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The College's Loss

Dr. J. Paul Selsam, chairman of the history department, who died Wednesday night, was one of the most eminent scholars at the College.

OVER A NUMBER OF years, he published articles on American and European history in scholarly periodicals. Following World War I he wrote a book on English diplomacy. He was especially interested in Franco-American relations at the time of the French Revolution.

From 1933 to 1946 he served as secretary for the Pennsylvania Historical Association and was first vice-president at the time of his death.

He was instrumental in developing a course and training in Eastern European history. At Penn State Dr. Selsam organized the first courses in both Eastern European and Russian history.

He initiated and participated in the State Department's exchange student program, in which he oriented students spending summers in Europe.

As chairman of the history department at Penn State since 1948, Dr. Selsam directed a rapidly expanding graduate program. Under his guidance, the first PhD work in history was begun here.

HE WAS A CHARTER member in the local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. Dr. Selsam also initiated a faculty committee to be consulted on the choice of a new president for the College. The committee consisted of a member from each School.

In international affairs, he spent two years with the Secretariat of the League of Nations. He spoke French, German and Italian and could read Russian.

A popular speaker, he was called on extensively to speak before groups both on and off the campus.

Testifying to the regard in which Dr. Selsam has been considered at the College, two groups have already begun to act toward sponsoring memorial funds. Colleagues in the history department are establishing a fund for books to be dedicated in his memory.

Phyllis Kistler, a history major and former vice-president of the History Club, has called a meeting tonight to discuss a charitable fund whose particular nature will be decided by Dr. Selsam's family.

The immediate action which these people have taken is apropos of the feeling Penn Staters have concerning the College's loss.

—Herbert Stein

The Last Lap

Yesterday was one of those warm Spring days that makes one realize that the academic year is almost over and that vacation time will be here again in only a few weeks. In fact, only a week remains before final exams begin and Penn Staters go into the last lap of this year's academic race.

THIS IS THE TIME OF year when Joe College—just like everyone else—feels like knocking off for a few days to take a dip in the ole swimmin' hole or to lounge around in a hammock with a cool glass of lemonade (it says here).

But Joe College can't do that. Instead, this is the time when he really buckles down and hits the books, begins to pound the typewriter on his multitudinous term papers, and starts to think seriously about that bane of eight-semester seniors—the final examination.

Of course, when he does dig himself out from under the deluge of examinations June 10, many a Stater will merely take a brief breathing spell before starting in on a Summer job. What it all boils down to is that, in the time of the year when Joe College feels most like relaxing and letting go his troubles, he has to do his most work to catch up for the failures thus far in the semester and then must buckle down to three months of hard labor before coming back to take another crack at that degree.

YES, THE PENN STATER faces an unhappy prospect and all sympathy should be extended to him in his time of trial and tribulation. We'd like to extend that sympathy. We'd like to, but since we're just as snowed under with unfinished work as anyone else and don't have time to, we'll just let it go at that.

Safety Valve . . .

Letters to the Editor should be addressed—The Daily Collegian, Box 261, Boro. The writer's name will be withheld upon request, but no letter will be printed unless it is signed.

Protest Editor's Note

TO THE EDITOR: We believe a protest is in order to the Editor's Note under the letter of John E. Willson in Thursday's "Safety Valve." Is it not possible for reader Willson to have his own opinion on the Lorch Case over his coffee without comment from the editors of the Daily Collegian?

Your "soap box" comments were a sure three-for-three—three letters and three comments . . . who cares what you think?

Please withhold our names—we don't want the few radicals on our backs.

—Names Withheld

Special Dispensation?

TO THE EDITOR: A public meeting to discuss the case of Dr. Lee Lorch was held Tuesday night, May 23. Both Dr. Lorch and Mr. Morse were invited to present their respective sides of the case. Only Dr. Lorch saw fit to attend to present his material objectively, honestly, and clearly.

After a short period of questions and answers, a rather well-known student asked for the floor to offer some facts from the administration's side. He spoke at great length, was contradicted on some important points, and would not cede the floor to others who had as much right to speak as he.

The information he amassed and quoted from indicated he had investigated the case very fully. But where did he get his information? Why the special dispensations? Why should information concerning the student body as a whole, requested time and again by many, be made available to a selected few?

In light of the many questions still unanswered and the amount of contradictory "evidence" circulating concerning actions and statements, it more than ever would be morally incumbent upon the administration to answer these questions and help settle this issue.

—Shirley G. Felman

Ed. Note—It should be pointed out that A. O. Morse, an assistant to the president, has been directed by the Board of Trustees to make no further comment on the case.

Commendation

TO THE EDITOR: At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Church Student Fellowship held in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to send a letter of commendation to The Daily Collegian for their splendid contribution of the page advertisement listing the various religious organizations on the campus and in the community serving the needs of students, listed on the page "Come To Church."

