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Cabinet: Recommend Syllabi

Tonight All-University Cabinet will have a chance to give some constructive aid to the students.

Lawrence McCabe, National Student Association coordinator, will present a plan for syllabi (outlines) of courses. The original plan came from the NSA committee on educational affairs. Cabinet will be asked to recommend to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs that it by any feasible method make available the syllabi of courses at the University.

The plan aims at having the information on different courses easily available to all students to help them in picking courses before registration. The NSA committee felt, and we agree with it, that the University Catalog is inadequate for this purpose.

We hope Cabinet will recommend that the plan be instituted by next fall. There are only two ways a student can hear about a course that he is thinking of taking. His advisor may be able to give him some information about courses he is interested, but that will probably be mostly from the catalog anyway. The only other way students get information is through gossip from other students which may or may not be valid. Which ever the case it has gotten to the point where students spend a great deal of their waking hours before registration discussing the merits and defects of various courses.

We consider this information inadequate and feel that a more complete list of course identification would be a definite asset to students who are trying to choose courses. A general

outline of major subjects to be covered, a list of textbooks required and a general idea of the comprehensiveness of courses would give students some idea of what the course will give them.

If students had a better idea of the courses they were taking there would probably be fewer drops and adds. Drops and adds are an inconvenience for the University and the students as well. A student who adds a new course is behind and often has trouble catching up.

In the overall attempt at the University to improve counselling it would seem that such an outline of courses would be a definite step forward. No advisor can be expected to know about all the courses at the University. Ordinarily the ones in his own field are sufficient for him to have a thorough knowledge of.

We suspect that the catalog is out of date on several courses. We might point out that it lists courses which have not been given in years. This certainly is only a limited aid in picking courses.

Perhaps the University would find that quite a bit of work and time is necessary to complete such syllabi and keep them up to date. We feel that it would be well worth it. How can the students get the most out of their education if they don't know what courses they are choosing? And how can they know what courses they are choosing by searching any of the present material available?

—Sue Conklin

Mid-East Crisis Looms

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's appearance yesterday on a national television, radio hookup might make some feel that we are in a deeper than usual crisis in this continuing Middle East tangle.

An event of this sort has usually denoted some unusually pressing problem in the past so it seems that perhaps at last the Egypt-Israeli crisis has come to some sort of showdown.

This has been long awaited since the trouble broke out months ago.

It seemed as if this showdown might come when the United Nations set to hear the matter. However, President Eisenhower decided to make one more valiant effort to intervene in the matter and gained a delay in UN debate.

Yesterday's television talk to the nation said in essence, that the United States would no longer make concessions to Israel but would go along with the efforts to force Israeli from the Gaza strip.

This has definitely settled this country's policy on the matter. It is clear that we will not go all the way with Israel on her demands against Egypt.

We have been trying to woo the Arab states for some time and several events have transpired which lead diplomats to believe that we are making progress.

However, there is always the problem of alienating old friends, which the Israelis have been. They are a definite obstacle to Communist advances in the crucial Middle East. We are hoping that such states as Saudi Arabia will be also. However, we aren't sure of these nations. These people are showing an affinity for adopting a Nehru-like policy of neutrality.

Thus we have to gamble on keeping Israel on our side while we reach out for the other Middle Eastern states. If we reach too far we may lose Israel's good will. Of course, we may also drop both prize packages.

The urgency of the thing has been pointed up by the fact that the President has rushed up from his Georgia vacation to speak to the nation and to talk the matter over with Congressional leaders.

So, it seems that we are approaching a time of definite decision in world affairs. Soon, after another U.S. try at smoothing things over, the UN will take the ball. Then the play should begin to evolve.

It is no great observation that the thing has to be handled very gingerly. But it's a matter of adopting the "get-tough" policy to the correct degree.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

Froth Flogged

TO THE EDITOR: I had the strangest dream last night.

In this dream all of the fellows and the pretty flapper, so innocently hawking their quota of Froths (for they know not what they do) were suddenly impelled towards a large bonfire on Pollock Rd. by the Mall. A great crowd had gathered there as one by one the Froth peddlers came from their respective posts, and with much showmanship cast their copies into the flames. The crowd thundered its approval as each batch of Froths said adieu to this world.

In his jester suit, and full of fervent love for his namesake publication, Frothy appeared on the scene and courageously attempted to halt the proceedings. The crowd would have none of it. Frothy's frantic efforts persisted.

Irritated, the throng vented on him its pent-up disgust with the magazine. They chased him back to his fraternity house.

Oddly enough, no police or administration officials interfered with anything. They rejoiced with the students. The day was designated as VF-Day (victory over Froth.)

The point of this is that I, for one, think Froth stinks. I'll admit that the latest issue was an improvement over what they printed last semester, but only in the sense that a moron is an improvement over an idiot. All that can be said for the magazine is that its jokes are passable if you haven't already heard them, and that its cartoonists, when their sadistic tendencies are restrained, show some talent.

