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**Placement Progress**

Volunteering that extra touch of service beyond ordinary routine, the civil engineering department has evolved a program of placing its "forgotten grads" that might well be the standard for all other College departments.

The general practice among the College's departments has been to confine its job placement efforts to those about to graduate, forgetting almost entirely about the classes that have been out of school for more than a year or two.

Not so with the civil engineering department. Beginning last year, F. T. Mavis' section of the Engineering School has conducted a quiet campaign to gain and maintain contact with all civil engineering graduates since 1920, classify them according to experience and position, and attempt placement of those in need of engineering jobs.

Informal news letters, sent periodically to the "old grads," request a return of information about the ex-Penn Slaters' jobs, addresses, and experience. Replies are transferred in code to special index cards that can be sorted mechanically for ready reference.

The move, although helping some graduates even now, is designed also to build up within the department a wide range of contacts with the industrial world.

Professor Mavis apparently realizes that someday the pendulum will swing in the other direction—that the civil engineering grads will be doing the searching, not the employers.

The contacts established now will prepare the civil engineering department to continue its placement of graduates when that placement will be more vital to them; the favors done for industrialists now may encourage a similar return; the up-to-the-minute card index will make it possible to sift through the 22-year roll of graduates to find quickly the particular persons best qualified for specific tasks.

"No one to turn to, no one to ask for help"—often the plight of the graduate who has lost contact with his college associates—is being outlawed from one College department.

The civil engineers have set the pace; other departments might do well to follow.

—L. T. C.

**Congress—Friend Or Foe?**

Congress has the college student on the block again.

The 'teen-age draft bill amendment permitting deferment of students until July 1 of next year is headed for trouble in the Senate today.

The bill was passed in the House last Saturday by an overwhelming majority and went to the Senate Tuesday. Debate was withheld until today to permit absent senators to return to the capital in time to vote on the measure.

Washington observers expect the student deferment amendment to be thrown out by the Senate because it was so vigorously opposed by the Army in congressional hearings last week.

Whatever the outcome, it is a foregone conclusion that the issue will undoubtedly have to be ironed out in conference committee before the two chambers come to final agreement.

If the amendment is retained—over the objections of the Army—the college student will receive a six-month breathing spell; if not, he faces immediate induction. And General Lewis B. Hershey predicts the drafting of 'teen agers by the first of December!

Some 4000 Penn State students who still find themselves sitting in The Draft would do well to look over the Reserve opportunities, otherwise they'll be left in the cold when the breeze starts to blow.

—B. M. B.

*The Campuseer*



(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and are not necessarily those of The Daily Collegian.)

It's still not too late to join the rapidly-growing I-Wrote-Campuseer's-Last-Poem-Club; the deadline has been extended until 10:04 p. m. next Wednesday. When we published that poem, a little ditty concerning wolves in trochaic quadrimeter two weeks ago, we gave credit to an Irvin Hall frosh girl. But five guys, including Bob Christoff and Ben Snipas, the Bards of the Penn State Club, have since claimed authorship. Incidentally, we learned that the ballad appeared in the Northeastern (U.) News the week before it came into our hands.

**Advice To Lovelorn Dept.**

Into our hands has come this urgent message of distress from a student at Williams College, Mass.:

"Dear Sirs: This is to inform you that one Florence Kreiger of your freshman class has failed to live up to her obligation of writing me. Please induce her to do so.

"Yours truly,  
 "Disappointed."

So please write to the guy, Florence, will ya?

**Paging Mr. Diogenes**

We've heard countless stories about frosh and customs violations, but this one takes the blue ribbon or booby prize or something... Tribunal Chief Charlie Ridenour received a phone call the other night from frosh Bill Dible, WHO REPORTED HIS OWN VIOLATION OF DRESS CUSTOMS THE PRECEDING NIGHT!

**Odds And Ends**

Our nomination for the laziest man in the state goes to John Moreshead '45, who was seen trying to thumb a ride into town from Rec Hall... Charles Seitz, Acacia, has revived his "Date Nothing But Imports" Club after resigning last week to accept a WRA dance invitation from Mary Jo MacDougal, alpha chi... Jimmy Dawes, ex-PIKA, made the long pilgrimage to this mecca of intellect, culture, and coeds, to visit Rita Belfonti, thetaphialpha.

Mary Battle, ditto, has returned the fraternity jewelry of Rudolph Long, thetakappaphi... The PhiKappas, resplendent in their Sunday best, went to the thetaphialpha sorority last Sabbath for a coffee hour. Everything would have been just peachy and charming—but there didn't happen to be any coffee hour planned for that time.

*We, The Women*  
**Farmers Grateful For Student Aid**

At least 125 of Penn State's 6000 strong are cooperating wholeheartedly with both the nation's physical fitness program and its back to the farm movement.

Under leadership of Sophomore Catherine L. Miller, chairman of the PSCA Rural Service Committee, the group of both men and women students has been giving voluntary aid to local farmers on Saturday afternoons. The movement which was started last Spring by the CA was prompted by the acute farm labor shortage.

There are certainly many more students with free Saturday afternoons which could be profitably used to help farmers pick apples, husk corn, pick up and sort potatoes, and preserve food.

Although they have volunteered free service, many of the groups have been well rewarded. One grateful farmer remarked that as much work was done in the course of four and one half hours by the students as his family could accomplish in two weeks.

Any students interested in de-

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

PSCA Worship Study group meets, 304 Old Main, 4:10 p. m.  
 Freshman Poll sheets due, Collegian office, 4 p. m.

Dr. C. D. Champlin will address Williamsport Parent-Teacher Association on "International Round-Up."

Independent '44 meets, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Campus '44 meets, 417 Old Main 7 p. m.

WRA swimming club meets at 7:30 p. m.; advanced diving class meets at 8 p. m. in White Hall pool.

**TOMORROW**

Engineering lecture, 121 Sparks, 4:10 p. m.

*At The Movies*

**STATE—**  
 "Moonlight in Havana"  
**CATHAUM—**  
 "You Can't Escape Forever"  
**NITTANY—**  
 "Maisie Gets Her Man"

voting Saturday afternoons to a worthy cause may sign up at the PSCA Office, 304 Old Main.

—H. R. K.

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