

Published Tuesday through Saturday mornings during the University year. The Daily Collegian is a student-operated newspaper.

# The Daily Collegian

Successor to THE FREE LANCE, est. 1887

Editorials represent the viewpoint of the writers, not necessarily the policy of the paper. Unsigned editorials are by the editor.

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

DIEHL McKALIP, Editor

WILLIAM DEVERS, Business Manager

**STAFF THIS ISSUE:** Night Editor, Mike Miller; Copy Editors, Inez Althouse, Roy Williams; Assistants, Bill Eisenberg, Eddie Dubbs, Mike Moyle, Marilyn Zabusky, Evelyn Onsa, Jane Casselberry. Ad Staff: Diane Hallock and Arnie Hoffman.

## Draft Extension Bill: Inevitable

(This is the second of two editorials on the present and newly proposed draft law.)

The newly proposed draft law, passed by the House of Representatives and expected to pass the Senate, gives our male citizenry few alternatives in planning their futures.

The bill extends the draft from July 1955 through June 1959. It has been estimated that one and a half million men will enlist voluntarily, leaving a total of 1.3 million (to fulfill armed service needs) to be drafted.

Thus, one alternative for the young men of today is to wait out the draft. Their chances of being called—within the next four years, at least—are one out of four, assuming there will be no war within this time.

There is one criticism of this plan, however. If the draft would be extended again in 1959—which in all probability it will—the youth who wasn't called this time would be again eligible for induction. Hence, a man who gets married and sets himself up in business will be taking the chance of being drafted at a later date and will be taking that chance until he is 35.

Under the newly proposed bill, a youth who enters the National Guard at the age of 18½ and stays in his Guard unit until he is 26, will be draft exempt. Under the present legislation he would have to remain in the Guard until the age of 35.

Thus, youths now in high school and possibly some students in college, could join the National

Guard, spend their eight years in a Guard unit, then leave the Guard without any fear of being drafted. During this time they could either continue their education or go into business.

Other major changes in the newly proposed legislation concern who is and who is not a veteran. The new bill will exempt any person from induction who has served six months or more on active duty, unless war or a national emergency is declared. This will eliminate the chance of a man who served only 22 months being drafted. Previously a man who had not served his full two years was eligible for induction.

The new bill is also more lenient to men rejected on physical grounds. Under the present law they may be called up for a new physical at any time until they reach the age of 35; under the proposed law this age will be lowered to 26.

Deferments under the proposed legislation are virtually the same as they are under the present law—college students in the upper half of their class, ROTC students, youths in the National Guard, hardship cases, and some young farm workers.

Married men without children, however, will not receive any special consideration under the new law, nor will fathers whose children were conceived after Aug. 25, 1953.

Thus the futures of today's youth apparently will contain a draft law of some sort for a long time to come.

—Don Barlett

## Strong Candidates—

With Women's Student Government Association elections in the air, we're eager to see a slate of candidates who can carry on the strong program this year's group has begun.

Nomination blanks are available now for women who will nominate themselves for WSGA offices. After the nominees are screened, primaries will be held March 22 and the final elections March 24. Those women taking the election will also be taking on a big job—and one that can prove very vital to women students.

This year's Senate and House have seen more action than WSGA has undertaken in a long time. And the group has taken no small number of remedial steps toward putting "life for women students" on a university level.

Not all the year's efforts have crystallized yet into concrete changes. The bulk of them have been long-period reorganizations—toward a workable constitution—a revision of women's regulations, and student enforcement. The complete results may show up this spring, and they may not take shape for a year or two longer.

But nevertheless, WSGA has supported the women students and has laid down a relatively firm foundation for coming leaders.

Last year's primaries saw 45 candidates on the WSGA elections ballot—three for president, ten for vice president, four for treasurer, and the rest for senators.

This spring must bring an equally heavy slate. And the elections must show an equally determined and conscientious group of leaders.

—Peggy McClain

## Money, Money—

Within the next three months, seniors are going to spend a little more than \$9000. It's very important that they think clearly and sincerely about how they do this.

Suggestions are now being received for the senior class gift. This stage in the choice is one of the most significant—votes cannot be cast for items which haven't been suggested.

Last year's senior class had a fairly good voting turnout for the gift selection. Of the 1100 members, about 85 per cent voted. However 10 per cent of these votes could not be considered, because they weren't cast for items on the ballot.

This might indicate that those 10 per cent were a little tardy with their suggestions. It's possible that if their ideas had been turned in before the primaries, they would have counted as valid votes.

This year's senior class is somewhat unique. It (and next January's grads) will be the only ones graduating during the Centennial year celebration. With more than \$9000 at its disposal, this group can easily make one of the most significant contributions in the University's history.

—P. M.

## Cleanup: What Way?

From the looks of things, the situation at Laurelton State Village is causing as much trouble between state Welfare Secretary Harry Shapiro and the Senate as it is supposed to be causing to its patients.

Mr. Shapiro has stated he has no objections to a Senate investigation of the institution for mentally deficient women, but implies that his own plans for "shakeup and cleanup," as he terms it, would be more successful.

What, specifically, Mr. Shapiro is trying to clean up is what he has called "inhuman treatment" at the institution. Chiefly, he has at-

tacked methods such as keeping patients in solitary confinement cells, as punishment, for periods up to six months.

These charges are yet to be approved. So far, about the only steps taken have been Mr. Shapiro's charges, the resignation of Laurelton's superintendent and her assistant, and a rather verbose and circular world-battle between the Welfare Secretary and the Senate.

It's apparent not too much more can be done until the contestants come to at least basic agreement. And from here it looks like the Senate is holding all the aces.

—P. M.

