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'Poorly Done'

While the College expansion program is still in full swing it might be worth while to pick up a few loose bricks and give them a gentle heave toward the department of economics of the School of Liberal Arts.

Last week a horde of commerce and finance majors reported to 10 Sparks to pre-register for the fall semester only to find a single file line of students "four-abreast" to the end of the hallway and up the stairs to the main floor.

THE 5 O'CLOCK SUBWAY RUSH in New York City temporarily had to take a backseat to the unorganized mass of humans, who, in the poorly ventilated halls of Sparks, were pushing their way into the registration room.

Due to a muddled-up system of pre-registration procedure which apparently seems to be getting worse instead of better each successive year, the students waited in line, some for as long as two hours, before finally entering the domain of 10 Sparks.

Next, the dummy schedule made up in advance by the students had to be approved by one of the graduate assistants of the department. Apparently not entrusting the ingenuity of their assistants, two professors of the economics department, Mr. Douglas Brown and Mr. David McKinley, had to approve the schedule. That meant waiting in line for another hour.

IT SEEMS ODD that in a staff of 9 graduate assistants, 10 instructors, 18 assistant professors, 7 associate professors and 7 full-time professors—a total manpower reserve of 51 members—not more than two should be available to handle the hordes of students enrolled in the commerce and finance section of the School of Liberal Arts.

On Wednesday night registration started at 7 p.m. and lasted until 11:30 p.m. During that span only 299 students registered. Isn't it possible to handle more than 45 students an hour during a pre-registration period?

Founded in the early twenties, the department is now in its second quarter-century of existence. A workable system of pre-registration should have been devised to handle more than 45 students an hour and to prevent an occurrence of a job "poorly done."

—George Vadasz.

Collegian Gazette

Tuesday, May 10

- LAST MEETING, House of Representatives, 2 White Hall, 6:15 p.m.
- MEN'S BRIDGE club, TUB, 7 p.m.
- YPA Meeting, 410 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
- PENN STATE Grange, 100 Hort, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA Bridge, WH Playroom, 7 p.m.
- Fencing, 1 WH, 7 p.m.
- Bowling, WH, 6:30 p.m.
- PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 417 Old Main, 1:10 p.m.
- PHI MU ALPHA, Room 14, CH, 8:45 p.m. Election of officers.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Saturday: Ray Williams.
Discharged Saturday: Roger Muthollen, Fred Larson, Robert Boger.
Admitted Sunday: Phyllis Kane, Wallace Merchant, Daniel Shannahan.
Discharged Sunday: Phyllis Feinsilber.
Admitted Monday: Robert Snyder, Margaret Denion, Robert Suravitz, Joan Ruth Blacker.
Discharged Monday: Ray Williams, Daniel Shannahan, Clifford Hoch.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main.
The Sinclair and Balletine Co., Ridgeway, Pa., is interested in organic chemists. Work largely in control laboratory in dye pigments and dyes.
Wear-Ever representative will interview students May 11 and 12 for summer and permanent employment.
State Department of Highways, May 13, June grads in Ag Eng, Accounting, Chem Eng, Engineering seniors, Forestry.
Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, Delaware, has openings for two or three dieticians. Applicants should be Food majors.
National Supply Co., May 9, June grads in ME for plant work.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Flamingo Road.
STATE—Alias Nick Beal.
NITTANY—The Magic Bow.

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All Alone by the Telephone--



Your Lion

By Red Roth

Graduation date for a lot of seniors (almost 2000) is just a few short weeks off, so before it's too late I want to add one more lament—only this one's for a select group of the class of 1949, the veterans.

Yes, with the departure of the June graduating class, the era of veterans in college will have long since passed its zenith and the ranks of the former Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force students will be sadly depleted. I'll miss them, personally.

The new freshmen and sophs that arrive next year to fill in the gaps can't possibly possess the distinction of these battle-jacket book-carriers. After all, anyone (with a little dough, of course) can buy a new sport jacket, suit, or pair of sleek sports slacks. But scraggly field jackets M-1943, combat boots, and reconverted "pinks" and "greens" have a personality all their own.

Of course the changes brought about by the gradual disappearance of the G.I.'s will be vastly more far-reaching than substitution of outer garments. I can't make up my mind whether they're for the better or worse.

Obviously the future college men, like those before the war, will in general be better-heeled financially than the current crop. Uncle Sam is generous, there's no doubt of that, but try to pay an \$80 housebill with a \$75 check and have a little left over to spend on cigarettes, coffee, and maybe a movie or two. It's hard, believe me. On the other hand MOST strictly civilian students can well-afford the expenses of a college education and its attendant social features.

Without trying to start another "Battle of the Sexes," the coeds will probably enjoy the change. Instead of a coke and cigarette at the Corner Room, the newcomers, and some of those remaining, can afford to offer the sweet young thing a dinner at the Eutaw House or the Allencrest. 'Tain't nothing to sneeze at.

Then, too, next year's crop will be younger and probably less demanding than the dogfaces and swabbies who are leaving. It's hard to teach a Joe who's been fraternizing with freuleins and mademoiselles that hand-holding in the moonlight is the epitome of romantic thrills.

Most of the pros I've talked to regret the passing of the PL 346 and 16 men. They feel the vets are more mature and more devoted to their studies than the non-vet student. Could be. I won't argue with those who are supposed to know what they're talking about.

I'm not sure, but I have a hunch beer consumption at State College will drop in the near future. Also conversations about T/5s kicking generals out of PX's and privates telling shavetails what to do with their orders will slowly become extinct.

