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Donor Facilities For State College

An important way in which Penn State students could serve in this period of national crisis is through donation of blood for medical use. A valuable medical item in normal times, blood is of even greater importance while American soldiers are engaged in a shooting war.

Red Cross blood banks constantly are seeking more and more donors. With a student population of some 10,000 and more than 6000 residents in the borough, State College is in an excellent position to aid in this project.

AT PRESENT, the Red Cross is operating a "bloodmobile" in central Pennsylvania. To bring these portable facilities to State College, various financial, administrative, and operational problems would have to be worked out. But these problems are far from insurmountable.

The student group best equipped to promote this project is the campus unit of the Red Cross. Working with the town Red Cross and with other campus and borough organizations, the student unit might be able to establish donor facilities in State College within the next few months.

For a project so worthy of one's interest and energy, a project through which many can contribute materially to the well-being of others, action cannot come too soon.

— John Ashbrook

Alpha Phi Omega

The Boy Scouts of America this week are celebrating the 41st anniversary of the organization's founding. Boy Scout week is being observed in ceremonies throughout the nation, including one at the White House where President Truman greeted a group of eagle scouts.

For more than 18 years, value of the scout movement has been demonstrated on the Penn State campus by the Alpha Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Alpha Phi Omega is a service fraternity whose members all are former scouts.

THOSE WHO have been confined in the infirmary are familiar with the regular visits of APO members to perform various services for patients. New students entering the College last September were aided by the Alpha Phi Omega information booth on the Mall. Members of the fraternity regularly collect lost-and-found items from campus buildings and assemble them in the Student Union, and they serve as ushers for the community forum series. Soon they will be assisting in the Religion-In-Life-week program. Many other projects of this group could be cited.

Herbert Axford, president of the Alpha Beta chapter, has said that the purpose of the fraternity is "to assemble college men in the fellowship of the scout oath and law, to develop friendship, and to promote service for humanity." He notes four major fields of activity: service to the student body and faculty, service to youth and community, service to members of the fraternity, and service to the nation as participating citizens.

The 125 Penn State members of Alpha Phi Omega are demonstrating by service to fellow citizens on campus their adherence to this code and to the lessons of past scouting days.

— J. A.

• Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him. — Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

• Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers. — Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

• Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay. — Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Change Needed In Voting Age

In line with our previous discussion on an absentee ballot which would simplify voting for college students, it might be well to take up again the question of whether the voting age should remain at 21.

DURING WORLD WAR II there was a considerable movement in favor of lowering the voting age to 18. One state — Georgia — has done so, and apparently has suffered no ill effects. A constitutional amendment to lower the voting age once was introduced into Congress, but nothing ever came of it. Since the war, sentiment on this issue seems to have died out.

At that time, one of the major arguments was that, since 18-year-old youth were eligible to be drafted into the armed forces, men who were old enough to die for their country certainly were old enough to vote for the officials who decided the nation's policies — including the policy of drafting 18-year-old men.

If that argument contained any validity half a dozen years ago, it is just as valid today.

An argument even more valid, we feel, is that young men and women fresh out of high school are still comparatively untouched by the corrupting influences of contemporary American politics, and probably can be relied upon to vote as intelligently as their elders. It also has been suggested that failure to let citizens vote before they are 21 helps to limit the total vote because young people quickly lose interest in their franchise. The best way to keep up their interest is to let them vote as early as practicable.

On the question of intelligent voting, we cannot agree with those who charge that young people are more prone to be irresponsible in casting ballots. We doubt if more than a small minority of our citizens really vote with much intelligence, and we doubt seriously whether including 18-year-olds in the enfranchised group would lower this percentage.

BX Benefits

The recent announcement by the student book exchange and supplies store, the BX, that 20 per cent returns were paid on all purchases made during the past semester, proves what a remarkable success an undertaking like this can be.

The book situation has always been among the main gripes of the student body, and now, through the conscientious efforts of the student operators, a solution seems in the offing.

Already it has been made possible to sell used books and to pick up lower-priced texts, likewise used. School supplies have been sold at what has turned out to be a 20 per cent saving which, over the course of a semester, can certainly be a large enough figure to make the patronization of such an enterprise worthwhile.

AT THE PRESENT time, the BX has a complete line of used textbooks on its shelves. If students would really get behind this non-profit business and push it to the fullest, they would be doing themselves and all the incoming Penn Staters a real favor, and at the same time give a hand in improving the book retail situation.

— Bud Fenton

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, February 7

COLLEGIAN sophomore board, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN junior board, 1 Carnegie hall, 8 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business staff, freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

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

WRA bridge, White hall play room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: Robert Allman, Elmer Feller, Aron Hoffman, Richard Lee, Lawrence Lindberg, and Janet Rosen.

