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MAN FROM MARS

LOTS OF excitement about Senior Ball. Mr. Brown's Man from Mars draped a foot over my desk and pulled some copy out of the basket. "Were all the committee members agreed on Louie Armstrong?"

"I don't know. Nobody ever asked them." He unfolded a large grin. "And now I suppose there comes a scathing editorial denouncing the chairman for high-handed, dictatorial methods."

"Oh, no. The committee is never consulted." The grin disappeared. "Does it do anything?" "Usually not. This year the senior class president called a couple of meetings and the committee selected a list of about ten bands it preferred for the dance. "Was anything done with the list?"

"Oh, yes. But six of them cost too much, three weren't on tour, and the other one wasn't available on the right dates."

"But why wasn't the committee consulted before Armstrong was signed?" "There wasn't time. It was necessary to make an immediate decision."

The Man from Mars crawled off my typewriter and pulled up a chair. "Then there isn't anything useful that a dance committee can do, even if somebody does try to find some duties for them?"

"That's right." He looked puzzled and scratched his head. "Oh, I get it now. Being on a dance committee is just a sort of honorary job. It doesn't really mean anything."

"Nothing except \$12 worth of free dance tickets." "Wait a minute. If you're on a dance committee you get free tickets, but you don't do any work."

"Oh no. All the members do a lot of work." "But you just said—" "They do a lot of work, but none of it is connected with dances."

"What do they do?" "Every spring they go around to houses and among students and convince them that they should vote for Joe He's a Good Guy."

"But what good does that do the student body?" "None." "Then why are they put on the committee?" "Because if Joe He's a Good Guy wins he appoints them."

"Still I don't see why over \$500 of student's money should be spent every year to reward politicians." "Didn't you ever hear of the 'Spoils System'?" "Not where I come from."

"Well, you're just one of them ignorant furriners who don't appreciate the fundamentals of the American System." I think I made him a little sore because he just got up and walked out of the office shaking his head.

BOOKS—A LA COLLEGE

W. S. G. A. HAS HIT upon a successful plan in its cooperative book store opened in Mac hall for the women students at the beginning of this semester. The plan was carried off on a very small scale, the store handling only about 100 books. It embodied, however, the fundamental principle which could be used more advantageously by the whole student body, because the greater the clientele, the greater would be the number of books available.

The logical development now is to open a central agency in Old Main or some other convenient location for the exchange of used textbooks. Such an agency could, as did the Mac hall book store, give the student a fair deal by breaking the monopoly held by the downtown book stores, which get as commission at least six percent of the cost of each book handled.

The advantages of this plan are evident. A central College agency would eliminate the confusion of posting lists and running advertisements and furnish a convenient means of exchange. The student could obtain a higher price for his book and could buy books for less, saving himself the money he now pays as commission to the downtown book stores.

To keep such a project free from political graft, the store would have to be under the supervision of Student Union or some other college organization. For a week at the beginning and end of each semester N. Y. A. workers could be used in the agency, thus keeping it on the straight business basis.—G. H. P.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Lightheaded Highlights:

Being considerably perturbed about our own sense of humor lately we were able to take on new hope after glancing at Librarian Willard P. Lewis' brain-child "The Headlight," a library publication in which new books added to the library are reviewed.

In an article on one of the new books which labors under the heading title "1001 Questions Answered About Your Aquarium," Mr. Lewis calmly announces the revolutionary news to this unsuspecting world that "water spiders and small snails may be the next popular pets of this nation."

Another new book which has been added and reviewed glimmers under the simple unassuming title: "Cats." There may have been some hidden power in that monosyllabic title, "Cats" that caught our eye but it was the last sentence of the review which set us to thinking about the irony of it all. It ended: "There are many more homeless cats than dogs."

Along Journalism Alley:

It took a glance into the Editor and Publishers' Yearbook to convince us that the Centre Daily Times, another local newspaper, has what is euphemistically called a Society Editor but there it is in black and white with the proud listing: "Society Editor, Vernetta Williams."

Harry Henderson, ex-ed of this rag, ex-C. D. T. newshawk is now an ex-Altosna Tribune reporter. When we last saw him he was in Lew Tendler's Bar in Philly, safe in the throes of the proverbial journalistic glow.

Bill McDowell, who did this column last year and spent nights brewing epithets for Weird Willie Willie Hearst is now a Hearsting on the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

Pick-ups:

Lute Luttringer spent Tuesday afternoon in Grange dorm getting material for the Sigma Delta Chi Gridiron Banquet skits. . . . When George Hacker drifted into his frat house Friday night around midnight and found several fellows with their dates still in the house he was struck with the faint recollection that he was in some way connected with Interfraternity Council and that that organization had made some rules or other for the protection of the morals of the student body which stated that all co-eds had to be out of the fraternity houses by 11 o'clock. . . . Not until the dates chased Hacker upstairs to read the I. F. C. constitution did he learn that girls are allowed in until 1 o'clock Fridays. . . . Sybil Hart and Charlie Schwartz announced their marriage recently. . . . Ray Fishburn who will modestly admit that he knows 35 girls in Mac hall and sends flowers to 6 of them couldn't find a one of them in the Corner Room Wednesday. . . . A mysterious telephone message wonders why the T. N. E.'s have suddenly taken on a southern accent and asks us to investigate the rumor that the S. A. E.'s promise to lend cars to co-eds if they will come around to the house. . . . Things We Wish We Would Have Thought Of: The Penn Students' stand up strike claiming that the chairs are too uncomfortable. As the Daily Pennsylvanian puts it, "To sit in College Hall lecture room seats, one must be peculiarly shaped by Mother Nature or else bring a cushion. . . . That new erm waitress that has everybody talking is Elma Ruth Schnars. . . . Announced between semesters was the engagement of Sally Anne Siegel and Dick Eisenman. . . . —CAMPY

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NAACP To Hold Anti-Lynch Drive

Sunday Meeting Ends Campaign For Passage of Wagner, Costigan Statute

Adopting "Pass the Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill" as their slogan, the State College chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples will hold a mass meeting in room 405 Old Main at 4:00 o'clock on Sunday. The meeting will be part of the Anti-Lynching campaign, now in progress throughout the country.

