

Gripes Are Healthy

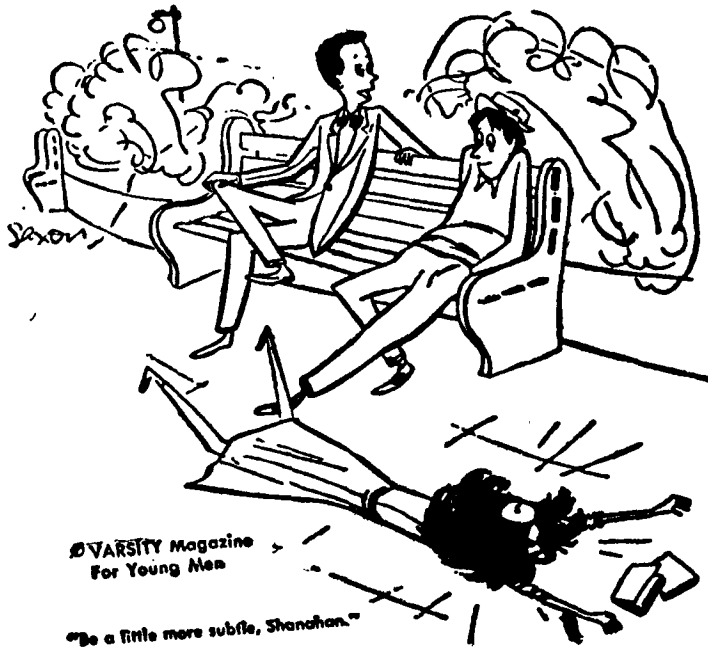
One of the things which has been bothering College administrators and student leaders has been the seemingly excessive griping of the student body. Gripes range from the dangerous crossing at Co-op Corner to the uncooked spaghetti at Pollock Circle.

Perhaps because the students feel they can get more satisfaction from putting their gripes into print instead of using a suggestion box at Student Union, the Daily Collegian has in the past year been flooded with gripe letters. Last year All-College Cabinet installed a suggestion box at the SU desk, but it received such little response that it was finally removed.

At a meeting of editors of representative college dailies at the University of Michigan last week the question was discussed and it was discovered that griping was widespread on all campuses. It was concluded that it is the difference in composition of the post-war student bodies that has caused the additional griping. Before the war students were much younger, hadn't been away from home to any great extent, and consequently were overly impressed and afraid to gripe. Today veterans are older, more mature, less easily impressed, and more prone to air their grievances.

The situation has, in general, been found to be a healthy one, by most colleges and universities. The University of Illinois president has stated that gripe letters are the best means of letting the administration know what kind of a job it is doing.

Perhaps Letters to the Editor's Mailcall of Collegian should be made required reading for all members of the College administration.



-From the Editor's Mailbox

Ode to Simon's Nose

TO THE EDITOR: The enclosed example of poetic fantasy appeared in a recent issue, February 12th to be exact, of our student organ, "The Bucknellian." We feel that, peradventure, your own sense of sportsmanship, so highly cultivated at Penn State, will enable you to insert this poem in "The Collegian."

The poem was written as a letter to the editor of "The Bucknellian."

William A. Stark
Donald J. Smith

On Wednesday, January the twenty-first, you were determined to win or burst.

Whether you won by playing fair, By breaking noses or pulling hair.

None of these seemed to matter to you, Win dirty or foul was O.K. to

do. Well, Mr. Lose, you'll be proud to know, You've done lots of damage to your foe, Our little "Spark-plug" won't play for awhile, Because of you and your sportsmanship style. You broke his nose and blackened his eyes. Yes, indeed, you deserve a prize! We'd like you to know that you rate first—

On our list of athletes that you are the worst! !!!!! —Helen Markley, Pat Rodll, Elizabeth Kennedy, Phillis Reigh, Algia A. Moser, Eloise Rile, Pat Morgan, Penn State College.

The above "Ode" was printed with the permission of the concerned. To us this action by Lose refutes the testimony presented above as to his sense of sportsmanship.—Ed.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 24
MEN'S Bridge Club, 206 EE, 7 p.m.
CLUB 50, 10 Sparks, 7 p.m.
EQUISSE, 107 ME, 7 p.m.

PHI Sigma Iota, NE lounge Ath, 7:30 p.m.
NEWMAN Club Discussion Group, 104 Tem, 7 p.m.
WRA Bridge Club, Playroom WH, 8 p.m.
COLLEGIAN Sophomore Editorial Board, 8 CH, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN Editorial Candidates, 9 CH, 7 p.m.

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