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.

Bethlehem Steel company would like to have preliminary application blanks from June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., Mining Eng., Metal, and Ceramics. Blanks may be obtained in 112 Old Main before Feb. 9.

National Bureau of Standards will interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering Monday, Feb. 19.

R.C.A. Victor division will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., and M.E. on Monday, February 19.

E. I. DuPont de Nemours company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in Chem., Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., M.E., Mining Eng., Png. Eng., I.E., Ceramics, Metal, and Fuel Tech. Monday, Feb. 19.

The Department of State will consider June graduates from among those who have taken the junior management assistant and social science assistant examination. All students interested in being considered should leave their names at 119 Sparks or the Placement service, 112 Old Main.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

SENIOR GRADUATE student for organic chemistry research; permanent part-time job on campus.

MALE STUDENT, liberal arts major preferred; to work in exchange for room; must have late part of afternoons free.


WEST DORM RESIDENTS for West dining hall; no 4 o'clocks, no 8 o'clocks; remuneration in cash.

BUSBOYS and dishwashers for TUB; permanent hours — Tuesday 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Wednesday 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Saturday 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Your blind date is an Alpha Phi Omega — and all I can find out about him is that he's trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."



You Name It

By HERBERT STEIN

(Note: The following is what we hope will be a weekly view of doings on the campus, and other assorted items. Being at a loss for a name, we solicit your advice. This will be a contest unlike any others. We won't offer the bell tower of Old Main or the tail of the Nittany Lion. In fact, we won't offer anything, other than the chance to see your idea in print. This method will also protect you from jumping to a higher income tax bracket.)

COLLEGIAN'S EXPANSION to eight pages daily meant new jobs for some of the staff and more work for everybody. Some staff members were even, half jokingly, asked to pound their typewriters in search of new columns for the editorial page. This is the editorial page, in case you didn't know. Many students know it only as "the page with the Bibler cartoon."

Publication of the columnist's picture was offered as one tantalizing incentive. We hope this will not also serve to direct the aim of irate readers who like to throw physical as well as verbal hammers at their favorite recorders of campus trivia. That is a picture, by the way, which heads this column. It is not "the thing" as was suggested by one unkind observer.

"The thing" may now be viewed, incidentally, hanging on the office wall in Carnegie hall. An Ardent Reader recently mailed it in. He said he found it near the Duck pond, stabbed it to death in a groundhog hole, sliced off a piece of its hide and sent it to us for chemical analysis. It's black, rectangular and soft and that is about all I can tell about it, except that you can have it for the three cents postage which Ardent Reader forgot to put on the envelope.

A VISITOR at the Home Ec cafeteria one day last semester appeared to be picking at his stuffed pepper, prepared by a Home Ec class, with considerable caution. "What's wrong?" somebody asked. "Don't you like the food?" "Oh, it's all right," he replied, "but I'm always afraid I'll get a dish prepared by somebody who's flunking this course."

One prof made certain his students would not miss all the questions in his recent final exam. The first in a series of matching questions read: "this institution," and in the right hand column was found "the

Pennsylvania State College." A later question tested the knowledge of a more select audience. In the left hand column appeared "the beer that made Milwaukee famous" and at the right, "Schlitz." Then he really got tricky by throwing "Le Boudreau" and "the Boston Red Sox" into the answer column without a corresponding question.

SEX, sports and the draft were shoved aside for exams and cheating in the conversations of students late last semester when two students, one graduate and one undergraduate, were implicated in the theft of a Spanish final. Comments heard in every coke fountain, hallway and restaurant in town indicated that the ethics involved evidently depended on the stability of your pocketbook. We heard everything from "Who would pay \$25 for any exam?" to "Why would a guy take such a chance for a lousy 25 bucks?"

A blind date is like a grabbag, a friend complained to us recently, "and my grabs always end up as bags."

Believes Gym Shirt Proper Attire

TO THE EDITOR: I think that it is very fine for Mr. G. Roderick Snyder to believe that coats are the proper attire for dinner, as expressed by himself in Thursday's (Jan. 18) Collegian. Had Mr. Snyder stopped his letter at that point he would have made a fine impression (maybe).

Mr. Snyder went on to say that the regulation gym shirt is not proper attire for the kitchen help. In this he may have had another fine idea, except that he obviously does not know that the person in question did not come running from gym class and does

not exude a bad odor. The gym shirt belongs to the person in question and, in my opinion at least, does not endanger your health as much as the meals.

— Harry M. Carroll
P.S. — I question if this person would accept one of your shirts, Mr. Snyder, if he were in dire financial difficulties.