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Library Expansion Is A Necessity

By present-day standards, the early library of the College was a piddling affair. Although it started out with an "auspicious" 1500 volumes when the College opened in 1859, the library did not grow to more than 3000 volumes until 1882.

Against this background, one can gain a greater appreciation of the plans to add a new wing to the library, making the space available enough to store 600,000 volumes.

NEW ADDITIONS to the library will about double its size. The necessity for this expansion can be seen when one realizes that the present structure was built before World War II, when enrollment at Penn State was little more than half of what it has been in recent years.

The need is made even more clear when one realizes that the College is looking far into the future, toward a general expansion beyond the present level.

Certainly a large and well-stocked library is essential to efficient operation of an educational system, particularly one as diverse in its fields of training as Penn State. For real college-level work—not merely an extension of high school instruction—a student must spend a good deal of his time in study and research outside the classroom and beyond the scope of his text. To the performance of such work, a well-stocked library is the prime requisite.

Yet a student should not consider a library merely as a place for study. Of course, it cannot, because of the prerequisite of silence, become a social center, but it should be considered as a place for relaxed reading aside from studies. This function of the library is, we fear, one all too often overlooked and unused by most students.

Apt Description

Tuesday evening at 11:55 o'clock, a five-minute news summary presented by the Mutual Broadcasting System and carried by WMAJ contained three stories which gave an apt description of the state of much of our world today.

THE FIRST STORY concerned a victory of man-made machinery over its creator—the disastrous wreck of a Pennsylvania railroad train in which scores of lives were lost. A radio reporter at the scene gave an eye-witness account. The second news item was a report of progress of U.N. armies in Korea, a story basically the same as most other dispatches from war fronts.

The third story dealt with another test explosion of an atomic weapon at the Nevada proving grounds. The announcer presented a few details and then the listener heard a transcription of the terrific explosion which lasted about 15 seconds.

As the roar of the bomb died out, the announcer concluded, "And that's the news of the world."

WMAJ then signed off for the night with the singing of Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer." Many listeners, we feel, joined in the offering of that prayer, for it suggested one of the best approaches to problems of this day in a world when its meaning too often has been forgotten.

—J. A.

Value Of Colloquys

Last year the PSCA sponsored a colloquy on religion and politics. From all reports, it proved stimulating and interesting to those who participated.

Now, All-College cabinet has taken steps toward holding another colloquy—this one on the drinking question.

WE LIKE the colloquy idea. It has a smell of intelligence about it, and that is something to look for in these hectic days when unthinking emotion grips us more and more.

A colloquy gives students a chance to hear and take part in discussions led by experts. It gives them a chance to broaden their outlook outside the classroom by assimilating facts and opinions with which they may not have come in contact before.

If handled properly so as to produce thoughtful discussion of problems, colloquys can be an outstanding supplement to classroom education. Were more to be held on the Penn State campus, they might do much to intensify the intellectual atmosphere hereabouts.

Views On Customs Before And After

Those freshmen now shouldered with customs regulations no doubt feel a certain uneasiness and doubt about the program. Many upperclassmen—perhaps a majority—were uncertain of the worth of customs when the program was revived last fall after a lapse of three years.

FRESHMEN who went through the program then, however, seem to be in general agreement now as to its value. According to Tribunal Chairman Neil See, results of a recent survey among frosh matriculated last September very definitely indicate support for the program. Probably this acceptance of customs by those who participated is the one worthwhile consideration in evaluating them.

New freshmen should keep this point in mind as they button to the Willow and to upperclassmen, and as they sing for the entertainment of their elder brothers. Customs may seem senseless or bothersome at the moment but at least they probably will be remembered with a chuckle when the period is passed, whatever one's personal attitude.

While they are going through customs, frosh should remember that those not conforming to the program sometimes are caught and sent before Tribunal, but also that excessive hazing by upperclassmen is not permitted. Too, frosh may have an opportunity to match physical prowess with hatmen on even terms sometime later this semester.

BUT UNTIL the lifting of customs, it's green dinks, bow ties, no dates, group singing on the Mall, and "button frosh." Some will say the program is quite worthless, but, regardless of attitude, it won't look nearly so rough in retrospect.

—John Ashbrook

Cabinet Meetings

One way—and the best way—in which to learn what is going on in student government is to see All-College cabinet in action. Cabinet, top student government group at Penn State, is holding its first meeting of the spring semester tonight. The meeting is open and the president will recognize students who wish to present issues or to comment on matters being discussed.

FOR NEW STUDENTS, the cabinet meeting provides a good method of orientating oneself to many phases of Penn State life. To know cabinet's method of operation, to a great degree, is to know the extent of student representation at the College.

Cabinet is meeting in 201 Old Main at 8 p.m.

—J. A.

Gazette . . .

Thursday, February 8

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

ENGINEERING Student council, scheduling committee, Triangle fraternity, 7 p.m.

FORESTRY society, 105 White hall, 7 p.m.

FRENCH club, Atherton lounge, 7 p.m.

