play to be attempted here since "School for Scandal," will be presented the second weekend in July. One of the three outstanding comedies of the 18th century, it is an amusing comment upon the social life of the England of that period.

"Although it borders on the farcical, the play will be given with all the color and liveliness of last semester's "Taming of the Shrew," Professor Neusbaum added.

The only other Players' show during the Summer will be the presentation of "The Little Foxes" late in July under the direction of Lawrence E. Tucker, department of dramatics.

Roethke Judges Poetry

Theodore Roethke, assistant professor of English composition and author of the book of poetry, "Open House," has been selected as one of the three judges to officiate at the National Poetry Contest of the American College Quill Club.

Recruiting Drive Today

A final drive for upperclass candidates before freshmen arrive June 8 will be made by Air Force Enlisted Reserve recruiting officers beginning this week, Robert E. Galbraith, faculty advisor, announced last night.

Governor James Gives 60-Mile Lift To Three Student Hitch-Hikers

"Why yes, I'm the Governor. And this is my wife, Mrs. James."

This was the answer to a question by Lynn Kippax '43, one of three hitch-hiking Penn State students who were having trouble realizing that the man who had just offered them a ride was really Pennsylvania's governor, Arthur H. James.

Kippax, Robert D. Scheirer '44, and Orville F. Over '43, on a thumbing trip to Harrisburg, were stranded at Ceiling Grove when a big black Cadillac glided to a halt. A gray headed, bespectacled man motioned them to get in.

Scheirer and Over sat in the front seat with the chauffeur, while the Governor pulled out the auxiliary middle seat for Kippax.

Governor James asked the fellows about the College's drinking regulations, hazing customs, and College morale. Mrs. James asked whether the girls wore silk stockings, slacks, and shorts. She borrowed Kippax' hat and tried it

on the Governor, "Just to see if he'd make a good 'Joe College.'"

"We scolded the Governor for not finding these things out for himself by making a personal visit to Penn State," Kippax said last night. "He accepted the blame with proper meekness, and admitted that neither of them had ever been to State College. He promised to surprise us by appearing at one of our big dances though," Kippax added.

Before the car pulled up at the Governor's mansion, Pennsylvania's chief executive gave the fellows his personal card and asked the students to act as a committee of three to call at the home of President and Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel, giving the Governor's personal greetings.

The fellows have been a little shy so far about approaching the President's private home, but last night they agreed that they'd make the call today. "We've ridden 60 miles with a governor," they decided, "so why can't we visit a president?"

3,337 Enroll In College's First Summer Semester

Two Frosh Enrollees Injured In Smashup

Donald Smith, 18, and Charles Loiacono, 18, both of Easton, Pa., were injured severely yesterday in an automobile accident on Route 322 near Boalsburg as they returned home after visiting the College to make application for freshman admission.

Smith received lacerations of the scalp and chin and Loiacono lacerations of the scalp. Both are reported in good condition. They are in the Bellefonte Hospital.

Officials Okay ROTC Signal Corps

With final approval received from the War Department, Col. Edward D. Ardery, head of the department of military science and tactics is at present busy organizing a Signal Corps Unit to supplement the Engineering and Infantry divisions of the Penn State ROTC.

An estimated 200 sophomores and freshmen from the mechanical engineering, civil engineering, geo-physics, and meteorology departments will make up the unit's enrollment when the course assumes its full proportions.

Already 35 sophomores have been picked to take the course. This number will be increased by other eligible sophomores. These students will undergo a concentrated two semester training and will be credited with regular two-year basic signal corps training in January.

The first group of 25 advanced students will be admitted into the course from the present sophomore class in January. However, Colonel Ardery stated last night that there are possibilities that a limited number of juniors may be admitted with advanced standing if they can make up the required credits.

Both an increase in staff and equipment will be necessitated by the new course. Additional officers as well as six non-commissioned officers will be stationed here. The new equipment will include radio and telegraph sets.

