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The Way to Effortless Education

Want to get more education during your stay at Penn State with no added expense and barely any effort?

There's a painless way to do it. It's called auditing, which is simply taking a course without credit. Students who audit merely register for a course and attend its sessions. They get no credits, they receive no grade, they take no tests, and, unless they're unusually ambitious, they do no studying.

Naturally, they learn less than those who take the course for credit and do the out-of-class work. But, in many courses, a great deal can be learned simply by going to class and staying awake.

Penn State has some great teachers. They have over the years acquired reputations for being stimulating lecturers. It's a shame that thousands of students receive degrees every June without having ever been in one of their classes.

Most of the students who fall in this unfortunate category are in technical fields, carrying schedules which leave few holes for electives. And, if they're interested in taking electives in sociology, for example, they get stuck with basic survey or introductory courses because they are prerequisites to more advanced studies. Such first courses are hardly profound and rarely taught by those select few professors who have acquired the reputation for being "good." This is so because most advanced courses carry pre-requisites.

Auditing, then, offers these students the chance to take advanced courses in outside fields without risking failure due to a lack of back-

ground. But the technical student carrying a 44-hour schedule is still out of luck. He has no time, even to audit.

The opportunity is there for the asking for others, however. The time spent in auditing a course is a small sacrifice, indeed, for the education it can be traded for.

To audit a course, the student should get the permission of his adviser and the professor teaching the course.

The auditor has a moral obligation, once he has signed for a course, to attend its meetings. He is reserving a seat which might have been given to another student. Cutting, while it is not penalized, is in bad form. Since professors have a prejudice about lecturing to empty seats, the auditor who cuts frequently or completely ignores the class may be making it tough for another student to get permission to audit the course from the same professor later.

The lack of seats is the reason why the process of education-by-auditing hasn't been more widely advertised by the University. Many students do not know such a system exists.

In many classrooms, there isn't enough room for the students who either must take a course because it is required or who want to take it for credit. These students must get priority. If there's room left, the auditor squeezes in.

We hope that when the pinch on space is relieved, the University will encourage auditing.

Education, after all, is the purpose of the student and the function of the University. Auditing is a way to get more of it and without cost to the student.

—The Editor

Cabinet: Anytime But -the Present?

Tonight representatives of the faculty, administration, and student body who attended the Fall Encampment will gather in the Hetzel Union to review and evaluate the ideas emanating from the 1955 Encampment.

This is a good idea. Among the 100 or so people in the HUB tonight will be the 24 members of the All-University Cabinet who will "sacrifice" their regular meeting night for the occasion.

This is both good and bad. It is good that Cabinet members will be there because they are the students who perhaps will benefit most from tonight's discussion. It is bad that Cabinet will not meet as scheduled.

Of course, it is not impossible for Cabinet to meet on another night of the week. This should be a relatively simple matter since when we last checked there were six other nights available in the week. But apparently it is not such a simple matter for Cabinet members. After all, they are busy campus personalities.

We must discount the possibility that Cabinet will not meet this week because there is not enough business to warrant the attention of the members.

Among the things which quite possibly could be scheduled for Cabinet's consideration are:

1. A financial report from the secretary-treasurer which would be the first heard by the 1955-56 Cabinet.
2. A consideration of a proposal by the Elections Committee submitted at the Jan. 12 meeting to hold a referendum to determine one football half-holiday with the spring All-University elections.
3. Another proposal of the Elections Commit-

tee which would ban political party-hopping for two semesters.

4. A report from the All-University president's executive outlining the progress of Cabinet-appointed committees.

5. The appointment of a committee to study the problems involved in setting up and maintaining a University student bookstore. This as yet unappointed committee is scheduled to report to Cabinet a week from today according to the original motion.

These points cover only part of the unfinished business awaiting the convening of Cabinet. We are sure that the 24 members would also be able to find something new to discuss.

But apparently the 24 have come up with nothing new and feel that none of their unfinished business is so urgent as to merit their immediate attention.

All-University President Earl Seely who chairs Cabinet, replied to a query yesterday that none of the 24 Cabinet members have requested a meeting previous to the one we assume they will hold next Tuesday.

Of course, the present Cabinet has plenty of time left to discuss the needs of the student body. If the All-University elections are held at a time approximating that of last year (March 30-31) all of seven or at the most eight regular meetings remain for most of the present Cabinet incumbents.

