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Health Excuse Plan Has Shortcomings

Coeds were running through Simmons Hall Thursday, preparing sicklunches for their roommates who felt much too ill to eat. Rumors about the 20-odd women stricken with abdominal pain, dizziness, fainting, and nausea snowballed until Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, Health Service director, was asked to explain the situation. He referred to it as a "mild affair" and denied the cause was ptomaine poisoning.

However, previous to Dr. Glenn's statement, we and some other ailing Simmons coeds were told by the attending dispensary physician that we were suffering with ptomaine. We were instructed to spend the day resting in the dormitory since there were "no empty beds in the infirmary." (A dispensary physician later denied that all the infirmary accommodations have been filled at any time so far this year.) Later Dr. Glenn explained our non-admittance by saying we were not ill enough for infirmary care. At any rate, the resident nurse in Simmons found it necessary to leave her own sickbed to attend to 20 other "stomach aches."

Whether we were not admitted to the infirmary because of no beds, or no fever, we were still ordered to rest and to miss class. But no excuses were issued to make our absences legal. For legal excuses, we were to ask our professors to personally call the dispensary—as if they have nothing else to do.

And so the rub. Here we have students told by Health Service physicians to stay in bed—and informed through Health Service regulations, no excuse without being in the infirmary. Several of the women attended their classes despite their "gastro-enteritis" because they simply could not afford to cut. How much easier the whole affair would have been with a few little white slips—and how much fairer!

Such an episode should prompt the Health Service to revise its set of regulations before another episode like it disrupts the campus again.

—Baylee Friedman

Chesterman Group Argument Not Sound

A committee of the state government recently released a report in which it condemned the expansion programs of the College and further suggested that the money going to Penn State could be better used in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh for the colleges there.

This committee, headed by Francis J. Chesterman and known as the Chesterman committee, was set up by the state to investigate government with a view to economizing and making more efficient the state operations. This is a fine goal, but we are wondering if economy and efficiency are to be desired over education.

State grants could be put to better use in large urban area colleges, the report said. This, it continues, would save students the money spent for travel to Nittany Vale and the cost of living here. In the cities many students would commute. There are a couple things wrong with this argument.

For one, the very remoteness of Nittany Vale tends to make it a better place for education. Professors here have turned down better positions in big cities because they wanted an environmental isolation—one simply can think easier when away from metropolises.

Secondly, most educators (aided by psychology and surveys) will agree that students can learn better and get more from college if they do not commute. Living at home is not the ideal condition for education.

Another suggestion of the committee deserves attention—the idea that we can save millions each year by closing half the state teachers' colleges. Reasons given for this were that half the students in these colleges don't become teachers anyway. There are a couple things wrong with this, too.

The committee idea assumes, for one thing, that Pennsylvanians don't want to educate peo-

ple in so-called teachers' colleges unless they become teachers. We think the persons in the state are more broadminded than that. The state certainly isn't going to set up teaching as the only profession worth subsidizing.

Also, closing down half the colleges is really no solution at all. You can always save money by not having colleges subsidized at all, but this defeats the original intention of subsidies. Thirdly, we don't think you can legislate the desire for persons to teach. The answer to the teaching shortage lies in the pay and conditions of work for teachers, not in the removal of opportunities for their education.

The Chesterman committee, if not understanding, was at least thorough. It investigated and suggested changes in the entire Department of Public Instruction of the state, suggesting modified subsidization, reorganization of the department, and more.

Many of the suggestions seem excellent, especially those dealing with the department organization. However, the methods of saving money at the cost of educational values are not in keeping with the aims of government-aid to education in the state. It must be remembered that the committee was formed to find ways of saving money, and it has shown some possible ways. Some of its suggestions should not be followed.

We feel sure the state legislature will not put its pocketbook ahead of its mind when any action is taken.

—Marshall O. Donley

Community Forum

Probably the most entertaining Community Forum show ever presented at Penn State will take place Monday night when character actress Elsa Lanchester invades Schwab Auditorium with her "Private Music Hall."

The inclusion of Miss Lanchester in the forum series was made primarily because students wanted a "lighter touch." In spite of this, however, the forum series, while doing quite well, did not sell out.

