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ABOUT THE ELECTIONS

AS THE POLITICAL campaign nears and the maneuvering is getting into full-swing, the Collegian wishes to take a definite stand and make an explanation of its political policy.

The Collegian will attempt to cover election news and comment impartially. The Collegian will not declare for any candidate in the coming election. It will not declare for any party.

This does not mean that the Collegian will not study conditions closely. If any candidate or party commits or attempts to commit a violation of the election code, or if any candidate launches a movement detrimental to the welfare of the student body, the Collegian will not hesitate to define it as such. Any such coverage cannot be construed to mean that the Collegian is supporting a rival candidate or that the Collegian "is out to get" the person committing the violation.

The politicians can write their own fate as far as the Collegian is concerned. As long as they conduct honest, straight-forward campaigns, and keep within the bounds of fundamental honesty, they are playing safe. If they prefer to deviate from that, they cannot hope to have it overlooked.

THE A. S. U. DRIVE

THE PHAMPHLET That the local American Student Union circulates today is intended to increase membership in the organization here. It is an appeal to students who are interested in the same youth welfare problems for which the organization stands.

The function of the local chapter has been curtailed, because the Senate Committee on Student Welfare has failed to recognize the organization. There seems to be no logical reason why the A. S. U. shouldn't be recognized. The chapter here has been accused of being red, communistic, and of receiving Moscow gold.

Because this College says that it is liberal, because it has been associated with liberal persons recently, and because the College is theoretically without prejudices, the A. S. U. should be recognized here.

No one can compel students to join if recognition is granted. Nothing can compel students to attend its meetings. No harm can come of it, and a lot of good easily can result. It would be encouraging to find that students are interested in discussing and taking stands on problems that may mean their lives in war time or their economic and moral futures in peace time.

THE PROPOSED OBSERVATORY

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY those interested in astronomy that they hope to be able to build an astronomical observatory soon places another leading contender in the race for the class gift money this year.

The observatory places three leading proposals in prominent positions. The others are the murals and the recreation cabin. It is encouraging that there are so many worthy projects and that each is certain theirs should be favored. It indicates that something sensible and worthwhile will be done with the money this year.

CAMPUSEER

Silver-where: Bud Gordop was plenty embarrassed Saturday afternoon at the boxing matches when, right in the middle of Rec hall, some fraternity silver fell out of his pocket with a very audible clank.

Sweeter than sweet: Bobby Diehl received a K. D. R. sweetheart pin from Dec Watson on Saturday, and true to a Kappa custom, lequeathed unto his love a five-pound box of candy.

NOTE: It's true love—Dec presented a 5 lb. box of Whitman's!

Local Boys Make Good: "Considering Everything," the song written by Bill Provost and Jack Bigham, may really make State glad to have known them.

Fresh From the Polls: Reviving a quaint old Penn State custom, we are pleased to open the nominations for the most disgusting drunk of the week.

Excavating Expert: Dec Graham, in keeping with the spirit of things, had a powerful winch, the other night, to operate the excavating machine (steam-shovel to you) located across from the Kappa lodge.

History Repeats Itself: Prof. Joe Hilgert swings into the second semester with his old trick of pounding a nail in the wall of his Com. 20 classroom for his coat.

Foresight: The Phi Psi's have an exercise club, known under the official name of P. Y. W. A. B. B. Upon investigation, the name may be interpreted to mean "Present Your Wife With a Beautiful Body."

And It Wasn't Friday!: A group of regular patrons of the Allencrest (free ady) were frowning, a bit annoyed by the incessant appearance of parsley. So, as a means of revenge, they deposited six gold fish in six different water pitchers.

Above Land Level: Despite the innumerable pits in our (has-been) campus, a number of matches have successfully escaped them: The survivors include: Stewart Marlowe (SPE) and Marge Green

As part of a high school sorority initiation, two State College High School girls set out to sell a can of peaches to a men's fraternity. They approached the S. A. E. house. The Sig Alpha's can not be called a bunch of boys to let an opportunity pass, and met the urge to buy with the proposition that they could kiss the little number in the brown coat.

