

Stone Wall

Students at the College sometimes feel a weight of utter frustration. In their dealings with the College on many planes they often liken the situation tritely to knocking one's head against a stone wall.

They wonder at College "slowness" or "inaction" in student-initiated ventures that seem down-to-earth enough and strictly beneficial to the students. They rail at the "puny BX." They plump unsuccessfully for banishing final bluebooks for graduating seniors. They make all possible efforts toward this and that, spurred by the fact that their stay in the Nittany Vale is relatively short-lived and they want to accomplish goals during that stay. But always there is the stone wall, or so it seems.

Conversely, members of the College administration must forever feel a weight of student attack. They must look upon these students as giddy dreamers going off half-cocked—to use another trite phrase—in their partisan schemes.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS often made a martyr in the College's eye but a scorpion in the students' view, as a result of student reaction to administration decisions. Witness the dorm issue this year. Likely as not, nowadays, any major administration decision which vitally affects the students will incite in the Daily Collegian a story about "Giesey Blasts College Action" or "Schweiker Inveighs Against College Decision."

Consequently, administration members are immediately put on the defensive. As a matter of record, we've observed that the College administration is ALWAYS on the defensive in the minds of some Men on the Mall.

In an attempt to actually crystalize in print what student leaders' sentiments are on a multitude of campus issues, the Collegian has this year been a party to producing—in print—that "defensive" situation. The Collegian has apparently helped to build that stone wall, but it has not done so as an end purpose.

Crystallization of the stone wall has been a definite by-product of a Collegian effort to become more objective, to become a more active but still stable college rag, and to become less inclined to degenerate into a four-page "Gazette" column of meeting notices and honorary tapping lists.

We believe the stone wall always did exist. The Collegian has, perhaps unwittingly in its effort to print more active student sentiment as the day's news, added more concrete to the wall this year.

OF COURSE WE don't mean to imply by all this that no students get anything done when contact or approval of the College administration is an essential ingredient. 'Tis far from it.

Early this year we cited a number of recent and current ventures that were student-initiated or student-developed at the College. The BX, Spring Week Carnival, ice skating, the Association of Independent Men, and soon—the Student Union Building—are a few that come to mind in different fields.

BUT A CHASM STILL exists between the students and the administration; it often appears, in students' point of view, to slow up the process of accomplishing what they want, whether their wants be right or wrong.

The lack of a bridge to span this chasm, and the appearance of antagonism and brickbats in its stead will—we believe—be assuaged with the onset of a permanent chieftain of the caliber and view of President-elect Milton S. Eisenhower.

A taste of smooth student-administration relations was inherent in student-administration banquets and informal meetings staged by the late President Ralph D. Hetzel and by Acting President James Milholland. But to us, these were too few.

PROJECTING OURSELVES perhaps too precariously into the future, we anticipate many informal student-administration talks and thorough bull-session discussions—BEFORE action by the College on major student matters. This is somewhat the case at Kansas State now.

It will not seem like the millenium to the most extreme Penn State students, but at least there will be many advances toward keener, more healthy ties between student and administrator. Someone who shall remain name-less here has declared:

"I know of no instance where both students and College administrators have examined the same set of facts on a problem and have not come up with the same conclusion."

Little Man On Campus by Bibler



College Gains Aleutian Lady

Famous for its collection of such ancient relics as Coaly the Mule, Schwab Auditorium, various switchboard operators and certain professors, the College has just been enriched to the extent of one long defunct Aleutian lady.

CAPTAIN CECIL COWDER dug her up on Amchitka Island and, not having a damn thing to do with so ancient a female—even in the womanless Aleutians—shipped her off to the College. This is in line with the well-known Theory of Indisposible Objects, which states that you can get rid of practically any conceivable inconvenient structure by palming it off as a gift on some school or other.

Anyway, the lady was discovered buried five feet deep in an ancient refuse heap, which certainly doesn't say much for her reputation among her contemporaries. Buried with her were a number of broken harpoons, in itself a suggestive circumstance. Also interred were fishhooks, blades, a bird, and some hard bone and rough stone, for whittling in her spare time probably.

