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## Time For Thought

President Eisenhower's plea that students not slacken up on their studies because of the uncertainties of the future deserves serious consideration from every Penn Stater.

IT IS TRUE that these are trying times—that no student eligible for the draft knows what his future will hold. But this is not the time to forget our purpose in being in college and the place of the intelligent man in modern society.

This is not the time for rash action. It is the time for thought—the time for intelligent action to cope with the problems which are plunging the world toward chaos. Intelligent men are needed as leaders for today and tomorrow, and it is the job of colleges to produce these leaders.

Men with specialized training also will be needed—engineers, agricultural scientists, chemists and physicists. They will be essential if this country must build up its might in the face of a world crisis. And they—as much as the social thinkers—will be needed for the reconstruction which must follow.

The men who will build the future of this country can be produced only in colleges. Those men can serve their country best by continuing their education and preparing to take their places in the future.

TODAY THERE IS a great tendency to ease up on studies, with many students feeling there is little use in continuing because they may be in Korea in another six months. This is a tendency which must be fought, and fought vigorously.

We therefore add our voice to President Eisenhower's in urging that Penn Staters make the best of a difficult situation and continue to pursue their studies with all the energy they possess.

## Open Cabinet

Cabinet meetings have outgrown the cramped space of 201 Old Main.

THE MEETINGS are open to all students but you would never know it from the little space allotted to visitors. If you come early, you might get a seat. If you don't, you probably won't even find room to stand.

This practice unfortunately discourages many students who might like to drop in on Cabinet's sessions. A larger room such as can be found in Sparks, Osmond laboratory or Electrical engineering would easily solve the problem.

Those who would benefit specifically are the students interested in some particular question Cabinet might be discussing and want to leave when that discussion is over. Leaving a Cabinet meeting now creates a commotion about like the Russians stamping out of the United Nations.

CABINET NOW meets in a larger room about once a semester to allow students a chance to witness student government in operation.

That once a semester is inadequate is evidenced by the number of meetings this semester in which latecomers have had to stand.

The chief argument for a smaller meeting place is that it permits more intimate and informal discussion. But the chance to encourage students to participate in their own government should certainly outweigh this. Cabinet is already a fairly large body and it is open to question as to how much intimacy and informality there is now.

MAKING IT EASY for students to attend these meetings can be one of the first acts directed toward increasing direct participation. Most students who do attend are likely to take part in some of the discussions and that is exactly what student government or any other government should strive for.

—Herbert Stein

## Absentee Ballot

The Collegian wholeheartedly supports the NSA proposal to the General Assembly that an absentee voting law for Pennsylvania be passed. We favor the proposal because it would allow college students—many of them who cannot afford to miss classes—a chance to vote in local, state, and national elections.

CONSEQUENTLY, we hate to sound a sour note on a project which we favor strongly. However, we doubt that NSA's proposal to the General Assembly will receive much consideration in this session, and we have even graver doubts about its possibility of passage.

To begin with, any such proposal is bound to raise a storm of protest among the state's legislators. Some will wish to protect their vested interests, and will show little favor toward any plan which would expand the franchise. Some will feel that if a person cannot or does not go home to vote he does not deserve to vote. Some no doubt will oppose the measure merely because they are opposed to change.

Secondly, the forthcoming session probably will be one of the most rugged in recent years, with a number of controversial measures scheduled to come up. The state's legislators will be concerned with the big problem of reapportioning Congressional and General Assembly election districts, and that should raise quite a partisan political dogfight. Structure of the state's tax machinery probably will be in for a good deal of consideration, because the state needs more revenue.

THEN THERE will be problems attendant to the current national emergency, which should consume a good deal of time and energy. Add to this the possibility of serious political battles over appointments—which now can be blocked by the minority party in the Senate—and you have a fine picture of a tumultuous and lengthy session. When all this is mixed well with the fact that a new and inexperienced governor will be presenting his important budget proposals relatively late in the session, you have a good indication of why the lawmakers probably will not get around to the absentee voting proposal.

Finally, there is the fact that students who cannot get home to vote have no way of making their opinions felt except by what is called "moral suasion." Until they can cast their ballots to vote against lawmakers who oppose absentee voting, there is little chance that students will be able to make their influence felt in this or any other measure.

NONETHELESS, our hats are off to NSA for its efforts in this direction, and we wish the body all the success possible.

## Safety Valve . . .

### Stockpiles Of Collegian

TO THE EDITOR: It is a well known fact that hundreds of copies of the Daily Collegian are taken by College employees who do not pay for the privilege of reading this paper. Since it is the students who are already assessed a fee for the publication of this paper, they should not be doubly assessed when so many office employees are benefiting by it.

If these "free" stockpiles of the Daily Collegian were restricted to those who could show a matric card, the excess papers that usually go to the non-paying readers, could be devoted to making a bigger and better newspaper for the students without an increased fee. Another solution would be to assess the office personnel who read the paper as well as the students.

—Regis L. Gallagher

Ed. Note—Collegian efforts to cut down on this thievery by policing the Student Union desk has done some good, but about the only way one can be sure a person is entitled to a Collegian is to ask him to show a matric card. We would favor such a plan were we sure it would not slow down the process of picking up a paper to the extent that some students would pass up their paper in the rush to get to class.

