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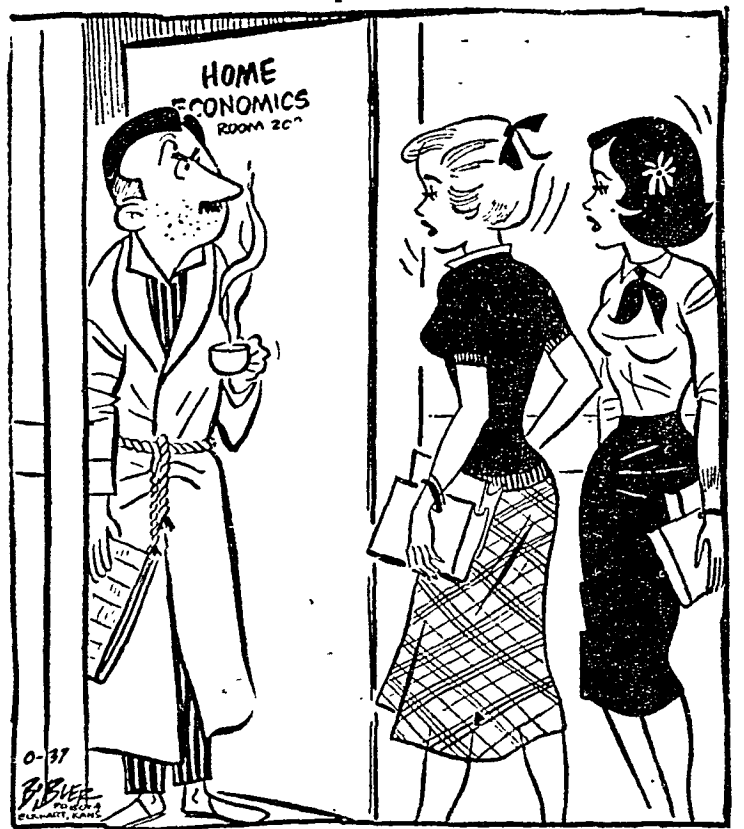
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## Little Man on Campus by Biblel



"No class here 'til nine."

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## Policy on Printing Names

Some time ago we received a complaint about the manner in which the Collegian handles the printing of names. The reader objected to having the names of student violators withheld in one story and printed in another—both stories being in the same issue.

Although this may seem inconsistent, it is only a matter of newspaper policy. The reader didn't mind printing the names of the one group of violators, he just objected to the seeming inconsistency of the thing.

The students whose names were withheld had violated some University regulation and thus were under the jurisdiction of student courts and University officials.

In cases of this type names are always kept out of print because the dean of men's office refuses to release them. It is the general feeling of that office that printing the names of students who have violated University regulations will do the student more harm than good. However, Collegian has always tried to get permission to print all the names they could. We do this with the feeling that we are giving a more complete story by naming the actual students who were involved in the accident.

The students who had their names printed in the issue in mention were unfortunate enough to get into trouble with the borough police. In

cases of this kind the Collegian takes the position held by practically all other newspapers. We print names of students arrested by the borough police if the students are 18 years or older.

So, in that particular issue the reader mentioned there happened to be two stories—one about the action of a student court, and the other concerning action of downtown police or the justice of the peace.

This matter of printing names always has been a point of controversy between this newspaper and the administration.

The administration feels that it is unfair to the student to put his name up for all to read when he merely made what many times is an insignificant mistake. This is true. Very often the cases are made over insignificant rule infractions. Other times the student has done something very serious, however. We feel that in many cases the story becomes stilted and unreadable when a person is continually referred to as "a sophomore."

However, the administration, wanting to protect the student, keeps his name out of print when he does wrong. However, the student isn't so fortunate when he comes in contact with the authorities downtown.

—The Editor

## Safety Valve

## Defending TIM

**TO THE EDITOR:** The purpose in writing this letter is to clarify several points that were raised in an editorial in the Collegian of Dec. 1 concerning Town Independent Men. The editorial was written in support of a motion, voted down by TIM, that would have changed the structure of the organization from its present form of an open forum to that of a council of 30 elected representatives. The editorial stated that such a change would add "strength and unity" to the group.

Possibly, the proposed changes would have had this effect. However, the purpose underlying student government is neither to effectuate strength nor unity in the various governing organizations. (If these were the ultimate criteria for determining the success of student government, they could easily be accomplished by eliminating the students entirely and making "student government" a function of the University.)

The three-fold purpose of student government is to give the students an official vote in their dealings with the University, to give them an opportunity to secure redress for their common, legitimate grievances, and to allow them the opportunity to actively participate in the operation of their governing groups.

The proposed changes would have ended all participation, save that of the "sacred 30."

## Drinking Slammed

**TO THE EDITOR:** We are writing this in regards to the recent drinking parties that have been held at the fraternities both on and off campus.

In short, we have been disgusted at the several we attended this year. We think that something other than beer or liquor should be served at these parties.

Many students on campus who have any regard for their dates will try to stay away from the fraternity drinking parties when they go out. Yet with the 50-odd fraternities that are open on weekends, they have nowhere to go for a good time without running into half-crazed, insulting, "tanked" college students.

We offer the suggestion that the various houses discard their beer supplies and also lower their house bills by serving something more nourishing at their weekend parties... something like chocolate milk or "Seven-up." This is really not as funny as it sounds, for it would stop much of the bad publicity Penn State has been getting.

After all, we are trying to build a better Penn State aren't we?

