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Aptly Qualified

A food committee to end all food committees has been appointed by William Lawless, All-College president.

In an effort to make a conclusive study of food conditions in the Nittany dining commons, Lawless named himself and Edmund Walacavage, All-College secretary, as co-chairmen.

Both former residents of Pollock Circle, they are aptly qualified to conduct the survey and solve whatever problem exists. Walacavage has been concerned with the problem for two years, as a member of the Cabinet food committee and member and president of Pollock Circle Council.

So far the committee has enlisted the active support of Miss Mildred Baker, supervisor of food service; and Samuel K. Hostetter, College treasurer.

A preliminary session of the committee Tuesday afternoon revealed that an accurate definition of the problem must be obtained if the group's efforts are to be successful.

Some question can be raised as to the significance of the petition which was circulated on the Hill by Paul Kritsky's Nittany Dorm food committee and which precipitated the drastic measures undertaken by Lawless to ferret out the basic causes of the griping.

Personally contacted by their dorm presidents, 1364 Pollock and Nittany residents signed the new petition that they were "dissatisfied" with food conditions and that "no progress had been made."

The last Cabinet food committee, with Richard Schlegel as chairman, compiled a list of specific complaints from 396 diners during the evening meal of October 18.

Cabinet was evidently satisfied with Schlegel's report stating that remedial action had been taken on many of the most frequently-mentioned faults and explaining why others were unfounded or uncorrectable.

Regardless of the findings of the committee, it is hoped that the Nittany diners realize and appreciate the efforts that have been and will be made to improve their situation.

Collegian Gazette

Brief notices of meetings and other events must be submitted to The Daily Collegian office in Carnegie Hall by 2 p.m. of the day before the issue in which it is desired to appear.

Thursday, December 15

- PSCA dancing class, Armory, 7 p.m.
- NSA, 8 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- EDUCATION Student Council, 125 Sparks, 8:30 p.m.
- ALL-COLLEGE Cabinet, 201 Old Main, 8 p.m.

College Hospital

Admitted Tuesday: Sara Ann Hill, Joseph O'Donnell, William Hanley, Evelyn Smith, Inge Hoffmann, Chester Doyle.
Discharged Tuesday: Howard Struble, Vance Genzlinger, Walter Philip, Judith PoKempner, Janet Cohen.

College Placement

- Hagan Corp., December 15 and 16, eighth semester men in EE, ME, Sanitary Eng, Ceramics, Chem Eng, and Chem.
- Piaseck Helicopter Corp., December 17, eighth semester men in AE and ME.
- Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co., December 16, eighth semester ME, EE, Mining Eng, Architectural Eng, CE.
- Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Co., December 17, eighth semester men in Dairy Husbandry.
- Long Island Lighting Co., December 18, eighth semester, in EE and ME for public utility work.
- Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., December 16, eighth semester, IE, EE, ME, Chem Eng, and Ceramics. Training program in industrial engineering. Will lead to factory technical assignments. Few openings in maintenance.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Johnny Belinda.
STATE—They Drive by Night.
NITTANY—Life With Father.

Step on it, lady!



Who, Me?

Yes, you.

You're a member of a minority too. Any group that you belong to is a minority. Your religious group is a minority. The number of people who have your color skin is a minority.

As a member of a minority too you have an important function to perform in a democratic country. Your group is making an important contribution to American and world life and culture.

But your group is facing a great danger—today!

For there is discrimination against some minority groups, even in this country. Today it's one group, perhaps you're one of the ones who is discriminating, even. Tomorrow, it will be your group's turn. Once discrimination gains a foothold, it's easy for it to change its object. Today you're discriminating, tomorrow you'll be discriminated against.

You can stop the chain too—by stopping discrimination. You're lowering the chances of your being discriminated against by lowering the amount of discrimination being practiced.

—Elliot Shapiro.

Bring 'Em Back Alive!

1949 is just around the corner. In fact, it's only 16 days away. Tomorrow the vanguard of about 8600 students will begin their annual exodus for the Christmas vacation. It would be an interesting phenomenon if all 8600 came back alive and safe.

According to the National Safety Council 50,000 Americans will be celebrating their last Christmas this year. Fifty thousand lives with their ingenuity and abilities and spirit will be lost to their loved ones and the nation because of carelessness, negligence and just plain stupidity.

With the bad break in weather, it is evident that most students are going to drive carefully and slowly. But there are always those jokers who want to get home a little earlier than the rest and who insist on risking their own and others' lives. It would be a novel relief if Penn State's statistics would prove the experts wrong.

—Selma Zasofsky

The Safety Valve

Share Responsibility

TO THE EDITOR: Last February the State College Friends Meeting issued a statement regarding discrimination against Negroes in the local barbershops. At that time we supported the program of the Council on Racial Equality to find means whereby the barbers could be assured against possible loss of patronage should they extend their services to Negroes, and if such negotiations were unsuccessful, to proceed with the establishment of a new, non-discriminatory shop.

Although the program received widespread public support, both moral and financial, subsequent negotiations with the barbers were unsuccessful. It is our understanding that CORE is now proceeding with the alternative program of establishing a new shop, while recognizing that this alternative does not constitute either a complete nor wholly desirable solution to the problem.

Recently the NAACP has asked students and residents of State College and vicinity to support the cause of the Negroes by withdrawing their patronage from barbershops while discriminatory practices exist. We realize, in all humbleness, that the problem of racial discrimination in the local barbershops is created by the community as a whole, including ourselves, and that we must share in the responsibility for a democratic solution.

We wish to identify ourselves with those who are persecuted by refusing to accept the privilege denied the Negroes by the local barbershops, and we encourage our fellow citizens to do likewise. It is our conviction that to do otherwise, or to remain silent when the issue has been crystallized, is to condone practices which are contrary to our belief in the divinity and hence the equality of all men.

—State College Friends Meeting and the Young Friends Group.

Undiluted Education?

TO THE EDITOR: We the students of State College are paying for an education which should include competent instructors.

If the use of graduate-assistant instructors in the L.A. School (with particular emphasis on the English Lit. Department) has been prevalent in the past, what has happened to the requirements for teaching? The student is being constantly hounded by requirements. Are there no requirements for instructors?

A few large classes with a few competent instructors in charge is worth more than small classes with people in charge who know little of the art of teaching.

Would it be too costly to conduct a survey to determine how the students feel about their instructors, and the methods employed in instruction?

In the past I had taken good instructors for granted, but I now realize how impossible a situation can become with dictatorial incompetents at the helm.

I am not alone in my cry for an undiluted education.

—Name withheld.

• The Liberal Arts Student Council plans to conduct a professor-course rating survey before the end of the semester.

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