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### Need for Education

Probably the most malevolent, venomous and diabolical letter we've ever seen, arrived the other day, bearing a Lakeland, Fla., postmark.

Consisting of a bigoted diatribe against Negroes and Jews, the letter bore evidence of being part of an organized drive to foment race hatred in the United States.

Characteristically unsigned, the letter was a carbon copy of one which had been sent in December to the University of Chicago's student newspaper, after students there had staged a walkout protesting discrimination against Negroes in the university's medical school and clinic.

The letter was so gorged with malicious fabrications, willful distortions of truth and spiteful lies, that a meticulous search was made for the slightest grain of fact.

None was found that had not been grossly distorted, twisted or used out of context.

It is difficult to perceive how anyone in these United States could become so nauseously demented. Persons of his ilk are probably beyond hope; they refuse to listen to reason.

Yet their poison must be prevented from spreading. Unfortunately, this cannot be accomplished by quarantining them. Antidotes and preventives must be widely and wisely employed.

Proper education is perhaps the best preventive, but it must be administered early, and continuously. By proper education we mean, of course, the cultivation and training of the mind, to develop the ability and willingness to think.

Thinking persons are far less susceptible to the venom of race hatred than non-thinkers, and logic can penetrate and break down the barriers of any "race supremacy compartments" which may exist in their minds.

### Spring Week

It's a new year, and soon a new semester. Just the time when campus groups seem to latch on to new enthusiasm.

And what better way would there be to direct this enthusiasm than into the promotion of our College?

Instead of falling into the sloppy habit of criticizing campus activities, classes, profs, and all the other things that we are so apt to tear down without really thinking, why not take this time to get interested in some outstanding project, and put a whole-hearted, all-College effort behind it?

All-College Cabinet has approved the principle of holding a "Spring Week" next semester from March 31 to April 2. Other large organizations, such as the Interfraternity Council, the Association of Independent Men, and the Panhellenic Council, have okayed the Froth-proposed program for a big spring weekend to give the College favorable publicity on a large scale.

It remains now for the entire student body to help with this idea. Small and large organizations can band together in an effort to promote Penn State.

Working for this week will benefit financially each organization that takes part in it. At the proposed carnival scheduled for the weekend, all proceeds received from a booth or project set up by any group will remain in the hands of the organization sponsoring the booth.

Previous all-College drives which have fallen short are certainly not good publicity for Penn State. Can we show other colleges that we can throw an all-College effort behind a proposed project and succeed?

-Pauly Moss.

### Edit Briefs

When the College agreed to provide free ice-skating for students by flooding the practice football field, a pleasing example of student-administration cooperation seemed in the making. Now if the weatherman would just cooperate—

• In magazines, on buses and in the newspapers we are constantly confronted with the news that Mr. Soandso has switched to a new beverage or hair tonic. A Cabinet committee can also publicize a new switching campaign with announcements that "Campus Bigwigs have Switched to Sidewalks!"

Mr. C. Bigwigs said, "I like sidewalks better because . . ."

