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The News of the Year in Review

Today is the last day of publication of The Daily Collegian for another semester. In the few short months that have passed since last September, many news stories of exceptional interest to the students have appeared in the pages of the Collegian. Here is our list of the stories that we believe were the biggest stories of the 1955-56 school year.

Perhaps the biggest story broke only last week when All-University Cabinet made a recommendation to the board of trustees to install a non-commercial AM radio station on the campus. We hope by this time next year the station will be in operation, a tribute to the industrious work of the student body.

The only extra edition The Daily Collegian put out this year came about Sunday December 11 when a disastrous fire gutted Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. The fire put a damper on Military Ball weekend activities, but the house has been rebuilt since.

Another story that greatly affected the study habits of students broke in December when the borough council passed a resolution to allow movies to be shown in the downtown theaters on Sundays. We wonder how many students flunked Monday morning blue-books as a result.

Our September 14 issue carried the story of the new seating plan for Beaver Field. The announcement turned into perhaps the greatest gripe-issue of the semester. The seating plan reverted back to its previous state after a few weeks when students ignored the restriction.

In September, plans were announced for the construction of a new multi-million dollar Hall of Americas classroom building. At the present

rate of construction, the building will be completed by this time next year.

Also in September, freshman cars were barred from the campus for the first time. Since then several students have been placed on probation for violating the ruling.

A funny human interest story turned up in the October 5 issue when two Sigma Chi fraternity men kidnapped the Navy goat from Annapolis. The students planned to let it go on Beaver field during the homecoming game. They were found out in their plotting, and the mascot was returned to Navy before the game.

The first step towards unproctored classroom examinations was announced in the Collegian on March 3rd when the Air Force ROTC announced the establishment of an honesty program. To date, no violations of the honor code have been found.

Among the other top news stories of the year were the announcement of plans for new girls' dormitories along College Avenue behind Simmons Hall, more televised classes, and the Senior Class' decision to purchase an ambulance for the infirmary as their class gift.

The staff members of The Daily Collegian will lay their pencils and pads aside with today's issue. On behalf of the entire staff of The Daily Collegian, we would like to thank the student body, faculty and administration for their help and cooperation in getting out the paper every day. The Daily Collegian will continue next year its standards of serving the student body and working towards its ultimate goal—for a better Penn State.

We'll see you all next year.

—The Editor

Seniors: You've Been Done Wrong

For the second year in a row, Baccalaureate services for the graduating seniors will be held out of its usual place.

It has been the custom to hold the services the day before graduation exercises. Last year the date was pushed back one day because President Dwight D. Eisenhower visited the University for graduation exercises.

Again this year the date has been changed. On the Hertz Union calendar, Baccalaureate services were scheduled for Friday June 8, preceding the Class Night program. Due to a mistake in scheduling however, Baccalaureate services have been pushed back a whole week to this Sunday. Now, we are informed, it will take the place of regular Sunday Chapel services.

We can't imagine seniors getting in the right spirit for these pompous services even before they have taken their final examinations. They will be more interested in passing finals than

attending baccalaureate services at such an early date.

Scheduling this service at a regular Sunday Chapel seems to be a poor substitute. The only provisions made for the seniors is the reservation of the center section for them. Chapel will probably be crowded with the usual Sunday church-goers, and anyone that really wants to get a seat in the center aisle can do so merely by saying he is a senior. If this happens, it will detract from the effect a Baccalaureate service is supposed to create for the seniors.

We'll wager that not too many seniors will attend the service held in their honor this Sunday. There is no incentive to attend a Baccalaureate service under these conditions. We hope the situation will be remedied next year, as it is the last private spiritual service the seniors attend together as a body. It is only fair it should be kept this way.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

Join Science and Society

TO THE EDITOR: Craig Sanders' editorial in Thursday's Collegian is an interesting, if not erroneous, point of view. It looks very good on paper, but when taken in the light of historical fact it doesn't stand up.

By placing faith in the Judo-Christian ethic, we are placing faith in a body of knowledge which many historians feel represent a paradox. With its message of peace, this ethic has been the greatest single instrument of bloodshed and slaughter in modern times.

The thing that I would hope for is an increasing development in the social sciences. The world crisis of today is a development from the poverty and want of large segments of the world's population. Communism is not a cause of the world illness, but merely a symptom of it.

