

Gotta Light, Bub?

Yesterday's Centre Daily Times carried the story of the borough council meeting this week. While it is not often that students are interested in the doings of State College's "city fathers" they might be happy to hear that the council has at last expressed an opinion regarding the erection of a traffic signal at the corner of Allen and College.

According to that august body, a light there would make more of a traffic hazard than it is at the present time. However, the matter will be studied again and taken up with the highway department since both streets are highway thoroughfares.

This sort of reasoning is somewhat beyond our ken; is the borough of State College going to wait until one or more fatal accidents occur at Allen and College before that corner becomes dangerous?

Or is Council just trying to get the highway department to foot the bill, "since both streets are highway thoroughfares?"

Edit Shorts—

Increasing number of letters to the editor make it necessary for Collegian to limit letters to 150 words. This policy is adopted to allow greater variety and expression of opinion on the part of the student body. Collegian reserves the right to cut all letters written in excess of 150 words.

Chief of Police John R. Juba has been granted a leave of absence from Dec. 23 through Dec. 29 as his second week of vacation this year, according to the State College borough council. Anyone desiring to wish the Chief a Merry Christmas should do so before next Monday.

Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in at the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

WRA MODERN DANCE Club, rhythm room, White Hall, 7 o'clock.

PHI MU ALPHA meeting, 100 Carnegie Hall, 9 o'clock.

AG STUDENT Council meeting, 103 Agriculture, 7 o'clock.

CAMPUS CENTER Club meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:30 o'clock.

FROTH ADVERTISING Staff meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 5 o'clock.

PORTFOLIO Staff meeting, 5 Carnegie Hall, 6:30 o'clock.

NEWMAN CLUB Discussion Group will meet in the rectory, 6:45 o'clock.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "Spectre of a Rose," Judith Anderson, Michael Chekhov.

STATE: "Crime Doctor's Manhunt," Warner Baxter.

NITTANY: "Trouble Chasers," Billy Gilbert.

College Health Service

Discharged from the infirmary yesterday: Marion Deutsch, Cecile Goodman.

College Placement Service

DEC. 18 and 19—Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview eighth semester men from the following curricula: ME, physics, chem. and chem. eng.

DEC. 19 and 20—The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. will interview eighth semester men from the following curricula: EE, IE, ME, chem. eng. and chem.

Thespian Review...

Webster's dictionary refers to a critic as "one skilled in judging the merits of literary or artistic works."

With tongue in cheek, and because others refused to touch the assignment, the editor will attempt to "review" the recent Thespian show, "No Kick Coming." All letters to the editor from that snarling, howling pack who inevitably want to know "Wottin' he makes the editor think he's a critic" should be properly addressed to the Thespian Reviewer so they may be speedily dispatched to the wastepaper basket.

Rather than disguise verbal brickbats as bouquets it might be pointed out from the very start that in many ways "No Kick Coming" did not measure up to last Spring's "No Time for Trouble" produced by Thespians.

The music, for some reason, did not seem to be as effective as in other Thespian shows. Perhaps this was because composers Fortunato and Mellott gave the audience too many numbers to digest. This is one of the few shows which, from all indications, has failed to produce some catchy little melody that the entire campus hummed for weeks afterward. Perhaps a failure to repeat one or two of the numbers was responsible for this.

The show had many highlights, however. One of the more delightful skits was the "Lewis-town Bus" number. The lyrics were highly entertaining and the direction of this number was detailed and exact.

A review of a Thespian show would not be complete without words of praise for the Three Stooges, "Plink" Mitchell, "Plunk" Mellott and "Plunk" Pfelegor. Without malice one can say "The stooges are good—but that Mitchell, he is the best of the trio."

Perhaps it is because he is the smallest of the three, and thus enlists the sympathies of the men in the audience who are always ready to fight for the underdog; perhaps he appeals to the mothering instinct in women—at any rate, Mitchell needs but to roll his eyes, cock his head or gulp in agony to have his audience under his control.

Dick Frontman and "Pepper" Birchard, authors of the book for "No Kick Coming" can be credited with many jabbing lines, a little social philosophizing and an ending that peters out.