Penn State Club Seeks 100 Upperclass Members

Aiming to initiate 100 new upperclassmen members to its organization, the Penn State Club will start its annual membership drive this week, Ray A. Zaroda '44, treasurer and chairman of the membership drive, announced today.

An organization made up of non-fraternity men, the club offers its members dorm dances, scavenger hunts, bowling parties, picnics, and many other recreational affairs.

Students who are interested in joining the Penn State Club should report to the clubroom, 321 Old Main, any afternoon this week between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m.

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SUBSCRIPTION NOW

Registration Figures Top Former Estimate

Approximately 80 per cent of the undergraduates enrolled during the last school year have returned for the Summer semester, according to figures released last night by Registrar William S. Hoffman.

The total of 3,337 students who registered this week is a 10 per cent increase over the pre-registration estimate of 2,900—a figure drawn from the poll conducted several weeks before vacation.

Registrar Hoffman pointed out that of the three classes only the present sophomore class, with an enrollment of 989, showed an appreciable decrease over the anticipated enrollment. The present junior and senior classes enrolled 980 and 959 respectively, which represents a comparatively high percentage of the classes.

Among the schools, Liberal Arts led all others with an enrollment of 742, followed by the Engineering School, with 629; Chemistry and Physics, with 442; Education, with 404; Agriculture, with 400; Mineral Industries, with 289; and Physical Education and Athletics, with 90.

An additional 236 enrollees were registered in graduate, special, and transition sections. Students who registered too late to be classified, numbered 85.

"Applications for freshman admissions are still coming in at better than 100 per week," stated Hoffman.

Collegian To Fight To Continue Daily

The most intensive subscription campaign in Penn State history will get underway tomorrow, when The Daily Collegian staff begins a last-ditch fight to insure continuance of a daily newspaper for Penn State.

Throughout the country, leading college dailies have bowed to the effects of decreased enrollment, wartime shortages and advertising curtailment. Newspapers once published daily have slowed down to three-times-weekly, semi-weekly, and even—as in the case of the Daily Pennsylvanian—to weekly publication.

Since the Summer semester was officially announced, The Daily Collegian seemed destined to cease its two-year record of uninterrupted daily publication. Last night, however, the paper's Board of Directors decided to continue serving the students as long as possible on the five-times-weekly basis.

The decision, according to the Board, was influenced by the closely-watched results of campus activity last week, when only one issue of The Daily Collegian was published.

Official College announcements could not be brought to student attention and undergraduate groups had no satisfactory medium for announcing their meetings.

The Navy Examining Board, making one of its regular visits to campus during the week, had less than 30 examinations applicants instead of the usual several hundred. Less than 40 spectators attended Wednesday's varsity baseball game.

"The value of a daily paper has been graphically demonstrated," according to the Board. "The

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Campus Groups Back Play Nights

Major campus groups, worried lest Penn State Summer semester students fail to receive enough relaxation this Summer, are sponsoring two play nights as a partial solution to the problem.

Ray M. Conger, play-night coordinator for the duration, officially announced Saturday night and June 13, as official play nights. Operating under a similar set-up as the fun nights held during previous Summer school sessions, the evening and Rec Hall will be turned over to the type of entertainment that will help Joe College and his girl forget exams, nightwork and studying.

From 8 to 12 p. m. both faculty and student body will be able to dance, play various card games, board games and court games under the direction of Physical Education majors.

Play night is being sponsored by the School of Physical Education and Athletics in cooperation with the Penn State Club, Student Union, IMA, WRA, WSGA, Pan-hel, Penn State Christian Association and the Inter-fraternity Council.

Vocal Tryouts Tonight

Upperclassmen trying out for the Men's Glee Club or the College Choir should report to Carnegie Hall at 7 p. m. today, Mrs. Willa W. Taylor, assistant professor of music announced today. Women students should report to Room 211; men to Room 200.

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