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## Trend Busters

Penn State is getting a reputation of merit for upsetting trends. In times when freshmen enrollment in colleges and universities all over the country is on the decline, registration figures here show a record-breaking freshman class and a total enrollment almost as high as it was a year ago. Penn State has as many freshman students as a combination of Universities in several big Pennsylvania cities.

Latest trend-breaking move is the recommendation by the Interclass Finance committee that student class dues be reduced 30 cents. With high costs of living everywhere, it is gratifying to note that class treasurers can get along with smaller funds.

The measure is especially good news, to the Collegian. It means that the increase in fees from what was paid last semester will be LESS than a dollar if the student body says "okay" to the Collegian check-off system at All-College elections next week.

And the check-off will be keeping the Collegian a daily paper, run against another trend. The University of Pennsylvania's "Daily Pennsylvanian" has cut the size of its publication in half "for the duration," and other school papers are suffering decreases and curtailment. A daily paper would continue to benefit the students by keeping them informed of campus and world events nearly every day.

Let's continue our trend-busting.

## Surcease From Sorrow

Penn State's accelerated program is going to suffer a setback from the results of this student-styled "big weekend." When the College denied a football holiday this year, it did so because the higher-ups felt such leeway would defeat the very purpose of acceleration—and they were right.

But to face facts—nearly 4200 tickets have been sold for the Penn game to students planning to go to Philadelphia. More than half the student body has officially signified its intentions of taking this holiday, while the other half is determined to get away from State College by any means.

Which all boils down to this—the students are tired of two and one half months of studying with no surcease in sight until the end of the semester, and have leaped at this opportunity to "get away from State" if even for a weekend. No Thanksgiving vacation didn't help matters much either.

The College administration had foreseen such a contingency. By calling off classes for one-half a day, and that day Saturday, they could have given official sanction to a holiday. Fear of burdening transportation however, prevented such action.

With this weekend behind them, students will return to the campus rejuvenated and ready to tackle the final bluebooks that stand in the way of a real vacation. But for the moment, the thought uppermost is—To Hell With Penn. —M. B. D.

## Philadelphia Rep

Penn State students have a unique reputation in Philadelphia. Before last year's dismal battle with Temple, Inquirer sports editor Cy Peterman devoted a complete column to the why and wherefor of the individualistic "Penn State Spirit." Peterman pictured the State men, unostentatious and unassuming, as a group of "underdog" players, who, upon field,



## Lion Tales

Now that those gossip-ridden has-beens have swan-songed their way out of everyone's hair, it's about time we had some new blood, and we do mean gore, injected in the veins of these ink-soaked columns. The Cub having yawned its way into hibernation, we'll do our best with the aid of a few vitamin pills to paw over the dirt as it has done for many a weary month.

## Exit This Way

Before boarding the jalopy, bus, train, horse, or dog team to the Penn game, check over a few of the team followers. If you don't want to meet 'em at the Hofbrau, Little Ratheskellar, Lou's, the Ben Franklin, Bellevue, or the Automat, stay here and keep up the morale of Les and crew in the telephone booth at the Pugh Street Gym . . . Like looking for a razor blade in a scrap metal pile, we've been searching for somebody who isn't going to the City of Brotherly Love—sounds chummy, doesn't it . . . For a complete list of those leaving the Nittany Valley buy a directory which should be out today, 10 cents at the Registrar's office, Old Main (adv.)

## Catching Up

Things have been happening around here, but the boys have been too busy giving their last remarks this week to dig up much . . . Harry Locke, ex-prexy at the delt barn gave his scrap metal to Gloria Knepper, kappa, over the weekend . . . Others now chained are Jane Barton, achio—Joe Steel, delt; Gracie Judge, theta—Smokey Martin, delta sig; Peg Trump chio' gave her Duke football player the purple dart for Bill Matz, kdr; and Doris Taylor, chio, took care of her roommate's date several weeks ago when roommate's family was up, now she and date, alphachisig Chick Dawson are pinned . . . alums Harry Pierce, theta xi, and Elinor Weaver, theta, ex-WSGA prexy, etc. middle-aisled it November 7 . . . retired Judicial gavel wielder Marge Sykes now wears a sparkler from Dick Cramer '40, lambda chi, now in Nova Scotia . . . and Carrie Erbe, kappa, wants it known that she is NOT going steady with Bob Brooks, sae.

Get lotsa sleep this weekend.

—Junior Cub

ready to have a good time without particularly caring who saw him or what he did. The typical Penn Stater, according to Peterman, was one who would wait for hours just to meet the owner of a parked auto bearing a Penn State sticker to say "I'm Zilch, State '09."

It's a valuable, friendly, reputation we have. Let's deserve it. —P. S.

## Neyhart Cites Safety Course

An intensive driver education program in the schools and colleges of the nation has been suggested by Amos E. Neyhart, administrative head of Penn State's Institute of Public Safety, as "probably the only way this nation can escape a serious dearth of trained automobile drivers at the end of the war."

The country is so pre-occupied with the war effort, Professor Neyhart said, that already there are indications of a relaxation of our formerly high standards. Such relaxation, when placed against the virtual certainty of a heavy increase in automobile traffic at the end of this war, poses a serious problem, in the opinion of the College's road training expert.

He said opening to the public such thoroughfares as the Alaskan Highway and the Pan-American Highway at the end of the war would bring a tremendous increase in the number of vehicles and drivers. For the most part, he pointed out, these drivers would come from the pool of young men and women now attending our schools.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

## Politics

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John C. Graf (C-M) for president and Gunnel O. Bjalme (C-M) for secretary, and has entered William C. Humphries in the race for junior class treasurer. Metzger rounds out the second slate to oppose the powerful Campus '45 clique, which three days ago was entirely without opposition.

Running on the Campus '45 slate are Clifford M. St. Clair, president; William P. Douglas, vice president; Joan E. Piolet, secretary; and C. William Sick, treasurer.

Campus-Mixed's '45 slate at present stands at John C. Graf, president; Walter C. Price, treasurer; and Gunnel O. Bjalme, secretary.

## Library Increases State Collection

Mr. W. P. Lewis, head librarian, visited the Beaver mansion in Bellefonte Wednesday to look over the remaining books in the Beaver collection at the invitation of Miss Margaret Beaver '39.

"They were disposing of the collection, and were anxious that the college library should have the advantage of securing needed volumes," Mr. Lewis stated. "We were able," he added, "to secure 50 useful Pennsylvania items for our collection."

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