

Edit Policy

Some casual comments by campus Calhouns in clique councils have implied that the Daily Collegian shouldn't and won't take sides in the coming Lion-State scrap.

THIS DASTARDLY BASIS of reasoning hinges, according to some campus savants, on a line of type which reads "For a Better Penn State." This motto, they maintain, should connote lily-white political neutrality in Collegian relations with the far-flung factions of plaguing campus politics. In truth, the motto does mean that, but only on the news pages—with the obvious qualification that the Collegian will print the political news as it happens and let the chips fall.

Such a practice, standard newspaper procedure, sometimes irks one faction when they feel Collegian is conniving with their arch foes to upend a few bandwagons. Nowadays we call it a dull week when we receive fewer than five charges of Collegian connivance—charges that are often identical but originate from opposite political parties. Consequently we chalk these charges up to over-sensitiveness of coldly-cruel politicians and trip merrily onward.

In self-defense and in the interest of political enlightenment, however, we must make it plain that "For a Better Penn State" implies nothing like lay-offishness in regard to picking political sides on the editorial page. To say "we ain't a gonna do it" would be to rebuke our editorial independence.

Independence means no political parties or pressure groups—no private interests—dictating or influencing editorial policy. Independence means picking political sides if we think the welfare of student government warrants it.

Actually we have not yet decided whether to take sides in the impending State-Lion fracas. However, we're polishing our crystal ball, in the meantime, and are wary of a bothersome point which a few friends (yes, both State and Lion) plague us with: "Newspapers notoriously pick the wrong candidate. Look at Dewey, etc., etc." That hurts.

Plan Early

Borough council early this week approved the use of an area on Allen street and Beaver avenue for the Spring Carnival.

INITIATED LAST YEAR, the Carnival was considered a great success from all angles. Not only did it provide much fun and amusement for students, but it also produced a sizeable sum for overseas student relief.

Enthusiasm and hard work will mean another success this year. It can mean an even larger sum for investment in charitable work.

It's not too early for all campus organizations to begin considering plans for participation in the event.

Taking into account the Easter vacation, there remains little over a month until the cry of the barker and the splash of the pledge dumped in a tub of water resounds on Allen street.

Carnival application forms will be available at the Student Union desk in Old Main next Wednesday. Wednesday should be C-day for Spring Carnival planning.

—John Ashbrook

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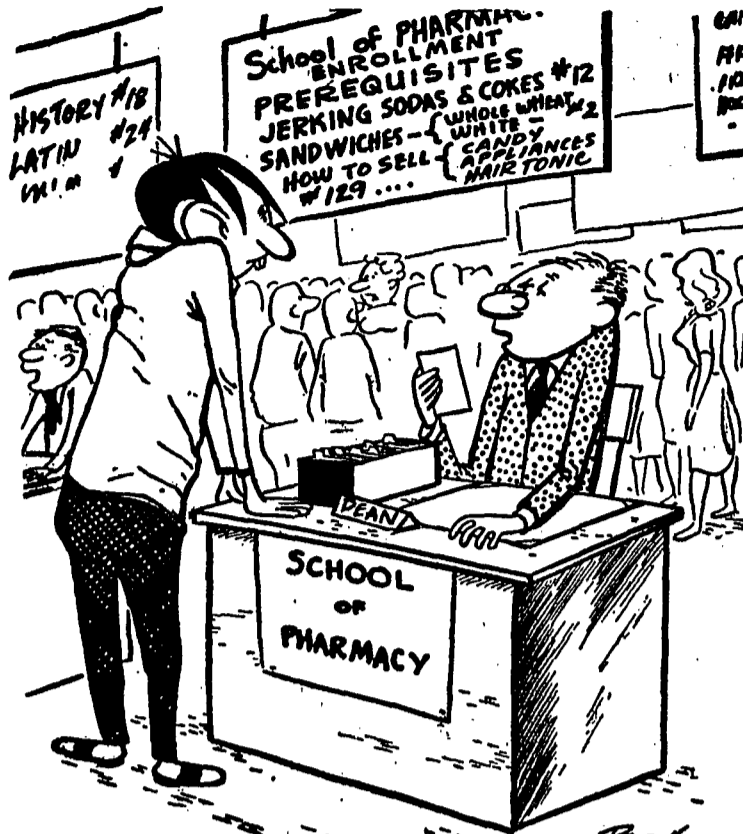
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Little Man On Campus by Bibler



"According to your grades of last semester, Worthal, you make a lousy smorgasbord."