The 24 apparently feel that this is ample time to serve their constituents.

We beg to differ.

—Mike Miller

Wetoldjaso!

Yesterday, on this page, throwing caution to the winds, The Daily Collegian bravely predicted a hurricane.

We noted that the 1955 World Almanac reports there never had been a hurricane on Feb. 8. We noted, "with Penn State's reputation for weather, it's inevitable" that a hurricane would take place on campus yesterday.

Well. We quote from yesterday's issue of the Centre Daily Times:

"Source of an 'explosion' heard and felt by many residents of Boalsburg last night remained unknown this morning.

"The noise (was) heard about 10:15 p.m. . . . Some persons said the house jarred or 'thumped' as though a heavy explosion had been set off nearby.

We have to admit we were four miles south and 105 minutes early in our prediction. How trivial!

We humbly rest our case on its laurels.
—The Editor

Gazette

- Today
- AIR FORCE ROTC DRILL TEAM, 7 p.m., Armory
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF senior board, 8 p.m., Collegian office
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie
 - HILLEL HOUR, 7:30 p.m., WMAJ
 - LECTURE ON CATHOLICISM, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
 - NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
 - NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Economics
 - NITTANY GROTTTO, 7 p.m., 105 Forestry
 - SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie
- Tomorrow
- INTERLANDIA FOLK DANCERS, 7:30 p.m., 2 White Hall

Squeeze Play

Feeling pressed lately? Well if you're not and don't want to, steer away from the side entrance to Sparks next to Carnegie. Also Willard.

Anyone who has attempted to squeeze his way through these entrances during the ten-minute break between classes is easily recognizable these days. He walks sideways and is prone to pushing.

We guess it's too late to remodel crowded entrances and hallways in present campus buildings, but we think the University when planning new buildings should remember to provide space for students and faculty to enter and proceed to class in a normal manner.

If not, the mark of the Penn State graduate may be a sideways gait and a pushed-in face.

—Mike Miller

Free Movie!

"Der Apfel ist ab" means "The Original Sin," it's the name of a movie which will be shown twice—free of charge—on campus this weekend, courtesy of the German department.

The film, labeled by critics as "eccentric, extravagant, elegant, and excellent," is a musical comedy and is considered to be one of the best productions of post-war Germany.

It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Mineral Science auditorium and at 3 p.m. Sunday in 121 Sparks. The film carries English subtitles.

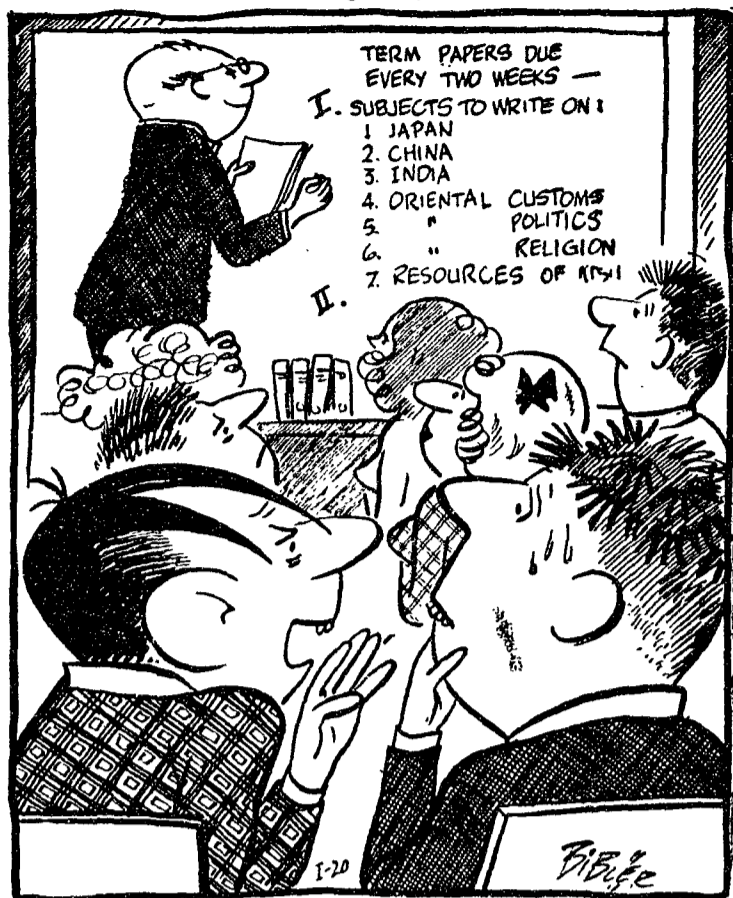
Opportunities like this knock all too rarely. If a large crowd turns out for the movie, they might come more often.