NSA, 233 Sparks, 7 p.m.

POULTRY club, talk by E. J. Lawless, chief of Pennsylvania bureau of markets, 204 Horticulture, 7 p.m.

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.

Bethlehem Steel company will 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.

I-T-E Circuit Breaker company will interview June graduates in Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

International Business Machines corporation will interview June graduates at all levels in Mathematics, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanics, and Physics Monday, Feb. 19.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Male student, married, permanent 12 hours a week housework.

Ten West dorm residents to work in dining commons; no 8 or 4 o'clock classes; remuneration in cash.

Substitutes for Women's Dining hall; remuneration in meals; open to off-campus residents.

First class F.C.C. licensed radio engineer for permanent part-time job.

Senior graduate student with sound knowledge of organic chemistry for research job on campus.

Room jobs available; work in exchange for room; locations on W. College, Pugh street, and E. Hamilton.

Truck and driver for Student Dry-Cleaning agency; 3-mile run, between 7 and 8:30 p.m., five nights a week.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Patients: John Albarano, Robert Allman, Frank Baxter, Patricia Clapper, Yvonne Carter, Irene Clark, Thomas Courtless, Yerdis Ellison, Elmer Feller, Patricia Hall, Aron Hoffman, Marilyn Jones, Thomas Jones, Richard Lee, Lawrence Lindberg, Janet Rosen, Howard Salus, John Schulze, and Louise Woods.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"I would like a job teaching psychology. This is my wife—need any further recommendations?"

Students Rate High Headache Quota

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE

Associated Press Science Reporter

NEW YORK — Married people have fewer headaches—the hurting kind in the head—than the single ones. This is one finding in a survey, reported recently, of who gets headaches and why.

Educated people get more headaches than the less educated, it shows. Women have more headaches than men. Young people get them oftener than older persons. Housewives suffer more than salesmen. Farmers get the fewest. Medical students are about the worst off, and lawyers rate high, too.

THE HEADACHE SURVEY, one of the first thorough studies of its kind, was made by Dr. Henry D. Ogden, clinical assistant professor of medicine at Louisiana State university School of Medicine. He reported it to the American Academy of Allergy at a meeting here.

His survey covered 6000 persons by questionnaires and interviews. They included hospital employees, salesmen, manual laborers, housewives, executives, physicians and other professional workers, medical students, Catholic priests and sisters.

Dr. Ogden said 64.8 per cent said they suffered from headaches, from severe to minor ones. The pain occurred most often (72.6 per cent of the time) in the forehead. Few had headaches more than once a week, but one per cent had them every day. The migraine type, perhaps the severest kind of headache, was not very common (13.2 per cent).

ONE SIGNIFICANT THING was that people with headaches had more respiratory troubles, including colds and sore throats and allergies such as hay fever and asthma, than people free of headaches, Dr. Ogden said. There was a definite relationship between headaches with forehead pain and these respiratory troubles.

He suspects, he said, that many cases of forehead pain aches are due to swelling of blood vessels.

This pain is often relieved by drugs that constrict the blood vessels.

Most people use aspirin and other simple drugs to relieve headaches. A sizeable number get relief from antihistamines and nose drops, he added. Mental strain as well as colds and allergic troubles apparently play a part in bringing on headaches in some people.

Breaking down the figures, Dr. Ogden found:

SEVEN WOMEN have headaches to every five men. Race doesn't make any difference in headache suffering, but age does. Nearly 80 per cent of people aged 20 had headaches, but only 28.6 at age 60 or over.

Sixty-one per cent of married people have headaches, but 70.8 per cent of single persons get them. The rate is nearly as high among separated and divorced people.

Of all college graduates, 70.4 per cent had headaches, compared with 38.8 per cent of people with no education.

By occupations, the percentages reporting headaches were: students, 80.2; executives, 77.3; professional workers, 70.8; housewives, 69.3; clerical workers, 68.2; salesmen, 58.8; manual laborers, 55.1; farmers, 50 per cent. Incomplete figures show 66 per cent of lawyers get headaches, compared with 45 per cent of physicians, and 85 per cent of medical students.

'Provincial' Penn State

Commenting on American building in the December issue of Architectural Review, an English magazine, Henry-Russell Hitchcock writes:

"In many parts of the country . . . while the architectural teaching staffs are generally modern, the authorities still stick to the modes of the '20s in their post-war building. We need not hesitate to call State College, Pennsylvania . . . provincial, not to say 'backwoods' . . . The legislative rulers of Pennsylvania State College have continued to dictate unadulterated Neo-Georgian of the '20s for one of the largest academic building programmes of the last few years, employing not their own excellent teaching staff, but J. Frederick Larson, (apparently Mr. Hitchcock meant Roy F. Larson—Ed.) long a specialist at that sort of laggard architecture. Only the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks, not subject to the eighteenth century tastes of the Pennsylvania legislators, has built at State College a naval engineering building up to, but hardly above, current standards of industrial design in factories."