

Meet Chuckles—Our Little Genius, Our Pride and Joy

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Chuckles P. Droollandglopper, youngest student at the College, hit a four point average last term, according to Registrar Coughman.

Droollandglopper, a fourth semester Chem-phys, registered as a freshman 'cum laude' in the fall of 1944. The College is giving him a full scholarship, room and board at the football house, and a weekly allowance of \$35 for the honor of his accepting State as his alma mater. Harvard, Princeton, and Miami U. had bids in for Chuckles, but he chose State because of the beautiful coeds, in spite of the meager amount of spending money.

Only two and a half years old, Chuckles has an I.Q. of 279, and is the only living mortal who can recite the whole of Paradise Lost backwards in Sanskrit to the tune of "Conchita Banana." His extraordinary accomplishments in the field of science and mathematics have caused Einstein to return to playing tiddly-winks to pass his time away.

But this should not give the impression that Chuckles is not the well-rounded, high-type young American boy. Chuck, as his friends call him, excels in the more manly sports, such as weight lifting and spaghetti twirling. He can lift three tons on the second finger of his left hand. Florellio himself offered Chuckles the opportunity of lifting the Empire State Building last February, but out of deference to the memory of Al Smith, he refused to uproot the memorial.

A Chi Phi, and rumored to be slated for the next president of IFC, Chuckles is quite active in campus activities. He is the power behind the throne of Collegian, Players, and, using several unworldly pseudonyms, completely writes, publishes and edits the Engineer. (Sorry, Chuckles, that had to go in; even if you don't like it, it ain't so bad to do one little thing you're ashamed of.)

Chuckles is widely quoted by eminent authorities on all important matters. Too young to go into war, he suffered without a blumble during shortages of baby food and canned milk.

Caught coming out of his Thermo Dynamics 678 class yesterday (he goes to school seven days a week) and asked about the future of the atomic bomb, nylons, Vaughn Stapleton, and cherry pie, Chuckles responded profoundly saying, "Goo."

Clever Reporter Gets Great Interview With Stogey-Smoking Editor

Climaxing eight semesters of ceaseless toil, an exclusive interview has been obtained with the elusive editor of this outstanding example of journalistic perfection.

After spending months in mustering together courage and weeks in actual preparation of carefully selected questions, this correspondent was finally ushered past the rows of flawlessly-uniformed guards and into her exclusive office-boudoir.

Screams were echoing through the narrow confines of the Carnegie Hall cellar, at the moment, as the editor was playfully pouring salt into the lash-marks of several freshmen candidates; but as soon as I entered she tossed aside her monogrammed salt shaker, put down her cigar, and greeted me with a sneer.

I quickly rushed close to her desk and began firing questions. She puckered her lips and spat.

I ducked.
She spat again.
Again I ducked, but this time I wasn't quick enough. I was covered with Mail Pouch from my windsor knot to my talon zipper.

It was only then that I realized I had been standing in a direct line with the desk and her knitted spittoon. Apologizing for my display of faulty manners I graciously stepped aside.

Again I tried interrogation. She bit off the end of a fresh cigar and began smoking.

Undaunted I tried flattery. She leered.

I pleaded for just a paragraph of copy.

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... For just a word.

Slowly her lips began to part. I heard my breath.

She spat again.

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Chuckles



Semester Fees To Be Refunded

Semester fees will be refunded to all students this week because of a surplus in the College treasury, the Board of Trustees announced today.

After meeting in the Rathskeller on Friday afternoon, the Board decided to put into effect the following points:

1. After counting the fees paid at Recreation Hall on Friday, it was found that together with the surplus in the bank, the College had on hand \$5,000,555,888.02. Therefore, all students will receive refunds on Thursday.

2. Because of various items of business which must be attended to on Thursday, refunds will not be made until night. Recreation Hall be open from 9 p. m. till 2 a. m. for the refunds.

3. Coeds will receive 2:30 a. m. permissions for the occasion.

4. One dollar will be withheld from each student's refund to be used for a Collegian sinking fund. This money will be used for various expenses such as sandwiches, coffee, other drinks, movies, and cigarettes.

"It will be compulsory for all students to report to Recreation Hall Thursday," announced Husel E. Lark, Bursar. "A fine of \$15 will be imposed on those who fail to collect their fees."

Judging from the metal fasteners, a session of the Board was all set for a nation-wide hookup. There isn't as much real danger in a loose wheel as there is in a tight driver.

'Big Joe' Hep; Red Hed Cums

This Article scooped from the wire services by Ben French; developed by Arlie Stober; corrections entered by Woodene Bell; Miss Bell's correction's deleted by Doris Stowe; Original correction stuck back in again; by Mickey Blatz (Hmmm!); and the whole works commented nastily upon by Lew Stone.

In a surprise communique from the Kremlin in Moscow last night, Josef Stalin, Secretary of the Politbureau, President of the Sovnarkom, Chairman of the Vodka After Hours committee of Stanisvoskopol in the lower Ukraine, and Premier of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, announced his acceptance of the Collegian's invitation to speak at the May Day exercises to be held in June at the Stock Judging Pavilion.

Stalin was quoted at the Kremlin as saying, "Comrades, long have I been fascinated by Penn State social life, which I've been following this semester in the 'Bear Edition' of the Collegian, a journalistic monument surpassed only by my own Pravda."

Fearing Stalin might have been emotionally upset, because Chuchichill got to speak at a college camp, while he had to sit home in the drafty Kremlin, a collegian candidate, "Red" Kapusnowick wrote to the Russian leader and invited him to speak at Penn State.

Red Band Practising "International"

Fish Humburn, leader of the famed Red Band, has his musician rehearsing Russian anthems and folk music, as well as the revered "International." The Thespian chorus under the direction of Stud Tellott are planning to learn Cossack dances and every thing is going to be "just peachy," according to Hesitant Pretzel.

Stalin will arrive on the Bellefonte Central, railroad officials announced when contacted last night. Prez Harry Truman has already asked to be engineer for the hazardous trip from the county seat. It seems that Harry, having gained experience on his recent Churchill run, "just loves to blow that whistle."

Cellar To Stock Vodka

"Puppy," amiable prop. of the All-American-Russian Rat's Cellar, will put red table cloths on a tables and is ordering a large supply of the Russian leader's favorite—Vodka. The modest Russian party, which will include several million of the Red Army, will establish their headquarters in the Cellar and will take over all the hostels in the eastern part of the country.

One thing that puzzles the amiable "Puppy" is: "How do you make one of those 'Molotov cock-tails'."

Dean R. U.

On the ball of the School of Aesthetic Chemistry & Physical Letters has just announced that the 3.1 all-college average of Eagenfellow P. Beaverton has gained a notice for him in the latest treatise of Ally Einstein dealing with the relative merits of degrees above the absolute.

We're Not Kiddin' Lost—Origin of April Fool

Foolery, Sir, does walk about the ork like the sun—it shines everywhere—Shakespeare.

Many explanations have been offered as to the origin of April Fool's Day, but there is agreement to none of them. Its origin seems lost in the mists of antiquity. The impression prevails, however, that the custom has something to do with the observance of the spring equinox.

Campus Briefs Or It Can't Happen Here

Beginning today, the price of coffee in the Corner Room will be five cents. The Library will play jive records from 5 to 9 p.m. Beginning this Sunday and every Sunday thereafter the local theatres will show movies in the afternoon and evening. The feature this week is titled "Last Week-end" and stars Bromo Seltzer.

FLASH... it is rumored that Liberal Arts students may have to get up on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings for one hour of class. The Thetas and Kappas are planning to move into the TEKIE hos to help alleviate the housing shortage. The TEKES rebe l. The new subway system starting at the fraterniv section and running underground to Ag Hill opens today. Stations have been installed in every building on campus. Mateer has moved the Corner Room underground to catch the tunnel trade.

Chuck Hill's book store opens today next to the Nittany News on College Avenue. He promises a fair deal on used books. A wise business man establishing an air route from State College to New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh and the rates are within the student's pocketbook.

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Bifenour To Inoculate Coeds Against Wolves

Boiled down into plain English, (you know how these medics love to spiel Latin phrases) Dr. Joseph P. Bifenour's recent press release said this:

Wolves being canines, and canines carrying rabies, all coeds should be inoculated against rabies immediately to prevent a spread of the dreaded disease.

The move has been necessitated by a coed's complaint, sworn to before a notary public, asserting that the said coed was severely bitten the right shoulder while attending a tea party at the TEA House Saturday night. A test developed that rabies was present.

New Collegian Head

Wooden Bell has just resigned her post as editor-in-chief of Collegian. We of Senior Board need a likely candidate. Any Engineer reporter with one semester experience please apply for post any time after this paper is read.

In India the Feast of Huli, which occurs on March 31, has been celebrated for numberless centuries by sending people on foolish errands. One fantastic explanation is that the custom arose from the farcial celebration of the sending of Jesus from Annas to Caiphas, from Caiphas to Pilate, from Pilate to Herod and from Herod back to Pilate at the time of the trial and crucifixion. But this is not taken seriously.

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April fooling became customary in France after the adoption of the reformed calendar by Charles IX in 1564, making the year begin on January 1. It had previously been common for the people to exchange New Year's gifts on April 1, under the old calendar, and conservatives objected to the change. Wags accordingly sent to these persons mock gifts and made calls of pretended ceremony. Nowadays the person fooled in France is called the "poisson d'avril"—that is, and pril fish. Whether this is because the sun is leaving the jodiacal sign of Pesces at the time, or because April fish are easily caught no one knows.

Eighteenth century April fooling became common in England and the early settlers brought this custom to the United States. One of the usual tricks played on April Fool's Day is the interchanging of the salt and the sugar in the dining tables and the time practiced one of placing a purse tied to a string on the sidewalk and pulling it away as soon as someone goes to pick it up.

Another April Fool's Day is here! Will you be "poisson d'avril?"

Meelers and Ketzgers

The Athletic Store, Keeler's, and Metzger's will distribute all college books free of charge beginning tomorrow. This action was effected by All-College Cabinet and the Common Sense club in a measure to boycott the student book exchange, whose prices are too high to meet the needs of the students, announced Gernice Bilinsky, of Common Sense.

APRIL FOOLS DAY

BUT . . .

THIS IS STRICTLY ON THE LEVEL

Our stock is complete with everything from paper clips to books . . . a perfect headquarters for your supplies. .

KEELER'S BOOK STORE

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