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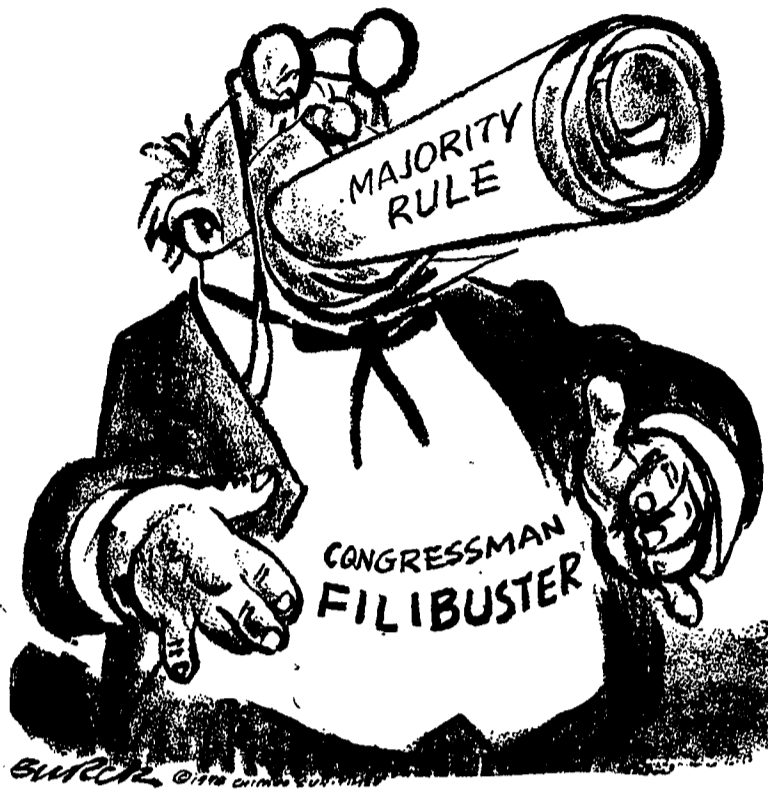
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### Silence, please!



### Senior Functions

"Forty-niners" will have their first opportunity to get together as a class for fun, relaxation and making new acquaintances in White Hall between 2:30 and 4:30 tomorrow afternoon.

Profit will be added to the attractions of free dancing and refreshments, as three cash awards will be presented to the wearers of the best-decorated Lion coats.

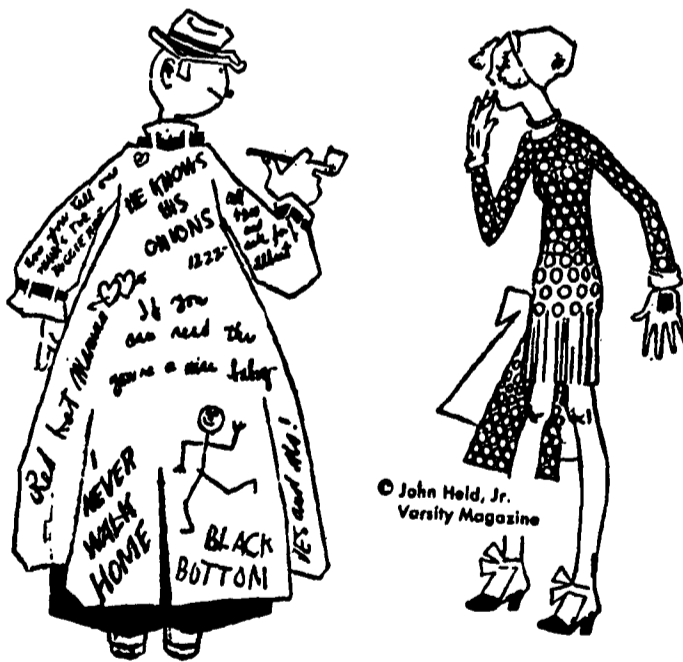
Class functions of this nature have been woefully infrequent in the past. Active participation by all seniors will demonstrate to the class officers that more are wanted.

Another senior gathering, this time a class business meeting, takes place the following day, in Schwab Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Deciding upon the method for selecting the class gift is the most important item on the agenda, and is important enough in itself to warrant a large turnout.

Since several thousand dollars is involved, each senior should be concerned about its expenditure and should be present to insist that it is done democratically, and not by any small clique.

Seniors interested in enjoying a pleasant afternoon with their classmates, and in the welfare of the class should make every effort to attend both of these important class events.



"If you're going to wear your father's Lion Coat for a \$5 prize, I'm going to wear my mother's 'Charleston' dress!"

### 'Secs' Rears Its Head

An interesting missive arrived in the Collegian office recently from SECS, Society for the Enhancement of Career Secretaries. The Society wishes to change the name of the "secretarybird" to the "boss bird."

The SECS give as their reason the fact that the description in Webster better describes the boss than the secretary. The description is as follows: "a large, long-legged, rapacious creature that feeds on reptiles."

