

Letters from the Editor's Mailbox

Not Enough Tickets

TO THE EDITOR: Far be it from me to criticize the Athletic Association, BUT I do feel that they have amply proven their right to be criticized.

Yesterday morning I was up at Old Main before seven o'clock. There were perhaps forty or so fellows there awaiting the opening of the A. A. window. I supposed they, like me, had a rather full day and wanted to get their tickets early so they could get it off their minds. And I suppose the thought of getting good seats occurred to them too.

By eight o'clock, the hall was crowded and I found that the place I had kept in line for over an hour had been pushed back perhaps fifty or more. But that still didn't deter me, for I figured there were plenty of tickets for all of us. But when a half hour or so more went by, and the cry "the tickets are gone" went up, I got a little peeved. And so, I checked.

Naturally, there were plenty of rumors floating around as to why the tickets were all gone. Some had it the first four or five fellows had purchased over thirteen hundred, others said one fellow had gotten eight hundred. I don't particularly care how many they got, but I do object to one fellow getting a few hundred, while I can't even get my four.

I have been laboring under the impression that the college discourages "scalping," but by two o'clock in the afternoon four fellows had approached me and offered me tickets for twelve to twenty dollars a pair. I think it's unnecessary to add that I purchased no tickets.

And while I'm in this frame of mind, I would like to inquire as to the whereabouts of the Campus Patrol. I realize that the administration evidently had no idea that the student body intended to purchase tickets. One patrolman did show up though, for I certainly saw one around nine or so. But, by that time the whole damn place was bedlam. I got slightly fed up and went off to class. I don't suppose this will do any good, but I

would like the AA office to know just how a damn sizable portion of the student body feels about the situation.

Name withheld

Surprise!

TO THE EDITOR: The other day we walked into the Bursar's office, happily disposed. At last we were going to receive money, not surrender it to the College coffers. We expected a book settlement check which we hoped to convert into hard cash; our faltering and doddering bank accounts were to get a new lease on life.

Let's see what happened. A check was handed to us, it is true, slightly emasculated though. Each one of us, and you too, generously donated, in shotgun style, the sum of \$3.25, men's class dues (\$4.25 for women.) All good math students follow our calculations now. There are approximately 5,000 men and 3,000 women at the College: 3000 times \$4.25 plus 5,000 times \$3.25 equals \$29,000. \$29,000 and what for? If we're supporting poor widows and orphaned children we'd like to know about it.

Now far be it from our motives to criticize Penn State's Student Government. We think it's a fine set-up but does it necessarily require the purchase price of the Brooklyn Bridge to run this colossal class organization?

F. Haber
R. Schlegel
A. R. Maris

The Voice of Experience

TO THE EDITOR: We have waited until the Daily Collegian printed the platforms for both political parties on campus in anticipation of exactly what each party would have to say. Therefore, the party platforms and what they say, or as in the case of one, what they don't say, comes as no surprise.

The Nittany-Independent party has already forgotten the high ideals set down in their platform of last spring. Perhaps they feel they have more originality by presenting a completely new slant on their aims for this year.

A good percentage of the planks presented in the N-I platform are already being looked after by the present cabinet consisting of a vast majority of the elected political candidates of State party origin, while Mr. Fulmer is the other politically elected officer to cabinet.

Sophomores, don't be swayed by "rah rah" planks in a political platform.

If the N-I party is composed mainly of sophomore class people, the composer of the preamble to the N-I platform forgot to mention that those sophomores represent only a small number of representative groups on campus. Ask yourself, is that democratic representation? Is that representation of true facts—or is it distortion?

For further analysis of the present political situation, consult this column daily until election day, November 20.

—John Matternas
Robert E. Gabriel

State Party Leaders Matternas and Gabriel are but two of over 8000 students who enjoy the privilege of contributing to this column. Perhaps we can arrange "Daily" advertising space for them to give us the inside dope.

In Defense of YPCA

Nov. 12, 1947

TO THE EDITOR: Upon reading Mr. Kelly's letter (Nov. 12) my first reaction was one of indignation and anger. I considered fighting fire with fire by referring to him (in my reply) as a reactionary and a red-baiter.

Mr. Kelly, you speak of concrete results and empty box-cars; you drop none too subtle hints of communistic tendencies. Very well. If a YPCA petition calling for the reimposition of price controls in order to curb rising prices is communistic, then we are communistic. If YPCA's full support for fair and non-discriminatory treatment of Negroes by barbers here in State College has a pink tinge, then we are the most violent pink imaginable. And on a higher, more philosophical plane: if believing in "liberty and justice for all" is a foreignism, we plead guilty. And if having faith in a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" is un-American and smacks of the Kremlin then you win and we stand accused. I think these statements speak for themselves.

Personally, I feel it is most tragic that so much bitterness and open hostility prevail in the world today. A great deal of reconstruction must be undertaken at once, and so many pressing problems exist that it actually seems criminal to me to waste time in petty, minor bickerings over words, phrases and alleged isms. Must man forever be his own worst enemy? Where is that spirit of understanding and cooperation of which we all once boasted so proudly? The world is very weary and is in dire need of charity and good will. And yet, where is that charity? Where is good will? Understanding? Where is this feeling of brotherhood which all creeds profess and yet so seldom follow? Only hate is visible—hate and mistrust and fear—and death. The Four Horsemen may soon ride again, if they haven't already begun.

Mr. Kelly, YPCA is not perfect, it is not God. We make mistakes, we are fallible, we are human. But we are trying to work out our destiny as human beings as best we can. And we do this democratically—we welcome criticism if constructive. Our meetings are open to all, we have nothing to hide. If St. Paul were around, we'd ask him in. And I think the old boy would accept. For he was quite a progressive in his day, so I understand. But it seems that progressives, even then, were treated sort of rough and called all kinds of names. Occasionally even the authorities used to hang them—or stretch them out on a cross. Remember?

