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Working At Home

Fighting a dynamic political and social philosophy by yelling at the top of your lungs is one way of losing that battle for men's minds. THAT IS WHAT the current wave of "freedom" amounts to—an all-out effort to yell down the opposition.

Instead of yelling its head off, America could actually take on a few projects that would convince the rest of the world, first, that this nation is wholeheartedly behind the idea of democracy, and, second, that this country can make its economic system work for the benefit of the masses. Communists, unless this country puts forth a positive program, easily can continue the "put up or shut up" line without themselves having to show what their system can accomplish.

POLITICAL EFFORT begins at home. The first step in an American program to combat communism logically should be to put our own house in order. There are plenty of places where we could begin. One might be an effort actually to extend political, economic and social democracy to the much-abused minority groups of this nation. Action to put an end to Jim Crowism, to give Negroes a better chance for jobs, to ensure the franchise for Negroes in the southern states would do much to convince the colored people of the world that we really mean it when we shout about democracy.

Such a program would go a long way toward winning other people to our side by ourselves setting the example. If America can produce a more abundant life—politically, socially, and economically—for all its people, regardless of race or social position, it can command the respect of the rest of the world and can regain the position as world leader which it now is losing to the Communists.

An effort of this sort would require a lot of soul-searching. It would be necessary for Americans to decide, once and for all, just what they mean when they talk about "freedom" and "democracy" and then to get down to the task of actually putting these concepts into practice.

Meeting Tonight

New students have heard much about student government at Penn State during Orientation week. They will have an opportunity to see it in operation when the main body of that government, All-College cabinet, holds its first meeting tonight.

CABINET MEETINGS are open to all students. Go and see what your campus government and, particularly, your campus representative is doing for you.

—John Ashbrook

Odd Trophies

One night last week several students attempted to remove a parking meter from its moorings on a State College curb.

But for a couple of bolts and a slab of concrete, their efforts would have been successful and a piece of borough equipment would have been transplanted to a student's quarters.

IT SHOULD GO without saying that borough and College officials take a dim view of such practices. Also, the law books contain provisions for handling such offenders. Still each year the borough is minus at least several pieces of traffic equipment.

Traffic signs and parking meters are not intended as trophies for the amusement of the irresponsible. New Petty Girl calendars will be available soon if the walls back at the room look that bare.

—John Ashbrook

Fraternities were forbidden at Penn State until 1887, when the ban on them was lifted. There were nine fraternities here in 1905. In 1920 only seven fraternities owned their chapter homes, the others living in rented houses. Many of the fraternities were in existence as petitioning locals for a considerable time before receiving their national charters.

Counselors

A keystone of the College's expanded program for freshmen this year is a quiet but hard-working group of graduate students acting as counselors for men's residences.

STRATEGICALLY scattered among the rooms in the new west dorms and in the Nittany-Pollock area are 40 of these men whose job it will be to interpret the Penn State system. Their's is the job of explaining the administration's actions to men, most of whom never experienced anything as large and bewildering as the College has come to be in the years since the war.

Coordinating the program from the Dean of Men's office is a young, dark-haired assistant professor of psychology, Dr. George M. Guthrie. A relative newcomer to Penn State, Dr. Guthrie worked in a similar program at the University of Minnesota for three years while completing a PhD degree.

THE COUNSELOR'S job is not disciplinary, according to Dr. Guthrie. The program envisioned by the administration, he said, is to have the men ready to answer or know where to find the answer to any question about life at the College.

Facilitating an extra-curricular program will be a large part of their job. We don't want them to conduct the work themselves, Dr. Guthrie pointed out, but rather to arrange things so that undergraduates will receive the benefit of supervising their own program.

Setting an example in proper dress, cleanliness and table manners is also among their duties which are likely to keep them hopping for long hours every day. Among their present plans are such things as organizing teams for intramural sports, and band combos for the musically inclined.

Simply sitting in their specially designated suites to be available for the thousand varieties of questions will be one of the most important tasks.

FOR THEIR EFFORTS, the counselors receive no actual pay. They are provided with room and board. Greatest incentive for them, as Dr. Guthrie explains it, is a chance to train as supervisors of a personnel program, in many cases similar to the kind they will be connected with in later life.

Men were deliberately chosen from every school of the College to assure a wide range of knowledge. Each counselor will look after 80 students. In weekly meetings, the advisers will have a chance to compare procedures with his fellow workers.

ALSO COOPERATING in the program are representatives from the College's student activities, housing and foods sections.

Together their aim, especially where freshmen are concerned, is to make the transition from high school to college quicker, easier and more particularly to eliminate a feeling of not belonging.

—Herbert Stein

Tracking Down Tails

With the Staff

Badly in need of prospective pledges, two fraternity brothers began talking with a pleasant-looking, young man on campus. He was a good conversationalist and seemed fairly intelligent; so, they invited him over to the house to meet some of their cohorts.

