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## Dubious

Just as in the Middle Ages, many people are off on a "crusade."

Some—a small minority, to be sure—are on a "crusade for peace." These are the sponsors of the much-discussed and greatly denounced "peace petitions" which allegedly are sponsored by the Communists.

OTHERS—a much greater number are backing what is known as the "Crusade for Freedom," organized as a counterattack against "peace petitions."

From all appearances, both simply are propaganda efforts.

Both peace and freedom are goals for which this nation should strive. If more people put effort toward them instead of making a pile of money, calling opponents dirty names, or cribbing on bluebooks, the world would be a much nicer place in which to live.

CERTAINLY it is obvious that Communists are among those behind the "peace petition" crusade. Charges that they dominate the movement and plan to use it as propaganda for the Soviet Union may well be true. It is unfortunate that many well-intentioned persons are being duped into supporting the Stalinist movement, if this is the case.

But just as the "peace petition" movement is not all black, so also is the "Crusade for Freedom" not all white, despite the highly-respectable Americans behind it. Some members of the National Committee for a Free Europe, which is sponsoring the "crusade," have a rather unsavory odor about them.

Allen W. Dulles, executive committee chairman for the NCFE, is a member of the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, which was linked with Nazi Germany before the war. DeWitt Wallace, publisher of the Reader's Digest, and Henry R. Luce, publisher of Life, Time and Fortune, are among the leading exponents of reaction in the American press.

IT IS A PITY THAT some of these people, whose sincere devotion to the traditional American concept of freedom we gravely doubt, had to get mixed up on the program. Certainly most of the sponsors are well-intentioned folk. But persons who will be asked to sign the pledge should realize that it is but another propaganda move in an already exceedingly dirty propaganda game.

For ourselves, we're not signing anything, "peace petition" or "Freedom Scroll." We're dubious about both movements, and we think there are much better ways to oppose communism than putting names on paper.

Why not instead concentrate on programs for making America a better place to live in so that we would not have to fear that communism may attract Americans from the traditional American ideals?

## Song Sessions

The Orientation week committee deserves many thanks from both new and old students for its handling of the first days of the new semester. Generally, orientation of new students and registration came off at a smooth and efficient pace.

ONE OMISSION, of some importance we think, was that of a series of meetings at which new students could be taught to sing the Penn State songs.

Fortunately, one such session was included during the all-College mixer Saturday. Hummel Fishburn, head of the department of music, has said, however, that it takes at least three sessions to get Penn State choristers into shape.

In past years, Mr. Fishburn and Frank Gullo, also of the music department, have done an outstanding job in acquainting newcomers with not only the words but also the tunes of the "Alma Mater," "The Nittany Lion," "Susie," and other of Penn State's traditional songs. Three sessions with the maestros and students were well-prepared to "raise the song."

WHILE THE ONE session Saturday night, led by Mr. Gullo and Ray Fortunato, was of considerable value, we believe that a return of the traditional sessions to the regular orientation schedule will greatly aid new students in singing "our love and loyalty" in the right key.

—John Ashbrook

## The Hazers

A gratifying feature of these first few days of classes is the little evidence of hazing under the re-instituted customs regulations.

UPPERCLASSMEN led by members of the various hat societies are taking an adult attitude toward practices that once, and sometimes still do, cause concern in universities throughout the country. Congratulations are in order for the commendable restraint.

Reports of freshman confusion in the bustle of a new life at Penn State indicate their lives have been sufficiently badgered without added prods from practical jokers.

THE CUSTOM'S PROGRAM, set up to bring back a tangible spirit of loyalty to both class and school, will work out well, we think, if older students continue a moderate policy toward the newcomers.

—Herbert Stein

## Gazette . . .

Meetings of campus organizations will be announced in this column throughout the semester. Announcements should include place, time and purpose of the meeting. Deadline for notices, which should be mailed or delivered to the Daily Collegian office, is 4 p.m. on the day preceding publications.

Wednesday, September 20

COLLEGIAN business staff candidates, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie Hall.

AG STUDENT COUNCIL meeting, 7 p.m., 103 Ag Building.

WOMEN'S Recreation association dance, 7 p.m. White Hall rhythm room.

WOMEN'S Recreation association bridge club, 7 p.m. White Hall play room.

MEN'S debate team, 7 p.m. 316 Sparks.

