

## By The Numbers - - Hup!

—By Lynette Lundquist

A new system has been introduced in the Atherton Hall Dining Commons whereby the head waiters have been instructed to fill up the tables (table, of eight) . . . regardless of the wishes of the coeds who have to eat there.

It used to be that four or five girls could sit together. Now if they request five seats, they are likely to find themselves at three different tables, placed with unknown and sometimes not very congenial dinner companions.

A request for information on the disagreeable but allegedly permanent innovation brought forth the following excuses. It saves time in clearing tables and washing dishes (approximately three minutes per meal according to dietitian's calculations). Time is saved in that the waiters do not have to walk an extra twenty feet to clear tables, at scattered points. Coeds, it will be observed, do not all eat at the same rate, so tables are vacated unevenly under any system.

It saves clearing, on the average, three extra tables, although it will be noted there are just as many plates. Under this method dishwashers are supposed to be able to finish up on time to get to their eight o'clocks and one o'clocks. A check with several dishwashers proved that it doesn't seem to make much difference.

A few girls apparently make a habit of dining late and lingering over their coffee. Why penalize everyone?

A suggestion that another person be hired, someone with nine o'clocks and two o'clocks, to mop-up

and put away the glasses (the tail-end, time-consuming jobs) brought detailed information on high prices. One more meal (which is the total pay the waiters get) would apparently send the dining commons into bankruptcy.

Help is independent. The ex-GI's don't have to work and have minds of their own, according to the dining commons office. Pollock Circle is served and bussed by student help and the men are not regimented and told where to sit. Pollock Circle isn't broke. Maybe it's the ex-GI's who eat there who have minds of their own. Coeds do too.

Dining isn't merely a process of shoveling in all the fine vitamins one reads about. In going to meals one doesn't expect to be herded about like so many cattle turned out to graze, assigned to tables as in a prison or a kindergarten.

Meal time should be a happy time, a time to enjoy the attractive and delicious food always pleasantly served in Ath Hall . . . a time for good talk, friendly jokes, relaxation.

A system designed to militarize meal time and save seconds has resulted in acute embarrassment for the head waiters, annoyance and rebellion for the coeds. The 512 coeds object and will continue to do so.

If coeds are required to wear skirts instead of jeans, to behave gracefully, why let meal time degenerate into mass feeding. One can get that in an automat.



Nittany Pride VI (above), owned by Dr. William L. Henning, a member of the animal husbandry faculty of the College, was recently shown at the 1947 Pennsylvania State Farm Show where she took several awards.

At the show held in Harrisburg, Dr. Henning's Aberdeen-Angus was awarded first place in the Junior Heifer calf class, the Junior championship, and finally the Grand Championship female pennant.

## Beyond the Veil of Old Mt. Nittany

The veterans' co-op exchange at Kansas State, the first of its kind in the nation, became so crowded during its opening day that it was necessary to lock the door at intervals if business was to be carried on.

Cash registers rang up \$1341.09 for the first day's business while 732 customers filed by checking stands at a rate of more than two a minute.

Not to be outdone in co-op ventures for veterans, Pollock Circle Council is seriously talking about introducing a co-op vending machine.

University of Miami announces that it will be the first school in the country to have a full-time professorship in intercultural education. It was estab-

lished because of the need of further study in the field of human relations, due to increasing problems in minority group relationships.

That's like closing the barn door after the horse has escaped—or was it the doo, to the Orange Bowl?

Franklin College, Indiana, has been allocated a former U.S.O. building to provide cafeteria and recreational facilities.

A used Student Union is better than no Student Union—even if it doesn't have a magnificent field house tacked on.

—By Allan Ostar

## Up 'N' Atom

—By Jo L. Fox

David E. Lilienthal, whose appointment as head of the Atomic Energy Commission last October was widely approved by Republicans and Democrats—with the exception of Senator Kenneth D. McKellar—has become the central figure in a muddled political brawl. McKellar, chief instigator of the opposition for Senate confirmation, has fought Mr. Lilienthal ever since the latter resisted efforts in the nineteen-thirties to use TVA as a political football.

The one-man crusade of McKellar, who has distinguished himself in the Senate as an advocate of the spoils system, has developed into a wave of

opposition in important Republican circles.

The outcome of the controversy depends largely on Republican leaders Robert Taft, reported to be against the nominee because of "New Dealism," and Arthur A. Vandenberg, who has so far remained silent.

