

The Engineer Began This Fight; Collegian Will Win It, Naturally

Somewhere, buried deep in the musty darkness of the Armory lies the head and heart of that useless publication, the Penn State Engineer.

We sent a man over to actually discover the location of this den of evil and ill fame; but he came back after three days of searching through the basements and sub-cellars with not a clue, not even one moss-grown old slide rule. So we asked around campus about the Engineer, and here we give you a strictly unbiased report.

Apparently they don't believe in paying off their staff

at all, unless you count the old trolley transfers and worn out collar buttons you occasionally find some engineer trying to pass off. Instead they bribe them into working by feeding them steak once a month, and looking at some of their agents we think they have a hard time waiting for the days to roll by till the next meal. (There was one person we knew, poor fellow died just the other day, who couldn't quite wait out the calendar this time—it was pitiful to see him lurching about the streets chewing on a frazzled slide rule case.)

Slide-Rule Brawl

Each year, or even oftener if times are tough, they throw a feeble rat race known as the slide rule brawl. The two or three worn and crumpled dollars gouged out of an unsuspecting public by this fraud are divided among the veterans of the staff. Then for a week maybe hunger is pushed into the background and they launch a vicious and virulent attack against the best paper on campus. (Yeah, we know we're the only paper; but they're the only engineering magazine.)

As a magazine, or unreasonable facsimile thereof, the Eng. (let's shorten it so we can say more nasty things in less space) is supposed to make money. Naturally it doesn't. At least if it does they are afraid to publish the amount. We looked up the Eng. in the annual financial report of student activities. It wasn't there. Money or A Magazine

Now that leads to one of two conclusions:—(a) they have no money—which is easy to believe, or (b) they aren't even a publication—which also looks good when the facts are recognized. So what is this campus agitator but an empty front for some terrible subversive group—probably a throwback to the Molly Maguires of the last century.

A little while back the Eng. was all excited over expansion. They were going to get lots of room to store their dead bodies and worn out jokes in. They were going to get at least 15 square feet of additional floor space. They got, instead, fooled. In a rush of excitement they moved from one dark and dreary closet to another—only the new closet had running water.

Eng. Personnel

Enough on the Eng. as a whole, now on to the personnel. The mess is edited by "Red-Rims" Griffith, ME 6. Some people think this nickname refers to her eyes, red-rimmed from study. Actually it enshrines forever in the minds of a grateful college that memory of her devastatingly ghastly red-framed glasses. Ignoring the business manager, we come to the darling of the Eng., Mef Field. Early in the morning she rises, cheerful and chattering. Late in the evening she retires, still chattering. Everyone she greets with a happy, "hiya there", delicately slurred so as to remain permanently unrecognized if we hadn't done research on the subject.

Sitting further down the staff, we find ourselves inspecting Cupid's little helper, or "don't-you-think-they'd-make-a-nice-looking-couple." A Pfahler. This young woman also runs under the pseudonym of "Eyebrowless Annie". A traitor in the Eng's ranks told us that she tears out her eyebrows when studying; so, of course, it must be true. (You know, just about here they could start suing us for libel; but you can see how they couldn't afford to bring suit, at least not on the profits they make. Of course, they

could levy a fee on all the engineering students next semester—but we'll fight it to the Supreme Court.)

Flash-Dickstein

Finally we find some men on the staff. "Beetlebrain" Bennett, socializer Dickstein and drama critic Lennig are fine examples. Mr. Bennett, a well-known figure in the manufacturing of pot-bellied stoves, photographer Dickstein, and squeaky Lennig, just a figure, are the real glamour boys of the Eng. Especially friend Martin, with his red plaid hat, and the "guy from out west", who scrounges around bumming cigarettes.

But now enough. It is obvious what the Eng. really stands for, really is, and really does. So you as intelligent, well-informed college men and women can choose for yourself whether you'll read and believe the distorted, pointless, futile mouthings of the campus disgrace or take for your own the fearless, truthful, and forward-looking Collegian. We give you the facts. The choice is up to you.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

I'M BITTER!

A great injustice is being perpetrated against a very important group of veterans by President Hetzel's priority system for admission to the College. Imagine putting fighting men at the very bottom of the list merely because they had postponed their college education in order to serve their country!

Ex-GI'S Deserve Education

Overlooking these men, many of whom have lost 3 or more years while contributing so nobly to the successful termination of the war, indicates a lack of knowledge or concern about their plight. If other colleges use similar discriminating tactics, a large proportion of these highly-deserving men will be so embittered and discouraged that they will never obtain their well-deserved college education.

Any fair-minded person knows that the majority of servicemen have sacrificed and contributed more to the war than those in the ASTP, V-12, and AAF programs. Furthermore, it is my sincere belief that as a group, the vets who enlisted without college attendance, have served longer and have lost more time than those who left Penn State or other colleges.