INTERNATIONAL Relations club, 7:15 p.m. 218 Willard Hall; executive committee 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted: Martin Stein, Rafael Brand, Richard Dempster, Howard Daniels, John Taylor, Gordon Eagye, John Victor, Marjorie Stamm, Kenetta Peters, Audrey Lutz.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Capture

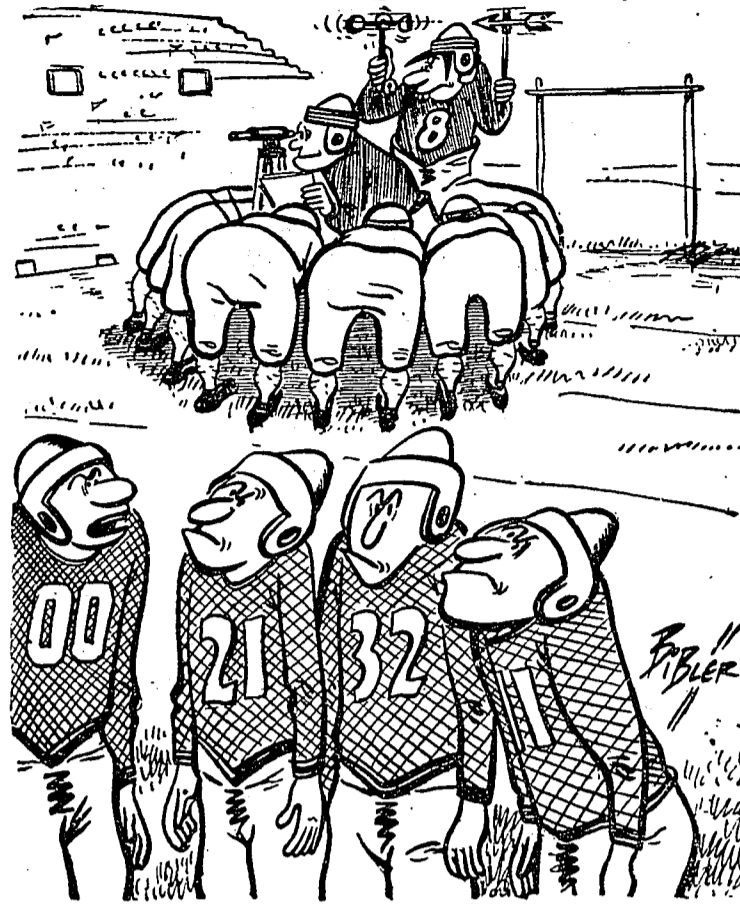
STATE: Happy Years

NITTANY: Lady Takes a Sailor

STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Roseanna McCoy

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Watch for a pass men."

## Men Debaters Meet Tonight

The men's debate team will meet in 316 Sparks at 7 o'clock tonight, and will be looking forward to another successful season. Last year the squad competed in 119 debates, and tied Vermont and Carnegie Tech for Grand National champions.

Both the men's and the women's debate teams hold tryouts soon, and all students are eligible for the squads. Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien is the men's coach, and Clayton H. Schug is the women's coach.

The men's team captured first place in four tournaments last year, which was more than any other team has won in any one year at the College. One of the main events for the squad is an international debate with a team from England.

The team suffered heavily through graduation, losing six of the first twelve men. Marlin Brenner, this year's captain, and Clair George participated in most of the large tournaments, and Nathan Feinstein, David Schmuckler, and Donald Yenke, participated in some debates.

The women's team were also Grand National champions last year. The team participates in about 60 debates yearly. Rosemary Delahanty, Grand National

## ROTC Now Open To Former GI's

Seniors or graduate students up to the age of 28 who are not now enrolled in ROTC still may sign up for second year ROTC courses if they have served one or more years in the armed forces, the ROTC department has announced. The courses lead to commissions and exempt enrolled students from the draft.

## Georgetown Game To See Flashcards

Flashcard displays will again be presented at the Nittany Lion home football games this fall, it was revealed yesterday by head cheerleader, Rudolph Valentino. New cards have been acquired to replace the old ones, and work on designs and numbering the cards will begin immediately in order to have the cards ready for the opening game with Georgetown Sept. 30.

Valentino was not positive just who would take part in the display, but he said he felt sure it would be the freshmen.

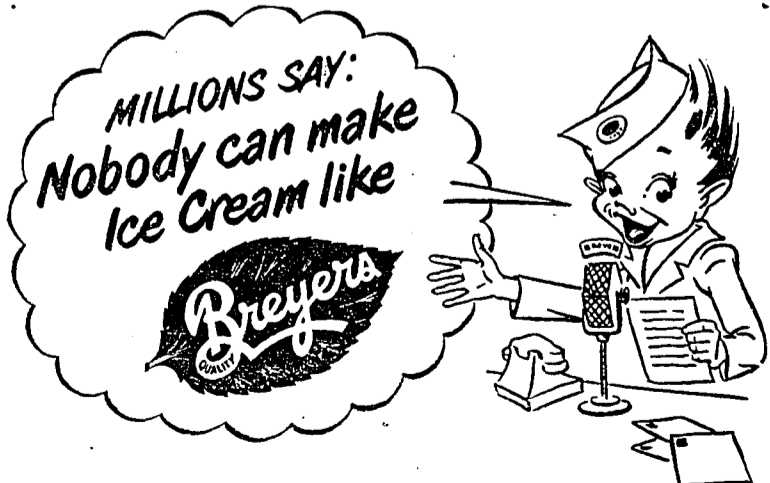
Carl Liachowitz will work out the designs for the displays.

impromptu speaking champion, is one of the experienced woman debaters, and Shirley Gallagher, national address reading champion, is also returning.

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