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Bell Contest Due To Close Mar. 10

All Undergraduates Are Eligible To Enter in Annual Short Story Contest

Entries in the annual short-story contest held by the Bell, student literary magazine, must be turned in to the Bell office or to the Student Union desk by March 10.

Manuscripts entered must be typed, double spaced, on one side of the paper. Stories should not be shorter than 1700 nor longer than 7000 words.

The two winning stories will be entered in the intercollegiate short story contest held by Story Magazine and will have a chance of winning either the \$100 first prize or the \$50 second prize.

The judges of the Bell contest are: Profs. John S. Bowman, Robert E. Galbraith, Edward J. Nichols, and William L. Werner.

With the old custom of individual pledge parties by each of the 10 houses now seemingly in the past, Panhellenic will again sponsor a joint pledge party of this year's pledges.

Ruth Marcus, chairman of the committee for the party, announced that it will be held March 9 and that a St. Patrick's day theme will be carried out in the decorations.

Panhellenic bridge tournament has passed its first round with Delta Gamma, defeating Gamma Phi Beta and with Theta Phi Alpha forfeiting to Phi Mu.

The freshmen are coming in for their share of the fun this year with the added announcement by Freshman Council that there will be a freshman dance on Move-Up day in May.

Theta announces the following new officers: Betty Long, president; Madeline Purnell, vice president; Barbara A. Lewis, recording secretary; Peggy Schaeffer, corresponding secretary; Jane Curtin, treasurer; and Peggy Jones, rushing chairman.

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POLITICS

By HERBERT B. CAHAN

Locust Lane is dead! Long live the Progressives! With the passing of the 1940 and 1941 Locust Lane cliques, the 1939 class group decided to change their name to the Progressive Clique at a meeting Wednesday night.

There are a number of reasons for the change. It was originally proposed by a senior, who used to mix a bit in politics himself—Tom Moore, Tom pointed out that it might be a good psychological move to do away with the name that took such an awful beating last year.

Personally, we don't think it makes any difference what you call any of the parties in the present Junior class, inasmuch as all we can see is a good knock-em-down-and-drag-'em-out fight for the coveted Senior class offices.

Campus has a strong fraternity backing. The Independents are just as strong as last year with non-fraternity men plus a few newly-acquired fraternities. The Progressives present a strong aggregation about evenly divided between fraternity and non-fraternity men.

All three parties have been considering candidates and platforms. And more than they can chew when it comes to planning platforms. Remember that we still have a College, which when analyzed is still run as administrative officers want it to be.

Much to the chagrin of the other two cliques, the Independents, led by Junior Class President Joe Peel, have fulfilled one plank in their last year's platform. But, boys, that's not all—Joe will soon appoint a Junior blazer committee, which means that blazers

will cost a little over two bucks apiece, instead of the former price of twelve dollars.

A feasible, simple platform, and a popular presidential candidate will probably be the deciding points in the coming election.

Meanwhile, in the Class of '40, Campus clique has completed its slate for major offices. Wally Jones's running mates will be Stephen T. Rollins for vice-president, Richard L. Britton for secretary, and Bernard A. Newman for treasurer.

Bill Firth has warned us not to count the 1940 Independents out—by a long shot. Apparently the inspirational leadership of Shimmy Szymczak has fired the red-top Independent party soph class chairman with a "do-or-die" spirit. We hope Bill is right, because we'd hate to see a walk-away in any class.

In fact, we have learned that a strongly-backed non-fraternity man, who has been an ardent Campus adherent for the past two years, has bolted the clique in favor of the Independent party. He carries about fifty votes, which, politically figuring, means a hundred to the Independents.

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Honor Society Council Admits New Member

Alpha Pi Mu, honorary pre-medical society, was admitted to membership in the Honor Society Council of the College at a recent meeting of the Council in Old Main.

Active members of Alpha Pi Mu include Harold E. Brown '38; Selwyn G. Freed '39, Richard E. Luce '38, Frank H. Rittenhouse '38, Robert J. Schaffer '38, and George J. Treires '38.

Phi Beta Kappa was represented for the first time as an active chapter. The alumni association of the society has been a member since organization of the Council in 1922.

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