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Convocation

Penn State students with draft jitters — and we can imagine there are plenty of them — will do well to attend the convocation in Rec hall at 7:30 o'clock tonight, at which time President Eisenhower will address the students and faculty on the national emergency.

A great deal of uncertainty regarding draft matters exists on campus, and many students, because of their uncertainty, have not known which way to turn. Many have considered enlisting in various armed services to avoid being drafted into the infantry, but have not decided upon their course of action because they were not fully apprised of the facts.

In his address, the President is expected to sketch out the present draft laws affecting College men, and also to give his views on what the future holds.

This information should be of interest to everyone on campus. Certainly it will interest the male students, who are the ones who may be called up for armed service. Women students, too—at least those with attachments to men on campus—will want to know what will happen to their men. And faculty members—whose work is intricately tied up with College enrollment—will be glad to have this information.

WE DOUBT if a talk by President Eisenhower — or by anyone, for that matter — will solve all problems or eliminate the necessity for personal consideration of personal questions. But it should dispell some of the doubts in the minds of students and lay a foundation on which they can base their decisions.

Future Drives

Herbert Axford's report to cabinet on the Campus chest is encouraging from the view that its organizers this year are determined to instill long-range planning into future drives.

THE NEED for special events to dramatize the drive was made painfully evident when this year's drive had to be extended after it failed to reach its goal in the first week. These activities must be planned in advance partly because a good deal of time is necessary to arrange the programs and partly to assure that facilities such as Rec hall or Schwab auditorium will be available.

Unfortunately Axford's recommendations did not include any provision for individuals deciding themselves how much they want to contribute to the various charities. We hope that consideration of this phase of the campaign has not been forgotten.

As we have maintained before, we think a Campus chest provides both an efficient and convenient method for wrapping up a year's charity-giving in one concentrated campaign. But some provision ought to be considered for those who object to some particular charity on the list of organizations benefitting. It seems unfortunate that an individual might exclude himself from contributing to any of the charities because of an objection to one or more.

WHEN THE TECHNICALITIES of soliciting have been cleared up, as the recommendations to cabinet indicate they will be, we think a Campus chest can be highly successful in providing real service for a number of worthy charities.

—Herbert Stein

Class Gift Ideas

Some 600 seniors will be graduated a week from Saturday. These few remaining days provide the last opportunity to approach this group personally on the question of a class gift.

Judging by past classes' lack of interest in appropriating gift funds, most graduating seniors will have no ideas to express. However, those January graduates who are genuinely interested in selection of a gift deserve an opportunity to express personally their ideas.

It is not known now what sum will be available for use as a class gift, but it is certain that it will total at least several thousand dollars. So few gift proposals are generally given that any submitted by February graduates, regardless of the uncertainty of the amount of money available, should prove of value. Too, a few ideas now could mean an avalanche of ideas when spring graduates consider the matter.

—John Ashbrook

Safety Valve . . .

Clarifies Story

TO THE EDITOR: I should like to supplement and clarify the article entitled "Sailer Speaks on Red China" which appeared in your issue of Jan. 12. Though the quotations made therein were for the most part accurate, the article lent itself to misunderstanding by failing to include any of the background against which Dr. Sailer made his statements.

The subject on which he spoke Tuesday night was "The Crisis in U. S. Policy towards China." He endeavored to explain the series of events which have, since 1945, when there was tremendous goodwill between the two countries, led to the present crisis. It was in this context that he mentioned the strong stand the U. S. took against the Chinese Communists. This and subsequent steps have steadily worsened relations between the U. S. and China.

We in America have made the mistake, Dr. Sailer said, of assuming that communism is a disease which has the same symptoms and results wherever it breaks out, which is not in fact the case. Chinese communism grew up as a largely indigenous movement and is not identical with communism in Russia. This is not to say, however, that it has none of the same faults, the greatest of which is, in his opinion, that ultimate allegiance is given to the party rather than to God.

It is Dr. Sailer's belief that recognition of the Chinese Communist government by the United States and the United Nations and withdrawal of the Seventh fleet from Formosa will not at this late date guarantee peace, but that without these acts there is no chance for peaceful negotiations.

It is important to note that Dr. Sailer does not pose as an expert on China, but makes his observations on the basis of his own experience over a 27-year period as a Christian missionary serving on the faculty of Yenching university.

—Marjorie Allen
Associate Secretary
Penn State Christian Association

Long Lines In Pollock

TO THE EDITOR: There isn't any use in narrowing the "long line for meals" evil to include only the new West dorms. We have had long lines here in Pollock Circle since September. I believe we all pay the same board bill. Evidently some improvement could be made in both cases.

—Bob Powell

Approval Of Fees

TO THE EDITOR: The idea that All-College cabinet must approve a fee which was approved by the people who pay the fee, is questionable.

