

## Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

### It Seems to Me . . .

TO THE EDITOR: It seems as though both campus political parties are losing sight of the fact that there are also other organizations that have to carry on functions while they are campaigning. Although we would not like to see their means of publicizing candidates obstructed, a word against their present policy is needed.

When, because of these political movements, other organizations are hurt, it is time to stop such activities. The practice of removing signs of other organizations and replacing them with those of a political nature is not what could be considered a fair one by any standards.

The non-political organizations do not have large publicity staffs that can check every fifteen minutes or few seconds to see if their signs or posters are in place. These organizations carry out functions that are of service and interest to students; and the political parties, in an effort to promote candidates, should easily recognize this situation.

We sincerely hope that these childish activities will stop and that politics at Penn State will be carried out in a clean manner.

—American Veterans Committee, Penn State Chapter.

### Saturday Night

TO THE EDITOR: Saturday night! Fun-Night at Rec Hall. The men of Pollock Circle called a council of war. The question at hand—"Are we, the men of Pollock Circle, to be branded as anti-social, hermits in the wilderness beyond Shortridge Road?"

A quick muster was called and we prepared for the hazardous undertaking of braving the herds of mountain goats and falling into immeasurable depths created by the steam shovels and bulldozers. In total darkness, we picked our way to Rec Hall to engage in a night of hilarious fun with the rest of the student body.

But what happened? Where were the other 5000??? There were all of 30 people present; the

"Circle" representing the majority. Oh, well, we did have fun, even if among ourselves.

The next day, Sunday, was to herald another big event, the Grange mixer. Surely that event would be well represented by all parties involved. Shaking out the moth balls and dust, we donned our Sunday best and again descended from the hinterland, en masse.

And again what had happened? Had some one forewarned the fair coeds in Grange that the Horde from the East was actually coming and sent them lying in terror or did they lock and bolt themselves in their rooms and hope for reinforcements from Aih Hall?

The Mixer had all the makings of a fine Stag party, even if no one did spike the punch! Girls . . . sure there were girls, 10 or 15, anyway. They did a splendid job as hostesses, even if out-numbered 4 to 1.

Well, what now? We are denied admission to the ISC because of lack of participation in campus events and organizations. Whose opinion is that? We are trying to bridge the gap between Pollock Circle and the other 5000. We are willing to go half way, but we can do so only with the cooperation of the whole student body.

We certainly don't want to be considered as outcasts because of something we are powerless to do anything about. What do you say, students, let's all get together the next time and lend our whole-hearted support.

Sincerely,  
—Charlie Delp.

### Yes, We Have!

TO THE EDITOR: Did you ever try to cut a shoe-sole steak with a spoon? For several months now, the men of Pollock Circle have been buttering their bread, cutting their meat, stirring their coffee, shoveling the stuff (food) down, and eating our dessert with a spoon.

Surely the spoon was not designed for all these tasks. If one is among the first few hundred, perhaps he will also snag a fork.

The management has requested that the Pollock Circle residents return any knives they may have in their rooms, implying that the shortage is due to petty thievery. It seems that the affinity is for knives only, however.

We're big boys now and know how to eat with a knife. Why isn't some of the Dining Commons profit used to purchase these needed utensils?

Very truly yours,  
—John S. Anderson.  
Bruce Wennerstrom.

● As a possible helpful tip, the editor, a Pollock Circle man himself, suggests that you try using a soup spoon for cutting steaks. He finds that they have a finer edge than teaspoons which tend to bend.

### N-I's Compliment Banyai

TO THE EDITOR: I read with a great deal of interest, and I must confess a little amusement, the two editorials in Thursday's Collegian.

Interest, in the remarkable achievements of Mr. Banyai (achievements which many members of AVC claim he played a negligible part.)

I think we the student body should feel complimented that he has taken the time to dabble in our humble student affairs such as Student Union and Blue Band Uniforms which I always thought was the function of student leaders.

Or will he take the time to worry about them? Maybe All-College Cabinet will devote its energies to sending resolutions to Washington stating what they think about specific national issues.

True, national issues are very important, and any group of students who wish to meet to discuss them and bring in outside authorities is supplying a definite need on campus, BUT not All-College Cabinet.

There the attention should be focused on student problems as they apply to Penn State. On that score, the Nittany-Independent can feel justly proud. They have always devoted themselves to campus issues and will continue to do so.

Mr. Ostar mentioned a point that has always been striven for by high-minded campus leaders, and that is the doing away with power politics. Nittany-Independent thought they had achieved that with the formation of their party and were working towards that end.

However, when a few self-appointed spokesmen for Pollock Circle, like Mitchell, Proctor and Koval, confidently speak of their 800 votes they command in the circle, I stop and wonder. What can they expect fraternities and other independent men and women to do? Naturally, if this is true, they feel they should band together so they are not swamped in elections and buried under in the forming of clique policy.

