

Happy Air

THE STUDENTS and the College experienced something yesterday that left fine after-effects, a good taste in the mouth, and an air of expectancy and cheerful anticipation.

Over 5,000 students crowding the steps of Old Main were impressed and overwhelmed with the man who'll be eleventh president of Penn State. So were faculty members and administrators who met Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower for the first time yesterday. So were a host of townspeople who joined the throng at Old Main.

So were the coeds who had milkshakes with the president-elect, and so were the individual students who were fortunate in meeting him informally and talking with him on topics ranging from philosophy to football.

And so were the students who encountered the president-elect on the Mall and heard their quick greeting rebound back to them.

Such a welcome and air of good feeling certainly cannot be unprecedented at Penn State but it is undoubtedly the best thing we've seen happen for and at Penn State in our transitory role of student.

Kudos are in order for those who planned the Eisenhower day and took part in the welcome—James Milholland, acting president of the College; Wilmer E. Kenworthy, assistant to the president; Ted Allen, all-College president, the Blue Band, the cheerleaders, and—most of all—the student body.

As one student put it last night, "Things are in a rather happy state around here." Every indication points to an extension of that happy state through the tenure of the eleventh president of the College.

That's why we're sorry we're a senior, and that's why we envy those who'll remain when we don gown and mortar-board.

Safety Valve...

Queries Collegian

TO THE EDITOR: Why is it that many times letters to the editor and news articles often remain in the Collegian office for several days before they appear in print.

Was it merely a coincidence that Mr. Munson's letter condemning Miss Whitesel's admirable opinion on play reviews received prompt attention? Did the fact that Miss Krebs was night editor for that particular edition have any bearing on the matter.

Congratulations, Collegian, on your promptness.

—John Baker

Ed. Note: Space is limited in the Collegian. That is where editing and choosing the day's "must" plays an important part.

We try to represent all views brought to our attention in letters to the editor. The night editor has nothing to do with content of the editorial page.

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Little Man On Campus

by Bibler



"It's no use to try to get 'fresh' with me—I've heard about you fraternity n en!"

Magazine Uncovers Latest Facts of Life

We happened to run across one of those publicity blurbs the office receives every so often. This one was from Liberty Magazine, pushing their March issue. Specifically, it promoted an article which should need very little promoting, since it bears pretty directly on your favorite topic and ours.

THE ARTICLE involved is a more or less scientific study on the advisability of conceiving babies in the autumn and winter rather than in spring and summer. It is based on surveys of college freshmen and the army of New Zealand, so it should prove a diverting study if not a particularly pertinent one.

Anyway, as far as we can gather—without the desperation move of actually buying the magazine—unless you are callous enough not to give a damn whether your progeny suffer from short stature, meager intelligence, hangnails, sterility and falling hair, you had better make sure they are conceived in the fall or winter of the year.

Now this sort of knocks the daylights out of the orange-blossom tradition of June brides, since the fall and winter months are notably short both of orange blossoms and June. It also deals a crippling blow at the profitable Niagara Falls tourist trade—after all, who wants to spend the cold months on the Canadian border watching dirty chunks of ice drip dismally over a precipice?

TOO, THE ARTICLE would tend to promote a vast revolution—no offense, Harry—in the song-writing and soap opera industries. Of course, moon, croon and toon rhyme euphoniously and conveniently with June, but what the hell would you use with January? And can you picture the righteous wrath of millions of soap-consuming housewives if Portia, in the course of her daily stint of Facing Life were to trip down the aisle in radio's traditional June wedding, dooming her off-spring to substandard existence unto the thirtieth and fortieth generation?

There is, of course, a far more important aspect of this problem to students now in college. Indeed, we would strongly urge that DIR majors born in appropriate months would find purchase of the March Liberty a remunerative investment. Thus, when Papa makes various noises about the latest transcript, you can merely wave Blueprints for Better Babies in his empurpled face and cry, triumphantly, "See? It's your fault!"

Yet another result of this epoch making study of the advantage of the cold start might very well be a radical—oops, slipped again, Harry—revision of the curve grading system with a sort of handicap granted to unfortunates of warm beginnings. Since this system would necessarily be based on a combination of birth certificates and certain scientific facts, you would have the interesting result of one half the nation's students sitting back smugly while the other half raced desperately from prof to prof, swearing, "But I tell you, it's true; thirteen and a half months, no kidding!"

Now this whole thing has caused us far less ecstatic anticipation of the forthcoming Liberty than might be supposed. In fact, until the magazine comes out with a well-illustrated feature article on babies conceived some nineteen winters past standing 5-foot-5, and abiding by the well known 36-26-36 limitations, we are fairly certain to stick to our old favorite the Saturday Evening Post which we get free through an aunt who works for Curtis Publishing.

—RON BONN

Safety Valve...