## France: 21st Try!

The French government is 21 today.

This does not mean the nation has come of age, but rather that the 21st government in France's post-liberation history has been approved. Headed by Edgar Faure, labeled as "a little left of center," the new cabinet succeeds the one headed by Pierre Mendes-France which failed to receive a vote of confidence on Feb. 5.

This situation has been typical of French government since the war: the many splinter parties make the shift in power as unpredictable as State College weather. An unpopular move by the premier or his cabinet usually brings demands for a vote of confidence, and these votes have spelled death for 20 leaders in less than 10 years.

Resulting from these many changes is a situation in which no one knows what French policy is going to be like the next day. Also, government heads are so afraid of getting the ax they hesitate to take strong stands.

Another unfortunate thing about the rise and fall of cabinets is the inevitable period without a premier from the time one is voted out of office until another is approved. Many of the major functions of French government come to a standstill, and in the event of a crisis this could be intolerable.

Many Frenchmen swear by this system and marvel that Americans put up with a plan that definitely gives one government control for four years. Yet, the continuity of the American system seems far preferable to the unpredictable setup in France.

## No Trespassing!

Thaws are here again and with them the soft University lawns.

It's necessary to begin our annual crusade against ruining campus grass, and spots where grass should be, with shoes and bicycles. The snow is melting and these areas are once again inviting trespassers.

The physical plant cannot build walks everywhere each student would like to walk or the campus would soon be an oversized patio. This is both economically and realistically unpractical.

Best results can be obtained if those using these illegal shortcuts stop and think of the harm they are doing to the appearance of the campus.

## Gazette . . .

Today  
NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rosary, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church; Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., Church

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Leonard Bain, Leo Berzinski, James Byrne, Beth Casey, Jack Conner, Madeline Fitzgerald, Edward Gowen, James Griffin, Edith Gross, Henry Haak, Ronald Hartman, Andrew Hibler, Irene Jacob, John Johnson, Kenneth Kerr, David Krusko, Harriet Learn, Gary Latham, John Lohman, George Mastroianni, Elissa Max, Donna Smith, Patricia Shelly, Vincent Skrinak, Joyce Ramsey, Joan Rapoport, Jay Ulrich, Shirley Winter.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Dean Reports Recurrence Of Line-cutting Problem

Related Story on Page Eight

Line-cutting is flaring up again, James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men said yesterday. In the last several days five cases of line jumpers have been reported to him, he said.

As has been the policy, Frank J. Simes, dean of men, said violators will be reported to the Dean of Men's office and the cases referred to the Association of Independent Men Judicial Board of Review for suggestions of punishment.

Simes said this system of discipline was put into effect upon the request of the students themselves.

### Cases Tried

A number of cases were tried and punished in December before the area councils, Nittany, Pollock, and West Dorm voted to outlaw line-cutting.

Dean said that one of the most serious incidences of line-cutting occurred on the night of the dining hall Thanksgiving dinner. A student living in the Pollock area was struck by another student after cutting in line.

A fist fight resulted and both the students were placed on office probation.

### No Transcript Notations

There is no transcript notation when a student is placed on office probation. However, a record of the action is kept in the dean of men's office, and, according to Harold W. Perkins, assistant to the dean of men, is taken into consideration if the student is involved in further disciplinary action.

On Dec. 3, Nittany Council voted unanimously to set down line-cutting in the books as a definite misdemeanor and provide that the names of offenders would be sent to the dean of men's office.

The area councils requested that the dean of men's office continue to help them enforce line-cutting regulations.

In the future, Simes said, each case of line-cutting will be dealt with according to the individual circumstances.

## 'Children of Darkness' To Be Given Tonight

Players will present Edwin Justus Mayer's "Children of Darkness" for the second time at 8 to-night at Center Stage in the Temporary Union Building.

The "comic-tragedy" of life in a jailer's house in 18th century England has Ann Wylie and Jay Broad in leading roles. Tickets are available at the Student Union desk in Old Main for \$1.

## Collegian Promotes 3

Three promotions have been announced by the senior editorial board of The Daily Collegian.

Phyllis Propert, eighth semester journalism major, has been named to senior board, and Francis Fanucci, fourth semester journalism major, and John Lawrence, sixth semester journalism major, have been promoted to junior board.

## 4 Frosh Take Highway Signs; Fines Expected

Four second semester students from McKee Hall are awaiting papers that could ask as much as \$100 apiece in fines for the removal and damaging of 14 highway signs of Rt. 545 last Friday night.

The students are Henry Hopkins, industrial engineering major; Donald Marshall, business administration major; Ronald Lis, petroleum and natural gas engineering major; and Richard Bohner, business administration major.

The four were apprehended by State Police about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, at Pollock road and Shortlidge road, shortly after they had taken the last of 14 highway and advertising signs along Rt. 545.

Arrested under the state vehicle code, the students may be fined from \$25 to \$100 apiece by the Centre County Justice of the Peace.

The students who have already paid restitution for damages said they wanted to put the signs in their rooms.

The 14 signs include five highway stop signs, two team-crossing signs, two advertising signs for the Penn State Motel, and one church sign.

## Prexy Honored By Kansas State

The Arts and Science classroom building at the Kansas State College will be named for President Milton S. Eisenhower, a former president of the college, Kansas State President James A. McCain has announced.

During Eisenhower's administration Kansas State's appropriations from the state were doubled its 51 curricula were revised to stress liberal as well as technical education, its physical plant increased by 50 per cent, and faculty salaries were raised 75 per cent.

## Tonight on WDFM

9.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:25 Sign On  
7:30 Starlight Serenade  
8:00 Weekly News Roundup  
8:30 Light Opera  
9:30 Thought for the Day