

# Herald of a New Era

It was with sincere regret, a short time ago, that we heard of Prof. Burke "Dutch" Hermann's decision to resign as advisor to the Inter-Fraternity Council.

In his years of service as IFC advisor, Professor Hermann's record was exemplary; hence it was only natural that his resignation would be felt so deeply.

IFC, in selecting a new advisor, was conscious of the need of exercising care and deliberation in choosing Hermann's successor.

Their choice—Dr. Kent Forster—was excellent. The Fraternities are to be congratulated. There are few men on this campus as ideal a choice as this promising young historian.

While it is true that Forster lacks experience in this particular field, his other assets

more than off-set and nullify any disadvantage that might have been created.

Young, energetic and enthusiastic, Forster promises to stand out as a strong influence and force in helping fraternities during these troublesome post-war years.

While he has gone on record as feeling that man is a product of the era in which he lives we feel that he is one of the newer additions to the Faculty of the College who will be responsible for creating a new era in the Nittany Valley.

We wish him luck and never-failing strength in the job before him—that of building a strong IFC and of battling against the mountain of red-tape, inertia and apathy that mark the end of a passing era.

## Interpretation of the Rules?

It is always encouraging to see the College revising and changing student regulations.

Regardless of the fact that the revisions may not change student life greatly, action on the part of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare shows that they are at least thinking about the welfare of the student body and that they are trying to do something about it.

But being young, critical and even cynical (all faults of tenderness of age) we wonder about the latest change in rule 95 in student regulations.

Without getting into the age-old argument about whether there is "to be or not to be" any mixed drinking in our fair community we prefer to ask some other questions:

(1) Under one interpretation of the ruling that we make, it seems that there will be absolutely no drinking allowed at social affairs at all. We refer to the line that reads, "The College forbids the serving or use of alcoholic beverages at any social function in which minors or women students are participating."

We wonder, therefore, what provisions have been made to increase the Campus Patrol, or Chief Juba's police force to handle an increase in (a) drinking in Bellefonte and the subsequent increase in automobile accidents, (b) drinking in parked cars, backyards and in apartments.

(2) We are somewhat confused by another section of this same rule. If it is true that the Women's Student Government Association has gone on record as "disapproving drinking by women students and reserving the right to punish violators," then why are the fraternities being held responsible for the conduct of women coeds?

Since the women have gone on record as disapproving of drinking, was it necessary to stick in such a clause? Surely the women wouldn't say that they're against drinking and then break it.

And even admitting that there might be a few violators, can't these transgressors be handled by the Dean of Women's office without holding an entire fraternity responsible for the conduct of one or two women?

Our cynicism is summed up in the pessimistic phrase, "it ain't agonna work."

Speaking as a student (an independent one, incidentally), we are not impressed by any fancy rules that are issued.

Our government discovered that all the "thou shall nots" in the world did not keep people (who wanted to) from drinking during prohibition.

We don't think that the amount of alcoholic beverages consumed by older students will decrease; in fact we look for an increase.

We only pray, however, that no ugly scandals crop up as a result of this ruling "for a better Penn State."

(3) Perhaps rule 95 means that fraternities may serve alcoholic beverages if they are kept out of the hands of minors and coeds? If so, why not tell the students that this interpretation is allowed?

Such an interpretation would not mean that the College was condoning drinking, and it would help keep many students out of serious trouble, even though the strait-laced element and WCTU would bellow that the College is approving of drinking.

## Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

### Good Sportsmanship

TO THE EDITOR: This is a letter to the student body of Penn State. I hope it will not reflect on the Virginia boxing team.

We students have just heard Penn State's response to Barnett's victory over Cassidy. We, listening to the fights down here, have never heard such a display of poor sportsmanship over a clear-cut victory.

Your school acting as host for the matches makes your conduct doubly reproachable.

It is in direct contrast to the ovation we gave the Penn State boys whether they won or lost, as any of the Penn State boxers will verify.

We don't think it is consistent with the spirit of

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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.

