

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Reservations for the Penn State-China banquet at the State College Hotel Sunday at 12:30 p.m. can be made for \$1.25 per person before Thursday at the PSCA office or with Betty Hosterman at the Beecher House. The dinner is sponsored by the Penn State-China committee and the World Fellowship commission of the PSCA.

Dr. T. Z. Koo, a secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, and Dr. T. H. Cheng of the museum of comparative zoology at Harvard University will be among the guests of honor. Also present will be 21 Chinese Air Force cadets from the Lycoming Engineering School in Williamsport.

Fred Smith Heads Council

The Freshman Council, first semester men's club, elected the following officers at last week's meeting: Fred Smith, president; Marc Del Vecchio, vice-president; John Ashbrook, secretary; Clifford Kelle, treasurer.

Second Semester Club to Elect

Members of the Second Semester Club will meet in the Hugh Beaver Room tomorrow night to elect officers. Candidates are: Wilbur Kraybill, Barbara Keefer, Buddy Thomas, and Joan Wolfe, co-chairmen; Rebecca Griffin, Sally Henry, Erla Mae Johnston, William Shoemaker, and Richard Troutman, co-vice-chairmen; Terry Klosterman and Pat Woods, secretary-treasurer.

Penn State Rats

Dear Sir:

I see by the December 7 edition of The Collegian that those diabolical geniuses who contrive punishment for the Freshman class have scored again. It is regrettable that such splendid brain power could not be directed to more worthy fields. Surely success in any undertaking awaits those who can devise such a penalty as wearing a large sign for failing to wear a small one.

Why does an institution of the standing of Penn State require the wearing of a small sign in the first place? It is my belief that the student body of the College is composed of men and women, not animals or sacks of meal that must be identified by tags.

It is not enough to say that Freshman degradation is practiced in all American colleges. Must Penn State follow along like the rats behind the piper of Hamelin, and with equal intelligence? Why not take the lead in sensible treatment of all students as men and women?

E. C. Atwater

Useless Customs?

Dear Sir:

It is felt that incoming freshmen of each semester should be courteously and warmly welcomed... perhaps in so obvious a manner as having the upperclass members escort the freshmen through the buildings and laboratories and introduce them to the various campus organizations. The importance and perspective of many of the curricula should be explained.

The writer requests, based on rights of citizenship, that those representing him in student government do the following: Bring before the students for vote the abolishment of customs and the introduction of a program that is genuinely helpful to the entering student, upon whom the successful perpetuation of this school exists. It is hoped that a program befitting a mature institution of higher learning will be adopted.

Very truly yours,
William S. Karn

Dear Editor:

Hats off (or should I say slacks off?) to the anti-slackers who have organized this forceful campaign. I am not congratulating them on voicing their complaint about women wearing slacks, because that is a debatable question, but I am complimenting them on their enthusiasm about publicizing an existing condition.

But why don't they use their efforts in changing a more serious and important problem? This problem is the social life at Penn State. Statistics prove that there are more men on campus this year than there have been for several years, yet there are hundreds of attractive girls who sit by their telephones waiting for them to ring. And in the fraternity houses the men sit and twiddle their thumbs on week-ends.

One explanation of this condition is that 80 per cent of the men on campus are ex-servicemen whose average age is 23. They claim the average college girl is too young and immature for them. They are basing their opinions on a few women, and the exceptions at that. Why, they don't even know us! If these ex-GIs would let down their hair, and be the fun-loving, hell-raising, American youths whom everyone envies, they would enjoy being at college much more and get much more out of it.

Saturday the Coliseum skating rink was a scene of an attempt to do something about this situation and even the hike out and back was a social activity conducive to getting acquainted.

I suggest that the anti-slackers forget about the lower extremities of the female sex and think more about building up everyone's morale by planning activities where we can have some good wholesome fun.

Frankie yours,
Miss Smith.

More About Slacks

Dear Delta Sigs:

After your atrocious article attacking our feminine dress, I feel you don't understand the purpose behind our wearing of your, as you put it, pants.

Comfort, warmth, and feeling at ease signifies slacks to the female sex. I am sorry you can't compare our legs with your precious French mademoiselle, but as far as we are concerned you can re-enlist and go back to Mademoiselle from Armentiers.

'A SLACKER.'