This whole thing is a pretty childish way of dealing with one's dear departed, put doubtless the Aleutians had perfectly plausible reasons for it.

College scientists say they were immensely pleased with the good condition of the lady. It doesn't take much to make a College scientist happy.

—RON BONN

News Briefs

Hillel Foundation

The third of a series of informal round-table discussions on The Bible and The Modern Mind will take place 7:30 tonight at the Hillel Foundation. "The Prophetic Tradition and Its Social Application" is the subject of this week's discussion. After a preliminary discussion by the leaders, the audience is invited to participate.

ASME Student Branch

The ASME Student Branch will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in 110 EE. Featured on the agenda are election of officers for the coming year, transference to junior membership, announcement of banquet plans, a review of the Student Branch Conference at Annapolis, and the showing of the movie "The Human Bridge," which depicts the design of the new Ford from pencil sketches to finished product.

Medical College Test

The Medical College Admission Test, sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges, will be administered on campus May 13. Only students planning to enter medical school in the fall term in 1951 should apply to take the examination at this time and unless the medical school of choice recommends otherwise, candidates should plan to take the examination May 13. Applications must be filed with Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 592, Princeton, N.J., not later than this Saturday. Forms and bulletins of information are available from Dr. A. R. Grove, Jr., 302 Buckhout Laboratory.

French Club Elects

The following officers were elected at the French Club meeting last week: Helen Whittaker, president; Peg Fahringer, secretary-treasurer; and Roberta Goldberg, publicity director. Hugh Chapman is faculty advisor.

Gazette

Wednesday, April 26
 RIDING CLUB, 102 Willard, 7 p.m.
 PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, Riding Club, 102 Willard, 6:45 p.m.
 PENN STATE Chess Club, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Club, Atherton Lounge, 7:30 p.m.
 NITTANY BOWMEN, 207 Eng. B, 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.
 Moore Products Co., April 27. June grads in ME for a variety of positions; IE, and ChemE.
 General Fireproofing Co., Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., Timken Roller Bearing Co., and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., April 27. June grads in C&F, Liberal Arts, Pre-Med, Zool, ME, IE, ChemE and Metal.
 S. S. Kresge Co., May 1, 2. June grads in LA who are interested in retailing.
 Atlas Powder Co., May 1. June grads in Chem Eng. for industrial explosives work and ME for works engineering.
 Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., May 3. June grads in LA for non-technical sales work.
 Calvert Distilling Co., May 2. June grads in Bact., Chem Eng., ME, Architectural Eng., C&F (Insurance major), and women for secretarial work.
 Scott Paper Co., May 3. June grads in LA for sales work.
 Brown Instrument Co., May 3. June grads in IE, EE, ME, and Chem. E.
 Lukens Steel Co., May 3. June grads in ME for design or hydraulic work, and EE for steel mill electrical work. ME, CE, and Metallurgy for sales.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

Information concerning these positions can be obtained at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.
 Fuller Brush Co. Full time positions open for summer. Various counties in Pa. available.
 Summer farm job outside Philadelphia. Ag students with farm background preferred.
 Real Silk Corp., Centre Co. Summer sales work, part time during school year. Can lead to branch managership.
 Local sales man for Major Home Appliances Store. Thorough training program.
 Sales opportunity with local chemical laboratories.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Monday: John Fillo, Betty Phillips, William Parks, Barbara Bilberman, Frank Olsheski.
 Admitted Tuesday: Mary Pullen.
 Discharged Tuesday: William Forest, Jerry Braverman, Joseph Harwin, George Adams, George Sedwick, Jack Hummel, Dorothy Laine, Mary Lou Transue.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Paid in Full.
 STATE—Blue Grass of Kentucky.
 NITTANY—Dancing in the Dark.

Song for The College

Penn State did not have an authorized College song until the spring of 1901. It was written by Dr. Fred L. Pattee, professor of English language and literature. By common consent it was adopted as the "Alma Mater" upon the authority of General Beaver and with the approval of President Atherton.

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