A Cheerful Word

Joe Errigo was walking around his domain the other day. His domain is the small mud-clogged army village halfway between here and Bellefonte. Whenever he met anybody, he would smile and say hello, cheerfully. Nobody smiled back. Nobody said hello back, cheerfully. Joe was disturbed. Joe had an idea.

"NOBODY IS SMILING around here," Joe said to a friend. "Nobody is saying hello, cheerfully. But I have an idea." He sat down and wrote a letter to The Cheerful Club, P.O. Box 592, Williamsport, Pa. The Cheerful Club sent him, free of charge, several hundred little yellow cards.

These cards, in case you have not seen one, say, "A Word of KINDNESS Every Day . . . Will Ease Someone's Burden Along The Way. THINK—DID YOU SAY A CHEERFUL WORD TO SOMEONE TODAY?" Joe was delighted with them and passed them out, also free of charge, to everybody in the Nittany-Pollock Area who would take one.

The various dormitory advisors also went through the dormitories tacking the little yellow cards in the phone booths, on the bulletin boards, and even in the bathrooms so the fellows would be cheerful while performing their daily functions.

The week of March 13 was designated as "Cheerful Week," and Joe Errigo sat back to wait for developments.

WISHING HIM EVERY success in his venture, we wondered how it was coming along, and we collared several Nittany-Pollock men to see if they were cheerful. "Are you cheerful this week?" we asked. With the exception of one happy fellow, we were stunned by the number of point-blank negative answers we got. "Why?" we asked, and we were told.

"SOMETIMES WE GET really good food here, but most of the time not. And we get one piece of meat and seconds on potatoes and gravy. Like I said, I'm from a farm, and I'm used to eating a lot. If I didn't get food from home, I'd starve to death.

"And another thing . . . We left him. He was obviously prejudiced, and we found someone else. "Are you cheerful this week," we asked?

"Cheerful?" he screamed. "Hal With the girls living in hotels for 300 bucks a semester, you should just see how we live for 40 bucks less. For living like we do, they should pay us 300 bucks. From Ag Hill comes a wind that nearly blows this flabby dorm away. Through the floor comes dirt that the janitor ignores until we could have a Jordan Fertility Plot in our own room. And the fire rules? Comes a fire in Pollock Circle, we are supposed to jump out the window. Come and look."

We looked out his window and saw the ground 15 feet below us. "From here we are supposed to jump," he yelled. In the Marine Corps we jumped 15 feet from a wall, but onto soft ground, not a gravel walk."

OBVIOUSLY ANOTHER prejudiced character, we said to ourselves and walked away. On our way down the hall another man stopped us. "Are you the Cheerful Man?" he asked. We nodded. He took us into his room and pointed at a big hole in the wall. "I was leaning back against the wall in my chair, when the thing collapsed—the wall I mean—and I found myself in the next room." He fingered the thin plasterboard wall silently. "The whole dorm will be assessed for this," he muttered. "It's getting so we're afraid to get within three feet of the wall."

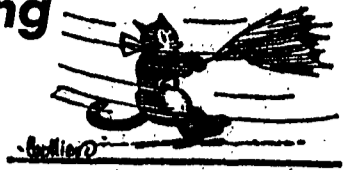
"Yah," said his roommate. "And have you see where the committee on dorm rent has found that we pay more than almost any other college dormitory costs in the country's other colleges. And this is where people come who can't afford private schools," he finished sadly. "It's a state college."

