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### Gone Are the Days

Penn State used to be known as the place where a student could get a good education without the bankroll needed to attend an Ivy League college. Nowadays, though, Penn State has almost slipped out of reach of the middle income group. The average non-veteran who lives and eats in a college dormitory pays \$840 a year to the College, \$250 more than it was two years ago. Added to that, books, travel expenses, clothes and general living costs make the total, at the last, a \$1000 a year—a sum which is no small chunk out of the average family's income.

IT SEEMS TO BE THE FEELING OF MANY PERSONS that the civilians at the College can well afford all the luxuries of college life—and that it is only the veterans who know what it is to live on a meager budget. However, this is far from true. Or, if it is, it shouldn't be. In that case, Penn State is losing many a qualified student for whom the \$1000 a year is an unattainable sum.

It is logical that the cost of education has risen along with everything else in this inflationary period, but this obvious fact doesn't make it any easier on the student who may have figured the cost of his college education four years ago.

IF THE INCREASE CANNOT BE AVOIDED, then it is the responsibility of the administration to cooperate in every possible way in alleviating the student's financial burden. Instead, it often seems as though just the opposite were true. If a student-administration joint board were created to make a study of this problem and to put its solutions into effect, it should be possible to inaugurate a workable program.

For instance, one big step in this direction could be taken if more college jobs were made available to students. With a little planning many of the jobs which are now held by outside employees such as those in the dining commons, maintenance department, and in some offices could be filled just as effectively by students. In many of the aristocratic Ivy schools and women's colleges such a student work plan is already working successfully. At Barnard College, for example, girls clean their own rooms—one good way to cut down expenses without too much hardship for the individual.

Another plan which is in operation at a number of schools maintains a standard of cost throughout four years. When prices are increased they are increased for new students rather than for the whole student body. With that plan the student doesn't get caught in the core of a price tornado unexpected four years before.

STILL MORE COULD BE DONE to assist the student if more cooperative living units were available. The Nittany Co-op house works out well but it can only accommodate a small percentage of students who might be interested. Why not set aside a whole dormitory for cooperative living? Finally, the College should wholeheartedly support the co-operative store idea. The old bug-a-boo about interfering with private enterprise which comes up every time a new program is introduced is antiquated under present circumstances. Certainly it should be the duty of the College to serve its students first.

Maybe someone is under some delusion about the status of the Penn State student. Perhaps the convertibles do sail along College Avenue, but one doesn't need to look far to see that, for many, the past year has been a real struggle.

—Dot Hunsberger.

### Hans Will Be Here

Hans is perhaps a German by birth, an Austrian by residence. Before World War II, Hans had a family, a home, a school—all the things he took for granted and trusted. But the War exploded all three, left Hans mentally confused and relegated him to a Displaced Persons camp in Germany. There he still is.

Late this summer, Hans will be one of many Displaced Persons screened by a joint committee of personnel from World Student Relief, the International Refugee Organization and other groups. If he passes rigid intellectual and character tests, he'll be one step along in regaining one of the things he lost—an education.

Data on Hans will be forwarded to Penn State by the Institute of International Education. The registrar at the College will either accept or reject Hans, according to academic records, interests, and field of study.

If accepted by Penn State, Hans will be transported to this country from Austria, at no expense to the College. Cooperating agencies in the DP Student Plan will see that Hans arrives on campus.

That is where the work, and the fun, begins. At Penn State, the National Student Association will help to look after Hans. Housing and meals for one year will be covered by Inter-fraternity Council, which has set aside \$800 earmarked for Hans. His tuition will be waived by the College. Since he's an adaptable fellow, he'll soon be locating employment to supplement the \$800 and to eventually support himself.

Hans' eventual goal will be American citizenship, and he will be indebted to the National Student Association, sponsor of the DP project at Penn State, and the Inter-fraternity Council for giving him a start. He will be a select person, possessing high scholarship ability, experience, and a desire to learn.

At Penn State, Hans—like his backers—will have nothing to lose, everything to gain.

### Marathon



### On Cheating

Cheating on exams, like death and taxes, is inevitable, but only in certain situations that foster it. It is a problem that is year-long at most large colleges, not existing just at final week. The emotional strain of final week only accentuates it.

ASSOCIATION WITH CLASSROOM procedure and testing methods prompts several observations and recommendations:

1. Cheating is not a matter that can be left entirely to the integrity of the individual student if it is to be curtailed.
2. Cheating puts the majority of the students, who do not cheat, in an unfair position since they are the ones who suffer.
3. The problem is one that can be averted or fostered according to the attitude of the professor in the classroom, the type of test given, the condition under which the test is given, and the fairness of the test itself.

