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## Likes And Dislikes Of Stretch At State

After spending three years in one place, you usually form a strong set of likes and dislikes. Herewith, in somewhat incomplete fashion, we'd like to set forth some of the things that have bothered or pleased us in the last three years at Penn State.

**THE THING THAT PLEASSED** us most was the feeling of stability and the closer relationship between students and the administration brought about in the past year under President Eisenhower. Although it's hard to define, most seniors actively involved in these relationships would agree that there has been a much different atmosphere this year—one more conducive to smooth operation of student activities and understanding with the administration.

The near miracle wrought on the football field by Rip Engle last fall also gave us real pleasure, and has made us determined to return to see a few hot games this fall.

No one can get to know all the pros in all the schools, but from those we've known there have been a good number with whom we were happy to be acquainted and feel fortunate to have talked. We feel we have profited from knowing them and regret only that there was not more time to learn from them.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE** Community Concert association and continuance of other campus cultural activities at a high level were more than gratifying. We hope that all such programs will be continued and expanded in the future, with more student interest shown.

Physically, Penn State has been at times an attractive place to live, with some notable exceptions—chiefly the mud fields of Pollock Circle and the West dorm area. But all too often the beauty of the campus was marred by typical State College weather, about which no one can do anything but complain.

One of the most heartening things this year was the widespread support among students for NSA's absentee voting petition. But the lack of interest generally in outside events which affect us so much has been equally disheartening. Even in campus affairs, the "don't care" attitude has persisted, although higher levels of voting in campus elections in the past two years indicate this attitude is being beaten down.

**CUSTOMS, NOW VOTED** a second year of existence by cabinet, have seemed silly and irrelevant to us in light of the confused and troubled world in which we live, but we suppose nothing can be done about them.

One issue on which we think the students were dealt with unjustly was the question of final exams for graduating seniors. Our hope is that the students will continue to press for their elimination and that a fairer hearing is given the next time the proposal is brought up.

One thing that has bothered us greatly has been the amount of backstage maneuvering which has never seen the light of day and the feeling of touchiness in some circles which has accompanied this secrecy. This year, more than last year, too much of what has been accomplished in private conferences has not been put before the students.

**CABINET, ALTHOUGH COMPOSED** of capable leaders and members, has been a slight disappointment to us this year, for many meetings have proved unfruitful. Then, too, all too often the pattern has been to rush things through or to bicker endlessly over minor points. But some outstanding accomplishments have been made, and the year's work certainly was not wasted.

● IN 1903, Charles M. Schwab gave the first endowment fund for a building on the College campus, to be named Schwab auditorium in his honor. A year later, a similar gift came from Andrew Carnegie, for a library.

● IN 1871, the rough and tumble future farmers, miners, and engineers at the College protested that their school was fast becoming a "ladies' finishing school" when the first woman student was admitted.

## Several Economies In Cabinet Budget

Cabinet's action Thursday to request that the board of trustees lower the interclass fund fee from 75 cents to 50 cents per semester will be welcomed by many students. It is particularly noteworthy because it will entail no reduction in the amount of money available for student government functions.

Revelation by Emerson Jones, All-College secretary-treasurer, that an untapped fund of \$17,000—built up from the profits of class-sponsored dances over the years—is available as a reserve probably came as one of the big surprises of the year. Under his interclass finance budget for next year, a halt would be made to this steady accumulation of money that serves no useful purpose.

The new budget adopted by cabinet provides for making up the amount of money to be lost through decreasing the fee from the profits of dances next year, estimated at \$2500. It also is marked by several economies, principally a \$2000 reduction in the allocation for cabinet, which is more in line with reality than previous cabinet allotments.

With student fees as high as they are now, every effort should be made by all organizations receiving fees to make economies wherever possible in order to produce more service for the student's dollar, and to concentrate on producing better work or service where fees have been established or increased.

## Qualifications Test

According to figures released by the College Thursday, there are at least 1000 non-veterans on campus who have failed to file applications for the selective service qualifications test. We strongly urge those who did not pick up applications when they were being distributed on campus to do so immediately.

**THE TEST WILL BE** given in State College and hundreds of other cities on May 26, June 16, and June 30. Men who are draft-eligible and who have not applied for the test may obtain applications from the Bellefonte board or the local board in their home communities. The local Bellefonte board will have the forms and will be open daily from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. The board is closed Saturday and Sunday.

Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, deputy director of selective service, said on a national radio program a few days ago that each eligible student "must take the test and have it in his files." Selective service has not yet decided whether deferments will be given on the basis of the test score, scholastic standing, or both, so it is wise to include every possible means of deferment in your plans.

Dean of Men H. K. Wilson has also warned all students deferred under the ROTC programs and who are under 18 years of age to enroll for the test if they have hopes of seeking deferment under the selective service act.

**A PERTINENT POINT WAS** made when Renfrow said that the changing of one word—"or" to "and"—might require the use of both test score and scholastic standing instead of one or the other. In that case, Renfrow continued, the draft board would have no alternative but to order immediate induction of men who did not take the test.

If you are one of the students who have neglected applying for the test, don't depend on your scholastic standing for deferment. Get your application and send it in immediately. No deadline for applying has been set. You still have a chance—make use of it.