In conjunction with the mass meeting, the N.A.A.C.P. has arranged for the distribution of "Stop Lynching" buttons, available through the Student Union office. The buttons are being distributed for the purpose of raising funds for the legal defense council of the national organization.

Powell Will Speak

Allan W. Powell '37, will be the principal speaker at the meeting and will talk on the necessity of rapid passage of the revised Wagner-Costigan Bill, now on the floor of the House. He will be followed by a speaker from the Christian Association. The program will be concluded with a short address by an officer of the group.

The new bill, as introduced before the Congress, provides for the punishment of peace officers and state prosecutors who fail to give adequate protection to prisoners. It differs from the original Wagner-Costigan Bill in that it applies only to lynching acts, and not to killings resulting from labor disputes or gang warfare.

We Women

By MARION A. RINGER

May queens come and go amid a storm of discussion as to whether they are beautiful enough or whether they did anything to deserve such a high honor. This year W.S.G.A. has chosen the nominees upon activities and suitability for a desirable May Queen.

Each nominee has been carefully considered in both respects. When nominations come up at the mass meeting these considerations must be offered. With the qualifications for May Queen put upon this basis the position will be one of true honor. W.S.G.A. hopes that the precedent started this year will be made a custom.

"Since it is impossible to decorate either the Armory or Recreation hall because of expense, women will be required to wear semi-formal gowns in order to soften the atmosphere," at the Student Union dance Saturday night.

The fact that the Penn State co-eds and a few extra yards of clothing will soften the atmosphere of Rec Hall is indicative of their great stride forward in the esteem of the men here. Many of the girls liked the informality of the Student Union dances and the chance to gain male equality in wearing suitable, sensible and comfortable clothes. However, there are a few girls, perhaps, who welcome the chance of wearing the long gowns which so accent their femininity.

All of the co-eds do hope they can rush back from the rushing parties in time to change from street or strictly formal dress to the semi-formal attire which will enable them to be admitted to the dance.

Murder Terrifies The Campus!

Faculty Member Commits Murder within Shadows of University Club!

Noted Scientist, while attending Faculty Party, slays wife after violent quarrel! His relentless ambition prompts him to kill a fellow physics professor before being captured by Christopher Cross, a prominent alumnus of Santa Clara University, who happened to be visiting the campus at the time.

An unsuspected love affair between the professor's daughter and a younger member of the faculty is a new angle injected into the case. Students and townspeople will have an opportunity to learn the lurid details of this shocking affair at the Nitty Theatre on Saturday. (adv.)

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Senior Board Names Nominees For W.A.A.

Olwen W. Evans '38, Martha L. Giddings '38, and M. Eleanor Saunders '38 have been appointed nominees for the presidency of the Women's Athletic Association by senior members of the board. Primary officer elections will be held in McAllister hall on Wednesday, February 24, and final elections on March 3.

Candidates for the vice-presidency are Amy S. Blandy '39, Marjorie Govier '39, and Dorothy A. McAuliffe '39. Rachel M. Bechdel '39, Louisa Hinkley '39, and Bertha L. Wright '39 have been selected as candidates for secretary.

Margaret L. Collins '40, Beatrice M. Lowe '40 and Eleanor E. Skinner '40 are nominees for sophomore representative to the W.A.A. board.

Nemeth '40 Undergoes Appendicitis Operation

Theodore J. Nemeth '40 was operated on Wednesday morning at the Centre County hospital, Bellefonte, following an acute attack of appendicitis.

Nemeth, who was honorary captain of the freshman football team, was taken ill Monday, but failed to report to the Infirmary. On Tuesday the pain in his abdomen became more intense, and Wednesday morning Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician, diagnosed the case as acute appendicitis. He immediately arranged to have Nemeth transferred to the hospital for an operation.

Ball Poster Contest

Members of the Senior Ball committee announced the annual poster contest, the winner to receive a complimentary ticket to the dance. Posters must be placed in room 225, Engineering F, before 4 o'clock, February 19th. Instructors in the division of Fine Arts will judge the posters.

Osterlund To Address Local A.S.U. Chapter

Frank A. Osterlund '37, president of the senior class and of Student Council, will address the members of the local chapter of the American Student Union at its regular weekly meeting in room 415, Old Main, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He will outline his proposals for the reorganization of politics at Penn State on a basis of platform issues rather than personalities.

Following a brief description of the proposed plan, Osterlund will conduct a discussion on the merits and demerits of the idea. The meeting will be open to anyone interested.

Dr. Clinchy To Speak On National Problems

Dr. Everett Ross Clinchy, Executive Secretary of the National Seminar of Jews and Christians, will speak on "Many Groups in One Nation," in the regular Sunday morning chapel service in Schwab Auditorium.

Doctor Clinchy was minister in the College Church at Wesleyan University following his graduate study at Union Theological Seminary, Yale and Columbia. After five years of service he was called to the secretariate of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ of America, on the Commission of National Justice and Goodwill.

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