PROFESSORS SHOULD ASSUME a strong stand on the matter of cheating at the beginning of the semester, stating the penalty for anyone caught cheating. Since the most common form of cheating is obtaining exam answers from one's neighbors, the penalty should be a low grade for the particular bluebook.

This action also should be reported to the dean of the school and be recorded on a memo in the student's file. This would not be added to his permanent record at this time however, if a student had a number of cheating offenses recorded on the memo and would thus be considered a chronic cheater, he would be liable for expulsion.

FURTHERMORE, IF SPACE permits in the classroom, students should be seated one or more seats apart during tests. Although the same test can be given to people sitting next to each other, test questions should be arranged in different order.

Use of write-in answers gains preference over checking or marking of squares or letters which are easy to detect at a glance. Adequate proctoring and avoiding the use of identical tests semester after semester are essential. The latter would help overcome blue-book file systems, which are not available to all students.

THESE ARE SUGGESTIONS that—if followed where applicable by more professors and departments at the College—would help in building a united student-prof front against cheating.

### Mall 'Policing' Sets Example

At 7 o'clock this morning, when only a few of us were getting up, Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, was beginning its much-needed campus clean-up campaign, by policing the Mall.

Benefits of the project are expected to be two-fold. Most obvious will be the immediate and self-evident improvement in the appearance of the campus, without the unsightly litter which has become prevalent.

Of long-range value should be the incentive to the student body to maintain the unblemished condition of campus lawns and sidewalks, since APO, as a group of students, is setting the example by its active approach to a campus problem.

All students should be conscious of the campus appearance and should use care to avoid cluttering it up with rubbish. Metal trash cans are available at numerous spots on campus.

Commendations to Alpha Phi Omega for another important "good deed." With sufficient cooperation, it won't have been done in vain.

● An analysis of legislation passed by the 1947 Pennsylvania legislature reveals that 148 of the 663 bills adopted affected education in some manner. For education and public schools the sum of \$239,123,900, over 40 per cent of the general fund budget, was appropriated.

—Pennsylvania 1947, A Survey.

### Least Recognized

Probably one of the most essential but least recognized portions of the Orientation Week program is Men's Counseling sponsored by PSCA, but carried out by any man willing to share in "breaking in" new students.

MEETING WITH A SMALL GROUP OF MEN may not seem like such a big or glamorous task as addressing an assembly of a couple thousand; but the personal contact should be much more meaningful to the new students.

From the day-to-day examples of general student anarchy and lack of interest in their own and the College's welfare, one might infer that Orientation programs of the past have not done their jobs adequately.

Students who have been leaders and who have derived the highest benefits the College offers, should consider it an additional responsibility to pass on their hard-earned knowledge to the newcomers.

PERHAPS THE TROUBLE HAS BEEN that three hours is not sufficient time in which to impart the Penn State spirit, especially during a week crowded with new and overwhelming experiences.

Continuation of the counselling program throughout the first semester, or even the entire year, may be the answer. If such a job would be too big to organize, individual counsellors might consider doing whatever they can on an informal basis.

A WORD OF CAUTION to the few over-loyal fraternity men who may see in counselling, an opportunity to do some extra-curricular rushing. Obviously the welfare of the new students transcends that of an individual fraternity.

Men looking for an opportunity to perform a valuable service to the College and to future student leaders can find it by applying for a position as a Sophomore Counsellor.

—Low Stone.

### Dilemma

The dilemma of a democracy is how much freedom can be granted to individuals who conspire to overthrow the very freedoms they claim as their protection. If complete freedom is granted, there is the danger that such persons may gain control of the instruments of government and destroy all personal freedom. On the other hand, if their liberties are restricted, there is the danger of ever increasing encroachments on our civil liberties.

SOME PEOPLE REGARD COMMUNISTS as evil ogres or irrational crackpots, whose primary purpose is destructive. But on the contrary, many of them are intellectual, well meaning, idealistic persons. They are not proud. They are willing to work for the attainment of communist objectives.

This is the only wrong of which Alvin Heller is guilty. While we may believe him mistaken, we would be wrong to attempt to suppress him in the expression of his ideas. It is rather for us to reaffirm our belief in democratic institutions more vigorously.

If the borough ordinance restricting the distribution of literature is not unconstitutional, it is unwise. The attention which has been gained by the communists as a result of it overshadows any value it may possess as a protective measure.

—Stan Degler.

### Collegian Gazette

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COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Thursday: Peter Santianni.  
Discharged Friday: William Marsh, William Stahl, Marion Dills, James Levinson, Melvin Widrow.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Pennsylvania State Employment Service has a number of requests for persons interested in doing farm work for at least six weeks, beginning August 8. Phone Bellefonte 4782.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.  
STATE—Family Honeymoon.  
NITTANY—Gunning for Justice.

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