

Student Board Kills Petition To Reconsider Senior Gift

INDEPENDENT PARTY SWEEPS THREE CLASS POSTS

Taking The Wheel

Editorial

Clattering rivet machines. Damaging student riots. A sweeping reorganization of student government. Housing reforms. Critical cries against the football coaching staff. Electioneering.

(And reports have it that Europe is still combating its endless problems.)

Such has been the turbulent scene here at the College and much remains as a new board scans the campus horizon from the student vehicle of news—the Penn State Collegian.

Taking over the controls from the resigning managing board will not be an easy task—its members have steered efficiently and effectively, and have covered considerable ground.

But the new board will head into other territories, continually moving forward, yet carrying with it "that high degree of integrity and ability of campus leadership demonstrated by the Collegian boards of the past."

With the yearly change in guidance there has always come a yearly change in direction—each staff presents a new editorial policy. This year, rather than ramble too far from the beaten path, the Collegian will endeavor to smooth over the bumps in the main road, construct numerous by-ways, and make the way easier for the future undergraduate of Pennsylvania State College.

It is for the potential Penn State student, that the state has conducted its extensive construction program here. It is for the potential Penn State student that the faculty has issued its inclusive reform platform. It is for the potential Penn State student that the Collegian has striven for a more democratic student government.

Present undergraduates undoubtedly will benefit from current improvements. But day by day the benefits will multiply until an ideal college will exist for those who will comprise the now merely visualized 9,500 undergraduate population.

It is toward the future that the Collegian—as a newspaper in the newspaper sense of the word—will steer.

With keen respect the Collegian regards the "hands off" policy of the administration with the freedom of expression as utilized by this paper. Repeating the policy of the previous board—"the Collegian shall not betray that trust"—it will be neither antagonistic, nor radical; nor belligerent.

Yet, if a problem of acute concern to the student body does not conform to the best interests of the student body, the Collegian—as a newspaper—will not hesitate to step up the pace and drive foremost to an equal understanding.

With cooperation as a green light, the Collegian managing board for 1939-40 takes the wheel. Administration, faculty, students, and townspeople once again will be traveling together. None will be confined to a back seat.

Phi Eta Sigma To Honor Dr. Tschan At Initiation

Annual Research Award Will Be Presented Thursday To History Professor

Dr. Francis J. Tschan, professor of European history, will be presented the Phi Eta Sigma Research Award at the fraternity's eleventh annual initiation next Thursday night.

The award will be given to Dr. Tschan in recognition of his scholarly contributions to historical studies. For the past seven years the research medal has been awarded to the men who have been cutting on research work independent of fellowships.

Players Begin Work On Pulitzer Winner

In conjunction with their new policy of producing only proven hits, the Penn State Players have started work on "You Can't Take It With You," the play which won the Pulitzer award in 1937.

All students wishing to try out for the production should report to the Little Theatre in Old Main at 4 p. m. or 7 p. m. today, or notify Director Frank Neubaum immediately.

Peters Contributes To Book

Prof. Charles C. Peters, director of educational research in the School of Education, has contributed an article, "Aims and Objectives of Education" to the annual joint yearbook of the National Education Association of the United States and the American Educational Research Association.

Class Vote On Tuesday Picks Cabin

Choice Made By Ballot Of 128 To 118

A petition for reconsideration of the Senior class gift of \$5,000 for a Recreation Lodge, following the class meeting in Schwab Auditorium last Tuesday night, was killed by an 8 to 2 vote of Student Board members at their meeting Wednesday.

Two hundred and forty-six seniors attended the meeting Tuesday, 128 voting for the lodge and 118 favoring murals in Old Main. Immediately following the meeting a petition was issued requesting reconsideration on the following grounds: "The Senior class voted away its funds when only

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A new petition requesting that the Board of Trustees refuse to accept the mountain lodge as the gift of the Class of 1939 because "it is not the will of the majority of the class" and to consider the signatures on the petition as "votes for the murals, project as started by the Class of 1932," was being circulated today following Student Board's refusal to order reconsideration of the vote at the class meeting held on Tuesday night.

One quarter of the class was present. . . . the decision was swayed by a preponderance of members from one department of the College. . . . the conduct of the meeting made possible illegal voting on both sides. . . . the expenditure of \$5,000 deserves more orderly, more reasoned and more fully representative consideration.

