

See Here, Mr. Cummings!

Here is a new contest which we are sponsoring for today only. Can you guess who made the following statements and what he represents?

Clue No. 1—"Half the colleges and universities in America could be closed without detriment to the Republic."

Clue No. 2—"As a people we are overly-educated. By this we mean there are in this country too many people with too much education—more than they will ever need and, what's worse, more than most of 'em know how to use."

Clue No. 3—"...Glassy-eyed dreamers tell you it's the duty of the State to provide advanced education for youths whose parents are unable to pay the freight."

Clue No. 4—"One of our troubles is our disposition to take too literally the assumption that all men are created free and equal."

And now the crowning statement of all. "Close half the colleges and universities and you reduce by 50 percent the number of loafing places where immature minds, unable to grasp the meaning of the courses offered, become a fertile ground for the seed of the social philosophy that the State owes us everything, we owe the State nothing."

No, it wasn't written by Goebbels for use as totalitarian propaganda by the American Bund. It was written by Columnist John M. Cummings in the Philadelphia Inquirer last week.

If Mr. Cummings had checked with the registrar of almost any institution of higher learning in the country he would have learned that waiting lists of applicants are tremendous. Certainly it is true that some of these applicants are not qualified for college and would gain nothing through attendance at classes.

On the whole, however, students who come to college are admitted from the cream of the high school graduating classes. The applications are usually accompanied by recommendations from the school principal and others. A minority of small private institutions solicit students from wealthy families, but these are exceptions.

Clue No. 3 is a direct slap at the land-grant educational system in general, and at Penn State in particular since the College is a state-supported institution.

Mr. Cummings singles out state-supported advanced education for his vitriolic diatribes and conveniently forgets that the democracy-bred public school system from kindergarten through high school is also state-supported. He would probably shudder if someone told him that in Pennsylvania ALL children must go to school until they're 16-years-old—and without regard to capabilities too.

In effect Mr. Cummings argues that the only people that should go to college are those who can afford it as well as having the ability.

We argue that a democracy is strengthened when the capacities of all the people are utilized to their fullest extent. If a student is qualified, but cannot afford to continue his education because of financial reasons, democracy loses a potential leader. It was for this reason that land-grant institutions of higher learning are partly or even wholly tax-supported.

If Mr. Cummings believes that free education for those who are mentally but not financially qualified is a dangerous social philosophy, then we believe in that dangerous social philosophy.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I have such a time getting Smedley to go out—he says he'd much rather sit home and quarrel with ME!"

Placement Service

- Northern Pennsylvania Power Company of Towanda, May 5, eighth semester men from EE...
- Atlantic Refining Company, May 4 and 5, eighth semester men from Chem Eng, Chem.
- International Harvester Company, May 4 and 5, eighth semester men from IE, ME, Metallurgy, Ag Eng.
- Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, May 3 and 4, eighth semester men from Chem Eng, ME, EE, IE.
- H. J. Heinz Company, May 2 and 3, summer work, students from Home Ec, Med Tech, Bacteriology, Botany, Chem., Zoology, Entomology, Pre-Med, Commercial Chem, Science, Ag, Bio Chem.
- American Brake Shoe Company, May 3, eighth semester men from Metallurgy.
- Chemical Plants Division of Blaw-Knox Company, May 4, eighth semester men and graduate students from Architecture, Civil Eng, EE, ME, Chem Eng.
- E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc., May 3, summer employment, men from Chem and Chem Eng who will receive BS, MS, PhD degrees in 1949.
- Armstrong Cork Company, April 30 and May 1, eighth semester men from IE, ME, Chem, Business Administration, Chem Eng, Physics.
- Talon, Incorporated, April 30, eighth semester men from EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng.
- Atlas Power Company, April 30, eighth semester men with B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. from Chem, Chem Eng, Commercial Eng. Also Civil and Mining Engineering.
- Standard Brands Incorporated, April 29, eighth semester men from C&F.
- Moore Products Company, April 29, eighth semester men from IE, ME.
- Interchemical Corporation, April 28, eighth semester men from Chem Eng.
- Hazleton Division of Permyl-

Brown Reports to NSA On Study, Travel Abroad

Harold Brown, regional vice-president in charge of international affairs, will report to the local chapter of National Student Association on opportunities for student travel and study abroad and exchange scholarships at the regular meeting in 16 Sparks at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Preliminary reports on a survey of scholarships, fellowships and honoraries will be presented for discussion in addition to plans for orientation of foreign students.

All-College Cabinet last week approved the report of local NSA activities made by Miss Jane Fouracre, campus chairman.

All interested students are requested to attend the meeting.

Huff Hall's Band Plays At All-College May Dance

Huff Hall and his orchestra will play for the Newman Club's all-college May Day dance at the TUB Saturday, 9 to 12 p.m.

Following a Spring theme, Edward Leonard, decoration committee chairman, is planning floral decorations. Dance chairman Vanetta Angellilo is assisted by publicity chairman, Joanne Hobbs and Robert Ritz.

Dance tickets may be obtained from members of the Newman Club at \$1.20 each.

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vania Power & Light Company, April 28, eighth semester, men from EE.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- Wednesday, April 26
- NSA, 16 Sparks, 6:30 p.m.
- WRA Modern Dance, WH, 7 p.m.
- Bridge Club advanced, 8 p.m.
- Bowling Club, 6:30 p.m.
- CHINESE Bible Class, 207 OH, 6:30 p.m.
- INDIAN Bible Class, 207 CH, 8 p.m.
- At the Movies
- CATHAUM - The Bride Goes Wild.
- NITTANY - The Ghost Goes West.
- STATE - T-Men.
- College Hospital
- Admitted Tuesday: Nancy Schott.
- Discharged Tuesday: James Burnham, Sheldon Kahn, Harry McCarty, Carl Miller, Betty Parkhurst.

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