—William Bensch



Yeah, he stayed up all night getting Pitt tickets

One Man's Meat

Love That V-8 Juice!

By Ben French

We were beginning to think that Phineas T. Glockenspiel, Collegian's feline correspondent, would fail to turn up at the office for his weekly report when he finally came running into the office late last night.

"Where have you been, P. T.?" we asked the little fellow. "We'd just about given up hope about you."

"I've spent the whole day standing in line to get tickets for the Pitt game and then all I get is a receipt that guarantees me a seat but where? I don't know. The first ten guys in line grabbed up all the tickets available. And then what happened to the Tuesday Collegian? That threw me off schedule."

"Sorry, Glocky, the print shop wouldn't print a paper. Armistice Day is a vacation for the printers you know," we informed him. "That's a sorry excuse, French. If you had your own press things like that wouldn't happen. Then you could give the students the news when it happens as you should," he muttered as he assumed his usual position atop the editor's desk.

"Cut that kinda talk, Glockenspiel," Editor Ostar broke in. "What are you trying to do, destroy free enterprise?" "Aw, that's the trouble up here at a state school. Everytime you try to do something constructive like building a Student Union or starting a co-op, people say you're trying to destroy free enterprise! A lot of rubbish!"

"Well, your feline meowing isn't going to change that," Ostar stated as he returned to the editorial he was writing. Turning back to Glockenspiel we queried our feline friend on Pollock Circle food this week. "Couldn't be better," he confessed. "If you are a lover of hot V-8 juice for a main course. However I have a lot of faith in this All-College Cabinet committee that has been snooping around over there. Wish they'd come every day to chow. Funny thing, it seems to be better when they're inspecting. Ed Banyai and Ostar here," as he kicked the thinking prostrate form. "are both living in the Circle and they should be able to give the real story. Tom Lannen, Bob Troxell, and Harris Gilbert complete as far as an investigating committee as the fellows could ask for."

"Anything else on your mind today, P. T.?" we asked as he paused for breath.

"Oh yes," he laughed. "Have you heard about the new lake the state wants to give the students? No kidding, we may get a lake all our own. Selma Zasofsky brought up the idea last Thursday night at Cabinet meeting. The state engineers



have investigated it and even though Gene Fulmer says it can't be done, they say it can. However Fulmer should know. He's an Ag student.

"We students need our own lake. Temple has one—right in their football stadium and it's very convenient. Think of the possibilities of our own lake! We could have crew races with Harvard and Penn. George Donovan of Student Union could be coach. He was in the Navy, you know."

"Then we could buy an excursion boat for midnight cruises. No need for a Student Union building then. Why the Players could buy an old show boat and give their shows right on the lake. No need for a new auditorium then. The NROTC could pick up a surplus battleship somewhere and the boys could have a helluva fine time shooting the big guns at Pollock Circle. No need for a new Armory then."

"Just think of it, with canoes, motor boats, a diving board, and a few other additions, we'd have no entertainment problem here at State. Yes sir, we need a lake."

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College Calendar

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

Friday, November 14

SOUND OF HUNTING, Schwab, 8 p.m.
ALPHA Rho Omega, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
BIBLE Fellowship, Bible study, 200 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
DEBATE, "Undergraduate Marriage," 121 Sparks, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 15

CROSS country meet, golf course, 11 a.m.
WRA Play Night, WH, 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, November 16

IWA Mixer, Grange playroom, 2 to 5 p.m., Independent Women and residents of Pollock Circle.
AVC, Exec. Comm., 415 Old Main, 3:30 p.m.
BIBLE Fellowship meeting, 304 Old Main.
HAT Society, 417 Old Main, 8 p.m.

Monday, November 17

JUNIOR SERVICE board, Dean Weston's office, 8:30 p.m.
CWENS meeting, WSGA Room, WH, 8:30 p.m.
IWA meeting, 104 Temp., 7 p.m.
MADAM BUTTERFLY, Aud., 8 p.m.
4-H CLUB, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

College Hospital

Discharged Wednesday: Francis Deutschle.
Admitted Thursday: William Kauffman.
Discharged Thursday: Erla Johnston, Jane Ann Barton.

At the Movies

Catham—Foxes of Harrow
State—Nightmare Alley
Nittany—Western Union

Placement Service

Shell Oil Company, Nov. 13, eighth semester men from Chem. E., Chem., Phy., Min. E., FT., EE., Met., Pet. & Nat. Gas, Geol. & Min.

Linde Air Products Company, Nov. 19 & 20, eighth semester men, Chem., Chem E., Phy.

Erie Railroad, Nov. 12 and 13, eighth semester men, CE., EE., ME.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Nov. 12 and 13, eighth semester men, IE, EE, ME.

Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Company, November 17, eighth semester men in SE, EE, ME, IE, Chem Eng.

Philadelphia Electric Company, November 24, eighth semester men in EE, ME.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., November 12 and 13, eighth semester men in Chem Eng, Chem, Met, Phys.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., Nov. 20, seventh and eighth semester men, Chem Eng, Phy., Chem, Pet & Nat. Gas (Pet 491 required).

Carnegie Illinois Steel Company, Nov. 18, eighth semester men, ME, CE, IE, EE, Chem. Eng., Ceramics, Met.

Bell Systems, November 18 and 19, eighth semester men in EE, ME, IE, candidates interested in becoming patent attorneys.

Arrangements for interviews should be made at once in 204 Old Main.