Petition Seeks Revote
The Seniors then petitioned the Student Board:
1—To order a re-vote of the opinion of the Senior class on this question.
2—To consider ways of more orderly voting, such as the voting machine, to secure a representative vote.
The petition was signed by 521 seniors and presented to Student Board Wednesday. The Board refused the petition on the grounds that the seniors were given the opportunity to be at the meeting, since the meeting was announced in the Collegian and through other media at least three days previous.
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4 Changes In Fee Rules Set

Applications To Defer Fees For Next Semester Available Now

Applications for deferred fees for next semester are now available at the Bursar's office, it was announced today.

Undergoing four major changes in rules governing eligibility for fee deferment, the application blanks clearly stipulate maximum amounts which may be deferred.

Changes mainly to stop the increasing number of scholastic failures directly attributed to financial worries, especially among freshmen, the section governing entering students reads:
"Experience has proven that the academic program of a new student may be severely handicapped by unaccustomed financial problems. For this reason, deferment privileges are granted in the cases of entering students only when the parents can show that the student's concern over financial problems will not interfere with his application to his studies."

To make certain that entering students have sufficient funds to carry them through the first semester, the applications must be mailed by the parent or guardian of the applicant.

17 Selected On Phi Beta Kappa List

Local Chapter Admits 6 Graduates And 11 Seniors

Eleven seniors and six members of last year's graduating class have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Pauline Locklin, secretary of the Pennsylvania Lambda chapter here, announced yesterday.

Members of the 1939 class elected are Betty Jane Boman, Henry Borow, Frank C. Craighead, John G. Craighead, Reynolds B. Crainock, Richard G. Davis, Albert Klugman, Joseph P. Kriss, Charles W. Lines, Jr., Carolyn L. McCounell and Alberta Schuettler. Members of the 1948 class are Ronald G. Forbes, Kathleen E. Gilbody, Mary A. Hepler, Richard E. Luce, Joseph M. Pensack, and Frank H. Rittenhouse.

A.A. Elections Begin Monday

Alter, Menzie, Washabaugh To Run For Presidency; Final Vote Tuesday

Elections for the offices of president and secretary of the Athletic Association will be held in the first floor lounge of Old Main beginning at 9 a. m. Monday. All men students are eligible to vote. Harry Harrison '39, present Athletic Association president announced yesterday.

Sidney S. Allen '40, Paul G. Menzie '40, and Grover C. Washabaugh '40 were nominated for president at a meeting held by the coaches, captains, and managers of all sports held Wednesday.

Elimination elections will be held Monday from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. The two candidates for each office who receive the highest number of votes will be voted on again Tuesday at the same hours, in the deciding election.

If a majority of the votes cast are received by any one candidate in the primary elections Monday, there will be no election Tuesday.

Eta Kappa Nu Gets Plaque

The local chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary engineering fraternity, has been awarded a plaque for achievement in scholarship and activities. The plaque was presented by the New York Alumni chapter.

ON THE BANDSTAND TONIGHT



Tommy Dorsey, "sentimental gentleman of swing," and Edythe Wright, beautiful songstress, who will appear tonight at Junior Prom in Rec Hall.

Tommy Dorsey To Swing Tonight At Junior Prom

Jo Condrin To Be Crowned Queen During Intermission, Chairmen Announce

Soft, south sea island moonlight and the sentimental swing of Tommy Dorsey will greet Junior Prom guests as the last big dance of the semester gets underway in Recreation Hall at 9 p. m. tonight.

Eats Six Fish In 30 Seconds, Claims Record

"I got tired of seeing them around so I swallowed 'em." Can his E. Spalding '42 was explaining his claim to intercollegiate fame by setting a new record for speed-eating—six goldfish in 30 seconds—with only a fragment of a fish left.

Spalding claims that his speed and not quantity that counts in this business of fish-gulping and that's how he won the crown and a gold dollar on Monday night.

Declaring he felt no ill effects the gym champion declined all offers of sedatives and chasers proffered by the eight witnesses and photographer who saw his feat.

However, he has refused all offers to continue his gulping and will rest on his laurels until his championship record is beaten.

A JOURNALIST'S TRIBUTE

By EMANUEL ROTH

EULOGIES AS A RULE are confined to those who have bitten the dust, those upon whom either the halo of Saint Peter or the bristling cloak of Satan has been bestowed.

There comes a time, however, when a breach of conventionalities and irrational hum-drums appears to be justified, a time when Youth instead of Age can become introspective and take stock of the accomplishments still alive in the hearts of those they have helped to mold.

So it is that we unfurl a sincere tribute to our retiring editor, the most outstanding chieftain in the history of the Penn State Collegian, John A. Troanovitch.

