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## Helpful Students

State College was the scene of one of the most exciting moments in the lives of many students since they have been on campus when the building housing Metzger's Book Store burned Tuesday. Students flocked to the disaster as soon as the sirens sounded and many offered their assistance with no thought of personal glory or harm, but only that of a common cause.

Coeds pitched in alongside fellows to carry books, supplies, sports equipment, and other merchandise from the smoking building to safety and later formed a brigade line to speed the work. Men students and professors were among the firemen who fought the fire with equipment. Paeons of praise are due every one of them.

Some students, however, were bystanders in the sense that they did not chip in the task, but instead, they pilfered the store taking everything they could because they thought it didn't matter or no one would notice. Some campus leaders and servicemen recommended for promotion because of their officer-like qualities were among the looters. Did this set an example for other students and servicemen on campus as well as on-looking youngsters?

Cigarettes and film disappeared, softballs and bats were thrown from one person to another, pens and pencils and slide rules were pocketed, tennis racquets and rifles were carried out, and much other valuable merchandise was lost.

Was it not catastrophic enough that a Penn State alumnus suffer a huge fire loss, but must he endure that of larceny too?

College students are usually considered the select group of young Americans and should be mature enough to conduct themselves accordingly. Couldn't some protective measures be taken by student government to punish future violators in such events? —F.Y.

## Free Press

Recently there has been raised quite some cry over some of the comments which have appeared in the columns of Collegian. Maybe you have been shocked or angry or perhaps you have applauded these columnists. No matter what your reaction, the point is that there has been a definite reaction.

Indifferences to school activities has long been the complaint of Cabinet, WSGA and other organizations. This reaction proves that the students are not indifferent.

Collegian's purpose in printing these columns is not to arouse comment however. There is a more important issue—the freedom of the press.

Whether these opinions correspond with the majority of the readers' ideas is immaterial. They are someone's opinions and as such have an inalienable right to be expressed.

Columnist's opinions do not necessarily reflect those of Collegian. They express one person's viewpoint and should be considered in that light.

If the organization is a good one, worthy of survival, criticism will not harm it.

That is the way democracy works. Americans are fighting for a lot of things they believe in—and not of the least of these is the privilege to say, write, and print what they think.

## Penn Statements

FAY YOUNG

There is one thing that is dependable in State College—the weather. Faithfully every Monday morning Old Sol spreads its rays over the Nittany Valley to last for four days while just as faithfully every Friday Jupiter cries to dampen this place for the weekend. Thus we conclude that the Matrix Dinner programs, replicas of a newspaper, could safely be printed in advance for the affair

was scheduled for a Thursday and the weather forecast was WET! (Ed. Note: Now that this has been written, maybe the weather will change to sunshine for the big weekend before the Collegian is off the press!)

And speaking of the weekend, Vincent Lopez and his orchestra and two o'clock permissions make one of the biggest affairs that has hit State since prewar days. But has it become a rule that beauty contests and dances go hand in hand? At this rate, every coed will be a queen candidate at one time during her college career and the honor and flattery due the winner will no longer be valued.

Navy officials aren't giving out extra KP duties and Ath Hall isn't hard up for waiters. That diminutive sailor you saw scooting around the dining room with a white jacket was just Thumper Barkeley reminiscing about prewar days and keeping in practise for postwar days!

So "The Talk of the Campus" contributes the longevity of one

prof to not reading the Collegian. —Last week one morning a Liberal Arts professor walked into class flaunting a yellow and blue magazine. One of his more conscientious students queried, "Do you read that thing, sir?" Looking at the Penn State Engineer, the prof said, "No, of course not, I just look at the pictures."

An alum, Lt. James M. Lloyd, traded his college class ring for a crust of bread when he was a German prisoner. Several weeks ago Hat Society Council put on a drive to collect money for a new ring for Lieutenant Lloyd and opened the campaign with a mass meeting. The meeting was a failure and the drive was extended until last Friday. Instead of being proud and grateful to alums and every other American who is sacrificing to make college students comfortable, Penn Staters showed only an air of indifference. Here was another opportunity to display school spirit that was passed up.

