

Half a Beautiful Library

As is the case with many campus buildings, the Central Library is only half the structure its planners originally envisioned.

Yes, beautiful as it is, the library is only half completed. It was designed in a U-shape but the two wings were lost somewhere in the shuffle for funds about ten years ago. All that was left was the base section and a central tail of bookstacks.

It wasn't long after they moved the library from Carnegie Hall to its present location that the available space for books was completely filled. This was back in 1940 when the enrollment was several thousands less than the present time. Where is the room for expansion?

The answer is simple—there isn't any!

Penn State's beautiful Central Library (which, by the way, was the only structure built by the Public Works Administration in Pennsylvania that ended up with a surplus) is already obsolete.

The normal growth of American university and college libraries is 10 percent per year. In 1927 our library had about 100,000 books. In 1947 we should have had 672,700 volumes but the actual total is only about 283,000. The library's rate of increase is barely five percent annually.

There is not enough room for the books the College does own. In addition to the various department libraries many books are stored in basements of several campus buildings—where they can't be used.

Prof. William L. Werner points out also that in 1939 there were 29 staff members handling 200,000 books for the 5,689 students while last year there were 30 on the staff handling 283,000 books for 8,400 students. He suggests that perhaps a vote of thanks is due that extra employee who apparently takes care of 2,700 students and 83,000 books.

Librarian Willard P. Lewis has been doing a herculean job of coping with these and many other problems and is to be highly complimented. But Mr. Lewis has been working against great odds. No plans have been made to include the library in the building program for the next few years. Nor have provisions been made to enlarge the staff.

Somewhere, funds should be found to add those two misplaced wings and open the way to a larger, more complete library that would take care of present and future needs of the College.

Someone once said, "A university is known by its books." —BIF

Show Where You Stand!

Denial of human rights, like the weather, seems to be one of those things that everybody in State College talks about, but very few do anything about.

Council on Racial Equality is trying to correct the haircut situation, but cannot do it alone. Their hopes of influencing the barbers, or alternately of establishing an equality barbershop, are based on the sale of \$1 pledge tickets, investments in four future haircuts.

A goal of \$2600 has been set, a modest aim considering the 5000 male students, the several hundred faculty, administration and staff members and at least 3000 other townsmen. This sum is believed to be the minimum that would convince barbers that eliminating discrimination would not hurt their trade.

If this guarantee should fail to move them, the money would be applied to the establishment of a new three-chair shop, for which three sites are under consideration. A retired barber, who favors the proposal, has indicated his eagerness to manage the shop.

All efforts will first be directed to obtain equality in existing establishments. If a new one must be started, every precaution will be taken to prevent its degeneration into Jim-Crowism. It would be maintained in a sanitary, first-class condition, and expert barbers will be hired.

The successful completion of these long-needed reforms depends on selling enough tickets. CORE Days—a climactic drive next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—will reach every male student and staff member, as well as every home in the borough.

Obviously such a concerted undertaking will require the devoted services of many devoted workers. Briefing and assignments, scheduled for 304 Old Main at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, should be well-attended.

Although organizations represented on CORE have been notified to send volunteers, individuals should be willing to attend and offer their services. Such an opportunity to help eradicate a blot from the Penn State escutcheon is too good to miss. It may never come again.—Low Stone.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Junior's eating 'Atomic Snackies', Dad's having 'Vito-Bangies'. Mom's eating 'Dynamic Krunchies' and I can't hear a word, Otis, on account of the noise!"

Editor's Mailcall

Letters to The Editor's Mail Call should be limited to 150 words so that all contributors may be given space. The editor reserves the right to print in part all letters over that limit. Letters must be signed and the address and telephone number given. Names will be withheld from publication if requested.

A Note of Thanks

TO THE EDITOR: We the coeds of the Tri-Dorms want to thank Dr. Herbert R. Glenn for his very informative report on what made the coeds sick—"Food poisoning; cause unknown." We would also like to express our appreciation to Dr. Anna O. Stephens who managed to arrive the following morning when the girls were well on their way to recovery.

To give credit where it is rightfully due, we wish to thank Miss Annette Lefkowitz, the Tri-Dorm nurse, who, with the aid of several helpful coeds, arose to the occasion immediately and kept things in hand.

It is certainly a relief to know the College "higher-ups" are so interested in the welfare of the coeds. There is no excuse in a school this size for any so-called gastro-intestinal food poisoning and we feel sure that Dr. Glenn with the help of the Bacteriology Department can round up the mysterious Bug.

—Name withheld.

Those Nasty People!