He's an unusual guy, this Troanovitch. He's so unusual that he's a paradox.

His editorial style bespeaks a towering, red-faced scribe with pen dipped in nitro-glycerine and a mind weaned on radical manifestos. But he's not like that. He's in love with life and humanity, a soft-hearted guy who's only fault is that he's too soft-hearted. He's always been

McWilliams, Shirm Win First All-College Executive Positions

Pergrin '40, Backenstose '41, Triumphant Presidential Nominees; Long '42 Lone Campus Winner

Howard C. McWilliams '40 was elected All-College President in the greatest independent landslide in the history of the College. Sarabell Shirm '40 gained All-College Vice President, as David E. Pergrin and Thomas C. Backenstose took top posts for the Independent party in the class of 1940 and 1941 respectively.

McWilliams garnered a margin of 425 votes over G. Warren Elliott and Don M. Cresswell, Campus nominees for the all-College posts. Totals were 1,843 to 1,520.

John J. Long '42, took the lone presidential office for the Campus League by edging Earle L. Kemmer, Independent, 514 to 451. Charles P. Matten, running with Long, automatically becomes vice-president.

Fletcher L. Byron and Boyd Fote lost the Senior Class presidency by 50 votes in one of the most hotly-contested student political campaigns. More than 3,700 students voted in the first all-College election since the ratification of the new student government constitution.

In the 1940 elections, the independents captured every office with the exception of Senior Class secretary and Liberal Arts School councilman. The victorious party lost only one School Council post in the sophomore class. The freshmen independents gained both remaining major offices and took three of the five School Council spots.

The official vote tabulation follows:

All College
Howard C. McWilliams, president (1), 1,843; G. Warren Elliott, vice-president, and Don M. Cresswell, vice-president (2), 1,520.

Class of 1940
President—David E. Pergrin (1), 518; Fletcher L. Byron (1), 171; Vice-president—Theodore J. NeSmith (1), 519; Boyd Fote (1), 483; Secretary—John M. Hoffman (1), 478; Robert C. Blumenstein (1), 455; Treasurer—C. Russell Eck (1), 459; Bernard N. Sandson (1), 446.

School Councils—Chemistry and Physics
John R. Walford (1), 171; Charles P. Niedig (1), 121; Education Mary E. Miller (1), 95; Barbara R. Fleming (1), 71; Engineering Michael Balog (1), 88; Jerome N. Goodman (1), 77; Liberal Arts Ernest M. Berkaw (1), 118; Clarence H. Evans (1), 73; Mineral Industries Charles E. Thompson (1), 49; Scott B. Alter (1), 11.

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On his way home to attend the funeral of his mother, Ernest A. Brown '41, Phi Mu Delta, was killed instantly at 8 a. m. Tuesday morning near the lower Tusseyville road on Route 522 when the car he was riding in crashed into a guard post. It was 21 years old.

BROWN '41 KILLED AS CAR CRASHES INTO GUARD POST

Student Was On Way Home To Mother's Funeral In Chester County

A special coroner's jury today held the death of Ernest A. Brown '41 in an automobile wreck yesterday morning as an "unavoidable accident."

The victim, enrolled in Liberal Arts, and a native of Nottingham, R. D., Chester County, died of a fractured skull. Wallace S. Linn of 529 S. Pugh street, driver of the death car, received cuts about the hands and nose.

Thomas A. Davis of Spring Creek, operator of a second car, and A. W. Holdeman of Tusseyville, a passenger, had entered the main highway a short time before and, like the other car, were heading toward Potter's Mills.

Witnesses testified before a coroner's jury yesterday that Linn sounded his horn, that Davis stopped at the stop sign before entering the highway. The Linn car was next seen swerving and hit the ninth guard post below the intersection, tumbling on the front end and then skidding into the highway in front of the Davis machine.

Holdeman and Davis testified that they stopped at the sign, looked up and down the highway and then entered the thoroughfare. They averred that they did not see the Linn car until it struck the post almost opposite their own car.

Women Adopt Rushing Code

This year's rushing code with minor revisions will be used by Phi Hellenic Council again next year according to Janita M. Chambers '40 Phi Hellenic president because the Council feels that it is useless to formulate a new code each year.

Suggestions made by sororities after careful consideration of the tentative rushing code are that sorority women be allowed to take trustees to chapel, church, and all sports events, but not to movies or eating places, that neither trustees nor sorority women be permitted to visit in dormitory rooms or sorority houses, and that all other non-expense contacts be permitted.

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