

## Profs Take A Bow

By Lawrence G. Foster

A good deal of credit is due those professors in the Liberal Arts School who have submitted to the evaluation test currently being given by the LA Council. The procedure goes like this:

A set of intelligent questions with multiple choice answers were drawn up by five members of the council and submitted to Dr. Smith of the Psychology department for approval. The professors were then asked if the questionnaires, which evaluated them as teachers and the subject matter they taught, could be circulated in their classes.

In more than a few instances the results proved enlightening to those profs who were willing to

learn their shortcomings. The test also served to relieve the tension that mounts after a student enrolls in a course, only to find that he is dissatisfied with the teacher or the subject matter covered. Getting this opportunity to "blow off steam" has noticeably affected student-teacher relations in the classroom.

Many of the professors will take the criticisms seriously and make an endeavor to correct some of the faults they were unaware of until now.

Whether it calls for pressing a suit and shining a pair of shoes, or obtaining a new text for the course, the changes which result from the test will help raise the standards of the LA School.

## With the Editor

Penn State has a bad case of growing pains. Thousands of veterans and high school seniors, as well as "farmed out" freshmen, are clamoring for admission into the already over-flowing College. What is being done to alleviate the situation and serve the people who are supporting the College by taxes?

President Hetzel has stated that by the fall of 1948 there will be enrolled on the campus 9000 students at sophomore or higher level, by which date the College also expects to encounter the peak of applications from veterans. The falling off of veteran applications will immediately be matched from applications by students now attending other colleges in the state, and by high school seniors.

In order to take care of the additional 1000 students which are expected this fall, the College re-

quested from Federal sources 500,000 square feet of temporary classroom buildings. The Government has allotted only one-tenth of that amount.

The State legislature appropriated \$3,618,000 for the erection of permanent buildings, excluding housing, but these funds did not include any amount for the equipment or furnishing of the buildings. Since the time these funds were appropriated, costs have risen as much as eighty percent. This means that the College will either have to erect fewer buildings with the original sum of money, or else suspend all plans until the cost of construction is reduced.

Obviously, neither plan will successfully cope with the problem of expansion. An increase in the original allotment will allow the College to go ahead with its plans to accommodate 10,000 students by 1949.

## Important Contribution

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The World Student Service Fund drive which began on the campus on Monday deserves the support of the student body. Like many of America's fund raising campaigns, it is designed to benefit people on another continent. We believe that this certain faction of European and Asiatic beneficiaries are much closer to the campus than the distance in miles indicates.

The money which is collected here and at the countless other colleges and universities in this country will be used to aid over 400,000 foreign students. Education in many countries was interrupted, universities were destroyed and looted during the war. The fund has been

established to aid the students of these universities and help get the educational system in working order.

A student in Europe is not unlike a student in this country or anywhere else, in that he is a part of a group of individuals striving to learn. Having a common goal will bring together even the most remote groups of human beings.

It is a well known fact that it is more difficult to lead an intelligent populace than an uneducated group. If giving a donation now will aid in dissipating future international conflict and help preserve the peace we seek, your money will be well spent.

## Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

### Why Be Irritated?

TO THE EDITOR: Why is it that when a small man gets a job much too big for him, he not only fails to do his job well, but makes a complete fool out of himself? I'm speaking of the high and mighty Pollock Circle Council and their recent vicious attack on Sally's.

Changes of the Circle's potentates are that Sally's is charging exorbitant prices, and is nightly fleecing the poor lambs who aren't capable of handling their own pennies.

Our so-called leaders are completely ignoring the fact that Sally's gives door-to-door service, and

food at prices which compare very favorably with prices at restaurants throughout the town. Did you ever buy a "Ham a la Corner," which is a glorified ham salad—and I wonder if Mr. Mateer would deliver it personally to your room, all for twenty cents?