Discouraged, we left and walked out. But we decided to try one more fellow. "Are you cheerful this week?" we asked. The fellow was smiling and he turned to us. "You bet I am," he said. "I just got a three in a blue book on Chemistry and my girl has just accepted my ring. I'm so happy I could sing. But every time I got back to those dorms, I get the blues. It's terrible. When I feel terrible and can't smile or say a cheerful word to anybody. Why, do you know that . . ."

We left him and went back to see Joe Errigo. Joe grinned at us and we gave him a wan smile. "How's my campaign going," he asked us. "Fine," we answered. "Great!"

—Jack Garretson-Butt

Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

Collegian's sweater-girl contest achieved international interest. Following is one letter the staff received: "In casting our ballot and naming as finalist in the State College Sweater Queen contest, Miss Madeline Gardner, our only wish is that our vote be recognized and that Miss Gardner be chosen as the sweater queen. Thanking you, "Mel Rosenberg, Andy Stemock, and other members of the USS Echols, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

All the Freshman girls seem to agree that Freshman customs are beneficial. The trouble is the Frosh would rather pick their own beneficiaries.

On this matter of coaching, You'll have to agree, We're not just reproaching, But State's up a tree.

Let's get one like Munger, Or Edwards or Blaik, Not take one from hunger For expediency's sake.

Reflection on Psychology 2—To cure a man of a psychosis you must turn him . . . inside out.

Wait until warm weather comes if you don't believe Penn State traditions are deep-rooted. One of the deepest and most tenacious traditions belong to the rare but odorous bushes between Sparks and Carnegie Hall.

One newspaper in the state referred to all those imaginative souls who constantly see flying saucers as "saucer-eyed sky-gazers."

Gazette . . .

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.

National Carbon Division of Union Carbide and Carbon. March 27. June grads in EE, ME, Metal and an engineering physicist for domestic production. Also Chem. engineers for both domestic and overseas work. Students must have a 1.8 or better average and show evidence of extra-curricular activities.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Columbia Chemical Division, Mar. 27. June grads in ME, ChemE and Chem. Students must have a 2.0 average.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., Mar. 29 BS and MS candidates in ME, for their training course.

Babcock & Wilcox Tube Co., Mar. 29. June grads in Metal who are interested in sales work.

National Recreation Association, Mar. 29. All students interested in entering the recreation profession contact Mr. W. C. Sutherland, personnel director of NRA, in 101 Moffatt Cottage at 9:30 p.m.

E. R. Squibb & Sons, Mar. 30. Juniors in Chem, Biol, Phys, ChemE, ME and Sci. interested in summer work, with possibility of permanent employment after graduation. Candidates must have an average of 1.5 or better, and show leadership in extra-curricular activities.

Insurance Company of North America, Mar. 30. June grads in A&L, C&F, ME, EE, and CE.

Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Division, Mar. 30, 31. June grads in Chem E and ME.

Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co., Mar. 30. June grads interested in insurance sales.

General Aniline Co., Mar. 31. M.S. and PhD candidates in Organic Chem; also women June grads in Chem who have a knowledge of German for abstracting work.

Aetna Life Insurance Co., Mar. 27. June grads interested in group insurance work. Men must be 25 or under and must be single.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Information concerning these positions can be obtained at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.

Couple with no children wanted to work in Centre County for entire summer. Husband to work as guide and wife to assume household responsibilities. Excellent salary.

Refreshment Stand Manager and others for sales. Jobs will start on approximately April 1.

Substitute waiters in college dining commons leading to permanent positions in the fall.

Summer camp counselorships for men and women. Interviews available March 25.

Substitute Waiters for Houseparty weekends. Meals plus cash.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: George Babayar, Philip Zimmerman, Felix Strange.

Admitted Thursday: Rene Kinsey, Robert Roulston, Ross Libengood, Malcolm Dunkel, Mrs. Muriel Krakauer.

Discharged Thursday: Doris Settler, Shirley Smith, Patricia Luckett.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Perfect Stranger.

STATE—Ambush.

MITTANY—She Wore a Yellow Ribbon