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## Chest Participants Need Wiser Choice

The 1952 Campus Chest drive is nearing an end with practically no hope held out for its meeting its 1952 goal. Latest figures released reveal a total of \$7804.14, less than two-thirds of the \$12,000 goal.

Probably more than one factor is to blame for the drive not being more successful. The committee, for one thing, had difficulty in securing solicitors, which set the campaign off on shaky footing.

But, we think a major reason for the drive falling short lies in general disapproval, especially on the part of the student body, of the list of agencies which benefit from the contributions.

For example, the Penn State Scholarship Fund receives seven per cent of chest receipts. It is in reality a fund designed to aid Penn State athletes, and no matter how great a student's interest in sports, it seems unreasonable to class an aid to athletes as charity.

In addition there is also a reasonably large segment of the student body which cannot understand why the Penn State Christian Association should receive nearly half of the receipts—46 per cent.

The Campus Chest is in itself an excellent idea, but when the Chest drive falls from \$11,890.67—99 per cent of the goal—to less than \$8000—not even two-thirds of the \$12,000 goal, there must be a reason.

We contend that a good deal of the fault lies in the distribution of proceeds.

Let's have a Campus Chest, but let's have a Chest which doles out its proceeds to truly charitable institutions. Students and faculty groups alike will give willingly to well-known charities, where they are certain their money will be used wisely.

It is only natural that they should question the fund when nearly half is doled out to a sectarian group, and a somewhat smaller percentage is hidden under the guise of a scholarship fund, in reality an aid fund for athletes.

—Jim Gromiller

## HST's Acid Tongue At Work Again

Once again the President of the United States has come out with one of his famous bitter remarks. This time, instead of aiming at a comparatively unimportant music reviewer, the President has chosen to level his acid-tipped tongue against President-elect Eisenhower.

In calling Ike's mission to Korea a "piece of political demagoguery," Mr. Truman has once again stuck his foot in his mouth. It's pretty sad when a President of the United States has to resort to such low methods of attack, especially after the political campaign is over. Ike has wisely chosen to ignore the blast.

Mr. Truman evidently considers himself a prophet. No unbiased person, however, can say that the trip to Korea will prove to be useless. Perhaps time may prove that the trip accomplished nothing toward ending the war, but certainly it was worth the chance.

Ike's announcement that he planned to go to Korea may have had a great deal to do with his election to the presidency, but the wide margin between him and Stevenson indicates the landslide was caused by something more solid than that. The people wanted a change—and with the change will come a President who has more self-respect than to send threatening letters to music critics or to cast aspersions on honorable men.

"All Souls College, Oxford, planned better than it knew when it limited the number of its undergraduates to four; four is exactly the right number for any college which is really intent on getting results."—Albert Jay Nock

## Electors Must Sign State Loyalty Oath

When the Presidential electors of the 48 states meet in each state Monday to officially name General Eisenhower the President-elect of the United States, the electors of this state will, for the first time in history, take an oath of loyalty.

This oath, part of the movement in the state recently evidenced by the much-discussed Pechan Act, will be required of all 32 of the state's electors. This requirement is the same as that affecting all state employees, including the faculty at the College.

The oath is the same one which was handed to each faculty member of the College and signed by most. Wendell S. MacRae remains as an example of one free-thinking American who recognized the oath for what it was and refused to sign it.

He called the oath "costly and useless" in determining loyalty and pointed out that it was a shield for real subversives and enemies of the country. Any Communist can become a loyal American just by signing his name, MacRae pointed out.

The state electors, who have been named state employees, will take this oath. This is in keeping with Sen. Albert Pechan's apparent belief that in government measures must be taken to determine loyalty regardless of the implication resulting or the innocent persons smeared.

We think this is carrying loyalty oaths to an extreme when a person must agree not to overthrow the government before he may carry out the historic, but pre-determined, task of voting for the President.

It is our hope that by the time the next Presidential election rolls around that this useless oath will have been removed.

There are some signs that this hope is not too ethereal. The recent re-employment of MacRae, who didn't sign the oath, may prove an impetus—however slight—to the anti-Pechan forces. Also a court case now pending in Philadelphia may soon test the Pechan law.

In addition, there is some hope that the legislature itself may bring the act up for debate when it convenes next.

At any rate, it is encouraging to see opposition to the Pechan type legislation in all parts of the state.

—Marshall O. Donley

## Safety Valve—

### False Alarms Dangerous

TO THE EDITOR: It must have been a wonderful feeling of ecstasy, or perhaps a decadent sense of humor that filled the being of our craven hero who set off the fire alarm in Osmond Laboratory last Nov. 24.

I am aware that the alarm ringing in Osmond Lab was executed while releasing the surging emotions of victory which were generated by the Penn State-Pitt football game. However, mob demonstration is no excuse for any student to completely lose his or her inhibitions.

To us a fire alarm is a warning to evacuate the building in an orderly manner, not a tocsin to celebrate a football victory. When the alarm reverberated thru the halls on Nov. 24, we initiated such an evacuation. Upon reaching the stairways, we found them jammed with a horde of students who displayed excitement that many times accompanies fire.

