

Letters from the Editor's Mailbox

Blame the Cat

TO THE EDITOR: Glockenspiel, mouthpiece for French's inane trivia in "One Man's Meat," last Thursday purred the ridiculous remark—"Have you heard that three girls quit school last week after the sororities finished their formal rushing?"

Whereupon Ben, determined to get the facts in a logical, intelligent manner, said to his cat, "You must have fouled up getting that information." But the cat was so sure of his facts that he answered, "It's a fact. Check up on it yourself if you don't believe it. As besides those three, you can find quite a few other broken hearts in the girls' dorms."

Let's examine Glockenspiel's logic. (I'm not blaming you, Ben. It's the cat I want to straighten out. You were right when you told him he must have fouled up.) Phineas said the three girls quit after formal rushing was over and then, assuming that they quit because they were disappointed by a sorority, jumped to the conclusion that their hearts were broken. A phenomenal, feline deduction!

But, Ben, if your cat had checked his "facts" with the Dean of Women's office, he might have hesitated before tossing his audacious "Check up on it yourself" at his faithful, trusting readers.

The facts are—three girls quit school on Oct. 17, 18, and 21. Formal rushing ended Oct. 28. NONE OF THE THREE GIRLS WAS REGISTERED FOR RUSHING. Their reasons for quitting—ill-health, dissatisfaction with school, and to get married. Three good reasons.

Tch. tch. Ben. Perhaps you'd better speak to Glockenspiel since you seem to be the only one capable of holding an animated conversation with the cat. Impress upon him the seriousness of making wild conclusions based upon illogical, fallacious statements. Someone's liable to get hurt, Ben. Cats just can't seem to get at the facts.

Glockenspiel's feline brain, Ben, is best adapted to such promotions as the short skirt. While Statesmen flounder (with or without Glockenspiel) and Europeans and Pollock Circle starves, Cabinet and the All-College president proclaim Short Skirt Week at Penn State. Perchance Glockenspiel can see his feline prowess to persuade Mr. Ostar to remove KFFP THE WINDOWS CLEAN AT THE CORNER ROOM WEEK at the next Cabinet meeting.

Or maybe the answer is to abstain from "One Man's Meat."

In answer to Miss Stoltz's quite lengthy letter it was received before space restrictions forced word limitation on all letters) the facts were checked at the dean of women's office and the following quote in its entirety was obtained from Dean Weston:

"Every year some girls withdraw from the college because of being dropped by sororities. This year four girls withdrew."

College Calendar

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

Friday, November 21

WESLEY Foundation hay ride, 258 E. College avenue 8 p.m.
WRA Board Meeting, WH, 1 p.m.
BIBLE Fellowship, 200 CH, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 23

BIBLE Fellowship, 304 Old Main, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, November 24

IWA and IMA, joint meeting, 104 Temp., 7 p.m.
LOUISE Homer Club, pledge party, SE Lounge Atherton, 8:15 p.m.
SCARAB initiation, 220-221 Eng. F, 5:30 p.m.
HEALTH ED Society, 2 WH, 7 p.m.
ENGINEER, 417 Old Main, 7p.m.
ALPHA Phi Alpha, 410 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

College Hospital

Admitted Thursday: Robert Weitzel.
Discharged Thursday: Donald Miller, Andrew McClure.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—This Time For Keeps
STATE—Crossfire
NITTANY—Daring Young Man

Placement Service

Philadelphia Electric Company, November 14, eighth semester men in EE, ME.
Army Security Agency, Nov. 24, eighth semester men and women, EE, ME, C&F, AL with language major or interested in further language training.
H. J. Heinz, Nov. 24, eighth semester men, E, ME, Arch., Chem.
Bailey Meter Company, December 1, seventh and eighth semester men, ME.
Sperry Gyroscope Company, Inc., December 5, eighth semester men, EE (also M.S.), E (also M.S.), Math, Phy.
Carbide Carbon Chemicals Corporation, December 5, eighth semester men, Chem Eng., Phy, ME, Chem (women also).
Proctor & Gamble, December 4, eighth semester men. CE, Chem, Coml Chem, EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng.
Arrangements for interviews should be made at once in 204 Old Main.

Don't Break Your Date

TO THE EDITOR: In the last two weeks there has been a certain amount of advertising on the campus to have you get a date for December 12. Now it is not the purpose of this letter to have you cancel the evening and leave the fair sex to shift for themselves, but to inform all of the students that the Forestry Ball has been temporarily postponed until a date when it will not be in conflict with other events that are planned for the students.

It is not at all possible to have the All-College Calendar perfect in respect to conflicts with other events, especially those planned in other departments of the College.

On the night following the dance, the first home game of the basketball season is played with W. & J. Now, if the dance were to continue as planned, the floor of Rec Hall would not be in first class condition, nor would the visiting ball club be extended all the courtesy possible, by denying them, and our own team too, the last effort to practice. To some these might seem small and trivial items but to the men playing that ball game and to the Foresters planning the dance they are important.

This we hope will encourage a new policy of extended cooperation between the students of the College and the Committee on Student Welfare until the crowded conditions are met with increased facilities for the student social program.

—Penn State Forestry Society.

Against Military Control

TO THE EDITOR: Since the letter of Mr. William D. Johns directs some rather pertinent questions at me I feel constrained to answer some of them. The ideas expressed in this letter represent my personal views and not those of the Young Friends Group.

