

# Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

## A Note to Independents

TO THE EDITOR: This is partly in answer to the letter appearing Wednesday morning, February 26, "Defends Independents."

First of all, I'd like to answer the ridiculous charge against the Junior Class Dance committee for not providing booths for the Independents.

The dance committee didn't slight the Independents. You slighted and continue to slight yourselves. Booths are furnished to all organizations (not individuals) whether independent or fraternities.

You people that lack the initiative to join your independent organizations cannot expect to enjoy the privileges of an organization without accepting its responsibilities.

As a point of information, I noticed not one but four booths for independents; one IMA booth, two ISC booths and one Beaver House. There may have been more since I don't have the official facts.

Fraternities don't just have a magic formula by which they favorably control their environment and obtain what they want. They reach their scopes because they are so well organized and active in their organizations.

This article is not intended as a satire, but as an emphasis to the need of independents to organize and thus gain the benefits inherent with unity.

Our American alphabet is just as good as the Greek alphabet. You will find that American-lettered organizations can open quite a few doors for you if you participate.

Don't gripe about the existing evils. Eliminate them. The best way to do that is to get behind the independent organizations. I'm sure the IMA or Penn State Club will welcome you.

—Frank Tidona, President, ISC.

## Letter to Stierstoffer

TO MR. STIERSTOFFER VIA THE EDITOR: In case of doubt, this is in answer to your letter printed March 11.

"Who are you?" was the first question brought to mind.

Consultation with the student directory, the faculty directory, the Boalsburg phone directory, and Chief Juba's arrest blotter for the last semester failed to produce your name. This may be considered an indication that this is your first semester in Pollock Circle.

Obviously you assimilate things rather rapidly. Five weeks is a mighty long time.

In view of your rapid but complete survey of the situation, you no doubt have a very faultless opinion on the hitherto little known fact that the dining commons at Pollock Circle, distinctive among commons on campus, "IS RUN ON A DEFINITE PROFIT BASIS," (and I quote).

I consider your remarks about milk rather good ones, since there is little one can do to spoil it. This is not true with other entrees at the aforementioned concession.

According to those who ate at the V-12 mess recently operated in Old Main, there was a distinct correlation between the poor meals there then, and the deplorable meals here in Pollock Circle now. Is it not strange that the respective managements also have something in common?

—W. F. Gard.

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## Collegian Gazette

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

### Thursday, March 13

CRITIQUE Advertising staff meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 6:30 o'clock.

NEWMAN Club executive meeting, Rectory, 7 o'clock.

FROTH Business staff meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 o'clock.

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

COLLEGIAN Sophomore Editorial board and candidates compulsory meeting, 8 Carnegie Hall, 7 o'clock.

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

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

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

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

OUTING CLUB meeting, 121 Sparks, 7:30 o'clock.

COMMON SENSE Current Events committee, 419 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.

### College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Tuesday: Virginia Gallup, Richard Nailor and Lawrence White.

Admitted Wednesday: Daniel Botkiss, Richard Rosen, Robert Sallade and Sydell Sommer.

Discharged Wednesday: Frank Di Augustine, Amy Kaliney, Martha Ann Koons, Patricia Morgan and Joseph Shein.

### College Placement Service

WALWORTH CO., March 28, will interview eighth semester men in IE and ME.

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., March 24, 25, will interview eighth semester men in: EE, IE, Met. Phy. Cer. ME, ChE, Ch and Met. Eng.

E. I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS CO., March 17 and 18, will interview eighth semester men in: ChE, Ch, Cer, IE, ME, Mng and PNG.

KURT-SALMON CO., March 17, 18 and 19, will interview eighth semester IE and Ind. Psy. men.

## I Drink Coffee

TO THE EDITOR:

Max offers us proof positive: 3,000 bottles of milk are served at Pollock Circle Dining Commons, therefore we should turn cartwheels in praise of the management. I drink coffee.

I signed the petition. I had my meals in State College diners during the College year 1945-46. My suggestion is that the Pollock Circle management hire some of the local chefs.

Max accuses us of libel. He had better check the definition: to be libelous, a statement must be UNTRUE.

I'm not apologizing. I'm still looking for three good CONSECUTIVE meals.

—E. C. Atwater.

## Very Interested

TO THE EDITOR: I greet the announcement that the College is preparing housing for 1000 additional students with a rather pertinent question—

When are they going to take care of the students they have now?