This has not happened yet, and I earnestly hope it does not happen. I can't believe that 800 thinking men would turn their right of selection over to a few men no matter how "clairvoyant."

In closing, I would like to reiterate Mr. Ostar's final statement, "Examine the platforms and previous records of the candidates."

Yes, examine the records, and after you do, you might ask how Mr. Lannen, who was fired from a "Keep Off the Grass" committee by Vaughan Stapleton, can hope to accomplish the all inclusive job of All-College President. Tougher problems might arise than keeping students from walking on the grass.

—Robert E. Hirsh,  
Chairman, Platform Committee,  
Nittany-Independent Party.

### Me Too!

TO THE EDITOR: Please put in print the fact that I resigned from Critique also.

Yours from suite T,  
Frank Philippbar.

## Boston Baked Beans and Tips

The most laudable step back towards the rhetorically famous "American way of life" in recent days was the decision of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway to prohibit tipping for any service performed on its trains.

This medieval-inherited system called tipping has enabled a swarm of parasites on honest labor to grow up in this theoretically democratic country. Its advocates openly acknowledge that only his use of money determines a man's status in society.

Defenders of the tipping system

are only admitting that the man who earns an honest day's wages is a sucker. They see nothing wrong with licking the boots of one man while spilling soup on another. They pay lip service to the business propaganda line that good service can not be afforded to all patrons by employees working on a straight, adequate salary.

All of which must appear horribly uncouth to the sensitive Emily Post who puts Boston baked beans and the 15 percent tipping rule in the same category as a "good, old American custom."

By Frank D. Davis

## 'Can I Help?'

Recent Student Council elections have been marred by accusations of fraud and charges of inefficiency. In opening the nominations for the 1947-48 Chemistry-Physics Student Council, the present members hope to avoid similar pitfalls.

The election itself will be supervised by the All-College Elections Committee, with simple precautions to prevent ballot-box stuffing, and non-school voting.

At the risk of losing some high-caliber candidates, the council adopted a policy of voluntary self-nomination only, with each prospective candidate required to submit his name in person. Only seriously interested students will vie for seats.

To prevent the ridiculous situation of forty contestants striving for four places on the council, its present members will pare the

slates down to a reasonable size if necessary.

A Student Council is an important body. Its purpose is to inform the dean of student opinion on matters of curriculum, course, text and methods of teaching, and to make recommendations for improvements.

There is no place for politics in a Student Council election. There is no compensation, no glory or renown, and no reward, except the satisfaction of helping one's fellow students, and working for that "Better Penn State."

Because the candidates are to nominate themselves, it is the responsibility of each qualified student to add his name to the list. The question each should ask himself is not, "What can I get out of it?" nor, "What's in it for me?" but, "Can I help?"

By Lewis Stone

## Maestro, More!

The Blue Band, under Prof. Hummel Fishburn's baton, opened the Department of Music's annual series of complimentary concerts in Schwab Auditorium Sunday afternoon before an over-flow audience.

While professional music critics may have found a few technical errors in the program, the audience agreed that it was a pleasant way to spend an early Spring afternoon. Fishburn has promised more musi-

cal concerts to fill in the Sunday afternoon lulls in the social calendar ending late in May with an open-air concert by the Blue Band.

Over 1400 students, faculty, and townspeople, who attended Sunday's performance will probably be back for the remaining numbers in the series plus others who were unable to get into the limited facilities of Schwab to hear the Blue Band.

By Ben I. French

## Some Features

Some features of Student Unions—at schools enjoying one:

At the University of Iowa the main ballroom seats 1,800 for concerts and lectures and has accommodated as many as 1,000 at special banquets.

Other features of the Union are free tea dances every Wednesday afternoon and a matinee dance every Sunday afternoon. In addition, a juke box, located near the soda fountain, is always available for casual dances.

High above Cayuga's waters at Cornell—among many other things—a photographic dark

room. Charge for photo fans, 55c per term.

An electrical mimeograph machine is available without charge to all students and organizations on the University of Buffalo campus. The part-time attendant, paid out of the Union budget, even cuts stencils (it says in the brochure).

Little services, perhaps, but they're features—among the larger ones offered by these unions—that make university life much more pleasant—and "on campus."

By William Gessner

## Letters

### With Interest

TO THE EDITOR: As important a part of a marginal budget as \$10 is, it seems to me that the College could and should expect to pay heavily for the privilege of using some \$70,000 for a period of four months.

Not that \$10 is much in the eyes of the College, but it does seem that the school could well accept our guarantee or word to return or not return to school just on the merits of our having sweated out VA red tape.