## Old Mania

By NANCY CARASTRO

Comes time for Maniac to say farewell... Tears from our typewriter and all that... We must say it's been an interesting pastime... Calls from eager-beavers saying "Puhlease put this in".... or frantic femmes wailing "For pete's sake don't put that in or the other two men I'm pinned to will be quite provoked".... Secret conferences with our spies Keyhole, Hearall, Seeall, Tellall and Knownuthin'.... Ah well, now we can become a has-been and live a life of peace and quiet till graduation day....

Just got word from Pfc. Jerry Sapienza about scads of former V-12 Marines who're in California marking time until their ship comes in... to take them out... Lt. Boothman, the blonde Apollo who sang in the V-12 Folies... Lt. Don McNary and the wife living at Oceanside... Lt. Steve Telleck... Lt. Ed Czekaj... Lt. Carl Demeter... Lt. Bill Smith and the Missus, Joyce Ash... Alk Richards and Johnny Slesinger, former gridiron stars... Pete Hood and Johnny Owens have already departed to the Pacific area.

Tech. Sgt. Ted Sandler is coming to see his fiancée AEPHI Phyllis Schweitzer after too many months overseas... Lt. Gerald McDonnell, also a returnee, will be visiting Carolyn Smith... And that's all people.—MANIAC

Master Sgt. Gerald Cook is seeing gamma phi Margie Rude... Lenny Goodman, is in town visiting AEPHI Shirley Pincus... Marine Lt. Earl Johnson, former alpha zeta, and his wife, the former Marian Eberts, AOPI, have been in town.

ChiO Sammp Sampson is engaged to Pfc Jimmy Eppers, sigma nu alum... Frankie Knight is wearing a shiny rock from Ens. Jimmy Fitzhough... Theta Marge Rose is wearing Guy Straub's sigma pi pin... AEPHI Sherry Feldman was pinned by phi ep Mel Levine... Delta Gam Betty Rank and Sigma phi alpha Harry Bassler are pinned too... DG Mary Lou Waygood was pinned by Phi Sigma Kappa Harold Ewaldsen.

DG Ann Startzel will be journeying to Florida to see Ens. Mike Wardrop after school closes... 'Nother little coed is also waiting impatiently for June 21st... TPA Jeannie Jordan will be seeing Aviation Machinist Mate 1/c Jimmy Nolan, who has just arrived stateside... Audrey Kreegar is going down to see Johnny Peters, in Marine Officer Candidate School at Quantico... Rhea Silverstone is leaving to visit her fiancé Lt. Murray Friedman... And that's all people.—MANIAC

## Faculty Limelight

By WOODENE BELL

For the past semester this column has dealt with the faculty and their academic activities, such as writing books and making speeches. But after talking with a great many professors we found that they spend their spare time in many different ways.

George P. Rice, instructor of public speaking, is a tennis enthusiast... John R. Hays, instructor in chemistry, goes in for building model ships... Edward Abramson and Linvill F. Watson, both of the sociology department, collect records of folk songs... Russell D. Casselberry, associate professor of zoology, and Gordon L. Trembley, associate professor of fish culture, like to spend spare moments fishing.

Dr. Stuart A. Mahuran, assistant professor of journalism, revels in two hobbies—magic and woodworking... Edward J. Nichols, professor of English composition, will soon have his first novel published... Professor Nichols is known for his collection of modern jazz... Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the department of horticulture, has been interested in wood engraving since 1926... "Willows on the Water," one of his engravings, has been purchased by an anonymous art-lover for a donation to Glasgow University.

Their pet dogs are the center of interest for Walter Coutu, associate professor of sociology, and Colonel Taliaferro... Henry L. Yeagley, associate professor of physics, likes riding, and was one of the founders of the Block and Bridle club... William Litke, instructor of political science, is a Bellefonte lawyer... William Ulerich, instructor of journalism, also edits the Centre Daily Times. Dean Arthur Warnock writes a "Daily Half-Colum" for the Centre Daily Times... William L. Werner, professor of English literature, is the author of the "Bookworm" column... Nell S. Howerly, instructor of home economics, collects demitasse cuns from all over the world... C. O. Williams, associate professor of education, plays golf... Earl F. Dye, associate professor of economics, likes to hunt.