Believing this, and observing that the stairways of escape were blocked, many of us hastened our exit by another route. However, in doing so those who have permanent injuries from the wars were forced to move in an abnormal manner which resulted in more damage to old wounds.

Just seven months ago I was released from an Air Force hospital, the result of a B-25 plane explosion that was fed with 540 gallons of 130 octane gasoline from the plane's right wing tank. It wasn't fun, and 61 other victims who were injured will substantiate my statement. There were six more victims, but they cannot be with us physically. This could have happened on Nov. 24 if one of the students who was smoking had barged into a lab where a technician or student was distilling any flammable compound. The above mentioned plane explosion could not be avoided, but with common sense applied by the student body, such a tragedy here on the campus can be avoided.

●Letter Cut —Carl H. Weaver

Ed. Note: At least three injured veterans were among those in Osmond Lab when the mob broke into the building during the Pitt victory rally. Three of these men were injured in attempts to leave the building when they heard the fire alarms ringing. The men lost a good bit of school time because of these injuries. In addition, force had to be used to keep some students, for their own safety, out of laboratories where research was going on.

## Gazette . . .

Saturday, December 13

DEMOLAY, Christmas Dance, 304 Old Main, 9 to 12 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING PLUNGE HOURS, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, December 14

LATKE DANCE, Hillel, 3:30 p.m.  
NEW BAVARIAN SCHUPLATTLERS, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

THESPIANS, 109 Old Main; 7 p.m.

TOWN MEETINGS, Hillel, 3 p.m.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Daddy, this is Worthal—I believe he mentioned he's flunking one of your classes."

## With Open Mind

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

The H-bomb, jet planes, sonar, radar, and more, have recently set the people of the United States to the task of looking ahead—visualizing a world when sound barriers mean nothing, work is unnecessary, and the planets are ours to roam.

Time magazine's issue this week symbolized the trend on its cover with a rather startling picture of a multi-digit robot exploring what is probably the surface of a moon of Saturn. However, Time was not too optimistic about man traveling to the planets, we found out from a reading of the cover story. We would like to be more optimistic.

Let's visualize a world one hundred years hence—the world at Penn State, as seen through the eyes of the ever-existent Daily Collegian.

You might say that the Daily C doesn't have a chance of enduring until 2052, and we might agree—but let's be optimistic.

The Collegian would not be printed, in the literal sense, by 2052. Instead a combination radio, television, teletransmitter in each student's room would deliver a radio-static copy when the student awoke. Let's look through the teletransmitted copy of the Collegian, Dec. 13, 2052.

Page one: CHESTERFIELD COMMITTEE OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES COLLEGE—says expenditures are excessive. A special committee appointed by regional director-governor John S. Good yesterday cited expenditures for buildings at the College as "excessive" and "detrimental." The committee, known popularly as the Chesterfield committee because its members travel in packs, said the money could be better used in more urban areas such as Earthport or Moontown, where more students would not have to commute or spend money living in Nittany Valley.

The committee also hit the use of terrestrial teaching colleges, suggesting the economical idea that half of the money spent on them could be saved if half of them were closed.

In a surprise move, the College administration made no comment on the committee report.

Page One: VETERANS OF MARTIAN WAR DEMAND ASTRONOMY EXEMPTIONS. A petition signed by nearly 300 students, all veterans of the Martian "police action" war, was submitted to the administration today asking that these veterans be exempt from astronomy courses at the College.

"We've seen enough of the stars," one veteran said. Dean of the School of Astron-

omy, Insistent B. McMoon, rejected the exemption idea in a letter sent to All-College Cabinet. "That would be like asking for phys ed exemptions because they had had training in the army," the dean said.

The usual delay is expected before action will be taken on the matter.

Page two: A NEW RECREATION PLAN SUGGESTED BY PHYS ED DEAN. The new dean of the school of physical education presented a new plan for recreation yesterday. The plan would involve the establishment of adequate facilities for four-legged and two-headed members of the student body, the dean said, referring, of course, to the more than 400 students who had enrolled this year from the Republic of Eros, a moon of Mars.

New sports designed for these students would include ping-pong and tennis watching, racing with horses from the College stables, and other games which would use to the best advantage the "particular talents of the students."

The dean will present the plan to the Extra-terrestrial Student Board in the near future.

Society Page: OMEGA OMEGA OMEGA'S PLAN DANCE. Omega Omega Omega, College sorority, announced its plans for a dance on board the space liner "Starward" yesterday. The Tri O's, following the custom begun within the last few years, will hold the dance on the liner while it travels to the moon and back, providing background panorama for the dance. For novelty, the dance will be Martian-formal, that is, dress will include Martian dance costumes of plastics and spun glass. Dean of Women Sapphire O. Easton has been invited as guest of the Tri O's, according to president Mildred White.

Also society page: NEW FRATERNITY PARTY RULES ANNOUNCED. The dean of earthmen's office announced today the addition of two rules to the fraternity party code. One of the rules would limit women to the first 36 floors of the fraternity skyscrapers, the other outlaws the use of Martian and other extra-terrestrial liquors.

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