85 psychology students in a classroom with 72 seats; an instructor in mechanics telling the students he can't check daily work as he would have too much to do—he had over 200 students last semester; an instructor in architectural engineering telling his students that "At the present time, there are too many students in this course," certainly shows a need for a revision of college policies and tactics.

The College always has the general excuse or rather statement that "We are trying to help more people get a college education."

It can be said that students here at State are being exposed to a college education. The instructors' impersonal attitude, the lack of a proper ratio of students per instructor, the lack of proper facilities both for learning and recreation, is not giving or supplying us with the opportunity to get the proper college education.

The graduating seniors certainly must be happy when they see what trend education is taking.

The rest of the 8,826 students plus the 1,000 expected next semester, who have more semesters to face, to them my advice would be to select only classes scheduled in 121 Sparks, 119 New Physics, 110 EE. You can be sure of a seat and about all the knowledge or motivation an instructor can impart to you in a small classroom.

—Interested.

## 'Unnecessary, Mr. Honig'

TO THE EDITOR AND RESIDENTS OF POLLOCK CIRCLE: It was unnecessary for Mr. Honig to obtain the help of the press in requesting council attendance of any of the 32 men letter signers of the Pollock Circle Dining Hall complaint.

At the meeting of March 3, 1947, the council was informed as to the previous mentioned letter, its origin, and its contents.

Certainly this was presented through official channels since I presented the views of many of the letter signers myself. Perhaps Mr. Honig should inquire of those on the Council for discussed business instead of the represented groups individually, or be more attentive when presiding over meetings.

Since Pollock Circle was opened there have been many improvements, generally speaking, but according to official Pollock Circle Dining Hall Committee reports there is room for much more concerning the food situation—as to planning and dietetics.

As ex-chairman of the Pollock Circle Dining Hall Committee, I find many improvements since last October, but many things have been left undone although the Council Committee has continually pressed those points for completion. Obviously those letter signers had but one alternative, to appeal to higher officials since their own council had run up against opposition from which they could gain no satisfaction. As to "Instantaneous Positive Action"—that is debatable.

—Edmund R. Koval.

## Expect Improvement

TO THE EDITOR: At the last meeting of the Pollock Circle Council, the 8 representatives of that group of 32 that were requested to appear, presented a report of grievances on the Dining Hall situation.

An investigating committee was formed. The committee, all residents of the Circle, have had previous training in dietetics, food buying and auditing and will work with Miss Pfahl on (1) menu planning and (2) general efficiency improvement.

It is expected that, thru complete cooperation on both sides, the problem will be ironed out.

May I request, again, that all further problems that arise pertaining to our community be immediately presented to Council so that action may be taken.

—Albert M. Honig, Pres., Pollock Circle Council.

## 'Good Luck, Bridge Club'

TO THE EDITOR: The undersigned were interested to note in the Collegian of March 4, 1947 that the cream of Penn State's bridge players have finished the preliminary round of the 1947 National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament.

Some time ago it was stated in the Collegian that there would be a College tournament to determine the teams to represent the school, the details of which were to be announced later. To the best of our knowledge such details have never appeared.

The winners of the Inter-Fraternity Bridge Tournament—Spring Semester 1946—were not aware that teams had been chosen, and no doubt many others were also denied the opportunity to compete for the team.

Perhaps the members of the Bridge club think they are the only people in State College who play the game!

Good luck to the members of the Bridge Club.  
—Harry D. Kutz, William Whitby, Charles Kenyon, J. K. McHugh.

## Out on a Limb?

# Trees Fall For Safety

Is the College cashing in on the high prices being paid for lumber on the present market by cutting down all the big timber on Campus?

Or has a clique of professors decided that since it so hard to meet the cost of living they will use Campus trees as firewood to reduce the coal bill?

As they walk along the Mall, some students view with horror the sight of tall, well-developed although at present dormant trees being up-rooted.

George W. Ebert, superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, stated that these trees are being removed because they are past maturity, and in such a condition are a hazard which might cause damage to students or College buildings.

But don't worry, come Spring and there will still be many a tree to sit under with your... uh... Calculus book.

A landscape architect is now drawing a plan for the replacement of the condemned trees so there will be trees for your children to sit under when they, too... uh... take Calculus.

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From 1921 to 1929, Duranty was a foreign correspondent in Russia. In 1935 he published "I Write as I Please" and more recently in 1944 another book entitled "USSR—The Story of Soviet Russia."

Approximately 100 stage seat tickets will be on sale today at Student Union and tonight at Schwab Auditorium, according to George Donovan, manager of the Student Union. These tickets are 75 cents each.

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