Service Should Count

To get specific and personal, if my discharge had come one month later than it did (thus freeing me too late for admittance this semester) my chances of entering in March would be nil, in spite of my 4½ years of Naval service, including over 2½ years of sea duty. On the other hand, my brother, whose 8 months of service was entirely Stateside duty, has an even chance of being accepted for the Spring semester, just because he spent one semester at the College.

Surely, more consideration could, and should, be granted those with three or more years of service, but without any college credits. Don't they at least rate preference over former members of ASTP, V-12, and AAF units, transfers, and Penn State vets in the lower semesters who have served less than a year, or entirely in this country?

Sincerely,
Fortunate Freshman

Hort Club Reorganizes; Elects Duell President

Hort Club was officially reorganized in December and officers were elected for the semester.

Colman Duell was elected president of the organization. Other officers are Cecil Bussler, vice president; Betty Nix, secretary; and Glenn Lease, treasurer.

Inactive for several years, Hort Club was reorganized for the purpose of enabling horticulture students to become better acquainted with each other and with their faculty associates.

First Jeep—

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Trudy's waiting for summer so she can drive with the jeep's top down, although she and Bob haven't quite figured out how to get it down yet. That might simplify the problem of getting in and out, since the door handle is a confusing little mechanism that locks into the canvas top.

Fee Deposit—

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they were for payment of fees. The cashier will accept payment only when the housing questionnaire is complete and after checking the matriculation number. The student will then be given a receipt which contains all the pertinent information concerning refunds.

"It is extremely important that the housing form be filled out carefully and completely as this is primarily a housing census," said Hoffman.

Students who pay the deposit and fail to return for the spring semester will forfeit the money. Only in the case of death in the family, failure to pass, or the draft, etc. will the amount be refunded. All cases of refund are at the discretion of the registrar. Students who fail to pay this deposit as scheduled and later decided to apply for readmission will probably be placed at the bottom of the priority list. This includes students who want to stay out a semester.

The amount of the deposit will be credited to the student's bill for the spring semester. Veterans enrolled under the G. I. Bill of rights will have their deposit refunded about March 11, 1946.

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LAST TIMES TODAY

Betty HUTTON
Stork Club

... TOMORROW ...
EDDIE CANTOR
"KID FROM SPAIN"
Return Engagement

Our Next Attraction
DAKOTA
JOHN WAYNE
VERA HRUBA RALSTON
WALTER BRENNAN

German Food Situation Depends On U.S.—Keith

Food must be imported into the American zone of Occupied Germany if the people are to escape starvation this winter, although the situation is somewhat better than popularly supposed.

That, in short, is the opinion of Dr. Thomas B. Keith, associate professor of animal husbandry at the College, who recently returned from Bavaria where he served as a commissioned officer in the G-5 (Military Government) section of the Third United States Army headquarters.

People in the rural areas will be able to provide themselves with sufficient food for the winter, he says, but those in Berlin and in other urban areas of the American zone will be largely dependent upon help from other areas. Little gardens, similar to our victory gardens, have provided food for many families.

Prior to the defeat of the Nazis the German civilian was allowed 2000 calories of food per day, Dr. Keith points out. With the complete disruption of the transportation system and the disorganization that followed the end of the war, this figure was decreased to 800 calories. It now has been raised to 1550 calories.

1000 Calories Per Person
It is estimated that present food supplies in the American zone of Occupied Germany will provide 1000 calories per person until the next crop is harvested in the fall. The potato crop last year was very good, Dr. Keith explained, but there is a shortage of fats. This is largely due to a lack of coal which is needed to extract oils from the rape seed.

The majority of hogs are raised in the British and Russian zones, he reported, and border barriers and lack of transportation will

leave the people in Bavaria with little pork this winter.

Beef cattle are raised in Bavaria and the lack of shipping facilities out of Bavaria will partially compensate for the pork shortage there. Some beef is shipped to the American zone of Berlin to alleviate a critical food situation there, Dr. Keith said. Sheep raising is off about ten percent in the American zone.

One item that was critically short, according to Dr. Keith, was salt. No stocks had been accumulated, he found, and the crippling of the transportation system left many sections without this very important product.

Marcson To Address Teacher's Convention

Dr. Simon Marcson, assistant professor of sociology, will address a joint meeting of the North Penn Community Council and the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers at Philadelphia on January 10.

He will speak on "The Treatment of Minorities in Textbooks." His talk will be based on research conducted at Harvard University during his leave last year.

Capt. Phillip A. Mark

of Campus Patrol reminds students who brought their automobiles to the campus after vacation that student licenses are compulsory and can be bought in 320 Old Main for \$25. Students who have already purchased their tags are requested to display them.

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HELMUT DANLINE · ALAN HALE

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WANDERER OF THE WASTELAND
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