Some of the changes will be good—others bad. Whatever the end result the Penn State collegiate picture is certainly going to be altered.

So beer glasses up to the end of an era. And a colorful one at that. So long, gang.

College Delegates Attend SU Parley

George Donovan, manager of Student Union, and Edmund Walacavage, a member of the Student Union committee, attended the Student Union convention at Colorado Springs last week.

The convention was held to provide means for student union delegates to meet to solve problems and get ideas on how to operate student unions.

"We are fortunate to have a student union that is relatively free from college administration," said Walacavage.

In many colleges the student union is not free to act on their own volition, he said. Their plans must be approved by the college board of directors.

Donovan was chairman of the Idea Hour panel at the convention. They discussed how to conduct big dances, how to handle publicity, and how to raise money for student unions.

Walacavage led a panel discussion on the keynote speech at the convention, "The Position of Student Union as Related to Democracy."

Reen, Roth Head Sigma Delta Chi

Jack Reen was elected president of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism honorary, at a recent meeting. Other officers elected were Wilbert Roth, vice-president; Edwin Watson, secretary; and Arden Eidell, treasurer.

Tom Morgan was elected delegate to the fraternity's national convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, next fall.

Eleven men were initiated at the same meeting. They are Wilson Barto, Raymond Benfer, Stanley Degler, Harry Endres, Norman Goode, Edwin Hoffman, Raymond Koehler, Robert Kotzbauer, Ramon Saul, Henry Wadlinger, and Edwin Watson.

The Safety Valve

Courtesy and Conduct

TO THE EDITOR: I was most impressed over the weekend by the courtesy and conduct of our students during the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association tournament on our College course.

Even though the course was closed only on Saturday, students absented themselves from the course during Friday's play and again on Sunday afternoon when an unexpected play-off developed.

I personally followed the play on Sunday and was delighted by the conduct of the large gallery which followed the players.

There was applause for good play, sympathetic appreciation of "bad breaks," and general good conduct throughout.

I think I would be remiss in my duty if I did not publicly express my thanks to our students for this fine display.

—Dr. Carl P. Schott, Dean, School of Physical Education and Athletics.

No Disqualification

TO THE EDITOR: I see no good reason why there should be such an uproar among so many American students over the criticism made by Mr. Bapuji regarding the custom of pie throwing at the recent carnival. The fact that he is from another country does not disqualify him from passing judgment on our way of doing things. In a way, he is in a better position to know what is wrong with some of our customs than we are. For he stands to us in much the same relation as the spectator stands to the actors on the stage. He can see things that escape our attention.

Now, we are very happy, I'm sure, when we hear Mr. Bapuji speak well of our country. Well, then, aren't we being one-sided to reject his unfavorable criticism? It would be strange, indeed, if Mr. Bapuji—or anyone else—could find nothing wrong with America, or any other country.

Personally, I welcome Mr. Bapuji's criticism, for only by having such an attitude can I profit from the observations of other people. The important thing, as I see it, is to discuss the merits of the custom in question, and not the person responsible for the criticism.

—Peter R. Priffli.

A War Agreement

TO THE EDITOR: The State Department is trying to present the North Atlantic Pact to the American people as a defensive, peace pact. We are assured that it provides collective security against aggression and war.

It is a war agreement directed against the Soviet Union and all other peaceful countries who are defending themselves against the aggressive plans of U. S. imperialism. It is based on the lie that Europe faces the menace of a Soviet attack.

The pact commits us to rearm the Marshall plan countries. It implies the establishment of U. S. air fields and naval bases near the borders of the Soviet Union. It permits us to rebuild and control the armies, ir forces, and navies of the signatory countries.

It means tremendous profits for U. S. corporations and banks. For the American people, it means vastly increased taxes, higher prices, unemployment in industries not producing war goods. It may mean that you must prepare to shed your blood, to sacrifice your hopes for peace to the war plans of a small, extremely powerful minority in our country.

Tell your senator you oppose the North Atlantic Pact. Tell him you want a peace pact between the USA and the USSR.

—Saul Levinson.

Young, Inexperienced

TO THE EDITOR: What kind of pre-conceived notions caused editorialist L. D. Gladfelter to squeeze all newspapers indiscriminately into the pre-conceived pattern of deliberately suppressing and distorting the news?

Upon what does he base his charges? If he has the "inside" information that disproves what the newspapers print, how does he test the validity of his special sources?

Don't you agree that Mr. Gladfelter is a little too young, inexperienced and uninformed to make such serious statements, especially in the Collegian, which is a student newspaper, and should be chiefly devoted to the betterment of Penn State?

—Name withheld.

Selective Reporting?

TO THE EDITOR: A letter recently published in the Collegian appeared to be an attempt by Mr. Rubenstein to support his view that the Atlantic Pact is an instrument of aggression. For effect he quoted parts of Representative Cannon's speech of April 13 from two different sources.

His tactics remind me of an old psychological trick which often proves effective in spreading propaganda. Remove a few sentences from the context of a speech. Isolate these sentences from any other parts of the speech which might give them the real meaning intended by the speaker. Add a few comments of your own to steer the thinking of the suggestive readers along your line and you end up with a neat piece of propaganda.

One thing that puzzles me is why Mr. Rubenstein had to quote from two different sources. Could it be that some selective reporting on the part of the New York Herald-Tribune and New York Times writers saved him the trouble of analyzing Representative Cannon's speech himself in its entirety to pick out the barbs? I wonder?

—J. C. Denaher.

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