## A Lean And Hungry Look

This is the farewell column, the last Lean and Hungry Look by this writer. Graduation is like a woman. After turning up its nose for far too many semesters, it will soon embrace us. And then, the passion dead, will tell us to get the hell out and work for a living.

The final column, the one that says goodbye to our readers, is supposed to be written with a tear in our eye and a catch in the typewriter. It is doubtful if we could achieve that depth of feeling, but we would like to say some nice things about a few people, if it would not be stepping too much out of character.

The graduate counselor of this newspaper is Mr. Lou Bell. When something out of order is printed in The Collegian it is on his neck that authoritative persons climb. But Lou never censors the paper. He corrects the mistakes, patches up the difficulties, and patiently tries to hammer some sense into the skulls of the student newspapermen. We think he would rather give up the job of graduate counselor than act as a censor.

And there is a man in Old Main who, many a year ago, edited the undergraduate daily at the University of Wisconsin. Students call him "Prexy" and he agrees with Lou Bell that college newspapers should be allowed to make their own mistakes. He sees to it that Lou can do his job in the way that he knows is right.

Downtown in the back room of the Nittany Printing and Publishing Company there is a linotype named Dick Lukens. For three semesters he has set this drivell on his machine. He has corrected the spelling and grammar, and never complained at the catsup and beer stains on the paper or the lateness of the copy. In the shop with him are Mr. Bill Jones, foreman, and Mr. Bruce Yeager, who have never lost patience with, or faith in, the bunch of shouting kids who clutter up their composing room. They have tried to give to these noisy kids some of the good sense and know-how they learned on many newspapers. All three are princes among printers.

The retiring editor of this paper, Mr. Victor Danilov, was harshly kidded by us in print and in person. But when we stuck our printed neck out too far, Vic went up to Old Main and took the rap for us. As editor he held himself responsible for the bad judgement of his subordinates. That's the kind of a guy Vic is. During his semester of editing The Collegian, he slaved and tried to make it a better paper. We know that the new editor, Miss Helen Hatton, and the new managing editor, Miss Fay Young, will do as good a job.

To the intelligent readers of The Collegian there is little we can leave since it is only our departure they have patiently and fervently desired.

And so— We are not a journalist, but we respect his tradition, nevertheless. The last column must be signed.

B. J. CUTLER

## Front and Center

Dorothy F. Beam '42 has arrived in England for further assignment in the ETO as an American Red Cross staff assistant. Until her Red Cross appointment she was a home demonstration agent at Cornell University.

### Purple Hearts

The following alumni have recently received wounds in combat: Pvt. Joseph C. Holtzinger '46; Don Haider Mowery '46; Lt. Harry Woolverton '43; John (Pepper) Petrelia '42; Pvt. Edwon Birsch Jr. '46; Lt. Francis E. Marshall '43; Pfc. Alan B. Spitzer '46; and Lt. Ray Crispin '43.

### Decorated

Lt. H. Michael Wolfe, 3rd '42 wears the Bronze Star... Lt. Charles B. Scarborough '44 has been awarded the air medal... Lt. William B. Gramley '44 earned the Purple Heart... Pfc. Laurence M. White '45 wears the Bronze Star.

### Furloughs

Lt. (Sr. Grade) Sam Chase '42 is spending part of his leave on campus. Lt. Clark has just returned to the country after 24 months duty in the South Pacific.

Also visiting his alma mater this week is Lt. Lou Bordeck, just returned from overseas service in the ETO. He was attached to the 84th "Rail Splitter" infantry division.

Beta alum Don Kay, a bombardier with the 18th Air Corps is back in town for part of his leave. Don holds the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Capt. Bob Gerhardt, fighter pilot with the 8th Air Force is visiting campus this week. Bob is a member of Major Blakslee's famous squadron.