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James Milholland

When James Milholland enrolled at Penn State in 1907, it was a school of 898 students. Today, it is a University of more than 11,500 students. There is more than a coincidental relation between these facts.

Judge Milholland served on the University's Board of Trustees for 26 years and held the position of president of the board for 11 of those years. Before that, the alumni of the University elected him to two terms as president of the Penn State Alumni Association.

During two of his years on the Board of Trustees, between the death of President Ralph Dorn Hetzel in 1947 and the election of President Milton S. Eisenhower in 1950, the Judge was acting president of the University.

Judge Milholland was acting president during a crucial transitional period in the history of the University. Thousands of veterans of World War II were flocking to the nation's campuses. The needs of the Commonwealth for Penn State were never more pressing.

Under Milholland's leadership, important steps were instituted to fill those needs. Simmons and McElwain Halls were built at a cost of \$6 million. The Nittany Dormitory area was completed. Clearing and excavations for the West Halls were started. Three classroom buildings, Willard Hall, Mineral Sciences, and Plant

Industries, were constructed. The College of Home Economics was organized. The Garfield Thomas Water Tunnel was dedicated. Extensive work was done throughout the University's physical plant. Campus enrollment grew from 8410 in 1947 to 10,928 in 1950.

In 1948, Judge Milholland said about Penn State:

"No institution in Pennsylvania has a brighter future because none has greater opportunities for public service."

Judge Milholland, throughout his nearly 50 years of service to the University, understood those opportunities for service and he recognized Penn State's moral obligation to strive to meet the opportunities.

After a permanent president had been selected, the Judge did not relax his efforts in behalf of Penn State and Pennsylvania. He continued in his role of president of the Board of Trustees until his death on Tuesday.

The 1911 LaVie, commenting about "Ginger" Milholland, had this to say: "Although 'Ginger' is taking one of the General 'Cinch' courses, he is a good student, an all around good fellow, and we expect to hear great things about him in the future."

It is Penn State's good fortune that LaVie's prediction was an accurate one.

And for the Seniors... Prestige

An engineering major has announced he thinks it would be desirable to exempt graduating seniors from taking final examinations. This sounds good to us. We don't like finals either and we suggest they be thrown out along with eight o'clocks, Saturday classes, blue books, tough courses, and mean professors.

The final exam issue has been hashed over probably as much as any academic controversy we know of. Students are traditionally opposed to them and the faculty, prompted by conservative department heads and deans, insist upon them.

Students have a right to object to some finals. In a writing course where ability is determined by development of skill a two-hour examination is no measure of the student's comprehension nor is it particularly indicative of his progress through the semester.

Courses of a practical nature such as physical education, typing, and shorthand also do not lend themselves to two-hour tests at semester's end.

Therefore, according to some criteria certain

types of finals are not useful and should not be given. But we must frown upon Mr. Byron Smith's recommendation that graduating seniors be exempt from them because of any sort of senior honor and prestige or because they are tied up with last-minute activities.

Mr. Smith seems to have the idea that finals are tests of little value inflicted upon students. And his recommendation seems to take the form of a bonus for all students who have had to take them for seven semesters.

We believe finals are given to benefit students and not to punish them. By studying for them they are able to see the course as a complete unit and not just as disjointed bits of information.

If we assume the final is worthwhile Mr. Smith's recommendation would deprive eighth semester students of an academic activity they should not miss.

But if we go along with Mr. Smith and throw them out we will be able to get in all those extra activities and acquire some last-minute prestige.

—Jackie Hudgins

Safety Valve

Education and TV: A Sense of Balance Needed

TO THE EDITOR: May I begin by congratulating you and the staff of The Collegian for what is, generally, a comprehensive and fair coverage of the day's news. There is, however, one problem on which I cannot help but feel some distortion has been permitted. I am referring to a rather considerable number of articles that have appeared about television teaching.

It has been implied in these, quite strongly, that: (1) television teaching is "the boon of the future"; (2) such methods have proven spectacularly successful at Penn State; and (3) just about everyone is heartily in favor of classroom TV. Unfortunately, none of these is quite correct.

1. In regard to the values of classroom television (and motion pictures) one very important factor has been overlooked. As long as these are but an adjunct, no particular harm can accrue from them; however, when one speaks of replacing instructors with such devices the old problem of conformity arises at once. If we assume that all education is simply a matter of communicating set, unchanging, and timeless "facts" to students and that there is no controversy over what is good, true, or beautiful, then class TV is fine. But, actually, there is much controversy in teaching—and there always should be! Television gives to each individual instructor, potentially at least, far greater power over student's minds than at present and there is always the danger through this that a conformity—and consequent sterility—of ideas may come about, surely the greatest tragedy that could befall American education.

2. In a number of instances at Penn State, the value of television has not been demon-

strated and in a few cases, students in television sections actually learned less than those not so chosen.

3. A rather considerable number—well over half—of both instructor and students do not favor classroom TV. Your paper itself reported, in bold headlines, that "30 per cent of Penn State students chose TV in one section" distorting the fact that 70 per cent did not choose it!