And this constitutes a genuine humor magazine run by intelligent college students? What

should be the meat of a magazine—the writing—shows the humor and imagination of a bed-bug. It is inconceivable that this situation should occur on campus of some 13,000 young people of higher-than-average intelligence, talent and imagination. Why, one is tempted to entertain the supposition that Froth is run by a clique. But of course we all know that this couldn't be true.

As it stands now Froth is a blight on the prestige of the University. It is pitiful to think of the paper products of infinitely greater value to mankind, and far less ignominy, which the raw material used for Froth's pages could create: just think of all the pork chops a butcher could wrap with it; the garbage cans it could line; the high-grade spitballs that could be fashioned out of it; and the scads of paper, throw-away diapers that could be manufactured from it.

Probably there are still a few die-hard Froth followers lurking around, especially on Froth board. Their sinister struggle must make them quite miserable at times. I should like to suggest to them a measure, however minute it may be, of consolation. Gentlemen, I prithee that while you stew in your cups this Saturday, offer up the following toast: "Our Froth, may it be ever humorous; but our Froth—humorous or nincompoopish."

—Dan Rodill

Ed. Note—It would seem that if the writer is so disgusted at the present condition of the campus humor magazine, he might then, being something of a creative writer (?) lend his talents to the cause and help lift Froth to greater heights.

Gazette

Today
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 212 Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
FROTH ADVERTISING STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth office
KAPPA PHI KAPPA, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Phi Epsilon
SAME 7 p.m., 1-2 Carnegie

University Hospital
Charles Bender, Carolyn Briggs, Warren Carmichael, George Cree, Rafael Cubero, Ruth Dieter, Francis Fanucci, Carol Frank, Milton Frieman, Harry Horstman, Samuel Karas, Charles R. King, David Kraft, Frederick Kramer, George Mague, Gerald McConomy, Marianna Moorhouse, Ira Suarez, Ruth St. Clair, David Stekol, Robert Stroup.

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



'Round the Rim

With a Step Back— Penn State in 1940

By BECKY ZAHM

It's quite interesting to take a look at Penn State's past through the back issues of The Daily Collegian. Actually, the possibilities are unlimited as the Collegian has been publishing for the past 52 years—not always under the same name, however.

The newspaper has been The State Collegian, The Penn State Collegian and finally The Daily Collegian. The original fore-runner of the three was The Free Lance. If you want to throw that in with the rest then, the newspaper has changed names as many times as Elizabeth Taylor Hilton Wilding Todd.

Today we'll rummage through the 1940 edition of The Daily Collegian.

Back in 1940 The Daily Collegian sponsored both an annual dance and beauty queen contest. Seems this yearly project dropped by the wayside.

Today the Watts Hall residents roam around campus in bathing suits. Back on Sept. 21, 1940 they held a pajama parade. According to the Collegian's report "they marched in orderly fashion to the Collegian's dormitories. At each dormitory they serenaded the coeds with college songs, ending with 'Good Night Ladies.'" No damage was reported.

They were holding straw votes on the outcome of national elections back in 1940, too. In the Collegian Poll of that year Wendell Wilkie decisively trounced Franklin Roosevelt in both the student and faculty votes. As in 1948, they dined on crow.

Just recently Life Magazine covered the "Girl With the Most Hypnotic Eyes" contest on campus. Back in October of 1940 Life covered a Penn State soccer game.

Also in the same month the Henry Varnum Poor Mural in Old Main was presented by the class of '32. Everyone raved over the now-famed mural except one of the agriculture professors who complained that the artist had neglected to include a pig or two in the mural.

As a note of interest, credit for the origin of the idea for a mural was given to Harold E. Dickson, then associate professor of fine arts. Dickson, now a full-professor and still with the University, is well-known on campus as both an art prof and lecturer.

Fred Waring in the same month wrote a new song for Penn State and introduced it over his nationwide radio show. The song, "The Hills of Old Penn State," never established itself on the Penn State Hit Parade.

Back in the good old days, according to the Collegian, the All-College Cabinet had the power to

set the football half-holidays. Those were also the days when a five cent cigar cost five cents.

During the dark days of 1940 when male students were first required to register for the draft, five student beer-drinkers found themselves between the devil and the deep blue sea. Or between the Rathskeller and the draft.

It seems that upon registering for college in the fall they falsely put down their ages as 21. Then when registration was inaugurated they suddenly lost their taste for beer and wanted their ages corrected on the College records.

The College evidently left them stew. They had to decide whether to register for the draft and stop drinking beer or not to register, continue drinking beer and take their chances on being arrested for draft evasion.

Another note of interest—Froth was in trouble back in 1940, typical I might add. According to the Collegian:

"Froth, alleged humor magazine of Penn State, will not honor house party weekend this year due to circumstances beyond its control. The long awaited has occurred. Censorship has clamped its iron bonds on the wriggling Frothy."

The censorship involved the cover of the publication, which was "considered not in good taste" by its adviser. This mistake on the part of Froth's competent staff cost the magazine \$100 in addition to increased loss of face, according to the Collegian.

Which just illustrates that though most things change in 17 years Froth remains the same.

'News and Views' Staff
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9:00	News
9:15	Special Events
10:00	Chamber Concert
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off