—Gene Grabosky  
Ralph Bell

## International Critic

**TO THE EDITOR:** I, for one, must say that I find it most distressing to read Miss Conklin's most uncritical article on the Suez muddle. I have always believed people should speak and write what they know. I'm afraid Miss Conklin should stick to campus affairs and not go wandering off into the maze of international politics.

Whether or not England has been justified in her actions of the past few weeks, history will tell. There seems to be quite a bit of controversy over the matter. Some even dare to believe that England made the correct decision in regard to Egypt and that the United States

Though the present meetings are typified by the appearance of "any member who straggles in" to exercise the antiquated right of voting, they would seem to exemplify the democratic ideal to a greater degree than rule by an ambitious minority.

A second criticism in the editorial had to do with the conduct of the members at the last meeting where "debate raged back and forth, heated remarks were addressed, and hastily-prepared motions were made."

Unfortunately, the truth of these statements cannot be contested. Nevertheless, apologies are not necessarily in order. It is no secret that even the halls of Congress have, at various times, been the scenes of meetings that could be described in the same terms. Indeed, what truly democratic organizations has not, at some time or another, adopted tactics and language that would blister the ears and ethics of those groups prone to tea-drinking and assembly at the personage on Sunday afternoon?

TIM is presently suffering from an absence of interest on the part of its members—a malady that has plagued it since its founding. Certainly, the proposed changes, which would have ended nearly all participation by the members, would have done little to stimulate that interest.

—John Talady

was weak in its position of inept leadership.

The point is of course that what Miss Conklin has irrevocably decided to be the doom of England is very much undecided as of now. One thing is sure: Britain remains our most powerful ally, despite Miss Conklin's opinion regarding her "dependency."

An editorial writer does not have to be, and should not attempt to be, an expert in every field of activity. International politics, at least by first impression, does not appear to be Miss Conklin's forte.

—Jon Plaut

Ed. Note—Are we to assume that it is your forte?

## Skaters Need Benches

**TO THE EDITOR:** I, along with many other students, feel that there is a definite need for benches to be placed around the University ice-skating rink. Benches, for both the skaters and any observers, could be easily placed in the unusual space between the wall, which serves as a windbreaker, and the fence that surrounds the rink.

These benches would be very helpful for a number of reasons: (1) To eliminate the danger created by many skaters standing around the rink or sitting on top of the fence; (2) To provide more space for those people who want to rest or merely to tighten their skates and do not wish to go inside where it is usually very crowded and too warm. On weekends and some evening sessions, it is impossible to get a seat; and (3) To provide a place to sit for people who want to watch the skating.

I realize this problem seems trivial compared to those such as an extended holiday, what to do with the Supreme Court, etc., but it is very important to the hundreds of students and townspeople who, everyday, pack our fine ice-skating rink.

—Jack Behler

## Interpreting the News

# Japan Made Mistake 15 Years Ago Today

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Fifteen years ago today Japan made one of the truly great mistakes of all history.

Her military clique thought that by knocking out a few boats she could push the United States out of the Pacific while she secured for herself a great empire.

Instead, the United States sent a few skirmishers to save Australia. While building some more boats, she turned her back on Japan to help whip that country's partners in Europe.

That was done while America's left hand began to sweep back toward the northwestern Pacific.

Then two bombs were dropped, bombs the like of which man had never seen before, and Japan became a paper tiger. American troops en route from Europe for the invasion of Japan stopped off at home.

The United States had given a display of military might never even dreamed of by anyone.

Then, the military leaders of the Axis brought to heel, America extended her bounty to the peoples she had fought, and they became her allies.

What would the world be like today if Germany, Japan and Italy had, in 1939, accepted President Roosevelt's suggestion that they join in a great movement to make a better world for all instead of trying to tear off pieces of the same old body for themselves?

Nobody can know. The ties which bind the free world today, in the face of the Russian threat, are none too strong.

The Russian menace would have had to be faced anyway. Russia would not, however, have been handed her postwar gains. Without the fright given her by Germany she might never have developed the concept of an Eastern European buffer area held by force.

There seems to be a good chance that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes would have been developed without the tremendous investment—and ultimate waste—of energy put into building bombs.

There is even a chance that submerged nations might have become free, in a world where economic advantages were being made available to all, without developing the rampant nationalism of which communism is now working so hard to take advantage.

But the warlords preferred to steal the world shot away a large part of its patrimony in resistance, and the 15 years since America entered the fighting have not brought peace.

## Prof Becomes 1st U.S. Woman On Finnish TV

Mary B. Allgood, on leave from her position as associate professor of home equipment and commercial consumer services, is the first American woman to appear on television in Finland.

Miss Allgood, serving under a Fulbright grant as a lecturer at the University of Helsinki, in Finland, appeared on television demonstrating fluting the crust of an apple pie.

The only television in Finland is a channel used by the Technical College in Helsinki, where the students are broadcasting on an experimental basis two nights a week.

The Finnish Broadcasting Co. is nearly ready to begin the production of commercial television programs, but must wait for governmental approval and establishment of a state budget.

In the future Miss Allgood hopes to train some of the home economics students with whom she is working in order that they might present frequent programs for interested homemakers.

## Ceiga to Present Christmas Music

An organ recital of Christmas music will be presented by George Ceiga, University organist, at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel.

The program will include "Puer Natis in Bethlehem," Buxtehude; Five Canonic Variations on "Von Himmel Hoch," Bach; "Christmas in Sicily," Pietro Yon; "A Lovely Rose Is Blooming," Brahms; and "Noel," d'Aquin.

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