Science is not responsible for the cultural lag Mr. Sanders alludes to, society is. Religion has proved itself unable to close the gap between man's technological and his cultural development. It remains to give economics, sociology, and psychology a shot at the problem.

Let us hope that the social sciences can join with the physical sciences, and can narrow the gap of the cultural lag. Western Democracy can win the ideological struggle, given the right tools, and outlook on the world.

—William Eisenberg

Difficult Choices

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the 1956 Student Encampment Committee I would like to express my appreciation for the many students who patiently awaited interviews for the forthcoming Encampment at Mont Alto.

The annual task of selecting a group of representative undergraduates to attend a conference such as this is a very difficult one. The selection must be based on many different factors such as class, activity, and individual representation. A keen balance must be maintained between these groups or the basic idea of the Encampment program will be lost. In addition, the students must be selected to participate in the workshop where he or she will contribute and, also, absorb a maximum of knowledge and ideas.

The idea of solving problems toward a better Penn State must be instilled within those students who have a maximum of time remain-

Serrill's Faith Unsound

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: According to Ted Serrill in his "Faith in Science" on Tuesday, science will not only free us of many of our present cares, and make life cheerful and exciting, but it will also prevent war or if it occurs, corral it. We must put our faith in science, he tells us, nowhere else.

But science, which is created by the logical reasoning of man and which is dependent upon the mind of man for its direction, is therefore subject to both the strengths and weaknesses of the human mind, both mentally and ethically.

Great technical developments in the hands of the perverted or ambitious, can be used for destruction or even the annihilation of all peoples. Hitler, with his brilliant staff of scientific minds and technical instruments, certainly didn't have the welfare of all men in mind when he set out to dominate the world.

So you see, Mr. Serrill, technical development alone, without the corresponding moral obligation to utilize that progress for man's benefit, will not necessarily result in a better life for all.

No, faith in God is not secondary to science, but is the basis for man's existence. Science has provided a means of destroying man or of providing the way for a better physical life. Man's only hope for preservation is through his efforts toward greater spiritual and moral development with the grace of God.

—Robert Neff
—Carl Hiester

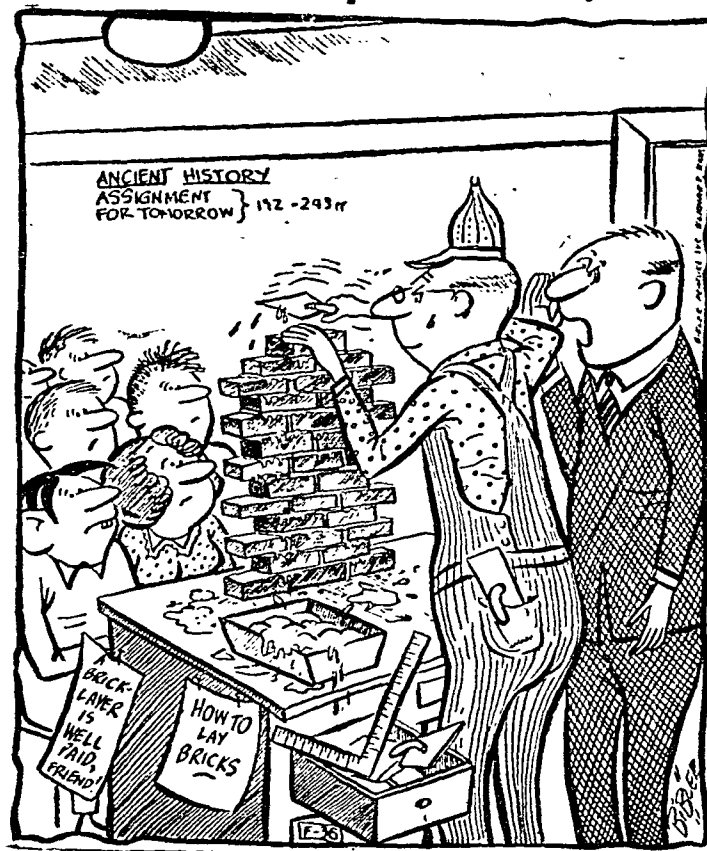
ing to contribute. Likewise, the committee had to consider that each sixth semester applicant had only nine more months to contribute to the University. In some cases, a student from a younger class was chosen on the basis of his apparent potential leadership and the time he or she had remaining to participate in the various phases of student activities.