TO THE EDITOR: What Penn State needs is an increase in money allotted to it for educational purposes. I don't know whether it now gets \$100,000 or \$1,000,000, but whichever figure is right, another measly \$25.00 or so would leave nothing more to be desired at the school, and would rid us of some very perplexing problems.

With that money we could buy shotguns containing electric-eye attachments which would detect students walking on the grass and would fill them with enough lead so that the next time they would stay on the cement walks.

They really don't deserve any better fate than what I've outlined. They are unsocial, unesthetic, hateful, spiteful, diabolic, etc., characters. Even where the seed has been newly planted and the ground has been broken up to facilitate growth do these self-centered sons of guns trample the soil without the slightest compunction.

—Henry Shaw.

A Social Secretary?

TO THE EDITOR: Hats off to the writer of the column in Saturday's Collegian entitled "Poor Host." I have attended nearly all the major concerts given in Schwab Auditorium for many years and the lack of warmth and

artistic stage-setting noticeable for the Kapell concert is typical.

Because I am not affiliated with the College except in a friendly way, I have not publicly criticized, but I am an alumna of Penn State and have many times been ashamed of these discourtesies.

I am glad that someone else has noticed this disgrace and made a public statement. Last year the world-famous Georges Enesco arrived IN A TAXI to give his violin concert at the auditorium. Where was the reception committee then?

There are many interested musicians among the townspeople—and I am one of them—who would be honored to be able to do these artists a courtesy, but we hesitate to intrude. What Penn State needs is a Social Secretary.

—Jane Cowell, '34.

The Little Handful

To the Editor: "The loud little handful"—as usual—will shout for the war—the great big, dull Luik of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war—then the handful will shout louder—and now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war cry and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth.

Next, the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame on the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities—and will by and by convince himself that the war is just and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

—Mark Twain.

"Mysterious Stranger," 1916.

War is not inevitable. Let's not begin the process of self-deception described by Mark Twain. Speak out. Stop war mongering. Build the United Nations. No peacetime conscription.

—Marvin Thall.

AVC Backs CORE

To the Editor: We of the American Veterans Committee wish to clear up our position regarding the current sale of CORE tickets. AVC is definitely supporting the sale and also wishes to urge all of those interested in combating racial discrimination in State College to get behind CORE.

The purchase and sale of these tickets is viewed by AVC as the immediate objective in this fight against bigotry.

—Leo Troy, Chairman AVC.

Neat or Eat?

To the Editor: In view of the wave of sickness

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Placement Service

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main immediately.

New York Central Railroad, May 10, summer work as student chairman. Also eighth semester men in Civil Engineering.

Boy Scouts of America, May 7, eighth semester men in C&F, Ed, Forestry, A&L, Phys Ed, Industrial Ed.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, May 11, students in C&F, A&L, ME, EE, Chem Eng.

Corning Glass Works, May 11, students with B.S. or M.S. degrees in ME, EE. Also B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. degrees in Chem, Physics.

Berkshire Life Insurance Company, May 6, eighth semester men in C&F, A&L.

Equitable Life Assurance Company, May 6, eighth semester men in C&F, A&L.

Radio Corporation of America, May 6, eighth semester men in EE, ME, Physics.

American Bridge Company, May 6, eighth semester men in Architectural, Civil, and Industrial Engineering.

Calvert Distilling Company, May 7, eighth semester men in IE, ME, Physics, Chem, Chem Eng, Commercial Chem.

Hamilton Watch Company, May 7, eighth semester men in ME, IE, Physics.

Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Company, eighth semester men in Dairy Husbandry, Pre-veterinary. Also summer employment.

American Brake Shoe Company and American Brakeblok Company, May 3, eighth semester men in Metallurgy, ME.

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.

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CALENDAR

All calendar items must be in the newsroom in 8 CH by 4 p. m. on the day preceding publication.

Monday, May 3

PHILOTES, election of officers, Penn State Club Room, Old Main, 8 p.m.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Winter Meeting.
NITTANY—Driftin' River
STATE—Sitting Pretty.

College Hospital

Admitted Friday: Vincent Kolenda, Clyde Wilson, Glenn Zech.
Discharged Friday: William Brown, Florice Dawson, Vincent Kolenda, Matilda Nathan, Catherine Savige, Theodore Sproull.

and digestion troubles which seems to be sweeping the Tri-Dorms it would be, in my opinion, better if those who are preoccupied with administrative affairs, would shift their penetrating insight in relation to the problems of Penn State's coeds from the nuances and superficialities of dress in the dining commons to satisfying and maintaining the nutritive demands of the female viscera.

—Franklin M. Shupp.