If all past "New Dealers" are to be restricted from appointments, offices will be limited to Democrats with little experience in public service. How can charges from other quarters that Mr. Lilienthal "might have communistic leanings" stand up under the unqualified endorsements that have come from Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Bernard M. Baruch, Dr. James B. Conant, Dr. Carl T. Compton and scores of others?

In the face of Mr. Lilienthal's exceptional qualifications, his TVA record, his co-authorship of the State Department report that served as a basis for the international atomic control plan, from what does the opposition stem?

Perhaps we may attribute it to fears of public utilities and oil interests that the former TVA director will push atomic energy as a public-owned power source at the expense of electricity and oil.

Or is it merely another attempt to thwart one of President Truman's major appointments? Political strategy of this type should have no bearing as far as Mr. Lilienthal's personality is concerned. Although impossible to appraise the fact of his Jewish descent as another deterrent, it too has been a subject of much discussion.

And how can one help? If you approve of Lilienthal's appointment, write immediately to any of the following senators: Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.); Bourke D. Hickenlooper (R-Ia.); Arthur D. Vandenberg (R-Mich.); Francis J. Meyers (D-Pa.); Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) or Edward Martin (R-Pa.). Address envelopes to the Senate Office Building.

## Letters

### Since When

TO THE EDITOR: Since when are the private affairs of a student considered to be legitimate news to be read by the students of Penn State?

Last Thursday, in an article titled "Or They'll Do It Every Time," Lawrence Foster, news editor of the Collegian, wrote a witty and derogatory column expressing his views on the marriage of the former Miss Sheila Adams. In this column Mr. Foster violated the sensibilities of the reader in several ways.

The article was not news, but rather Mr. Foster's malicious commentary. It would seem that Mr. Foster took this means to satisfy some grudge. This matter was no business of Mr. Foster's and certainly not the concern of the student body.

Finally, the article was in very poor taste and both Mr. Foster and the managing editor should have known that it would be regarded with distaste.

Such reporting represents the worst in journalism and reflects a vicious malevolence not only upon the part of Mr. Foster but upon the Collegian as a whole.

—Gayle C. Gearhart

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## Thespians---

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of Ray Fortunato, piano; James McKechnie, bass; Donald Krebs, drum; Paul Grove, trumpet; and Leonard Dileauis, saxophone and clarinet.

"Fortchie's Four," composed of Fortunato, Tevlie Fortunato, Betty Worrell, and McKechnie, will serenade the Shriners. Other singers are Tad Tomorowski, Virgil Neilly, and Adele Yablou.

The Varsity Quartet, a new group of singers since the last Thespian show, will also entertain. The four are: Dileausis, James Beach, William Parsons, and John Holmes.

## Claude Thornhill

MARCH 15—  
SLIDE RULE BALL

## Collegian Gazette

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

JUNIOR SERVICE Board meeting, Dean of Women's office, 5:15 o'clock.

ALL-COLLEGE CABIN Commission meeting for old and new members, 304 Old Main, 6:15 o'clock.

PSCA CABINET meeting, 304 Old Main, 6:45 o'clock.

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

MODERN DANCE Club, White Hall, 7 o'clock.

HOME ECONOMICS Club meeting, 110 Home Economics, 7 o'clock.

SIGMA DELTA CHI business meeting, 114 Carnegie Hall, 7 o'clock.

CAMERA CLUB meeting, 410 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

CAMPUS CENTER Club meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.

AVC EXECUTIVE Committee meeting, 409 Old Main, 7:30 o'clock.

PI GAMMA ALPHA and SCARAB joint meeting, 303 Main Engineering, 7:30 o'clock.

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

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

### At the Movies

CATHAUM: "Mighty McGurk," Wallace Beery.

STATE: "Plainsman and the Lady," William Elliot.

NITTANY: "Captain Eddie," Fred MacMurray.

### College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Tuesday: Catherine Jones, Sara Pauline Plunkett, Wayne Sheffer and James Sims.

Discharged Tuesday: Frank Hay, Harriet Huberman, Catherine Jensen, Mary Anne Fletcher, Hildreth Rose and William Schiele.

### College Placement Service

Mr. W. J. Riley of the Westvaco Chlorine Products Corporation will be on the campus, Thursday, Feb. 27, to interview eighth semester chem eng, chem, ME, EE men, and Ph.D. candidates in organic chem. Arrangements for interviews should be made at once in 204 Old Main.

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