If a student were to see Miss Lanchester's show in New York City he would pay anywhere from \$1.80 to \$6.20 for a ticket. Through the purchase of a season's forum ticket at \$3.00, however, the cost averages out to 60 cents.

The forum series was brought to Penn State primarily for the students, yet all too few have taken advantage of the opportunity to hear the outstanding speakers discussing important topics of vital interest. In addition, the "lighter touch" has been included. We hope future programs will be more successful.

Some tickets, at \$1.50 each, are still available at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Those who for one reason or another didn't subscribe to the forum series still have an opportunity to get in on one of the highlights of this year's schedule.

Safety Valve—

Judges Missed the Call

TO THE EDITOR: As one of the observers of Thursday night's intramural boxing bouts, I must hereby acknowledge the fact that I have seen a "name" work wonders.

My reference is to the tenth match of the evening, the "decisional farce" of the night. Apparently the judges were preoccupied with a discussion of the name of one of the contenders, that of Joe Gratson, and as a result the "judges," if that name is applicable in this instance, missed the fight.

They did, however, agree upon the fact that this gentleman . . . should and would be "awarded" the bout for his outstanding efforts during the football season.

But to those who saw this match, names, titles, races, and creeds were forgotten, and in their opinion the better boxer won, he being McLawrence Dickerson, the "lowly, unknown" opponent of Gratson.

•Letter Cut

—Louis A. Ivey

Ed. Note: Criticism of the decision in the above fight has been brought to our attention from several sources. However, if there is basis for the charge of a "missed call," it certainly in all fairness should not be made to involve the winning boxer. He had no hand in the decision.

Gazette . . .

Saturday, December 6

NAVAL RESERVE ELECTRONICS UNIT, 300 EE, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING PLUNGE HOURS, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, December 7

NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.
UNITARIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP, Student Union Desk in Old Main, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, December 8

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT, 108 Willard, 7:30 p.m.
LEONIDES, 218 Willard, 6:45.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

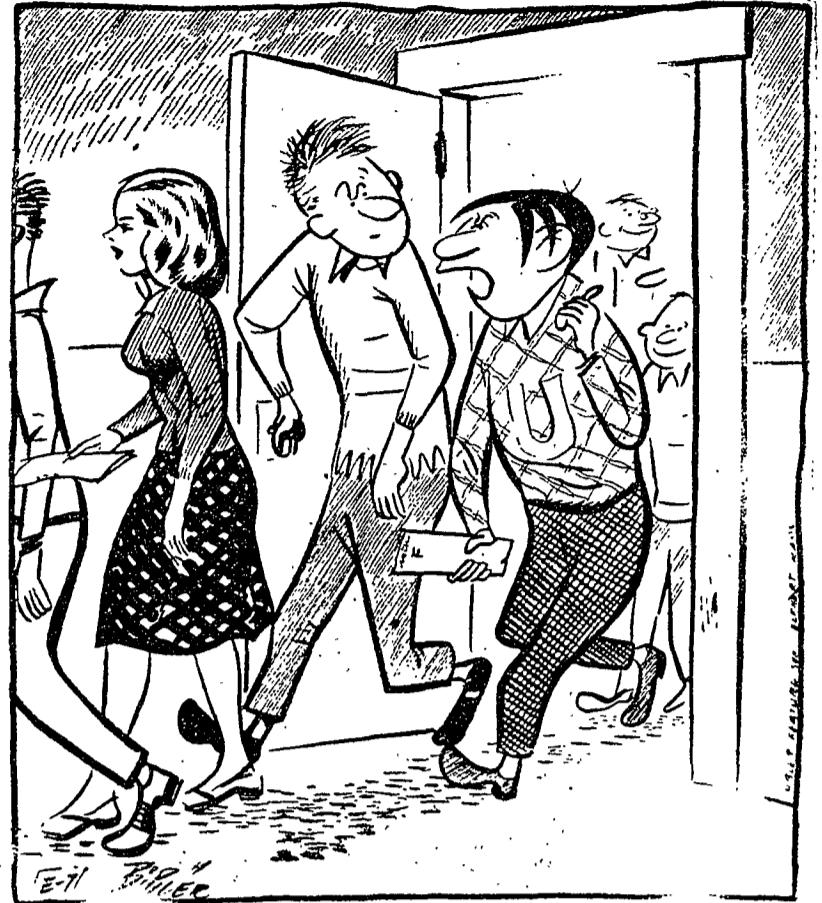
Norman Basehore, Virginia Chesley, James Doughty, Vivian Drayer, Joseph Frederick, JoAnn Grant, Carol Greenawalt, Edward Gruber, Robert S. Jack, Lawrence Klevans, John Leasure, James Lewis, Jane Lewis, John McNeill, James Planutis, Phyllis Rishel.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Bell Telephone Laboratories will interview '53 Ph.D. candidates in chem, phys, metal, M.E., and E.E., Monday, Dec. 15.
Rural Electrification Administration of U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will interview January B.S. candidates in E.E., Dec. 15.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I knew I wouldn't like this dull, stupid course th' minute I got my 'mid-term' paper back."