Shades of RB

TO THE EDITOR: SHADES OF ROBERT BENCHLEY—and all the other esteemed gentlemen who have eked out a living by alternately tossing scallions and orchids at the theatre and its artists—that a few years in college and a part-time apprenticeship on a college newspaper should qualify a person as a dramatic critique!

No doubt the review is, as Mr. Munson states, "honest and unslanted," but one wonders whether an eight-year-old couldn't have presented one as honest and unslanted and of about equal worth to theatre-goers.

It would be interesting to hear Miss Krebs's explanation of how college can perform the miracle of transforming her into so "mature" a person and, at the same

time, neglect the comeuppance of all those "immature" Players whom she is presumed capable of judging.

In the future, it is suggested that Miss Krebs give her reviews orally to Mr. Munson and any of her friends who may be interested. Thus she will avoid any further open avowals in print of her own immaturity and inexperience.

—John Pericola

A Chat With A.R.W.

An AP news story from Manhattan, Kansas, says that President Milton S. Eisenhower "is probably the easiest man to talk to at Kansas State College." It says that he is an outstanding exponent in education of the open door policy, and that he encourages students to seek him out for free and frank talks.

THEN THE NEWS story written by Al Dopping says, "It's safe to assume he'll carry this policy on at Pennsylvania State College where he will take over as president on July 1."

That's welcome news to Penn State students, isn't it? But I can see that it will also be a challenge to them. When one gets a brief chance to talk freely and frankly with an able, broad-experienced, busy college president, what does one elect to talk about? That's the challenge.

On one occasion of feasting in Cervantes' Don Quixote, Sancho Panza—"a short, pot-bellied rustic, full of common sense, but without a grain of spirituality"—chose cow's heel and pretended to like it.

I'M NOT QUALIFIED to say what any college president would want students to talk to him about; but I think it is probable that no college president thinks of being a combination dean of men, housemother, psychiatrist, father confessor, scheduling officer, referee, janitor, policeman and Mr. Fixit.

Oldtime presidents of small colleges "doubled in brass" in those several duties, but it would be a man-killing job today.

And so I think that if President Eisenhower should become the easiest man to talk to at Penn State, the challenge to students will be in the nature of a test of their values—that is specifically, of how best to utilize any occasional, though brief opportunity to talk with the boss, and benefit most largely from it.

APPARENTLY I WAS in error in stating in one of my chats that Bill Lawless was present in the meetings of the committee which prepared a recommendation of policy for the new men's dormitories. When I typed that statement in my Puddintown home I seemed clearly to call seeing Bill sitting in on those meetings.

In his letter in Friday's Collegian Bill very courteously said that I was in error. I am sorry about that because I don't like to be victim of a lapse of memory.

The idea for a freshman dormitory system goes back to the Dr. Hetzel years. He and those of us who liked the idea were aware in advance of arguments now being raised against it, but frankly we were most interested in equalizing freshman opportunities.

WE BELIEVED THAT it would be of ultimate benefit to the making of a worthy, democratic student body if all male freshmen could be housed for their first year under the same conditions in well-supervised dormitories and subjected to the same helpful kind of training and housing.

That plan is perhaps idealistic and does not properly weigh the rights of upperclassmen, but as an idealistic plan it was evolved out of a desire to improve the critical freshman year as a means of improving the whole student body as freshman became upperclassmen.

—A. R. WARNOCK
Dean Emeritus of Men

Gazette

Tuesday, February 28

COLLEGIAN BUSINESS Staff, Candidates, 1 CH, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN ADVERTISING Salesmen, Sophomore and Junior Board, 9 CH, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN BUSINESS Staff, Sophomore Board, 9 CH, 7:30 p.m.

PSCA BIBLE Study Group, 304 Old Main, 2:10 p.m.

PSCA Commissions, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN Junior Edit Board, 2 CH, 7:30 p.m.

STAFF CALL For New Photographic-Literary Magazine, 8 CH, 8:30 p.m.

PENN STATE BIBLE Fellowship, 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE CLUB, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PSCA COFFEE-FORUM, 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.

HANDBOOK Candidates, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

LA STUDENT COUNCIL, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Admitted Monday: Keith Shaffer, Robert Houseworth, William Glov, Lois Braden.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Shell Oil Co., Mar. 6, 7. June MS and BS candidates in MngE and Petroleum and Natural Gas Refining, MS candidates in EE and ME, and PhD candidates in Phys.

Duquesne Light Co., Mar. 13, 14. June grads in EE, ME, and CE.

General Electric Co., Mar. 13 to 16. June grads in EE, IE, ME, and Phys. for its test engineering program.

Those seniors who turned in a company preference sheet and indicated GE and/or Duquesne among the employers of greatest interest may schedule interviews immediately. All others will be scheduled beginning Thurs., Mar. 2.