

# Laxness

The end of the nation-wide coal strike means, among numerous things, the return to normal power consumption on campus. Those who have cooperated in conserving steam heat and steam-generated electricity can take it easy now.

**BUT THE END** of this emergency shouldn't call for laxness in the use of utilities. During the winter, 4,000 to 7,000 tons of coal are consumed at the Power Plant each month to satisfy heat and electrical demands. Electrical consumption during the other months means additional thousands of tons of coal in the fire-boxes.

It takes just a second to see that the lights are out when leaving dormitory rooms and classrooms. There aren't many State College nights so cold that the radiator must be kept going full blast.

Conservation of this type might not mean much to the individual, yet it can mean a saving of tons of coal—and in turn, a financial savings—to the College each month.

**WASTE SELDOM IS** easy to justify. In this instance, the College's fuel bill affects educational rates as readily as the cost of a new building. Wise use of campus utilities is asking little, especially when it might help to bring a reduction in over-all educational expenses at the College.

—John Ashbrook

# Safety Valve

## Reverse Themselves

**TO THE EDITOR:** It seemed a bit ludicrous, to see your article the other day concerning removal of restrictive campus organizations. If you read the article it seems that they accepted a new charter of a restricted organization just before they passed the resolution. Furthermore the committee professed inability to remove restrictive covenants already on campus, it seems to make a sham of this new law.

—Floyd Sand

## Let's Be Thankful

**TO THE EDITOR:** Mr. Roth's article concerning ex-GI discontentment over "dirty brown envelopes" containing "green cardboard" interested me very much.

As for myself I live on \$120 each month from Uncle Sam and I'm not making any fuss. In fact I'm very happy to have the chance to come to college—which was made possible only by the government.

I'm quite sure Mr. Roth would find the majority of GI students thankful for their opportunity for an education.

You know, Red, I used to gripe about everything that didn't suit my fancy—just like you've done—until I was sent to Europe.

While traveling through Europe I saw such things as homes being shelled, dead and dying people and starving people begging for food and glad to gather up slop, if you please, with their fingers for the nourishment of their families for another day. In fact the food these starving people were forced to eat would turn the ordinary persons stomach.

I suppose you say, "So what!" I am not bragging because I had the opportunity to see first hand starving, dying and dead people. I just want to say to anyone interested, we should control our sharp tongues to the extent of about 99 per cent. This also includes "Rathful Red."

We as citizens should be thankful for what we have, little or great, including ex-GIs, non GI students, faculty, townspeople and, of course, "Rathful Red."

• Name Withheld

**ED. NOTE:** Letter cut. Mr. Roth assures us he is thankful for many things, as we are too. One of these is our GI checks.

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# Little Man On Campus by Bibler



"Well, they don't wear 'hearing aids' in my classes, and they insist on sitting at the back of the room."

# The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

On legal grounds it's hard to quarrel with the action of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare in approving Alpha Kappa Psi's petition for a charter. Technically, the professional commerce fraternity received College approval 20 years ago. Then too, at the time the charter was granted there was no written statute specifically forbidding the establishment of a discriminatory group, social or professional.

**MORALLY AND ETHICALLY**, however, it's a different story. Throughout its history, and more particularly in recent years, Penn State has been one of the leaders in the fight against discrimination.

Niitany Lion teams have been withheld from sports contests in which Negroes were barred. The College imposes no admission "quotas" because of race, religion, or creed. The Senate Committee, itself, has for several years followed an unwritten policy of not granting College approval to organizations whose constitutions contain restrictive membership clauses.

Yet the college which does not officially permit discrimination, which has refused to enter intercollegiate sports events because a certain race was excluded, now creates on its campus an organization which recruits members only from among "gentiles and members of the Caucasian race."

**SUPPORTERS OF THE** charter may point to several social fraternities and even Alpha Kappa Psi's rival, Delta Sigma Pi, as examples of organizations which already possess College charters and at the same time have constitutions incorporating restrictive membership clauses.

This argument is only as sound as the principle that one mistake deserves another. A line must be drawn at some point. Why not here?

The promises of Alpha Kappa Psi's members to fight for removal of the clause, although undoubtedly given in good faith, may not mean much to this campus. The national organization has a number of chapters in the prejudice-ridden South. Despite their most sincere efforts, it may be impossible to effect the constitutional change.

**MEANWHILE THE BLIGHT** of prejudice will remain like a festering boil at Penn State, for in effect Senate's action constitutes recognition of the impossibility of ever eliminating the similar clause in Delta Sigma Pi's constitution.