In a sense their real guilt is not in the weak ending so much as in the failure to realize that they have enough talent on this campus (as proven by the numerous performances of individual talent in the show) to toss the book out the window and just produce a two-hour show without trying to put in a plot.

A Thespian musical could get along without a story if concentration were placed on individual skits and numbers, development of a continuity so that the pace is sustained and fast-flowing; it would have eliminated the need for a feminine lead, even though Miss Heagy does have lovely posture. It might also offer an opening for individual talent that is not suited to roles in the book.

The singing of Mike Rosenberger (pinch-hitting for Jim Millholland we are told) was good as was the acting of Portman Paget, Henry Glass who enters for a brief moment or two, and Marty Baum. Jim Millholland and Bill McTurk, in case you missed the show, had tailor-made roles—they had but to act as they do off-stage.

While it is impossible to give credit to each person responsible for the success of the last Thespian show it would not be fair to close without some mention of the singing by "Fortchie's Four"—it was good.

Lion Hunt

TO THE EDITOR: Please give resume of the story of the baby lion which was presented to Penn State in the year 1943. What has happened to it and where is it at the present time? Also why can't it be brought back to further the spirit at Penn State?

Bill Hanlon and the fellows of Lambda Chi Alpha feature editor Frank Davis will go lion hunting and trace the lion to its lair for Collegian readers.

German Lectures Honor Simmons

An annual series of lectures, named in memory of the late Dr. Lucretia Van Tuyl Simmons, has been established by the department of German at the College, Dr. Phillip A. Shelley, head of the department, announced today.

Miss Simmons joined the faculty of the College as an instructor in German in 1903 and headed the German department from 1918 until her retirement in 1939. She also served as Dean of Women at the College from 1918 to 1919.

The first lecture in the 1947 series will be delivered by a former student of Miss Simmons, Donald A. Shelley, who is curator of Paintings and Sculpture at the New York Historical Society. He will speak at 4:15 p. m. on Jan. 6 in Room 121 Sparks Building, on "Pennsylvania German Folk Art."

Two subsequent lectures in the series will be given by members of the German department. Dr. Herbert Steiner will speak on Rilke while Dr. Helen Adolf has chosen Kierkegaard for the subject of her talk.

Institute Plans Contest On Industrial Peace

Prizes totaling \$3,000 will be awarded to the five students submitting the best essays on the theme—"Roads to Industrial Peace" by the Tamiment Social and Economical Institute of New York.

There will be a first prize of \$1,500, a second prize of \$750, and three third prizes of \$250 each for the winning 5,000-8,000-word essays.

Deadline for the contest is April 25 with all undergraduate college students eligible. All communications should be addressed to the Institute at 7 East 15th street, New York 3, N.Y.

Medical Association Gives Aptitude Test

The Association of American Medical Colleges will give a Professional Aptitude Test Saturday, January 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All applicants to the 1947 Freshman Class in colleges of medicine are expected to present results of the test as auxiliary evidence of preparation for medical study. All applicants must register before noon Friday, December 27. Registration will be held in Buckhout laboratory, room 210, daily from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Jack Biery's 25 points against Susquehanna in Penn State's opening basketball game, was rated today the highest total enrolled by a Lion player since the middle '20s. The Franklin ex-GI scored 8 field goals and 9 of 11 fouls.

News Briefs

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ing. has been cancelled, Dean Hammond said today.

WSGA Christmas Drive

All women students living at home are requested to leave their donations for the WSGA Christmas drive at the Dean of Women's office in care of Miss Anderson before noon Thursday.

Math Club Elects

Math Club recently elected Vivian Klein, president, Michael Satula, vice president and Marian Doty, secretary-treasurer.

Rehearsal Postponed

The Concert Band (formerly Blue Band) rehearsal scheduled for tonight has been postponed to January 8 at 7 p.m. in Carnegie Hall, Hummel Fishburn, head of the music department, said today.

Home Ec Exhibit

"Christmas Suggestions" is the theme of an exhibit to be prepared by classes in advanced foods and demonstration work under the direction of Edith V. Harding, associate professor of home economics.

The exhibit will be displayed in Room 106, Home Economics Building, from 9 to 5 o'clock today and from 9 to 12 o'clock on Thursday. Christmas cookies and egg nog will be served and recipes for the cookies will be available to those desiring them.

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