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Better Collegian

In the past, the Collegian has pleaded the cause of many ideas deemed of value for Penn State. This time, for a change, Collegian finds itself in the position of pleading its own cause.

WE FEEL that the best way in which we can serve the student body is to print as much of the news as possible for the information of the students. Over the years, we have come to realize that the present size of the Collegian is insufficient for this purpose. Consequently, we have proposed the 35-cent increase in the Collegian assessment to enlarge the paper to eight pages daily.

With an eight-page newspaper, we feel we should be able to give sufficient coverage to all of the many campus activities—especially those which have had little news space because of the small size of the paper—and also to present added features, such as a greater amount of world news.

Collegian realizes that, to tackle such a job, it will be necessary for many of its staff members to give more time than before to their work on the newspaper, and for the system of news coverage to be expanded immensely. The results, however, we deem worthwhile both from the viewpoint of greater service to the students and the school, and more experience for the staff. If the students are willing to give the necessary financial support, the staff stands ready to contribute its time and effort for the project.

WE ORIGINALLY presented the proposal because we considered it a project of advantage to the students and the College as a whole. The proposal comes up before cabinet for its first of two votes tonight. We feel that, on the question of the assessment increase and the subsequent expansion of Collegian news space, cabinet would best be serving the interests of the students and the College by voting "yes."

Voting Holiday

In a recent editorial, we indicated that voteless students—that is, those who cannot afford to cut classes to go home to vote in local, state, and national elections—will find it rough going in their efforts to have the General Assembly pass an absentee voting law.

OUR POSITION, which we have maintained for several years, is that: "Unless 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 on this or any other measure."

In other words, we see little chance that students will obtain absentee voting rights until they are able to make their pressure felt by actually voting.

Such a proposition seems almost an impossibility. However, there is one suggestion—offered time and again in recent years but never accepted—which would allow students to make their voices heard. This suggestion is a voting holiday on election day.

In the past, the College has excused absences for voting, but classes were continued on election day and many students were little inclined to lose a day of classes. The reason given for not accepting the proposal always has been that it came too late to be included in the College calendar, which is adopted a long time in advance of any dates included in it.

ANOTHER PRINCIPAL objection—and probably the most important one—is that most students will not bother to go home to vote anyway—in fact, that many students will not be eligible to vote.

We can only admit that these objections are true enough. Even with a voting holiday, many students will be unwilling or unable to incur the cost of going home for a day merely to make X's in little squares. However, we do not think that these objections preclude consideration of the voting holiday proposal.

We would suggest that the proposal be considered on the basis of whether the good it would do in turning out some sort of student vote would be great enough to outweigh the possible evil in everybody's getting a holiday from classes.

Safety Valve . . .

An Expanded Paper

TO THE EDITOR: Space limitations most consistently hindered adequate Collegian coverage of campus and outside news during my four years on the staff (1945-49), even though Collegian expanded from two four-page papers weekly, to four and then five editions, with one or two eight-pagers, per week. (From an average of about 9 to an average of about 27 pages weekly.)

Since Collegian has been and can be a vital medium for the constant improvement of Penn State, a cabinet dedicated to the advancement of Penn State will approve the increased assessment, and give Collegian the opportunity to improve its service to the College community, both next semester, and in years to come.

While you are to be commended for promoting this short-term answer to the space problem, it is hoped that the long-range answer to all student printing needs (toward which Collegian led in the major steps taken during the last three years) has not been abandoned.

—Lewis Stone, '49

Advertising Revenue

TO THE EDITOR: On Jan. 4 you had an editorial on the subject of cost of the Collegian. In addition to the other assets, I believe all would be interested in the sum received for advertising. We aren't paying for that, are we?

In the same issue, of 600 cubic inches of space, 280 cubic inches were taken up by advertising. This is approximately 47 percent of the paper. It doesn't leave us too much does it?

—Charles Lansberry

Ed. note — The January 4 issue was the first following the vacation in which a number of town merchants wanted to advertise year-end inventory sales. The 47 per cent figure is unusually large. The inches referred to were probably square, not cubic, since the Collegian has never been known to be three dimensional. Advertising revenue figures appear on another page in today's paper.

Shower Nozzles

TO THE EDITOR: So some of the men in the West dorms do not like the shower nozzles, tsk, tsk. If they are veterans of the army and the Nittany dorms, I am sure they have forgotten the conditions in these places far too soon. I suggest they join the army or exchange rooms with my roommate and I. Contact us at dorm 36, room 18 in the Nittany area.

—Richard Herald

Gazette . . .

Thursday, January 11

CIRCLE and Square club, 100 Horticulture, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN Society of Mechanical Engineers, 316 Sparks, 7 p.m.

FACULTY society meeting, 105 Forestry, 7 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL Relations Research association election of officers for spring semester, 202 Willard hall, 7 p.m. Regular January meeting cancelled.

AMERICAN Chemical Society, student affiliate chapter meeting, 119 Osmond laboratory, 7:30 p.m.

WEST DORM speaker, Professor A. M. Wellington, of the School of Engineering. Topic: "The Three B's," Thompson hall lounge, 7 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL Relations club, election of officers, 218 Willard hall, 7:15 p.m.