Dear Editor:

Girls are justified in wearing slacks because:

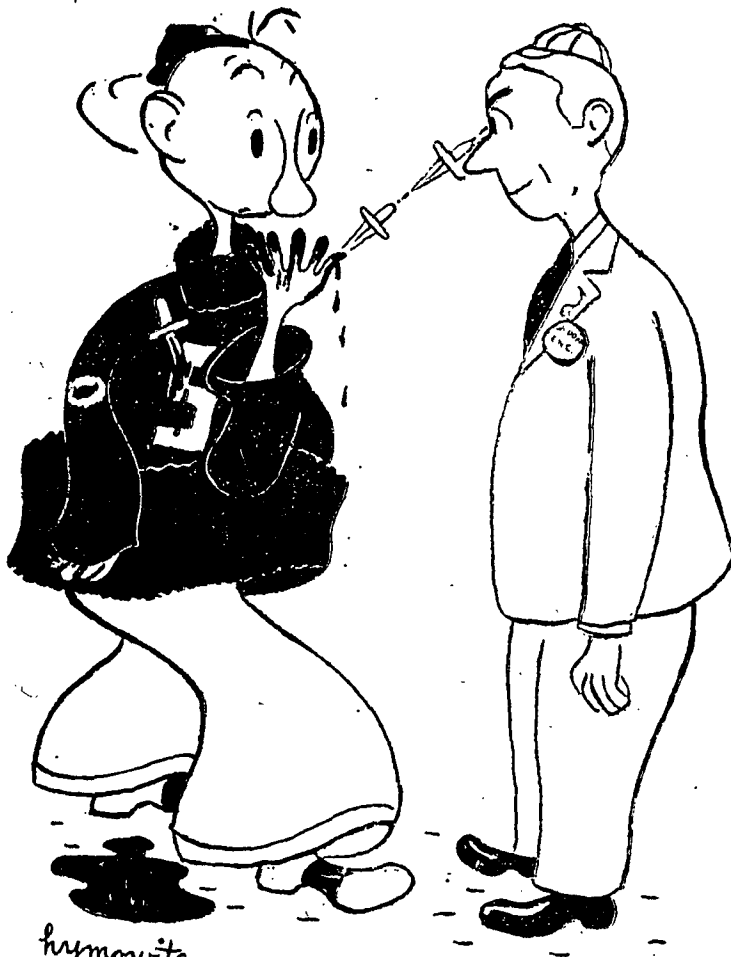
1. There is greater freedom of movement.
2. The quality of materials is not the same as in prewar days.
3. The shortage of certain materials has brought about prices which are far in excess of their value.

Sincerely,
An ex-serviceman

Brunner Chosen To Aid Ag Movie Producers

Dr. Henry S. Brunner, head of the department of agricultural education, has been named to a committee to aid in the production of a motion picture film depicting the work of vocational agriculture teachers, it was announced by the American Vocational Association.

The film, which also will deal with the work of the Future Farmers of America, will be produced by the Sears Roebuck Foundation.



Hymowitz

So you're the one who turned me in to Tribunal!

Prof Fishburn To Serve

Hummel Fishburn, head of the department of music education at the College, has been asked to serve as chairman of the National Committee on Functional Music of the Music Education National Conference.

The three phases of public music that will be studied are musical therapy in hospitals, music in industry, and music in general recreation.

Rabbi Shoulson To Talk On 'Zionism' At Hillel

Rabbi Charles Shoulson of Altoona will speak at the Hillel Foundation at 2:30 p. m. Sunday on "Zionism, What It Is and What It Is Not."

His talk is sponsored by the Brandeis Society under the chairmanship of Bernice Landau.



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Dispensary Calls Reach New High in November

November's dispensary calls totaled 600 above the 1944 figure for that month, according to Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service.

The ASTP unit furnished 127 calls, the NROTC, 229, and regular College students, 3187, to bring the total up to 3543. The dispensary issued 558 excuses during the month as compared to 276 over the same period a year ago.

There were 125 patients treated in the Infirmary in November: 6 ASTP, 10 NROTC, and 109 civilian College students. These students put in a total of 313 bed days in the Infirmary.

Library Fund Started Honoring Gladys Cranmer

Friends of the late Gladys R. Cranmer, assistant librarian who died on August 24, 1945, are planning a memorial collection in the College Library.

"Many persons will wish to further one of Miss Cranmer's great interests—the availability of general reading for College students, townspeople, and faculty," committee members said, in announcing plans for the memorial.

Books purchased will be marked with a suitable bookplate before they are placed in the library.

Those desiring to contribute money and suggested book titles should write to one of the following committee members: Helen Margaret Cooper, 102 Central Library; Martha Jordan Rice, 829 N. Allen street; or Ridge Riley, 104 Old Main.

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