Members of the Executive Committee were of the opinion that such a united effort had been a helpful contribution to the spirit of cooperation on the part of the various religious groups participating.

It was voted unanimously to express appreciation to the sponsors who had made provision for this united effort. Would you be willing to see that in your next communication to them that they know of our appreciation?

It is to be hoped that for the fall semester some such similar provision may be made to continue this most worthwhile example of active cooperation between the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant agencies in their ministries to Penn State students:

Very Sincerely Yours,

—Ernest Mackey
President, Executive Committee

Poetic Contribution

TO THE EDITOR: Do you accept poetic contributions to your paper? If so, you may use the enclosed original.

Ode To An EE

His mind is filled with doubts and fear—
He's a senior (engineer).

From now 'til June he'll look this way,
His face sometimes shows dismay.

When graduation's over, then
He'll turn into himself again.

Just one of the 1950 classes—
That is, of course, providing he passes!

—E.C.G.

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.

American Car and Foundry Co., May 31. June grads in ME for drafting and preliminary design work. No priority.

H. J. Heinz Co., May 31, June 1. June grads in Chem E, IE, ME, and Physics for manufacturing training. Accounting for work in comptrollers office. No priority.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Part time seamstress for supervised work on slip-covers.

Unit leader and Senior life saver for Girl Scout camp near Bethlehem, Pa.

Young married couple to head a pioneer group at Pocono camp.

Part Time Radio Repairman and plumbers helper for summer work in State College.

Little Man On Campus

by Miller



"They say this new coach has some great ideas."

Springtime Jaunt

One night, a certain group of callow youths, known in the vernacular as pledges, living in a famous lodging house, were stirred by the Spring that awakens, etc.

IT WAS A WARM NIGHT, and a refreshing shower was in order. Clad only in a bathrobe, we started up the steps. Then the phone rang.

Strange that someone should be calling at that time of night . . . stranger still that no one answered our polite hello.

Of a sudden, six of the biggest, ugliest pledges came stalking around the corner . . . and the dawn broke.

A brother was about to be taken out for the traditional ride by the pledge class.

After a brief but vicious struggle in which only superior numbers won out, we were carried out to a car, our bathrobe flapping in the balmy evening breeze.

THE CAR HEADED out of town and stopped, waiting for a second car, also filled with men-never-to-become brothers, to catch up with us.

A spark of ingenuity was kindled. Feigning a sudden interest in the time, we scooted out the door and across the street while the lad saw to his watch.

Our bathrobe flapping in the same balmy breeze, we made for a light in a home as a moth makes for a flame.

Taking the steps, screen door and door in a stride, we stood inside before the startled housewife had time to look up. Looking desperately for a phone to call a taxi, we explained our plight.

Then the door latch clicked.

JUMPING BEHIND a door, we stood ready for a last ditch struggle . . . then the lady's husband walked in. Grinning idiotically, we explained all over again and managed to call a taxi . . . but by then, the pledges were doing a war dance outside . . .

Playing it cool, we furtively slipped toward the back door . . . that was our Waterloo . . . we tried the wrong door.

As we backed into the next house through the door we supposed led outside, we ran smack into a thing.

It grinned nastily, and had a malicious gleam in the one eye placed in the middle of its forehead. Politely it said, "Wotta hell you want?"

Slamming the door quickly, we got out into the night air. Streaking across the back yard, barefooted and the bathrobe still flapping in the same breeze, we got through the converging lines of pledges.

Four of the rear guard awaited us in front of the house, and behind them, a taxi and—FREEDOM.

THREE TOPPLED without any trouble. The fourth stood in front of a clothes pole . . . that's where we broke our big toe . . . We were carried past the taxi and back into the car. Four miles past Bellefonte, we were let out to hitch the remaining distance.

When we got back, typical State College Spring prevailed . . . The same breeze was still blowing, the moon was shining brightly, the stars shone . . .

AND it rained.

—George Glaser

News of Other Schools

A newly formed human rights commission on the University of Colorado campus is raising funds to fight a barber shop discrimination case in court.

EIGHTEEN UNIVERSITY of Wisconsin students have been given an official reprimand and placed on disciplinary probation for picketing the annual ROTC review. The University Student Conduct Committee charged that the pickets' display of anti-military banners was "unjustified."

Disciplinary probation makes the students affected ineligible to take part in extra-curricular activities, such as major campus office holding, publications, and dramatic societies. The conduct committee's decision will be appealed by the pickets.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL'S college band will make a six-day trip to Florida this July where they will participate in the annual Elks Convention.

The Templars of Temple University recently traveled to Fort Dix to put on their production of Harry Brown's war play, "A Sound of Hunting."

The 1950 Wolverine, yearbook of Michigan State, went on sale recently. It was the earliest distribution date in Wolverine history.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH recently held its Spring Festival, one of the highlights of which was its carnival, Toyland. The festival was climaxed by a Make-Believe Ball which featured Ray Anthony's orchestra.