

Beyond the Pale of Old Mt. Nittany

From the staid New York Times (which prints all the news that's fit to come, an interesting article through the courtesy of one of our readers) which might be of interest to some of our student body.

Forty Williams College students trudged through falling snow the other morning to picket a local barber shop which is charged with having discriminated against a Negro student.

Two pickets worked at a time with different men every half hour; they were served hot coffee and doughnuts and announced that they would continue indefinitely until assured by the barber, that his former discrimination would never happen in Williams town again.

The owner of the shop said that he had always been friendly with the students and he did not see why they were causing him so much trouble now.

He said that he was tired the day the Negro

student asked for a haircut, and that the student had such a large amount of hair that \$3 was a fair price.

He was the first Negro to enter his shop, the barber added. He had no feeling of racial prejudice, but was afraid his white customers would no longer patronize him if he cut the Negro's hair.

No one has yet crossed the picket line and legal action in the case has been directed to the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

It seems that a law in Massachusetts provides that "whoever makes any distinction, discrimination, or restriction on account of color, or race . . . in a barber shop . . . shall be punished by a fine . . . or by imprisonment."

An editorial in the school paper stated that "the vast majority of Williams town's residents will join the students of Williams (a small school of 1000) in condemning this flagrant example of Jim-Crowism."

Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

It's Confusing

TO THE EDITOR: As an observing reader of your publication, one couldn't help noting an obvious contradiction of the supposed policy of the Collegian when looking over the ads in your issue of Feb. 20 (to be specific, a florist's ad on page three).

As I recall, it was Collegian's policy (editorial and reportorial) to favor a no-corsage Junior Prom, due to absurdly inflated prices in State College.

Publicity following the Junior class meeting to decide the issue gave me (and most other readers, I'm sure) the impression that Collegian supported the negative decision of the majority of the Juniors

who voted on the problem.

On the day before the event, an ad appeared stating: "Don't Be Misled . . . Flowers ARE Being Worn for Junior Prom."

In my opinion, no one was misled before that advertisement was printed—the issue was supposedly closed. The confusion certainly did begin at that point, without a doubt.

The subject of this letter may be a dead issue. The Prom is over. The writer, however, in bringing this matter to your attention, thinks "A Better Collegian" is needed before the paper's avowed campaign, "For a Better Penn State," can be successfully concluded.

—Voice of the "Misled"

With The Editor

From a reader of the Daily Collegian comes a gentle slap on the wrist for "an obvious contradiction of the supposed policy of the Collegian."

We will not try to argue that the policy has not been contradictory but some readers might want an explanation.

Since the student body—through the Junior class, the IFC which voted for a no-corsage IFC Ball, and the Engineering School Council and the Penn State Engineer, which voted for a no-corsage Slide-Rule Ball—was against paying inflated prices for corsages, then Collegian was only too happy to go along and publicize the stand of the student body.

Which no one will deny that we did.

But—this is a free country, dear readers. This is the land of the free and the brave and

we in America have always prided ourselves, also, on protecting the rights of minorities.

The florists are in a minority and had a right to present their side. Since the party in question chose to do it through advertising, would the student body deny him this right?

Of course, the next question that might come to mind is "but wasn't the statement, 'Don't Be Misled . . . Flowers ARE Being Worn for Junior Prom,' false advertising?"

No, it wasn't. A check revealed that there were students who insisted on buying corsages for the Junior Prom (and after all this is a free country—who can deny a minority its rights?) so the advertisement was correct insofar as it went.

While there might have been a few readers who were confused and misled, the vast majority of those attending the dance evidently had the right word for corsages were few and far between.

Less than 20 percent of the 1000 couples at the dance had corsages which is undoubtedly proof that there weren't too many misled.

Suggestion Box

Near the end of last semester, All-College Cabinet authorized the placement of a suggestion box at the Student Union desk for a two-weeks' trial period.

It was felt that such a box might enable student suggestions for the improvement of campus life to reach the persons best able to cope with the problem, and thus eliminate many letters to the Collegian editor and much griping among the students.

At Cabinet's first meeting of the spring semester Mary Lou Waygood, chairman of the suggestion box committee, reported on the suggestions received.

Some of the suggestions were for more milk in campus dining commons, steps to be placed on the bank at the rear of Jordan Hall, waste baskets in the second floor lounge of Old Main, more publicity about available facilities and the lack of other facilities and services at the county hospital, and better lighting at the entrance of Rec Hall.

Still other suggestions were for the improvement of eating conditions at the Sandwich Shop (use of tablecloths at evening meals and on Sundays was a suggestion), more publicity about the College along the highway approaches to State College, renewal of the bandstand at Rec Hall, revival of "Hello Week" (without giving money as prizes).

Two suggestions have already been acted upon. One of these was the suggestion that evaluation questionnaires of courses be distributed to students so that they might have a way of telling instructors what they think of various courses.

This idea has already been carried out in the School of Agriculture, through the efforts of the Agriculture Student Council.

Another suggestion that has been already acted upon was that for a crafts shop for students. Provision for a crafts shop has been made in the new building plans recently released by Grounds and Buildings.

