

Published Tuesday through Saturday mornings inclusive during the College year by the staff of The Daily Collegian of the Pennsylvania State College.

The Daily Collegian

Successor to THE FREE LANCE, est. 1887

Entered as second-class matter July 5, 1934 at the State College, Pa. Post Office under the act of March 3, 1879.

DAVE JONES, Editor

FRANKLIN S. KELLY, Business Mgr.

Managing Ed., Marshall O. Donley; City Ed., Chuck Oberance; Copy Ed., Chiz Mathias; Sports Ed., Sam Procopio; Edit. Dir., Dick Rau; Wire-Radio Ed., Bill Jost; Soc. Ed., Lynn Kahanowitz; Asst. Sports Ed., Dick McDowell; Asst. Soc. Ed., Lix Newell; Photo Ed., Bruce Schroeder; Feature Ed., Nancy Meyers; Exchange Ed., Gus Vollmer; Librarian, Lorraine Gladus; Senior Board, Mary Lou Adams.

Asst. Bus. Mgr., Richard Smith; Local Advertising Mgr., Virginia Bowman; National Adv. Mgr., Alison Morley; Circulation Co-Mgrs., Gretchen Henry, Kenneth Wolfe; Personnel Mgr., Elizabeth Agnew; Promotion Co-Mgrs., Teresa Moslak, Don Stohl; Classified Adv. Mgr., Marty Worthington; Office Mgr., Mary Ann Wertman; Senior Board, Nancy Marcinek, Ruth Pierce, Betty Richardson and Elizabeth Widman.

STAFF THIS ISSUE: Night editor, Mike Feinsilber; Copy editors, Betty Koster, Jack Reid; Assistants, Patty Beahan, Joyce Simpson, and Bob Dunn. Ad Staff: Eli Arenburg, and Cindy Manarin.

Class Functions Would Fight Apathy

Tonight's freshman class dance in Recreation Hall is the only remaining activity of a once-hoped-for freshman class weekend. Class committees had also planned a musical revue and talent show, both of which failed because the class itself would not respond.

This is typical of the disinterested attitude Penn State students have toward class functions. It is not difficult to understand this situation.

Freshmen, when they first arrive on campus, are forced into a group. They are oriented and undergo customs together. In this they are differentiated from all other students. They sit together at football games and are, in general, a homogeneous group.

But when customs and football games end, the freshmen are lost among other students at the College. There are no longer green dinks to set them off as a group. And as the force which has held them together passes, their group feeling passes.

As a result, the freshmen fall into groups within their schools or curricula. It is with these students they communicate most closely, and it is among these students that their interests rest. Through this change in group feeling, the class spirit dies.

Those who would increase class spirit, therefore, must find some way to draw the class together throughout the year. Class social functions and participation events must arise immediately after customs if the class is to be held together.

This lack of class feeling obviously carries

on throughout college life. Students accelerate or drop back semesters, and their class standing loses its meaning. Class identification is lost; students are identified by school and major. As a result, sophomore, junior, and senior class meetings suffer.

Class meeting attendance is ridiculously low because of this feeling. Class members turn out only to elect class officers, and even then their response is low. Class officers as a result are elected by minority and in class meetings act with the advice of only a few people.

It is apparent, then, that low class meeting attendance is not necessarily a sign of student apathy, but a sign that the class is not actually functioning as a group. The only time class meetings get a large attendance is when they offer a definite benefit to students affected. An example is high meeting attendance when seniors attempt elimination of senior class finals.

The proof of apathy in student government does show, however, in student council elections. Only 13 per cent of liberal arts students this week voted in council elections.

It is disgustingly evident Penn State students do not care about student government. This is shown in over-all government election returns. Many students do not know the All-College president, for instance, receives \$300 a year compensation.

All-College Cabinet spends over \$12,000 a year. If many students knew that, most would certainly care.

Campus Chest Plans Need Inspection

The Ugly Man contest which begins Wednesday is, in the minds of most students, nothing more than a contest which will point out the worst made-up man on campus. However, there is another facet to the contest which merits some thought. This is that funds collected from the penny-a-vote contest will go to the Campus Chest.

The Campus Chest has for the past two years tried many and varied means of raising money, the most prominent being the annual fall solicitation drive. This year, however, it was necessary to hold a post-Christmas vacation drive in the town area. The results of both drives have not been such as to make the Campus Chest officials leap for joy.

The drive this year reached more students than ever before, according to drive leaders. Results indicate, therefore, that students are just not willing to hand out money gratis, even with the possibility of not paying at the moment and having it added to next semester's fees.

One objection in donating money to Campus Chest might lie in the choice of recipients made by the Chest committee. If this is the case, next year's Chest committee will do well to sound out student opinion concerning recipients and

the ratio of money collected for these agencies. Personal student antagonism toward any one group receiving Chest funds can be damaging to all groups represented by the Chest drive since there is no way for student donors to earmark funds for any particular group or groups.

Another student objection to donating funds might be the idea that they are giving money away without receiving apparent benefit from the expenditure.

Again the Chest committee might explore the possibility of raising funds through ways other than direct donation, such as the Ugly Man contest. This is not a recommendation that the Chest committee jettison the annual drive, but rather, that the committee also look into the possibility of staging events for which students will feel more like paying.

One other point of consideration deals with the internal operation of the committee itself. No matter how apathetic students in this quaint mountain village are, there is usually a spark of competitive spirit somewhere.