It is hard to see why members of the local chapter, after repeated avowals that they do not approve of the clause, ever consented to affiliate with the national fraternity. If, as Dr. Tanner contends, our commerce department needs more than one honorary, a local would have probably served the purpose even better. The local could draw on the reservoir of Jews, Negroes, and Asiatics not tapped by Delta Sigma Pi.

Last year when barbers in State College refused to cut Negroes' hair, a deluge let loose on this tiny mountain hamlet. CORE, PSCA, and even Cabinet backed a boycott of local barbershops. These campus organizations, as well as several others, did everything but blow up Old Main to correct a town evil.

**NOW THAT** a situation involving similar principles has arisen right at our very doorstep, hardly a murmur of disapproval has broken the traditional Centre county tranquility.

If students believe in the abolition of intolerance, now is the time for them, both individually and in groups, to express their disapproval of Senate's action. It may not be too late to have the Committee reconsider its action.

On the other hand, if only lip service is to be paid to racial and religious equality, permit Alpha Kappa Psi's charter to be granted unchallenged.

## Enrollment Still Grows

In spite of the fact that college enrollment on a national scale is apparently decreasing, the enrollment at Penn State has increased. This could be attributed to the quality of service rendered in wartime programs of resident instruction, extension, and research; lower fees than endowed institutions; and increased allotments of state and federal projects at the college.

## Vet Enrollment Dropping

The enrollment of veterans in American colleges has shown a decline of 14 per cent from last year. At Penn State the percentage of veterans dropped from 57.1 per cent a year to 45.8 per cent of the total enrollment this year.

# Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

Did you ever notice how easily a few deft strokes of the chalk could change the "NO SMOKING" sign in many classrooms to read, "NO SNORING." And it would probably be just as pertinent.

One student leaned over to his dreary-eyed neighbor and said, "Don't expect me to wake you if you fall asleep. It's the professor's responsibility. He's the one who's putting you to sleep."

The College's expansion program has many students wondering which is getting more administrative consideration — instruction or construction.

With Hell Week in full swing, one fraternity sent a pledge to New York City to locate a beautiful actress — girl-friend of one of the brothers — and get her autograph. The pledge wired back in two days that he had found her. But he didn't come back, and now the brother is worried.

A headline in a recent Pittsburgh newspaper said, "Friendless Girl Should Check Faults." It might also be good advice for any "faultless" girl to check her friends.

# Gazette . . . .

Tuesday, March 7, 1950

- CHEM-PHYS STUDENT Council, 104 Osmond, 7 p.m.
- DUPLICATE BRIDGE Club, TUB, 7 p.m.
- PENN STATE BIBLE Fellowship Bible study, 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN SOPH and Junior Ad Salesmen Meeting, 9 CH, 7 p.m.
- NEW SOPH Board of Collegian Business Staff, 9 CH, 7 p.m.
- PSYCHOLOGY Club, 204 Burrows, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN PROMOTION Staff, Collegian Office, 7:30 p.m.
- DEUTSCHES Vercin, HEc Living Center, 7:30 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN EDIT Junior Board, 3 CH, 7 p.m.
- BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS, Collegian Office, 8:30 p.m.
- BLOCK AND BRIDLE Club, 206 Ag., 7 p.m.
- NAVAL VOLUNTEER Electronics Warfare Co., Naval Lecture Room, EngE 7 p.m.
- BELLES LETTRES Club, NE lounge, Ather-ton, 7 p.m.

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

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.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa., Mar. 13, 14. June grads in EE and IE. The work consists of technical and business operations, and engineering planning. Applicants must not be over 24 years of age and should have a 1.5 or better average.

Dupont Co., Mar. 16, 17. Men and women BS and MS candidates in Chem and CHE.

Bell Telephone Laboratories, Mar. 14, 15. MS candidates in ME, EE, and BS candidates in EE who have specialized in communications. Bachelors candidates must have a 2.0 average or better.

General Motors Corp., Mar. 20, 21, 22. June grads in EE, IE, ME, CHE, Metal, CF for product engineering, production operations, and accounting. Applicants must have a 1.5 or better average. Also PhD and MS candidates in Physics for research and development.

## COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Saturday: Dorothy Bennett, Richard Hoffman, Helen Jaskol.

Admitted Sunday: Jack Kushner, Allan Goldman, John Kricher.

Discharged Sunday: Lois Van Vactor.

Discharged Monday: Nancy Nelson, Dorothy Bennett, Jo Ann Winston.

## AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Sands of Iwo Jima.

STATE—Intruder in the Dust.

NITTANY—Symphonie Pastorale.

## Foreign Students

Sixty-five students from foreign countries are enrolled at the College. There are 22 from China, 9 from Canada, 5 each from Bolivia and India. Hungary is represented with 3 while Germany and Columbia are next with two. Seventeen other nations each contribute one student to make up the 65.