DELTA SIGMA PI, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, 8 p.m.

SCABBARD AND BLADE, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Pi.

SIMMONS musicale, 7:30 p.m., Simmons hall lounge.

WRA swimming, White hall pool, 7 p.m.

WRA outing, 2 White hall, 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.

Rohm & Haas company will interview graduate students who will receive their M.S. and Ph.D. in 1951 in Aero. Eng., Chem. Eng., Eng. Mech., M.E., and Phys. Jan. 23.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Truck and driver for Student Dry Cleaning route Monday, Tuesday; Thursday evenings, Friday afternoons; cash reimbursement.

Off campus resident for substitute duty in women's dining hall; remuneration in meals.

One or two engineering students to work on campus evenings mainly; reading thermometers and manipulating mechanical equipment; about 12 hours a week; permanent.

First class telephone engineer for local transmitter repair and maintenance; 20 hours per week.

Stenographer for remainder this semester; possibly second semester; local church office; work schedule flexible.

Factory demonstrator for electric appliance firm to work in State College and Bellefonte on Saturdays. C & F majors with car preferred; permanent; excellent hourly rate; interviews being scheduled.

Five salesmen to work until February 1st selling Valentine candy; 15 per cent of everything sold; local territory; can sell when schedule permits.

AT THE MOVIES

CAHAUM: Born To Be Bad
STATE: Highway 301
NITTANY: Mister 880

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"This text is \$6.85, but if you'll write your name only once in pencil—don't mark or dog-ear the pages—manage to keep from soiling the binding, we'll give you \$1.35 for it next term."

Collegian Fee—IFC Votes Against Collegian Increase

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month. A large group of new students is not expected in February.

Landon said furthermore that a 1000 drop in enrollment would necessitate proportionate reduction in circulation unless printing costs remain stable.

He pointed out that cost of newsprint has risen from \$6 to \$10 a ton throughout the nation and that typographical unions were pressing wage raise demands.

Landon explained budget item increases thus: Cost of photographs and engravings would increase because more pictures would be used in an expanded paper. Cost of Associated Press news would be raised because a teletype machine would be rented to provide more world news than currently is used. More materials and supplies—the paper currently is running ahead of its budget on this item—would be needed for a larger paper. The same would be true of costs of distribution. The editorial features item was increased to allow coverage of more Nittany sports events away from home.

Local Advertising

Although local advertising has increased this year, its future is uncertain, and national advertising has dropped because many firms are investing in television promotion, he said.

Gladfelter stated that the editors were at work on a new system of extensive news coverage which is expected to make it possible to report news of all groups on campus. He said an effort would be made to get in touch with every campus group.

Organizations would have a greater guarantee of seeing their news in print if the paper were expanded, he said.

Other Papers

Landon stated that the assessment plan would not be out of line with what is being done by student newspapers of similar size at the universities of Utah, Iowa, and Kansas, which have enrollments near that of Penn State.

Reducing the amount of space allotted to advertising and keeping the present assessment would not provide more news space because the number of eight-page issues would have to be reduced proportionately, Landon said. He pointed out that volume of advertising determines the number of eight-page papers to be printed.

Gladfelter said the theory that a student press would solve the news space problem was not sound, because there would be no financial saving by which the Collegian could increase its size. Offset type printing—the only method possible with funds now at hand—would prove unsatis-

Interfraternity council last night voted to instruct President Harold Leinbach to vote against the proposed 35-cent Collegian assessment at the meeting of All-College cabinet tonight. The vote was 26 to 12.

Previously, IFC had voted in favor of the assessment. The vote taken at the meeting Dec. 6 was 18 to 16.

Induction—

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said, was that a student whose induction had been postponed had been accepted for the Army, but would not be taken until the conclusion of the current school year.

Other draft regulations summarized in the notice were:

1. All students must register with Mrs. Sara E. Case in the dean of men's office, 109 Old Main, when they reach the age of 18.

2. Students can arrange to take their physical examinations in Altoona by seeing Mrs. Case.

3. Students who are notified to take physicals should have R. M. Koser, assistant recorder, G-4 Willard hall, notify the local draft board that the student is enrolled at Penn State.

4. Students ordered to take physicals cannot enlist in one of the services.

5. "These regulations do not apply to those men who are in the reserves. Decisions concerning postponement reservists are by the services involved . . ."

6. These regulations are subject to change by Congress.

All advanced Army and Air Force ROTC students are deferred. Most, but not all sophomores are deferred; little more than half the second semester freshmen are deferred, and no freshmen are deferred under present Army and Air Force ROTC regulations.

Juniors To Hold Meeting Tonight

A junior class meeting will be held tonight in room 3 White hall at 7 o'clock, David Mutchler, junior class president, announced.

The additional Collegian assessment will be discussed at this time. A committee to consider the choice of the class ring will be appointed at the meeting.

Preparations for the all-College square dance to be sponsored by the class this Saturday night will be made.

factory because it would make impossible the covering of news events occurring after dinner, he said.