If the committee will set up machinery to make public a running account of which groups have donated a hundred per cent or nearly so, more interest might be generated than is now evident, or rather, is not evident. —Dick Rau

Faith Will Combat Communism

By GEORGE CORNELL
NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—You hear a lot of talk these days about the battle of faiths. Faith in things. Or faith in God.

Over and over again, spiritual and political leaders say this is the basic conflict of our age—a conflict between communism and individualism, between machines and morality, between the supremacy of the state and the supremacy of the person, between the robot and the vision.

They say if the vision is not strong enough, the robot can win.

They say that to beat communism—with its one-track faith in things, tools, techniques and total man-rule—there must be a more dynamic faith—in

the importance of each man and his neighbor.

This, they say, is the ultimate test. President Eisenhower said it this way:

"Only a people strong in Godliness is a people strong enough to overcome tyranny. Today, it is ours to prove that our own faith, perpetually renewed, is equal to the challenge of today's tyrant."

Many others—the big men and the least—have said it in their own ways.

Some may wonder exactly what this means—this broad talk of faiths and the spiritual in a day of cyclotrons, napalm and jets.

If, as they say, religious traditions are the greatest weapon in America's arsenal, what is being done about it?

The job, primarily, is in the hands of an old, taken-for-granted institution—the church.

Things are going on in this old workshop. It is astir and abustle. In sermon after sermon there is a sounding of the issue and, by nearly every measuring rod, studies show new life and growth in the congregations.

How confident are the religious leaders that the faith can carry the day; How powerful is it? They cite this record:

Religion defied the shackles of medieval Europe, religion brought the first families to America's shores.

It gave America her faith—that each man is important, a creature above the dust, part flesh, part spirit, an heir to his (Continued on page eight)

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I told you what would happen if you cut away the ivy!"

Short 'Change

By GUS VOLLMER

They "never had it so good" are the words of students at Michigan State College where dormitories are housing students of both sexes. Reason: a housing shortage.

Penn State students don't seem to appreciate the fact that they've had this advantage for two years now—the West Dorms.

In making up the student newspaper at Texas A&M, someone accidentally pulled an ironical fast one.

At the top of the page was a review of the movie "Ruby Gentry" which read:

"Ruby Gentry" gives Jennifer Jones and Charlton Heston a chance to practice rough and tumble necking everywhere—from the front seat of a moving convertible to the foggy swamps of North Carolina.

"Before the film ends, Ruby's tight sweater and loose morals have helped cause the death of three men, bankrupt several others, wreck a marriage, practically close down an entire town and ruin a multimillion dollar irrigation system."

Closer to the bottom of the page, in the letters to the editor column a letter read:

"It is a sad state of affairs when a man can't take his wife to a movie once in a while without being 'graced' by the presence of those (in simple words) who insist on using nasty language."

Students began to chuckle. The coed looked down horrified, then quickly threw her coat around her and ran out of the room.

She had forgotten to wear a skirt.

The Akron Buchtelite recently quoted a poem which read: "When I have done with college The thing I'll miss a lot, Is technically intangible It's the sleep I never got."

The Akron Buchtelite also had this to say:

Typical Joe College: Height—five feet, four inches. Teeth—buck. Eyes—crossed. Hair—laden with grease. Legs—bowed and pigeon toes. Ears—look as if he could take off. Line—mushy, and the same for blonds and brunettes. Dancing—too, too divine. Money—depends on Dad. Demagogue—Here I am you lucky people! Athletics—ping-pong. Type—telephone roamer. BUT HE HAS A GOOD HEART."

University of Nebraska students were a little chagrined, says the Daily Nebraskan, when a usually slow talking psychology instructor suddenly started racing through his lectures.

One coed waved her hand to tell him that she was having trouble keeping up.

"I know I've been going very fast," replied the instructor, "but the next topic on the outline is sex and the Kinsey Report, and several men in the class have asked me to hurry up."

According to an article in the Georgia Tech Technique, the students at the Polytechnic Institute of Turin in Italy went on strike recently in order to bring about a complete reorganization of curricula that are by now 50 years old.

They said they would have to work 13 hours a day to get through with their assigned tasks of attending lectures and seminars, rewriting notes, and making drawings.

Dillenberger to Speak At Annual PSCA Dinner

Dr. John Dillenberger, acting head of the Department of Religion at Columbia University, will speak at 6 tonight at the annual Penn State Christian Association dinner at the Autoport.

Annual reports and installation of new officers will be included in the meeting.

Michigan State Normal News has come up with a new definition for colleges.

According to them, colleges are institutions which sometimes lower entrance requirements with an end in view—not to mention promising tackles and backs.

An embarrassing situation developed at Drake University in Iowa when a coed rushed into a Spanish class a few minutes late, threw off her coat and started to sit down.

Gazette...

May 5, 1953

COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, all boards, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Rosetta Berger, Sidney Blecker, William Brubaker, Philip Carothers, Electra Catsonis, Ned Clark, Samuel Friedman, Lorenz Getz, Leroy Harris, Robert Homan, Mary Lathrop, Abing Sorriatmadja, Lawrence Thaller, Donald Thomas, Alvin Tomb and Natasha Walters.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Lillian Taylor Camp, Pa. will interview men and women May 14.

Sagamore, Pa., an adult resort in the Poconos, will interview men May 6.

Students' wives for evening counter work.

Tuscorora Inn, Pa., will interview men and women May 8.

Walters and dishwashers wanted.