If the SECS should by chance get the ornithologists to agree to the change would they also agree that they, often classed as the boss' favorite dish, should be termed reptiles?

-E. Shapiro.

### Try It Yourself

It is with a grain of hesitation that I, a "spineless, wishy-washy" reporter, attempt a reply to the letter captioned "No Guts?" appearing in "The Safety Valve" column of Tuesday morning's Daily Collegian.

In my opinion, this instantaneous outburst, a harangue leveled at this paper's editors, was a creation of the immature mental apparatus of two precocious, youthful persons who have no respect for the sagacity and experience of the elderly men who chose our present acting president and our present basketball coach.

It is indeed a very smug, complacent position in which you find yourselves, Messrs. Leeper and Deckman. I challenge you to offer your praiseworthy contributions to the editorial staff of the Collegian. Come out for the staff of our newspaper and work your way up through the ranks as did our editors! I feel sure that our editorial columns will no longer reek of "spineless, wishy-washy" material when your brilliant minds create them.

Yes, we had our arm-chair generals during the last war, but they did not bring us victory. It was the brave men of action, who carried the brunt of the fighting and endured the heat of battle, who brought us the final victory!

-Ray Benfer.

### Simple But Important

Do you have a heart? Not just a physical heart, to pump your blood, but an emotional heart. If you do, you have probably felt it twist at the sight of a child, sitting helpless, unable to play with his fellows, condemned to sit always on the sidelines.

Condemned by the dread scourge of poliomyelitis, better known as infantile paralysis.

Infantile paralysis can strike anywhere. You probably have in your home neighborhood, some youngster, or oldster, for the disease knows no limit, who has been stricken. One day he is playing, happy. The next he is lying on his back, with the disease wasting away his limbs and strength.

Everyone feels pity for these poor unfortunates. Everyone feels that helpless feeling in the face of acrippled child.

There is no need to feel helpless, though. You can do something about it, something simple, yet important. And that is to contribute your dimes and dollars to the March of Dimes.

Collection will begin on this campus today. Don't wait for collectors to seek you out. Look for them. Your dimes and dollars can help a child walk.

Do you have a heart?

-Elliot Shapiro.

### The Safety Valve

#### "Lack of Faith"

TO THE EDITOR: Elliot Krane's editorial in a recent issue of The Collegian expressed a lack of faith in democratic processes which came as a severe shock to many members of the student body. He appeared to feel that the election of a representative gives that representative thereafter during his term of office a blank check to express his own views as those of his constituents. This I deeply disbelieve. Any political scientist knows that in a democracy, representatives must maintain contact with those who elected them or pay the penalty of losing their future support. Krane is, therefore, in this sense, encouraging those persons to whom the editorial was addressed to forego further campus activity for the sake of expressing their personal views on the single issue of the boycott. It is a tribute to the integrity and responsibility of the AIM and IFC leaders in question that they felt strongly enough their duty to those represented by them to protest their being coerced into supporting measures possibly opposed by their organizations.

One more point should be made. The issue of the boycott is a serious one. There have been sincere differences of opinion regarding the desirability and probable effectiveness of the methods used. To say that this question—mentioned as a "major issue" in the editorial—is on a par with the many picayune matters which frequently come before Cabinet is patently absurd.

-Corbin S. Kidder.

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#### College Hospital

Admitted Wednesday: Frederick Smith, Harold Noff, George Smith, Margaret Dennison.

Discharged Wednesday: Gladys Singer, Yvonne Fish, John Antonette, Sidney Blatt, Fred Hazelwood, Philip Barr, Dale Claypool, William Marsh.

#### College Placement

Johnson Service Co., January 14, January graduates, EE, IE, ME.

Procter & Gamble Distributing Co., January 17, January graduates interested in sales, A&I, C&F.

#### At the Movies

CATHAUM—Yellow Sky.

STATE—Live Today for Tomorrow.

MITTANY—The Search.