## Gazette . . .

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Link Belt company will be on campus to interview January graduates in E.E., C.E., and M.E. If there are enough students interested. Leave name at 112 Old Main by Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Houss Hold Finance corporation will interview January graduates at the B.S. level in C & F, A & L, ED., and Phys Ed. on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Wheeling Steel corporation will be on campus to interview January graduates in Fuel Tech., M.E., I.E., and Metal. If enough students are interested. Leave name at 112 Old Main, by Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Westinghouse Air Brake company is interested in M.E. graduates. Leave name at 112 Old Main, by Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Calvert Distilling company will interview January graduates in M.E., I.E., E.E., Bact., Chem., Chem. Eng., Bio-Chem., Forestry, and women in C&F Wednesday, Jan. 10.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Two men to split permanent part-time work at local snack shop; hours 8:30 p.m. to 12 p.m.; cash plus meals.

West Dorm residents with no 4 o'clocks for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. duty in West Dorm dining hall; remuneration in cash.

Delivery truck driver for local market Friday afternoons and all day Saturday each week; permanent.

Nittany or Pollock residents for Nittany dining commons; permanent; remuneration in cash.

Technical secretary for campus job; 3 hours per week; shorthand required; ability to handle numerical tables and indexing desired.

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Did you ask for the salt, Louise?"

## A Bonn Mot

# Santa In The Chips

Christmas, 1950, has gone its violent way. With a single possible exception, it has been the most ballyhooed Christmas in history. Now the battered populace gathers its shattered wits once more and takes stock.

CHRISTMAS IS ONE of the three unshakable ideals of every good businessman—the other two are Motherhood and The American Way of Life. Hence, 1950's primary manifestations of the Christmas spirit were at so much per column inch and per hour of air time.

Tallying up radio's Christmas, we get these results. *Adeste Fideles* was sung twenty-seven times by six popular baritones, and was never pronounced correctly—Crosby made the most gallant try. The clear, reedy voices of unwashed children cracked to the demands of *Sivulent* (sic) night on 83 occasions.

Every radio broadcast save three put on a special Christmas performance. The three radicals are no longer with us. Each Christmas performance came complete with a Happy Ending, usually with the Family gathered about the Hearth singing carols more or less on key. Forty per cent of them involved clearing the reputations of Fallen Women. Other popular themes were the Reunion, the Telegram from the War Department, the Child (usually with Biblical overtones), the Good Lad at Heart, and Father Is a Stupid Old Boy, But He's Still Good for a Laugh.

INTERSPERSED WITH ALL THIS cracking good entertainment was a modicum of commercial announcements—a ratio of about three every five minutes, exclusive of station break spots.

These usually took the form of valuable suggestions for the harried Christmas shopper. (Only Communists don't shop at Christmas, as every retailer knows.)

Recommended for Christmas giving were refrigerators, washboards, pornographic anthologies, insurance policies, 100-pound sacks of cement, 100-pound sacks, 150-pound sacks—no, that's a television actress; how'd she get in here?—and items of even more relevance to the Joyeux Noel.

Leaving the airways for the other major medium of Peace on Earth and a 50 per cent mark-up, magazines blossomed in cheery, expensive reds and greens, and were dominated by two characters—Santa Claus and the dollar sign. The theory behind this is that Santa gives things away, but only after father pays \$11.98 for them. Santa is a pretty good businessman himself.

Ask his advertising agency.

—Ron Bonn

## Student Awarded Scarab 2nd Prize

Fredrick Sheridan, a senior in architecture, won second prize in the annual "Scarab traveling sketch exhibit," an exhibition of student work sponsored by Scarab, national architectural professional fraternity, it was announced recently.

Sheridan's prize-winning sketch was entitled "Coal Tipple." The exhibit was judged at the Scarab national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio. Delegates of the College chapter, Raymond Miller and Regis Gallagher, said more than 100 entries were judged. First prize was won by a University of California student.

## Heat On In Simmons As Fire Guts Trashcan

Ringling of the fire alarm roused residents of Simmons hall yesterday morning.

The alarm was set off when paper in a trash can in a third floor closet was set on fire by a cigarette. There was a lot of smoke but nothing was damaged.

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## Walk Takes Post In The Marshalls

Brig. Gen. Arthur R. Walk, former professor of military science and tactics at the College, has taken over command of the army ground troops at Eniwetok proving grounds in the Marshall Islands.

General Walk's troops are a part of Joint Task Force Three commanded by Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, US Air force. Task Force Three has the mission of testing atomic weapons for the Atomic Energy commission.

## Deadline Set For Frosh, Soph Druids Applications

Second, third, and fourth semester men interested in being tapped for Druids, sophomore men's hat society, should send in applications postmarked not later than Sunday night, Gene Kolber, tapping chairman, announced yesterday.

A list of requirements for tapping in the society an activities honorary for men considered outstanding in athletics, appeared in the Dec. 15 issue of the Collegian.

All applications should be mailed to Gene Kolber, Pi Lambda Phi, Borough.