Is there a legitimate establishment in this fair city that sells a candy bar for less than six cents? A pint of milk at the Post House sells for twenty cents—Sally's does it for fifteen! Sally's sells a seven-ounce cup of ice cream—our good burghers hooks you twelve cents for a cone. Why, then, should we jump down Sally's throat all of a sudden—why not boycott the whole town!

It all boils down to the fact, Mr. Editor, that our politicians, awed by their recently acquired power, are just looking for somebody's face to push in the mud. Knock out Sally's and you will lose advertising in almost every campus publication. My suggestion is that Mr. Honig and company either go completely overboard and change the whole town, or leave matters of business administration to the laws of supply and demand.

—E. E. Rouch.  
—J. C. Dillard.

• The answer to the question, "Is there a legitimate establishment in this fair city that sells a candy bar for less than six cents?" is yes. After reading the letter we shopped for candy bars and found that McLanahan's Drug Store, Fred's Restaurant and Howard's sold them for five cents. There are probably others. The letter also neglected to mention the price of a seven-ounce cup of ice cream at Sally's . . . it is fifteen cents.—LGF.

## Dean Says

Commenting on the WSSF Drive, Dean Warnock has this to say

Penn State students, notably lacking in surplus money, probably cannot contribute to welfare funds as generously as they would like to do, but giving dimes and dollars to the World Student Service Fund would seem to carry a special appeal to them.

Since 1937 this legitimate, responsible organization has collected \$1,309,960 from American college students for distribution to fellow students in 18 war-stricken countries of Europe and Asia. In this way it has provided a practical, realistic means for American students to play a role in forming the world now emerging from a paralyzing war.

The collection of funds for this purpose on the Penn State campus has been adopted by the All-College Student Cabinet as one of its functions, but faculty members may contribute too.

—A. R. Warnock,  
Dean of Men.

## Sleepy On Wet Days? Physiology Prof Tells Why

If it's harder than usual for you to settle down to study or to refrain from falling asleep during a lecture on days when rain streams down in bucketsful, you're often justified in blaming it on the weather.

Science has an explanation for your wet weather disinclinations. Few people know, for instance, that the moisture content of the air affects the nervous system, says Harrison M. Tietz, professor of physiology at the College.

When air is saturated with water in the form of vapor, Professor Tietz explained, our lungs can't assimilate oxygen as easily as they can when the air is relatively dry, for the simple reason that we aren't fish and can't take our oxygen from water as they can.

With a reduction in oxygen intake, the metabolism of our body cells is cut down, making us sluggish and less inclined toward activity, whether it's mental or physical, the physiologist said.

Then, too, humidity, in acting on the nervous system, affects

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## Ag's, Home Ec School Plan Weekend Picnic

Ag-Home Ec Student-Faculty picnic will be held in Hort. Woods from 1 to 6 Saturday, Dorothy Sherwood and Frank Campbell, co-chairman for the group, announced today.

Games between students and faculty will include a softball game in the afternoon, followed by refreshments and dinner. In the event of rain the event will take place in the Stock Pavilion, the two chairmen said.

The social was arranged with the idea of continuing the close student-faculty relations in the two units.

regularity of breathing. This irregularity in breathing is manifested in yawns and sighs which may also be due to boredom or disinterest, although they react on the nervous system in much the same way.

Is it any wonder then that a rainy day combined with a boring lecture inevitably puts us to sleep. Who knows? In the future, professors may be consulting weather maps before preparing lectures.

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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, May 8

LA VIE ART meeting, 236 Engineering F, 7:30 o'clock.

JUNIOR SERVICE BOARD meeting for installation of officers, Dean of Women's Office, 5:15 o'clock.

PENN STATE GRANGE meeting, 100 Hort. 7:30 o'clock.

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

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

#### College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Tuesday: William Robinsen, Lewis Cohen and Philip Walter.

Admitted Wednesday: Florence Seese, Barbara Davis and Elaine Buechner.

Discharged Wednesday: Robert Mays, Robert Cleland, Betty Jane Wilson and Donald Haitan.

#### College Placement Service

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