Many hours were spent dividing, analyzing, and balancing these applicants according to their class and their activities. The committee sincerely feels that we have selected a fine group of undergraduates to attend the fifth annual Encampment.

—Donald W. Reidenbaugh
1956 Encampment
Committee Chairman

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Don't you worry about how they'll make a living— just stress the importance of a college education."

pebbles on the shore

Fishbein on '54'

by ted serrill

Open the door of the partially glass-enclosed booth and look around. Over in the corner is an arm chair. Make yourself inconspicuous but alert, for you are the observer and this is the center of student entertainment seven nights a week.

It is the control booth of State College's answer to television. Eighteen and a half hours a day words and music are wafted over

Centre County, entertaining the farmers, the housewives, the small businessmen . . . the students. We are in the central brain of that most noted of radio stations—WMAJ.

The kingfish of a three-hour nightly period, the mastermind who incites more wrath in one minute than many students can in a lifetime is a jolly little "Santa Claus" with an eternal five o'clock shadow. Meet Steve Fishbein of Groovology 54 fame.

It appears to be a typical disk jockey show, directed by a solemn, non-emotional voice which some fans have called soothing.

Actually, Groovology is typical. But the little known truth is that behind the scenes events are often wilder and more wacky than the wackiest fraternity party. Very little of this undercover stuff seeps over the air, but what does is enough to incite exclamations of wonder and annoyance from Steve's uncountable listeners (count up or down as you wish).

Remember that chair in the corner of the control booth? Why not sit back and take in a typical Groovology program as lived by Fishbein and his many "buddies."

ACT I
Steve is seated in his chair, surrounded by turn tables, dials, panels, and a haze of cigarette smoke. He is not alone. Is he ever alone? Tonight friend Harry is keeping him company. Harry, who goes by the last name of Davis when he attempts to be formal, works for the station and is around nearly every night.

The first hour of the program is likely to contain Steve's special allotment of rock and roll records. He openly distains them and is liable to go to great lengths to knock them on the air. He always has hopes of receiving irate phone calls, particularly when he has a visitor. Steve loves to show off to his audience.

Of the new rage, Elvis Presley, Steve ventured, "Here's a fellow whose records were banned at a station in Nova Scotia and should be banned here." One fellow rings the control room phone, calling Steve an idiot for such a remark. He ends with the fear-striking statement, "You'd better watch your step, buddie."

Here comes a group of kids with a special request. These requests are always doomed to failure. Steve prides himself on be-

ing a GOOD disk jockey. He is so conscientious, in fact, that he chooses all the records for the show hours ahead of time. Some will claim that he does this because it is a rule of the station, but, knowing Steve, we know this just couldn't be the reason.

ACT II
The 11 p.m. news break comes and while the national 15 minute broadcast comes through, the evening refreshments float in, usually carried by the sturdy hands of Harry the Workhorse or one of the others working for the station. Occasionally, tonight Steve loses the debate as to who gets coffee and has to go himself. A State College tragedy.

The sports results are read. In this baseball mad country, everyone wants to know the big question—who won? Steve claims he does his best to satisfy these demands by reading all scores clearly and with great forethought. He only interjects praise for the Pirates every 30 seconds instead of every 15 as he would like to.

ACT III
Over the air, the third hourly period is generally pretty routine. A long playing album or two is played. One would little suspect that one of the infamous Fishbein study sessions is getting underway.

When the tedium of remaining constantly on the alert changing records, reading commercials, and

Gazette

Today
NEWMAN CLUB, Party, Student Center, 9 p.m.
University Hospital
Robert Arnold, Samuel Bailey, Earl Bruce, Richard Coats, Marilyn DeMarsh, Sylvia Fish, George Goldstein, Jeanne Hinkel, Howard Link, Joan McCollister, Peter Mehok, Anargiros Patellos, Kathryn Petrosky, Robert Shrope, Mary Steranchak, Lee Watkins.

WDFM Schedule For Exams

Time	Sign On
6:50	News
6:55	News
7:00	Popular Music
8:00	Light Classical Music
9:00	News
9:11	Classical Music