

Editorial Opinion

Patience, Responsibility

Penn State welcomed a new dean of women Monday. Dean Dorothy J. Lipp has assumed her duties as dean of women succeeding Dr. Pearl O. Weston, who served for 17 years. We met Dean Lipp Tuesday and were most impressed by her charming personality and forwardness. She is young and talented. She is a "professional" dean of women in the fact that she has been formally trained for her vocation.

It wasn't more than 24 hours after her arrival that students were already talking, speculating and gossiping about the changes a new and progressive dean should and or would make concerning women's regulations and conduct. It is obvious and readily agreed that women's hours and restrictions are out-dated and behind the times.

But what to do about them is another problem—one which will have to be solved by the coeds themselves. Through the Women's Student Government Association, the groundwork for new and more progressive regulations must be laid. Then these suggestions should be taken to Dean Lipp for her approval, rejection or modification.

Dean Lipp is willing and anxious to listen and discuss women's problems with not only student leaders but the average coed, with an interest in her own ideas and attitude. The burden of responsibility for any changes or modifications under Dean Lipp's reign will have to come from the students themselves.

This pattern of student leadership and self-government is most evident in the dean of men's office where the Interfraternity Council, Association of Independent Men, Student Tribunal and other judicial groups mold the patterns for the action taken by the office's staff. Under Frank J. Simes, the office has accepted modern ideas and trends of mass college education and the theory of self-responsibility.

Self-responsibility was and still is sorely lacking in the dean of women's office concept of their responsibility and duties pertaining to women students. It's time to quit "babying" the "Rosebuds" and adopt new standards by which to judge the University's coeds. Assistant Dean Mrs. R. Mae Shultz was alone many times in her suggestions for a better code for women. It was under her advisorship that fraternity men were permitted for the first time in all the sorority suites for mixers following the IFC-Panhellenic Greek Week exchange dinners.

Dean Lipp must be given time to evaluate the University's situation and adopt recommendations. Coeds must be patient—the present regulations won't and can't be changed overnight. In fact, it may take a year or longer to change something which has been in use for nearly 30 years.

Dean of women's jobs are not easy ones—there's pressure from parents, townspeople, faculty members, administrative officials, dormitory hostesses and students themselves on nearly every topic. Changes will be greeted positively by some and negatively by others. It just depends whose toes are being stepped on. A "wait-and-see" attitude is a must before praises and or criticisms are hurled at the new dean.

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Campus Beat

American Girls, Popular Record Hit by Censors

We had an interesting evening this week with a good friend just returned from a long stay in England. We were quite shocked to hear several comments like these: "In England the girls don't wear the pants. A woman is much more feminine in that country. American girls are too headstrong, often controlling the purse strings of the family in the U.S." Do we Americans really want the independent class of women we have cultured, or should we visit the University Travel Bureau?

Speaking of the so-called fairer sex, we read an interesting quip in a work by a former newspaper reporter from the Baltimore Sun, H. L. Mencken. Our contemporary has this to say, "When a woman says she won't, it is a good sign that she will. And when she says she will, it is even a better sign."

We don't want you to think that this prof is a complete woman-hater, but there is one more thing along this line we like, again from our friend Mencken. It goes, "Bachelors know more about women than married men. If they didn't they'd be married too." And, "Bachelors have consciences. Married men have wives."

We visited the Alpha Firemen's 4th of July fair last weekend and found several amusing spots along Allen Street. Most enjoyable were the expressions on the faces of the hundreds playing Bingo. We weren't so amused after losing on a large number of cards. And there was no consultation when our red and white Oldsmobile was given to someone else. There's just no justice!

On fraternities . . . we know of this institution only what our students relate, and we think this incident is one worth passing on. The scene was the kitchen of a Penn State fraternity about 10 a.m. one Sunday morning. From outside strolled two of the Brothers bedecked in white dinner jackets and black bow ties. The cook, with a knowing look in her eye, queried, "Just getting back?" One of the two answered, "No, we were at church." The cook questioned, "In tuxes?" His reply, "Oh, it was formal this morning."

Here in America, specifically the U.S., we are proud of our freedoms and lack of censorship. Apparently in neighboring Canada and across the sea in England the case isn't so. The popular record hit, "The Battle of New Orleans," has been banned in its U.S. form in both countries. We guess the objections refer to such lines as—"We held our fire till we could see their faces (those of the British) well; then we opened up our squirrel guns and really gave 'em . . . well . . ."

This week we had the opportunity to sit in on a fellow prof's lecture on the tundra regions of Alaska and Canada. There we picked up some new and vital information. Contrary to popular belief, Eskimos don't live in huts of ice but in comfortable stone houses. Igloos are temporary dwellings used on hunting trips.

So, to you, my diligent students, I have this to say—happy nose rubbing!
—Prof Wayne

University Participates In Archeological Work

The University is participating in a program of archeological field work this summer along the Raystown branch of the Juniata River. The project is conducted by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, which has provided a grant of \$1750 to support the work. The Social Science Research Center of the University has also allocated \$200 to the project.

JOSEPHINE



"Does it hurt when you laugh?"

breakfast with bill

Flicks, Caves, Parks, Taverns

by bill jaffe

A favorite topic among summer school students and conference participants is "What shall we do tonight or this weekend?"

Penn State, you might say, is an isolated part of the state—and about equally distant from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Erie or Scranton.

Metropolitan areas always make for good night spots and things to do. State College offers its scenic beauty and cordial hospitality, but anyone will agree this can become boring, in fact mighty boring.

The "flicks" are increasing in number, in fact we added a drive-in for those nature lovers just several weeks ago. But then how many movies can you see in one week. I saw five one week. Can you top this?

"The Horse Soldiers" began a long Jaffe run Wednesday and if its advertisements are any indication of the content of the movie—it will be a charging, gallant flick. For light entertainment, there's Jerry Lewis' "Don't Give Up the Ship" at the drive-in.

But once past these movies—what else is there to do?

A good evening of entertainment has been provided weekly at Mateer Playhouse as the summer stock plays have been excellently produced, at least according to Collegian's drama critic.

Still on the cultural side, there are numerous speakers participating in the many workshops, institutes and conferences being held on campus.

Most of their evening speeches are open to the public and a "little" education never hurts anyone.

Sightseeing can be most interesting and pleasurable but you will have to get an early evening start if you plan to see anything. Views from Seven Mountains, Sky Top, Tussey Mountain, Mount Nittany, and atop Rattlesnake Mountain near Black Moshannon State Park afford students panoramic scenes of the local habitation.

Two caves—Penn's Cave and Woodward Cave—are located in the limestone area east of State College. Penn's Cave is the nation's only all-water cavern and was fully explored by white men about 150 years ago.

State parks and recreational playgrounds are abundant. Most popular is Whipple Dam where swimming and picnic tables predominate. Black Moshannon State Park is larger and offers boating facilities in addition to bathing and picnicking provisions.

Enough about recreational spots—refreshment and beverage spots are next on the list—and there are many wide-scattered restaurants, clubs and eateries in the county.

After you're done touring—return to your favorite local establishment and have a cool, refreshing draught. I'll save a place for you.