—Moylan Mills

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### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Austin company will interview June graduates in Arch. Eng., Arch., C.E., E.E., and M.E. if enough students are interested. If interested, leave name at placement office before April 30.

Calvert Distilling company will interview women June graduates in C&F, Chem., Bact., and A.B.Ch. Thursday, May 10.

Calvert Distilling company will interview draft-exempt men June graduates in C&F, Chem., Chem. Eng., M.E., I.E., E.E., A.B.Ch. and Bact. Thursday, May 10.

Equitable Life Assurance society will interview June graduates in C&F Saturday, May 5.

National Biscuit company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Electric Storage Battery company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., and E.E. Thursday, May 10.

Bell Aircraft Helicopter division will interview June graduates interested in working on helicopters Monday, May 7.

Harbison-Walker Refractories company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., and Cer. Wednesday, May 9.

Pennsylvania Railroad will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Air Preheater corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., and a few in E.E. and Chem. Eng. Thursday, May 10.

Portsmouth Naval shipyard will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., and C.E. Wednesday, May 9.

Aluminum Company of America will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Metall., and Chem. Eng. Friday, May 11.

Standard Pressed Steel company will interview June graduates in Metal., M.E., I.E., and C&F Wednesday, May 9.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Lewistown company wishes salesmen on commission basis for State College area; sell on own time; commission up to \$200 per week.

Woman clerk needed for full-time position in local store to begin middle of May.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"It's a real challenge to out-fumble this guy for the check."

### On The Record

## A Look Back Over The Collegian Year

We don't know how many previous Collegian editors, at this point in the year, have stopped to think about their tenure in the editor's chair and wonder: "Was it worth all that time and trouble?" We don't know, but we guess a good many of them have and that, in the future, a good many will continue to do so.

**WE THINK IT WAS WORTHWHILE** and, if we got the chance, we'd do it again. Of course, having gone through it once, we wouldn't do things all over again the same way—everyone learns by his mistakes, and we've probably made enough of them this year so that we could profit by them for many more terms in office were we to get a chance at it.

But it was worth the trouble, despite the sometimes nasty cracks made in letters to the editor and elsewhere, despite the nerve-racking tension that goes with putting out a newspaper every day in a few tempestuous hours, and despite the running battles with student leaders over such questions as the Campus chest, news coverage, voting figures, and other matters.

It's true that these incidents have provided enough irritation to make us feel aged before our time, but they were merely irritation, and there was no harm done. In fact, we sort of enjoyed the whole business and, if anything, we suspect that if we spent another year at the job it would be a lot more peppery. We do hope that those with whom we had these encounters have accepted them from the standpoint that no harm was meant.

**SERIOUSLY, OUR BASIC CONCERN** this year has not been the pressing of issues and taking up of sides on issues in order to back any particular program. Rather, we have attempted to evaluate all news as news, regardless of how we liked what was said or done, and to present diverse viewpoints for student consideration in the editorial columns. With this idea in mind, the editors established a policy of printing editorials on both sides of any question, where staff members were inclined to write from opposing viewpoints, and a number of issues have been debated on this page. We have felt that this course—rather than a set policy on all questions—was the better one, since there is no opposition newspaper on campus to present the other side of the story.

At times this policy—of not taking sides and of printing the news as news—has caused us to run counter to the desires of others on campus, who sought our support for their projects through the news columns, or who wished to prevent publication of certain items. What difficulties arose usually were matters of different viewpoints, and we hope that by this time they have been laid to rest.

Although there are a lot of things we would have liked to have done but for which we didn't have time, we still feel that the year came off fairly well. We had the satisfaction of seeing the Collegian put on an eight-page basis daily and of seeing coverage of campus news increased greatly. With that project completed, and with the problems of publishing a larger paper now conquered, we hope the new staff will continue to improve the quality of the paper and its service to the student body.

**WE'D LIKE TO SAY** at this point that we're rather proud of the staff we've had this year, and that we wouldn't have exchanged it for any other even if we had the chance. True, they made mistakes and caused us some gray hairs at times, but they were willing to work hard and give much of their time to one of the most grueling and thankless jobs on campus.

A new senior board will take over operation of the Collegian Monday. Judging by this year, they'll have some hot times in the next 12 months. We'd like to stick around and see what happens, but it's now time to "fade away" and we'll have to leave all the fun to them.

—Dean Gladfelter

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Saturday, April 28  
NITTANY BOWMEN, target practice and instruction, Nittany recreation area, 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 29  
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Monday, April 30  
CIRCLE AND SQUARE, 6:30 p.m., 405 Old Main.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL  
Helen Bartha, Alfred Bowden, Donald Farley, Edison Garner,

Marilyn Gourley, Kenneth Harple, Edda Ianelli, Richard Krenson, Ernest Lawrent, Nevin Lamb, Dolores Maravic, Joe Matunis, Cora Meyer, Bob Moore, Harold Perlis, Ralph Reyuna, Richard Scuderi, Charles Telfer, Ernest Von Kleeck, Jean Wyrrough.

AT THE MOVIES  
CATHAUM: Only The Valiant  
STATE: Valentino  
NITTANY: Heart of the Rockies  
STARLITE DRIVE-IN:  
Dark City and Block Busters