Television is a powerful and wondrous tool and has many fine potentialities; but let us not lose our sense of value in this matter and allow the brilliance of the gem to blind us to the fact that it must have a firm setting in order to make a valuable diadem for Penn State's future. One might almost say that there is more here than first meets the headline-scanning eye.

—Dale D. Drum

Strange Requirement

TO THE EDITOR: In a course I have scheduled, the class was instructed to purchase two copies of a particular magazine. I protested on the grounds that my roommate had already purchased copies of the same magazine. The prof said he would relay my protest to the head of the department. The department head replied that everyone would purchase two copies of the magazine (unless an economic burden was placed upon an individual.)

It seems more than coincidental that the head of the department and the editor of the magazine are the same person. Nor is this man just an editor or a department head—he is also a businessman.

The requirement for everyone to buy copies of the magazine, in a course which everyone is required to take, is a guarantee that several thousand copies will be sold in a given year since approximately one fourth of all students will be taking the course. What businessman doesn't like volume sales when he is assured of a market?

To enlighten me the prof said, in effect, "You get these copies at half price." This isn't true, we get two copies for the price of one.

And that isn't all. This same magazine, according to the magazine itself, has its headquarters at Penn State, on the campus, in an office of a campus building. I wonder if the University gets rent for the space, heat, and light this concern might use in the conduct of its business?

All this seems strange to me!
●Letter cut —Harry Martinni

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"OK, you 'pledges' — It's time for bed!"

On Ike's Decision

Medical OK's Spur Speculation

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

A good many people, on the basis of what the doctors had to say, are assuming now that President Dwight D. Eisenhower will seek a second term.

Indeed, the terms in which the doctors spoke—and bearing in mind that they had been talking to Eisenhower about the very point—are hardly those which would have been used if they had any inkling he would not run.

Dr. White's reference to the possibility that the President would make himself clear about the intensity or lack of intensity of the campaign he would conduct seems strongly indicative.

Of course, a lot of people have become conditioned to think of the President's decision as being based entirely on his health. However, even before his attack, he had carefully refrained from any public indication of whether he would run.

On Monday the odds seemed to be that the President would not gamble on the possibility of being able to carry through another term.

On Tuesday the doctors went further than had been expected. The good report on the President's condition was not surprising. Then, at their news conference, they were finally led by questioners into a comparison of the President's capacity for work with the requirements of the presidency. OK, they said.

There was jubilation in the Republican camp and in the business community despite the repeated assertion of the doctors that the President's decision would be personal.

Eisenhower himself had said that he would probably rely more on his own feelings than on the medical report.

He had applied this specifically to whether he felt he could carry on the world's heaviest job efficiently.

The doctors said he could carry on for five to ten years at the rate of the last five weeks. Press secretary Hagerty indicated the rate was quite heavy insofar as business was concerned, with any reduction from normal being largely on the social side. But whether the President considers this rate efficient will be one of the things he ponders while away from the White House.

Taken all together, the President's public statements on the subject since his illness have seemed on the negative side. The apparent shift to the positive may be there because he was trying to get an indication from the doctors about what he couldn't do, and accepted in good humor their decision that he could if he wanted to. It may not be truly indicative. But the odds have certainly shifted.

Student Paper, University Feud

The editors of The Daily Texan, campus paper of the University of Texas, are feuding again with the administration of the University.

The administration feels that the editors are being too critical in editorials concerning state and national affairs and politics.

The New York Times last week reported that the latest feud concerned the paper's opposition to the Fulbright-Harris gas bill, recently passed by the Senate. The editorial was rejected by the faculty editorial director on the grounds that it did not present both sides of the issue equally.

The university's permanent fund of \$240,000,000 comes primarily from oil and gas production.

The state Board of Regents ordered tighter restrictions on the editorial policy of the paper. They cited a state law prohibiting the spending of state money to influence the outcome of an election or the passage or defeat of any legislative measures, and said that The Texan has violated this law several times.

Engineers to Discuss Plans for New Society

Dr. Hipsh, head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering, will discuss the formation of a student branch of the American Rocket Society at a meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Engineering at 7 tonight in 107 Main Engineering.

James Tedeschi, chairman of the IAS, will present the plans for the annual Spring banquet.

Lantern Circulation Staff

The circulation staff of the Lantern may turn money in to the Hetzel Union desk, Jacqueline Hudgins, editor, announced yesterday.

Executive positions and boards will be announced next week, she added.

Tonight on WDFM

51.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Starlight Review
8:00	Jazz Club
8:30	Just Out
9:00	William Edgerton
9:15	News
9:30	Scenario Cavalleria Arusticana
10:30	Thought for the Day
10:35	Sign Off

Gazette

Today
DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF CANDIDATES, 7:15 p.m., 217 Willard
DAILY COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7:15 p.m., 202 Willard
DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 177 Dairy
HILLEL CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW, 7 p.m., Hillel
HILLEL COURSE IN BIBLE TEXT, 8 p.m., Hillel
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha
INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES, 7 p.m., 107 Main Engineering
NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Economics
SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau