

Too Little Knowledge

Where the vale of old Mount Nittany
Meets the Eastern Sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
On her hill top high!

On her hilltop high . . . high and isolated, College students apparently believe in the theory of isolationism, at least insofar as their knowledge of affairs in the "outside world" are concerned. Last week following the showing of a newsreel at one of the local theatres, a cued was heard to remark: "Did you notice the king of Siam's funeral? My, goodness, I didn't even know he had died."

There is always much talk about the value of an education . . . a college degree, but what good will a degree in Political Science do if its possessor does not know what errors are being made in the present day political set-up so that he may correct them? History is a valuable subject and the teaching of history is important, but how can a student go out to teach about the world of the past if he has no knowledge of the history making events of today. It's all well and good to talk about the journalism students of today who will edit the newspapers of tomorrow, but it is to be feared that the journalism students of Carnegie Hall are no better versed on current events in the world at large than their education brothers across the way in Burrows.

The lack is not in the facilities at hand, for papers from New York and Philadelphia and many other places are on sale at the town newsstands every day, to say nothing of the libraries on campus. Main Library has a reading room on first floor. For those unfamiliar with this abode of learning, it's approximately fifty short steps straight ahead from the front portal and a sharp turn to the left. In this room, there are countless copies of the outstanding newspapers of the country free to the public for use. Main Library is not the only place on campus where knowledge of current events is made available to the students. There are several departmental libraries for use by the students within that department.

This is not an editorial to promote the sale of newspapers. There are many other ways to keep up on the news, radio, magazines, lectures. It is unimportant where a student finds out what is going on in this world, but just that he does. Day after tomorrow, upwards of a hundred students are receiving degrees from the College and are going out to face a world of which if indications are correct, they know approximately nothing. How can there be any hopes of a world understanding when college graduates, "the cream of American youth," can leave an institution of learning with no present day knowledge of the world they are supposedly preparing to enter, a lack accounted for only in their own laziness?

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Last things are always inclined to be sad . . . and this week many seniors will be doing last things, a last tennis set, a last visit to the creamery, a last class, a last "coke" date, a last look at Old Main . . . and then Thursday, a last good-bye. For many who went through under the accelerated wartime program, it seems indeed as though they just began, and for others it is just a figure of speech, but to them all Campy bids farewell and though the expression is trite, the emotion is sincere . . . best wishes.

Paintings In The Flesh

Woodman's Hall might well have been the Louvre Saturday night, for there were human reproductions of many famous paintings running around loose. However, reports have it that had Michelangelo or Van Dyck or any other artists arisen from the grave to see Mona Lisa or some such character drinking punch or dancing the Virginia Reel this weekend he would have crawled miserably back into his little cave six feet under, horrified at the liberties taken with his masterpiece. Nonetheless, the students of Hobson Pittman who attended this masquerade ball all agree that it was great fun. But Campy from her private keyhole post noticed Maurie Hymowitz dashing about in a gray version of Grandpa's red flannels, and a little bow tie, and ever since she has been perusing art books trying to discover what he might have been representing. Has anyone any suggestions?

Kappa Wins Contest

Word reaches the Nittany Valley that Mary Lou Miller, nee Sweet, has been awarded third prize in a dress designing contest sponsored by one of the larger fashion magazines. The prize was a victory bond. And in case the Miller is confusing anyone who knew a Kappa June graduate by the name of Mary Lou Sweet, well, it's the same girl, but she's now Mrs. "Dusty" Miller.

No Musical Appreciation?

And has anyone heard about the lonely soul who was fined recently by local authorities for giving a low appreciative whistle at a very inopportune moment in front of the Corner Room. It seems that the object of the appreciative call did not appreciate it.

And under the heading of local boy makes good, is found the item that former Penn State, David Hammond, now an Army Colonel, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Casey, at a ceremony in Tokyo. Colonel Hammond was a member of the class of '34.

Shhh - - Cupid at Work

A pinning and two engagements are in the romantic limelight this week . . . Bob Rittmaster has surrendered his Phi Ep jewelry to adorn the sweater of Janie Hostetter, and Elaine Fehr is showing a rock from Marv Sattler. The other engagement is Paige Heath to Edward Lorenzi.

Such Innocence!

And imagine the amazement of the registrar's office when two dewy-eyed and apparently very naive girls strolled in and casually dropped this bombshell, "We'd like to register for the fall semester." There's only one answer to such a statement . . . "Which fall, miss?" And speaking of being naive, you don't have to be a child to be it. Recently, a certain prof handed back a history bluebook. The hush that always follows at such critical times was interrupted by this innocent remark by a schoolmar'm, apparently unfamiliar with the College's grading system. "What does a minus 2 mean?" Ah, ignorance is bliss, they say. —Campy

Teachers Discuss Plans For Courses Next Summer

Three more days—the hustle and bustle of final reports, bluebooks and packing is already here. Between the banging of typewriters and slamming of suitcases we managed to get a few hasty words on plans for next summer.

Mary Lou Kutzer—"I'll be back at State next summer to continue working on my Masters Degree. There's nothing like the Penn State campus."

Fay Engle—"This is my first summer at State but I expect to spend other summers here finishing my Masters."

Agnes Koster—"I have been at State three summers studying Spanish, next summer, however, I intend to go to Middleberry in preparation for a summer's sojourn at the University of Mexico."

Anne Wagner—"I came to State this summer to get my certification and if I do begin my Masters I know I will start here at State College."

Mary Jane Davis—"This is my third summer here and I am hoping to come back next summer if my plans work out."

Cecilia Wiffman—"I'm not working for my Masters but each course I take offers some new ideas to take back to the classroom. I am planning to take two more art classes next summer."

Phoebe M. Reinhart—"This is my

first summer at State College and I have been taking refresher courses. My plans for next summer are still a little indefinite."

Estelle M. Deemer—"If I get through the two courses I'm taking, I'll start thinking about next summer."

Patty Strittmatter—"I graduated from State in '44 and I'm back this summer for my permanent certificate. My plans for next summer are still rather indefinite."

Catherine Yeany—"I'm getting my permanent certificate this summer and although I'm not definite I may be back next summer for my Masters."

Alice Lum—"State offers so many interesting courses that if I ever took all I wanted to, I'd be here every summer."

Jack Harper

Ag Extension Director Dies

Howard Graybill Niesley, assistant director of agricultural extension at the College, died yesterday at 5:30 p. m. of a heart condition after an illness of six weeks' duration. He was 56.

Mr. Niesley, who came to State College in 1923 as specialist in agricultural economics extension at the College, was graduated from the Shippensburg State Teachers College in 1911. He received his B. S. degree at the College in 1917 and his M. S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1923.

From 1911 to 1913 he was principal of the high school at Palenville, N. Y.; and from 1917-1923 he served as county agriculture agent in Dauphin County, Harrisburg. He was a member of the College agricultural economics extension staff from 1923 to 1927 when he was made assistant director of agricultural extension.

Sandwich Shop

. . . in Old Main will remain open for the first three weeks of the Post Session. It has not yet been decided about the last three

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