

Penn State Press

Back in 1942, when The Daily Collegian was in full swing, hitting the news stands five times weekly, Tuesday through Saturday, an editorial was published within asking the question "Why not a Penn State Press?"

Once more we find ourselves in the same position and once again ask the same question, there being even more reason for it now than ever before.

It was formerly noted that many large universities and colleges maintain their own publishing houses for the distinct purpose of turning out books that are written by members of its staff. Amongst these universities, to name a few, are the University of Chicago Press, the Columbia University Press, the Harvard University Press and on ad infinitum.

At the present time, had there already been a Penn State Press established, students here at the College would not feel the textbook shortage as severely as they do. Many texts used by varied courses here are written by members of the staff, but have to be published by private publishing houses in distant cities. These publishing houses print books written by authors all over the country and thus have to allot only a certain amount of materials on hand to each book, not printing the needed amounts because of the shortage of materials. If Penn State had its own publishing house, all of its materials would go into the printing of books by Penn State authors only, thus assuring students of books for their varied courses.

Of course, the expense of establishing such a venture is great and would require approval and subsidization by the Board of Trustees, but once started it would no doubt serve as an incentive for the writing of books by College authors, could realize a profit, and would insure an adequate supply of texts for students taking courses for which these books are written, not to mention the fact that it would distinguish the College among those universities and colleges that had the foresight to set up their own presses.

Seymour Rosenberg

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Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be turned in at the Daily Collegian office by 5 p. m. on the day preceding publication.

Saturday, Oct. 12

X-G.I. SWEATER Hop, Recreation Hall, 8:30 to 12 o'clock.

WIRA PLAYNIGHT, White Hall, 7 to 9 o'clock.

Sunday, Oct. 13

MASQUERETTES meeting, Theta house, 8 p. m.

ROUND ROBIN Chess Playoff for all chess, players, 8 Sparks, 2 p. m.

INTER-AMERICAN Cultural Center meeting, 407 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Monday, Oct. 14

PHILOTES meeting, WSGA Room, White Hall, 7:30 p. m.

COMMON SENSE Executive Council, 410 Old Main, 8:30 p. m.

CHESS CLUB meeting, 7 Sparks, 7 p. m.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Rehearsal, 117 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "Smoky," Fred MacMurray, today, tomorrow, and Monday.

NITTANY: "Badman's Territory," Randolph Scott, today; "Two Fisted Stranger," Smiley Burnett, tomorrow; "Secrets of a Sorority Girl," Mary Blair, Monday.

STATE: "If I'm Lucky," Harry James, today; "The Time of Their Lives," Abbott and Costello, tomorrow and Monday.

College Health Service

Admitted to the Infirmary Wednesday: David Stauffer.

Discharged yesterday: Ruth Lambert
Vitamins

It is cheaper and more interesting to eat your vitamins in a well rounded diet than to take them in the form of capsules. Be sure you eat every day the foods necessary for health. The Health Service is prepared to discuss dietary problems with you.

DR. HERBERT GLENN, Director

Letters

TO THE EDITOR: Wednesday night at the Pollock Circle area an "election" of dorm officers was held. Undoubtedly many capable men were elected to office.

However, it does not appear to the writer of this letter that the men elected represent the occupants of the respective dorms. It seems that the men were nominated and elected without the knowledge of most of their dorm-mates.

Upon questioning members of many of the buildings, they did not even know that an election was being held; let alone the men that were elected.

I believe that it is only proper to call this election a default, and have another one at which all of the men of the area have an equal opportunity to express themselves by nominating and voting for the men of their choice.

Gripingly yours,
AN UNIFORMED CITIZEN OF P.C.

Here To Stay

For the benefit of those who are wondering, the students on this campus have not forgotten about the Student Union project. Nor will they let those College officials who have the power to ratify the erection of the building forget about it.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the burst of enthusiasm displayed by various groups at the College during the spring was called to an abrupt halt when the summer vacation came at a crucial time, as far as the campaigners were concerned.

The Trustee meeting, at which the important issue was to be discussed, was held in June. A greater percentage of the student body had by that time visualized the untold benefits they could derive from the project, and they began to display their attitude in a manner that was sure to make the right College officials "sit up and take notice."

At the all important meeting, the Union building was discussed, so was the Field House, a \$2,000,000 project, backed by a small group of Alumni. Somehow, the field house, affixed itself to the Union project's coat tails and rode into the Trustee meeting. The College officials took one look at this specific building program which called for \$4,000,000, and proceeded to table the discussion. We believe the magnitude of the two building program scared even the most liberal trustee. What the outcome would have been if the Student Union had been presented alone, is a matter of speculation. Many are of the opinion that it would have been approved.

If the students, not only now, but in years gone by, had shown half the enthusiasm for a field house that they did for a new Union, we might concede that the field house was worthy of its traveling companion. The students have proved time and time again that they need and want a social center on this campus. The field house on the other hand, has a small minority of athletic minded backers, who have proven nothing except that a lot of colleges have field houses and it would be nice to have one here too.

Why the College Trustees didn't use a little discrimination by considering them separately when the projects were before them in June, is still a mystery. The time will come again, and soon, when that same group will have another opportunity to evaluate the project.

We haven't retreated, we're just fortifying our position for another attack

Lawrence G Foster

Edit Shorts—

● On the more sophomore side of Campus capers comes the word about the Sweater queen to be chosen Saturday night at the X-GI Club's dance. No doubt most of the coeds will spend the evening inhaling.

● Discussing the increasing number of cold cases admitted to the infirmary, the nurses decided that more patients necessitate more patience.

● Rumor has it that someone has finally translated the Greek letters graven in stone in the lobby of Sparks. They proclaim to all scholars that classic phrase, "No Smoking."

● A Collegian headline: Thespians Try Talent Tonight. We're glad they finally got around to doing that.

● Campus politics are slipping into action. Could it be that some of the politicians have confused Machivelli with Matchibelli? All we smell are the cunning tricks of some of the candidates.

● "You Can Get It At Metzger's" might be an old password but "If You Can Get Into Metzger's" seems to be the more pressing issue.

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AAUW Fall Conference Convenes at Nittany Lion

Fall conference of the American Association of University Women, Pennsylvania Division, convenes in State College for the first time today and tomorrow at the Nittany Lion Inn. Theme for the conference is "How Well Is Your Community Meeting the Needs of Today?"

Registration will be held from 10 to 12 this morning, with a business meeting of the Board of Directors from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Following the business meeting there will be a tour of the campus and town. Speakers at the 6:30 dinner will be Dr. Althea Kratz Hotel, dean of women at the University of Pennsylvania, and Miss Calliopi Stavrakis, of Greece.

Reports of branch president and conferences among committee chairmen will occupy Saturday's sessions, with Miss Francis A. Pitkin, of the State Department of Commerce, as luncheon speaker.

Mrs. Donald Davis is president of the hostess branch, and local chairman for the convention is Mrs. Harriet Nesbitt, instructor in public speaking of the speech department of the College. Mrs. George Free and Mrs. Thelma Betts will be hostesses.

Rod and Coccus Club Plans Reorganization

A reorganization meeting of the Rod and Coccus Club will be held Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m. in 206 Patterson Hall. Dr. Farrell of the bacteriology department has announced.

Election of officers will be held at the first meeting, and all bacteriologists and medical technologists are requested to attend.

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