The men excused themselves quickly when he replied, "Gosh, fellas, I'd like to, but I'm a janitor here."

In the first, confused days of classes, many professors feel obliged to explain the high-sounding, catalogue names of their courses. One modern-thinking shorthand teacher offered this definition: Shorthand—an interim proposition between school and marriage.

If you can't find him here, girls, hie thee to a business office.

Coeds have been given many pet names, but perhaps none of these was so subtly issued as that designated by a sign on Pollock Road in the vicinity of Carnegie Hall. It read, "Cattle Crossing." Obliging campus policemen removed it.

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.

Thursday, September 21

FROTH Candidates, 7 p.m., 3 Carnegie Hall.
FROTH Editorial Staff, 8 p.m., 3 Carnegie Hall.

AG HILL BREEZE editorial and circulation candidates, 7 p.m., 109 Ag Building.

WOMEN'S Recreation Association swimming, 7 p.m., White Hall Pool.

WOMEN'S Recreation Association outing, 7 p.m., 2 White Hall.

LA VIE candidates, 7 p.m., 418 Old Main.

NEWMAN Club Mixer, 7 p.m., Woodman's Hall.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

ADMITTED: Irene Wurst, Donald Leathers, Richard Wright.

DISMISSED: Howard Daniels, Richard Dempster, Gordon Eagye, John Victor.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Capture

STATE: Happy Years

NITTANY: The Unconquered

STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Prince of Peace

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



Lion 'Traditions' Stage Comeback

Almost forgotten amid the post-war bustle, Penn State traditions, aided by freshman customs, are scheduled for a strong comeback this year.

Freshmen, new students, and long-term Penn Staters will find the history of the College abundant with the flourishes and embellishments that lend zest and color to college life and are nostalgically referred to as "traditions."

While gags about Hort woods, the breeze that comes zooming down from Ag Hill, and the one o'clock storming of the women's dormitories have been on the tongues of generations of Penn Staters and can justifiably be classified as traditions, probably the best-known tradition is the Nittany Lion. The Lion, reproduced in limestone by Heinz Warnke, has been the symbol of Blue and White athletic teams since 1907.

Lion Shrine

The Lion shrine, located between Recreation Hall and Beaver Field, was presented to the College by the class of 1940. The Lion, king of beasts, was suggested as symbol of the College by H. D. Mason, '07.

Although the shrine is the best known of gifts presented to the College, other classes have made outstanding contributions. Perhaps the most appropriate was the gift of the class of 1932, Henry Varnum Poor's Land-Grant mural in the lobby of Old Main. The mural dramatizes the founding of the College as the result of the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862.

The Class of 1946, the Commonwealth, and the College financed an extension of the mural representing services of coal, steel, and agricultural industries.

Benches Presented

Another outstanding gift was the 50 concrete and wood benches scattered about campus. The benches were presented by the Class of 1900 and dedicated in 1947.

Freshmen will learn by doing that the two diagonal walks leading from Old Main are Hello Walks. Frosh will be required to say "hello" to everyone they

Treble Singers Tryouts

Treble Singers, women's choral group, will hold further tryouts tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Girls interested in membership, including former members, must sign up for an audition at 216 Carnegie.

meet there. Frosh will also remember the Old Willow when they talk about the "good ol' days at State," for Freshman Customs require them to doff their dinks to it. The subject of much poetry and photography until 1921 when it was blown down during a storm, the slip was brought to Penn State from the estate of the poet Alexander Pope at Twickenham, England. The cutting was later planted on the Willow's original site on the Mall.

Geology Monument

Another landmark is the geology monument on the Mall. Conceived in 1898 by Thomas C. Hopkins, assistant professor of geology, as a study in the weathering qualities of Pennsylvania building stones, the stones are arranged in geologic order. According to tradition, both the monument, known as the polyolith, and the Lion are judges of the chastity of Penn State coeds.

The May Day Pageant, usually held on Mother's Day, is a spectacle Penn Staters long remember. The May Queen, a senior selected by the coeds, attended by a maid of honor, two representatives of each class, senior honor women, jesters and flower girls, highlights a colorful program.

A tradition which more than anything else symbolizes the friendly "hello" spirit of the Nittany Vale is the annual Christmas carol program held in front of Old Main. Students, faculty members and townspeople gather to sing the favorite carols.

Graham's, with its famous athletic club, is the meeting grounds for Penn State athletes. Graham's is the place where you can get the scoop on next week's big game from the guys who will be playing in it.

Proper Address Needed For Mail

The College announced yesterday that after Nov. 1, letters addressed to students merely at Penn State, State College, Pa. will be returned to the sender. The rule also applies to all mail and parcels sent to students in care of the College.

Until November vaguely addressed letters will continue to be delivered, and the College will take the time to try to find the name and the correct address. After the deadline it is up to the senders to remember the room number and the name of building.