**Friday, March 14**  
FROTH'S-Friday-at-Five Club, usual place, usual time.

**Sunday, March 16**  
NEWMAN CLUB Mixer, Woodman's Hall, 3 to 5 o'clock.

**Monday, March 17**  
PENN STATE Club meeting, 321 Old Main, 7 o'clock.  
4-H Club meeting, 304 Old Main, 7:30 o'clock.

### College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Wednesday: Charles Hoyse, Richard Larrabee and James McClauery.  
Discharged Wednesday: Joseph Shafran.  
Admitted Thursday: Claude Kissin, Paul Malley and Wendell Stratton.  
Discharged Thursday: Jeanne Haxton, William Junk, James Neyhart and Margaret Seyhart.

### 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.  
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good sportsmanship, especially when your school is acting as host, and the victory—a knockout—was so decisive.

I'm sure this letter speaks for all boxing fans who like good boxing and good sportsmanship no matter what school the boys are from.

—Robert F. Mapes and 15 others.  
University, Va.

### Mr. Ross Replies

TO THE EDITOR: A means of answering an argument is the confusing of the issue.

That is what several people have tried. Rather than carry on an unending cycle, I would like to clarify a few points so that even Zuccarini, Reid, Green and company will understand them.

Undoubtedly, you "satisfieds" have raised your standings in the coed registry, which should in turn increase your satisfaction. It is quite probable that your main reason in answering was that social gain.

And it is also probable that your main reason for being at Penn State is for the "country club."

You're wrong about my wasting time. In that respect, you are well-matched with those coeds whose company you are pleased with.

But it happens that those same coeds are numerous enough to overshadow the other coeds, which was my original point.

It would be fitting that you lovers and snow kings and beauties should form your own community called Penn-State-in-Hollywood. There you wouldn't be annoyed with classes, would have numerous unusual Corner Rooms, all men could grow mustaches and, most important, a different coed could be queen every day since each is worthy of that honor.

When do they give out cushions for Corner Room window seats?

—S. Ross.

### Propaganda?

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to that bit of letter-propaganda published in the Collegian concerning the State Party:

We already have a party that has put fraternities and independents on an equal basis. This party is not backed up by "one, two, or three groups and thus throwing more influence than their number deserves."

The State Party cannot present us with "party politics on a truly democratic basis for the first time" in Penn State's history because we've already had it. In fact, we have it now!

The present Student Government, which is composed of the class officers and other representatives, is the most efficient one that Penn State has ever had.

All that the Nittany Independent Party has to do to get our votes is to renew its policies of last semester.

—Five Independents:  
Franc S. Barstok, Mickie Blinn,  
Yance Klepper, Charles Bateman,  
Frank St. Vincent

## Regulations—

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sent from a final examination on account of illness, illness at home, or other equally important reason, may have his grade deferred upon authorization of the Dean of the school in which he is registered.

### Deferred Grades

The period during which a grade may be deferred shall not, without special action, exceed four weeks from the beginning of the succeeding semester. If at the end of the period a student has neither completed the work nor secured an extension, rule 39 shall apply.

Rule 39. When a student is absent from a final examination without a reason which would entitle him to a deferred grade, the instructor shall report, as a result of the student's absence, a grade of -1 or -2. In such a case the letters "AB" shall be added to the grade.

### Special Exams

Rule 40. Special examinations for removal of failures shall be given only under extraordinary circumstances and then only on the written approval of the head of the department and the dean of the school in which the course is given and of the student's dean.

Such examination may be graded no higher than (0) and this shall be the final grade for the course. The reported grade shall be accompanied by the letters "Sp. Ex." indicating that it is the result of a special examination.

### Failures

Rule 52. A student who receives failures in 50 per cent or more of his scheduled work during any semester shall be automatically dropped from college for unsatisfactory scholarship.

Rule 56. The College Examiner is not to admit a student from another college who had been dropped by the Pennsylvania State College for poor scholarship or for any other cause without the approval of the Dean of the

School in which the student wishes to enter.

### Dishonesty

Rule 87. The College regards all acts of dishonesty as deserving severe punishment. Any dishonest act is to be reported to the Dean of the School in which the student committing the act is enrolled, through the Dean of the School in which the dishonest act was committed.

Rule 88. The College cannot excuse wanton destruction or injury of property.

### Dances

Rule 94. Dances given by student organizations shall be subject to the following regulations: (a) Dances may be given only in places approved by the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women. (b) Evening dances may be held only on Friday and Saturday nights and on nights before holidays.

(c) Dances, except class and all-college dances, shall not continue later than 12 o'clock midnight without special permission from the Committee on Student (Continued on page eight)

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