—The Editor

- NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
- NEWMAN CLUB PARTY, 8 p.m., Catholic Student Center
- SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Beta Sigma Rho

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Looks like we'll be writing research papers all term—I understand Prof. Snarf is writing a book on th' Orient."

—the rolling stone—

A Weird Young Man

by dottie stone

Quite early one frozen February morning six years ago a Welsh poet landed unnoticed at New York's Idlewild Airport wearing the shoddy look of an immigrant. In the four trying years that followed he staged three tours of poetry reading and uproarious escapades across the nation. The man who created some of the greatest lyrical poetry of his age spun a legend of romance and self-destruction that is not easily forgotten.

Dylan Thomas had come to America much like the boy described in one of his poems, who playing with a ball in the park, tossed it in the air and at 35 was still waiting for it to come down. With Dylan Thomas the object that had been the child's ball when flung heavenward, came crashing down in the form of an alcoholic blast to the brain, causing an untimely death.

In a book titled *Dylan Thomas in America*, John M. Brinnin, a professor at the University of Connecticut, set down a biographical account of Thomas' travels. Brinnin, evidently one of Thomas' few friends, traveled with him on the tours, acting as business manager. He recounts with detailed precision the many "pub crawls" with Thomas, the literary cocktail parties laid to shambles by the poet's uncontrollable behavior, and the capacity-packed audiences which he stilled to a spiritual silence with his thunderous voice while reading poetry.

His fame for reading poetry spread rapidly, but right on its heels, travelling just as fast, were scandals of his immoral and boisterous conduct at dinners and parties given in his honor by faculty members of the colleges he visited. All inhibitions vanished for Thomas at these social functions, and it wasn't uncommon for him to openly proposition the wives of professors or any other female that attracted his eye. There the party would come to an abrupt halt in embarrassment for all and in disgrace for the guest of honor.

In his three visits to America, Thomas became notorious for his drinking. Alcohol seemed to serve not only as an escape from the responsibilities and domestic ups-and-downs that plagued him but as a defense against disagreeable situations which he frequently encountered in America. Among such situations were those which he met on the academic scene.

The Welsh poet abhorred what he saw at American colleges, remarking that academic people were a great puzzle to him. In his months of travel he met thousands of them and claimed that they were all alike as they milled about in cloistered classrooms and well-lighted houses furnished with TV sets, electric mixers, and twin beds.

In spite of all efforts to per-

suade Thomas to get medical treatments to recover his health, the poet came down with delirium tremors in the last days of November, 1953, and was soon gone.

The legend of the poet has become a controversial item, since some fiction has been mixed with fact. But there can be no doubt that this man needs to be extracted from myth for the permanent contribution he made to modern literature.

Forestry Society To Hold Annual Dance at HUB

The Forestry Society will hold its annual Forestry Ball at 9 p.m. March 2 in the Hetzel Union ballroom. Music will be provided by the 18 piece Phi Mu Alpha Orchestra.

Tickets for the dance will go on sale at 8 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Hetzel Union desk for \$2.50 per couple. The dance will be open to all students. Dress will be semi-formal.

Chairman for dance will be Richard Voelker, junior in forestry from Greenville. Other committee members are Vincent Balok, junior in forestry from Turtle Creek, and John Bitzer, senior in forestry from Pittsburgh, publicity; David R. Allison, junior in forestry from York, ticket sales; Albert Manning, junior in forestry from Monongahela, invitations; Karl Davidson, junior in forestry from Chevy Chase, Md., decorations.

Correction

"The Original Sin," a German movie with English subtitles, will be shown free of charge at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Mineral Science auditorium and at 3 p.m. Sunday in 121 Sparks. The dates were incorrectly reported in yesterday's Daily Collegian.

The post-war film, a musical comedy, is sponsored by the German department and is open, without admission charge, to all students.

Tonight on WDFM

Time	Program
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Starlight Review
8:00	Jazz Club
9:00	UN Story
9:15	News
9:30	Scenario
10:35	Sign Off