Cabinet has agreed to continue the suggestion box, and a permanent place will be found for it. All suggestions will be read by the Cabinet committee, and reports on them will be sent to the groups best able to act upon them.

—By Joan Peters

Edit Quips

Money is being raised by the Georgia Tech Chapter of ODK to finance plans and specifications for a new student union building. They hope to raise ten thousand dollars. Maybe the solution to a student union is having two governors.

Editorials and features in The Collegian reflect the opinions of the writer. They make no claim to represent student or University opinion. All unsigned editorials are by the editor.

Fall Registrants Represent Various Educational Centers

Last semester there were 7800 students enrolled at the College, of which 1495 previously had taken college work elsewhere, according to Dr. C. E. Marquardt, College Examiner.

Many of this number were former students of the College who had studied through the armed forces, or had taken correspondence courses for which they were allowed credit.

Of the 1495 students, 1422 were men and 73 women, 1278 of whom attended classes on the campus last semester while the remaining 217 were enrolled in undergraduate centers of the College.

The students had earned credits at 329 other colleges, universities

and schools, Dr. Marquardt said. Some had attended the Biarritz American University in France and the Shrivensham American University in England. Credits were received from the Armed Forces Institute and foreign universities including those of Vienna, Nancy, Paris, Leeds, Cambridge and the Greek Naval Academy.

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Movies, Dancing, Food

Movies, dancing, and refreshments will highlight an evening of fun with the C. A. Club tonight.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main. Emory Brown, president of the Club, invites all students to become acquainted with Canada in the picture, "Peace River" and with Mexico in "Road South."

The committee consists of James Freyersmith, Anne Dunaway, and Bonnie Lee Sherrill, program; Joanne Hobbs, June Kircher, Marion Holmes, and Helen Ward, publicity; Dorothy Knowles, and Patricia Abbott, refreshments.

CLAUDE THORNHILL

MARCH 15 SLIDE RULE BALL

After The Game . . .

EVERYONE'S GOING TO THE

"Anniversary Waltz"

at

WHITE HALL

Music by
The ARISTOCRATS
March 1st
\$1.20 per couple



Fashions and Food For Spring

What Will the Spring Fashions be—
Shorter Skirts, the Pencil-Slim,
Silhouette?

COME TO THE ANCHORAGE
SAT., MARCH 1, TO SEE

CHARLES SHOP'S SPRING STYLE SHOW

Two Showings Will be Held

12:15 - 1:00 P. M.
1:15 - 2:00 P. M.

A special fashion show luncheon for 50c will be served at each showing.

The ANCHORAGE

214 W. College Ave.

Collegian Gazette

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

Thursday, Feb. 27

SKULL AND BONES meeting, 417 Old Main, 12:45 o'clock.

LIBERAL ARTS Student Council meeting, 125 Sparks, 3:20 o'clock.

PSCA COMMISSION VI meeting, 304 Old Main, 6:30 o'clock.

LA VIE Art Staff meeting, 223 Engineering "F," 7 o'clock.

WRA Bowling Club, White Hall, 7 o'clock.

MINERAL INDUSTRIES Society meeting, of all departments, 121 Mineral Industries, 7:15 o'clock.

WRA Swim Club, White Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

WRA Fencing Club, White Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

BRIDGE CLUB meeting, 401 Old Main, 7:30 o'clock.

NEWMAN CLUB Council meeting, Rectory, 7:30 o'clock.

CA CLUB meeting, 304 Old Main, 7:30 o'clock.

ALL-COLLEGE Cabinet meeting, 201 Old Main, 8 o'clock.

CRITIQUE Circulation Staff and candidate meeting, 5 Carnegie Hall, 8 o'clock.

COMMON SENSE Current Events Committee meeting, 410 Old Main, 8 o'clock.

PI TAU SIGMA meeting, 106 Main Engineering, 7:15 o'clock.

At the Movies

CATHAUM: "Nora Prentiss," with Ann Sheridan.

STATE: "I've Always Loved You," with Philip Dorn.

NITTANY: "Paris Underground," with Constance Bennett.

College Health Service

Discharged from the infirmary Tuesday: Joseph Grumblatt, Donald Hart and John Sheehy.

Admitted Tuesday: Carolyn Rice and Barbara Tehms.

Admitted Wednesday: Diana Huffman, Melvin Katinsky and Christie Post.

Discharged Wednesday: David Adolphsen, Jack Behnken, Lucile Burrell, Patricia Ludorf, Esther Martin, Shirley Place, Barbara Piccone and Leon Rothberg.

College Placement Service

Representative, from the Texas Co. will be on the campus Wednesday, March 12, to interview eighth semester men from the following curricula: ChE, Ch, CCh, Ph, CE, EE, IE and ME.

The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. will have representatives on the campus Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14, to interview senior men interested in selling, credit and accounting.

Precor and Gamble Co. will be represented on the campus Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14, to interview eighth semester men in ME, IE, ChE and Ch—B.S., M.S. or Ph.D.