The All-College constitution defines an activity, as an organization which obtains its money, all or in part, from student sources. Thus, by definition the West dormitory council is a student activity.

Another section of the same article in the All-College constitution states that all activities are free from cabinet jurisdiction, except in those powers specifically delegated to cabinet. No powers were delegated to cabinet by the men in the West dorms regarding their council's powers.

There is no need to waste time by tying every action of WDC up in cabinet. Besides, the cabinet wouldn't get much more done but approve every motion previously passed by the councils and each fraternity house. True, how one interprets the All-College constitution is by one's own reading because certain parts are very ambiguous.

—John L. Clark
Publicity Director
West Dormitory Council

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, January 17

COLLEGIAN sophomore editorial board, 8 Carnegie hall, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN junior editorial board, 8 Carnegie hall, 8:30 p.m.

PENN STATE riding club, 217 Willard hall, 7 p.m., movies.

WRA dance, White hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

WRA bridge, White hall play room, 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. Swift & Company will interview Ph.D.'s in Organic Chem., and Bio. Chem. January 25.

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

STUDENT to care for two children between Jan. 21-26; children aged 1½ and 5; cash plus food in exchange.

HOUSE TO HOUSE SALESMEN for Valentine candy; this vicinity between now and Feb. 1.

FACTORY DEMONSTRATOR for electrical appliance company to work Saturdays this vicinity; excellent hourly wage; interviews being scheduled.

OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENTS for substitute duty in women's dining hall; remuneration in meals.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Deported
STATE: Outrage
NITTANY: Three Secrets

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Dear Professor Snarf, we knew you'd be up half the night makin' out that ole final, so we thought—"



Pro and Con

By STAN DEGLER

Off We Go Into The Wild

A few more days and hundreds of seniors will be launched on careers into the "cold, cruel world." Traditionally, this is the time to wax sentimental and blubber about dear old State and the glories of Mount Nittany. (As seen from the bottom.)

NOT BEING THE TYPE, however, we remember some of the times we've been treated more like 0759-20, than a human being and while there are no brickbats forthcoming, we have no orchids to distribute either.

There are a lot of nice things about Penn State, and we'll hate to leave them. There's sports double-headers, and the advent of spring, and some stimulating classes, and the guys at the Spa Saturday nights, and a hundred other little things.

But we'll say goodbye and good riddance to standing in lines, and to the bursar, and to eight o'clocks, and some of us to that vacuous (but delightful) creature, the coed.

We'll go away and work or be drafted and think, "You were all right Penn State," and we'll boast that we went here, and we'll be glad when the football team wins, and defend the zone system. Because there'll be other eight o'clocks and then we'll remember the nice things best.

MAYBE WE'LL REALIZE that we weren't really preparing for anything exactly, but we were living. Penn State was part of our life and meaningful for itself. It did or didn't get us a job but that was incidental if we had learned something about how to live.

The outlook, worldwide speaking, isn't very bright. And for many, undergraduates, too, leaving Penn State will mean Army, Navy. We weren't preparing for that, most of us, but we'll take it, and some of us will see reasons and some won't, but we'll take it and Penn State will help.

We'll see some deficiencies, too. And we'll say "Why didn't the professors tell me this," or "This isn't what they told me in College." But we'll know that they couldn't have told us everything or be right about everything.

WERE NOT SENTIMENTAL, but what the heck. Like Jo Fox said a couple of years ago, "Bye Old Main. They said you were an architectural monstrosity in art class, but you look good to me, 'specially when you're wrapped up in snow . . . or specially just any old way. 'Bye."

Safety Valve . . .

Criticize Assessment Coverage

TO THE EDITOR: It seems to me that the Collegian has given more space and time to the proposed 35-cent increase in the Collegian assessment than to any other ten happenings in the school. I'm personally for the assessment increase, but I don't think the Collegian is playing fair when they use their position to beat their own drum. There are other things as important that do not get very much attention and space. And another thing, the Collegian can't hope to give an adequate coverage for world events. That is not the purpose of the Collegian. If a person wants to know what's going on, he'll buy a daily paper. It isn't your job to report world events.

—Martin Primack

TO THE EDITOR: For a paper that doesn't have room for campus news, the Daily Collegian can certainly campaign for issues that meet with the staff's favor. Don't you think 116 sq. inches of news space dealing with the proposed increase in the paper's as-

essment is a trifle too much for one issue? Yes, I added up the total propaganda on the first two pages of Thursday's Collegian.

—Bob Powell
Ed. Note—News concerning the assessment has been printed in full because the fee affects every undergraduate student at the College. We have no doubt but that there would have been howls that we were suppressing "unfavorable" news had we not printed every relevant student action.

Service Films Cancelled

The program of films, "Air Force in Action," scheduled for 7:30 tonight in Schwab auditorium, has been cancelled. The films will be presented during the spring semester.