First of all, I believe that any program designed to instruct individuals to kill other individuals is contrary to the basic principles of Christianity. ROTC would, in my judgment, come under this category.

I am opposed to military-minded people getting positions of power in our government. The wedding of the nation and its army has always been a bone of contention when Americans criticize European practices and I think it would be disastrous for our government to become dominated by military leaders.

It is my desire to make America more democratic rather than less and I cannot feel that the imposing of institutions which are of a basically un-democratic nature on our nation can in any way contribute to the increase of democracy.

The way of non-violence has never been tried by the United States at any time in its history. Certainly our refusal to join the League of Nations after the first World War was not a step in that direction. The stakes are indeed high and it is my firm belief that another war will not only set back the cause of democracy but will very likely destroy most of what we term civilization.

—Larry Gara.

A Couple of Team Rooters

TO THE EDITOR: We cannot help voicing our disapproval of the Centre Daily Times-Collegian football award plan. We base our objections on the following points:

1. It is a Penn State tradition to cheer the team rather than any individual player. That is why we always have a "short yell team" and never a "short yell Joe Doaks."

2. The average fan follows the ball carrier rather than the blockers. He is more interested in who makes touchdowns and long gains than in who makes crucial blocks and short, first-down-getting plunges. Therefore, without an overall picture of individual performance, he has no sound basis on which to vote.

3. We know next to nothing about the intricacies of football, as we proved when we gave Williams the raspberries. How then are we, as laymen, qualified to award Mr. X the orchids?

We agree that "this is the year," and respectfully suggest that the trophies be melted down and cast into medals for the whole team. In other words let's pass out the laurels on a team basis, or forget them entirely.

—C. Judd Holt.
—Paul G. Mattern.

For the information of football fans Holt and Mattern—(1) each member of the varsity team already receives an individual award in the form of a gold football. (2) The Daily Collegian and the Centre Daily Times believe that the average fans can think for themselves and decide the outstanding lineman and back. (3) The papers contacted Coach Higgins before announcing the balloting and the coach heartily approved. The contest was started with the idea that it would give an additional trophy to two deserving men on the team. If it would be financially possible, 40 trophies would be donated.

Wait and See

TO THE EDITOR: In the State platform there is a provision supporting the desire for Pollock Circle, Nittany Dorms, and Winderest to obtain a member on the All-College Cabinet. Despite the editor's contention in his recent editorial that it is perhaps unfair to the rest of the students that we obtain a representative, he should know better. He is well acquainted with the Circle. Doesn't he know that we want somebody to air our just grievances?

Opponents to the plan should live in the Circle to see our point. Changes must be made for the Circle to better conditions. If one should compare the Circle to a collection of overpriced flop houses with an adjoining soup kitchen, I don't think there could be much argument. Could you?

However, it is for us to see whether the State party and its men will hold up to their promises.

—Name withheld.



One Man's Meat

Phineas & the Panther

By Ben French

Phineas T. Glockenspiel, Collegian's roving feline correspondent, was pulling a cart loaded down with lumber when we ran into him on campus this week.

"Building something, P.T.?" we asked the little fellow.

"Yeah," he answered, "we're finally getting around to putting up that long-awaited bulletin board on the mall. Lumber is hard to get, you know."

"Well, its about time you got around to that. It's been promised for almost five years."

"Better late than never, I always say."

"We're getting used to waiting up here at State," we told him. "We waited a long time for the Student Union Building and now we have the 'Tub.' We've also waited years for an undefeated football team. Do you think we'll beat Pitt?"

"That's a good question. We certainly should, but you can never tell about those games at the Panther Palladium. I'll let you in on a secret—Higgins is planning a special surprise play in which Bill Kyle does two back flips and while the Pittmen stand in awe, runs for a touchdown. Watch for it."

"I hope that this game turns out differently than our past experiences down there. Last year after the game Bob Higgins wanted to call his wife and found he didn't have a nickel. Seeing a Penn State alum, Bob walked up to him and asked him for the coin to make the call. 'Here,' he muttered as he handed the Hig two nickels. 'Call both your friends!' Bob swears it's a true story."

"When we beat Pitt this year, it will be a different story. Everyone will be the coach's buddy-buddy and swearing they always said he was the best coach in the country. Funny how fickle football fans are, isn't it?"

"It sure is, Gloccky," we told him. "It'll be strange not to hear any 'the Hig's washed up' cries this year. That is, if we do beat Pitt. Heaven help the poor guy if we should happen to lose. Thank goodness the fans don't hire the coach here as they do at California. What more 'inane trivia' do you have up your sleeve?"

"Not much," he smiled. "Here's Wednesday's lunch at Pollock Circle—French fries, stewed tomatoes, carrots, cole slaw, milk and cookies. Please don't make me say more."

"I thought Tuesday was meatless day according to President Truman, or wasn't anyone inspecting that day?" we asked in wonderment.

"New around here, ain't you?" was all Glockenspiel would say on the subject.

"What do you think of the suggestions that were made this week for the senior class gift?" we next asked.

"Dave Doan's suggestion for building a new observatory sounds pretty good. As Teddy Rubin suggested after the meeting, we could hold a big dance there and call it the 'Telescope Hop.' Then, too, Dr. Yeagley could use it to follow the flight of his radar-equipped pigeons."

"However, the best idea is one that would serve all the students. A student-owned and operated press could fill that qualification. Think what a saving it would mean for all the organizations on campus. Oh, I'm sorry I said that. That's against free enterprise, isn't it?"

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