'Mad' Offers Humor In a 'Jugular Vein'

By BYRON FIELDING

The current "Morbid Magazine-of-the-Month Club" selection (if there were such a selection) would undoubtedly be the January edition of "MAD," now actually on sale at State College newstands.

"MAD," a comic book whose current issue is its third, features humor in a "jugular vein." The circulation of "MAD" is supposedly limited because the writers are allowed to see visitors only on days when the guards feel the writers aren't violent.

Hi-Ho & Awa-a-ay!

"Dragged Net" is the first story in this latest issue of "MAD." The heroes are two ace detectives, Joe Friday and Ed Saturday. In order to get their man, they lead a long and successful chase all over the face of the globe. However, the crook is acquitted, and the detectives are committed to the booby hatch.

Another story features "The Lone Stranger and Pronto." The Lone Stranger is continually hampered by his horse, Golden. It seems Golden runs out from under our hero everytime the Lone Stranger attempts to mount him on a running jump (like Roy Rogers does). The one advantage of Golden's bad habit is that the Lone Stranger never gets saddle-sore, because he has to walk to wherever he wants to go.

Pronto Gets Drunk

However, Pronto, the Lone Stranger's faithful companion, saves the day even though he is drunk from listening to conversations in barrooms all the time. When the "bad guy" has unmasked the Lone Stranger and is going to shoot him with a cannon, Pronto heroically plugs the varmint.

From this brief magazine review, the reader is probably eager to rush down to a local newsstand and snap up his copy. Remember—don't wait to miss it; miss it now.

June Grad Interviews To Begin February 9

Interviews of students who will receive bachelor degrees in June will begin Feb. 9, the College Placement Office has announced.

The demand for graduates will be great this year, George N. P. Leetch, Placement Service director, said. Because of the competition among employers, faculty members may be approached to arrange for interviews.

Prospective employers have been informed of the interviews.

Grad Record Exams

Applications and information concerning the next Graduate Record Examination, to be held Jan. 30-31, may be obtained in 207 Buckhout. The applications must be filed before Jan. 16.

Grad Writes Book on Longstreet

Thomas Robson Hay, a 1909 graduate in electrical engineering, has written a book, and three members of the faculty have recently written articles for national magazines.

Hay's book, "James Longstreet: the Soldier and the Politician," was published by the Louisiana State University Press on Nov. 21. Hay's contribution covers General Longstreet's political career after the battle of Appomattox and includes an account of the general's military career. The section of Longstreet's life as a soldier was written by the late Col. Donald Sanger.

An article by Dr. Orris H. Aurand, professor of education, describing the internship program for graduate students in school administration at the College appeared in the November issue of "The Nation's Schools."

Dr. Aurand discusses the advantages of internship programs which enable students to spend a semester off-campus working in schools with cooperating school district officials.

Dr. John A. DeNovo, assistant professor of history, has authored an article which appeared in the September issue of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. The article was entitled, "Edward Channing's 'Great Work' — 20 Years After."

Charles R. Amerman, assistant professor of electrical engineering, and C. R. Reiter, of the Shell Oil Co., have written an article, "DC Motors with Rectifier Operation," which was published in the November issue of the Electrical Engineering magazine.

Ski Outing Tomorrow

Members of the Penn's Valley Ski Club will put up the ski tow rope on the Mount Baldy ski run near Boalsburg tomorrow afternoon. The party will meet back of Osmond Laboratory at 2 p.m. for an all-day outing and supper.