Nobody would go through that twice if avoidable. In the meantime at least a thousand ex-GI budgets are askew trying to discover a source of ten dollars right at the time of month when that 65 has stretched very thin.

Don Marvin

President Fraser, 1866, was the first to introduce the idea of expanding the College to include courses in engineering, mining, and liberal arts.

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.

## THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Successor to the Free Lance, est. 1877

Published Tuesday through Friday mornings during the College year by the staff of the Daily Collegian of the Pennsylvania State College. Entered as second class matter July 5, 1934, at the State College, Pa. Post Office under the act of March 3, 1879. \$2.50 a semester \$4.00 the school year.

Represented for national advertising by National Advertising Service, Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco.

Michael A. Bjata Editor  
Rosemary Ghantous Bus. Mgr.

Mgr. Ed., Lynette Lundquist; News Ed., Lawrence Foster; Co-Sports Eds., Stephen Sinchak, Arthur Miller; Feature Ed., Frank Davis.

Ad. Mgr., Phyllis Deal; Asst. Ad. Mgr., Dorothy Leibovits; Asst. Bus. Mgr., Sally Holstrum; Circ. Mgr., Paul Bender; Sec., Joy Eichorn; Class. Ad. Mgr., Selma Sabel. Photo Ed., Suzanne McCauley; Women's Ed., Marilyn Jacobson; Asst. Women's Ed., Betty Marshall; Wire Ed., Seymour Rosenberg; Sr. Board, Lucy Seifing.

### STAFF THIS ISSUE

Managing Editor — Roberta Hutchison  
Assistant — Arnold Gerton  
News Editor — Howard Back  
Assistant — Beverly Russell

President Burrowes' plan in the latter part of the 19th century proposed the degree of B.S.A. at the end of the third year, the degree of B.S. at the end of the fourth year, and the degree of B.A. at the end of the fifth year.

The School of Education building erected in 1939, was named after President Burrowes.

## Collegian Gazette

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

### Friday, April 25

COLLEGIAN senior business board meeting, Collegian Business Office, 3:15 o'clock.

COLLEGIAN senior editorial board meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 4:15 o'clock. Regular junior board meeting cancelled.

PSBF Bible study and hymn sing, 200 Carnegie Hall, 7 o'clock.

PRIESTLEY Lecture, "Fuels as Chemical Raw Materials; The Nuclear Power Plant," by Dr. Alfred W. Gauger, 119 New Physics, 7:30 o'clock.

### Saturday, April 26

PANHELLENIC Chorus rehearsal, 117 Carnegie Hall, 1 to 3 o'clock.

ALL-COLLEGE Cabin Party. Sign up in the PSCA office. Busses will leave from the rear of Old Main at 2:30 o'clock.

### Sunday, April 27

TALK by Rev. Carey Thomas, 304 Old Main, 4 o'clock.

ALL-COLLEGE Hike to Mt. Nittany. Meet at Chi Phi corner, E. Hamilton and Garner streets, 2 o'clock.

ALL-COLLEGE Cabin Party. Sign up in the PSCA office. Busses will leave from the rear of Old Main at 2:30 o'clock.

PHILOTES meeting for election of officers, WSGA room, White Hall, 7 o'clock.

CHEER LEADERS try outs, sophomore girls, front of Old Main, 6:30 o'clock.

### College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Wednesday: George Roye.

Admitted Thursday: George Downey, Alvin Herman, Hugo Larson and Emma Lou Lynn.

Discharged Thursday: Charles Bateman and James Walker.

### College Placement Service

RETAIL CREDIT CO., April 24, 8th sem. men in C&F, A&L and Psy.

ERIE RAILROAD CO., April 24 and 25, 8th sem. men in CE, ME and EE.

THE BUDD CO., April 25, 8th sem. men in IE, ME and EE.

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., April 25, 8th sem. men in A&L, C&F, Jr. and Ed.

INGERSOLL-RAND CO., April 28, 8th sem. students in IE, Eng, Mng, ME and PNG.

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC CO., April 28, 8th sem. men in EE, ME and IE.

NICKEL PLATE ROAD CO., April 28, 8th sem. men in AE, EE and CE.

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS CO., April 28 and 29, 8th sem. men in EE, ME, IE, ChE and Phy.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., April 29 and 30, 8th sem. men in A&L and C&F.

BIGELOW-SANFORD CARPET CO., April 30, 8th sem. men in ChE, ME and IE.

THE OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE CO., April 30, 8th sem. men in EE, IE and ME.

WAGNER ELECTRIC CORP., April 30, 8th sem. men in EE.

CORNING GLASS WORKS, May 1, 8th sem. men in ME, IE, CE, EE, ChE, Phy and C&F.

PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT CORP., May 2, 8th sem. men in IE.