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This Is THE Issue

Editorial

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FOR YEARS, ever since the first Collegian Woman heckled the first Collegian Man to give her a half-inch of space to call her own, there has been a constant battle for these precious columns. For years, Collegian Women have faithfully heckled and nagged. For years, Collegian Men have just as faithfully evaded and ignored.

Grudgingly, they would yield an inch or two—albeit not without a passing remark like, "What do you want to print this for?" Nobody ever reads it anyway. Why, woman, do you realize we haven't enough room for all the news in this paper?"

Collegian would not be Collegian without these good-natured semi-weekly battles. Collegian Men would not be Collegian Men if they didn't think and say with no hesitation that all women's news stinks to high heaven, that the biggest insult they can hand a hunk of white space is to fill it with Us Gals, and that women in general and Collegian Women in particular are a blanked nuisance. Collegian Women, too, would not be Collegian Women if they did not reply in kind reminding their male cohorts that more than fifty per cent of Collegian subscribers are women, that women's news is every bit as good as their old stuff, and that, even if it isn't, they ought to put it in anyway, pretty please.

This periodical bickering might have gone unchanged for centuries if it were not for one little fact. That is, whether you remember or not, that this is 1940. Now 1940, besides having a twelve month jump on 1939, is also nothing less than Leap Year. And, believe it or not, Leap Year is not only the time when women in general have a chance to grab their men, it is also the time when Collegian Women in particular have a chance to grab their space.

Today's paper introduces for the first time a column entitled Us Guys, which accordingly succeeds Us Gals as the biggest insult possible to hand a hunk of white space, a "Bodedit," which vies with "Coedits" for the ultra-ultra in society news; a mens' "Dress Parade," a "Woe-Men In Sports" and, believe it or not, a front page composed entirely of Women's news and a sports page penned by female hands. And you can bet your last dented fender that any other space men got in this issue was won on bended knees!

Friday we'll go back to the bottom of Page two, Column six and try to like it. But today we take the driver's seat and grab the reins. So hold on tight.

This is the year—and this is THE issue!

Student Government Confab Plans Completed As Opening Date Nears

Romig '40, Jones '40, Weaver '41 To Talk In WSGA Room At 9 A.M. Saturday

"Women In Student Government," the women's part of the All-State Student Government convention to be held here March 1, 2 and 3 will be discussed by Jane A. Romig '40, Peggy E. Jones '40, and Eljor L. Weaver '41 in the WSGA room at 9 a. m. Saturday.

With the acceptance by Leon W. Shloss, editor of the Washington Bureau of the International News Service, to attend the Pennsylvania Student Government convention slated here on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, David E. Ferguson '40, chairman of the convention, announced that all major plans have been completed for the beginning of the confab on Friday.

Fish-Nets, Hamburgers Leave Experts Stumped About Women's Fashions

Coeds of the future may careen around with cutlery dangling from their wrists or hats made of hamburgers as far as the designers are concerned. They don't care. They are through.

"The only consistent thing about women's clothing is its inconsistency," said Georges Audeaux, New York designer.

Audeaux added that women are highly susceptible to sales pressure. The past few years have seen fish nets, dog collars, and shower curtains appear on the fashion horizon. Should the truck farmers decide to stage a sales drive we would, in all likelihood, see fresh tomato necklaces and cucumber collars.

What would be Mr. Audeaux's comment on an Old Main Tower hat, mud guards and fishing boots for rainy days, Boy Scout shirts, salt spoons as clips, ski boots and short skirts, or badminton rackets adorning an evening dress?

And if Engineers, Ag students, or Home-Boers suddenly went berserk, imagine a coed on her way to classes dripping with nuts, bolts, and screws, swinging along in a slide rule skirt, toting her books in milk pails on a yoke; and wearing a cute little-frying pan tilted rakishly over her left eyebrow.

WOMEN TAKE OVER AS BASHFUL LADS HIDE BUT HOPE FOR LEAP YEAR DATES

Editor's Note

In keeping with an old Leap Week tradition—two days old—the Penn State Collegian offers this edition as a sample of the skill of its competent women's staff.

News stories, sports, headlines, editorials, and whatnot appearing in this issue, are the products of the girls unless otherwise designated.

It's all in fun—but the women are taking it seriously because it isn't often they have an opportunity to dominate the men.

Formal Dance Held In Rec Hall Friday Night Highlights Week Of Penn State 'Love In Reverse'

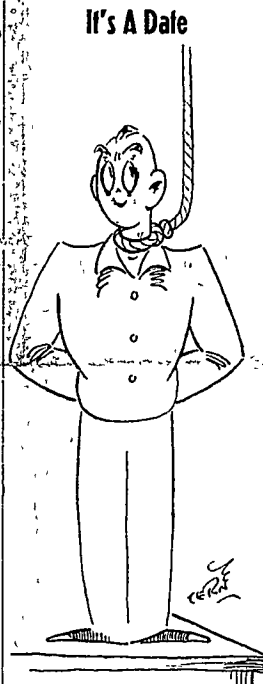
Movies, The Corner Plan Special Features To Draw Leap Week Business; Freshman Women Will Hold Scavenger Hunt At McAllister Hall On Saturday

"JULIET!" This is the chance you've been waiting for. This is the week to show your best beau or your secret passion what's tops according to Etha-Kett, Penny State, or just Emily Post.

ROMEO! This is the week to rate your popularity by the number of your dates. We women do the inviting and what your best friends won't tell you will speak for itself if Leap Week goes by and you haven't received a single proposal, invitation to the movies, treat to a Leap Week

LEAP-WEEK PROGRAM
Monday Through Saturday
Leap Week at movies
Leap Week specials at Corner Room
Tuesday
Freshmen given 10 o'clocks for Movie Night
Friday
Formal dance in Rec Hall 9 to 12 p. m.
Saturday
Freshman Scavenger Hunt, leaving Mac Hall 8 p. m.

drink, sandwich, or sundae a la Corner Room. And if you miss the WSGA Leap Week Dance consider yourself definitely on the shelf and designed for oblivion. Taking advantage of an opportunity which knocks but once in four years, Penn State coeds are dedicating this week as Leap Week Highlight of the week will be a formal dance in Rec Hall from 9 to 12 p. m. Friday with music by Rex Rockwell. Novelties of the dance are the no-corsage rule and a grand march led by Russell E. Clark, bursar, and Harry C. Rountree, extension department. There will be no admission charge to the dance, but all expenses of the evening will be



paid by the women
Dance Committees
Committees for the dance are Catherine C. Albert '41 and Darline (Continued on page two)

All-Home Ec Mass Meeting Set For 4 P.M. Thursday

To Issue Questionnaires On Curriculum Revision; Explain Council Set-Up

The first mass meeting in four years of all-home economics students will be held in the Liberal Arts auditorium at 4 p. m. Thursday. The meeting will explain the work of the recently formed Home Economics Advisory Council, as well as to distribute questionnaires on possible curriculum revisions.

All home ec students will be dismissed from their 4 o'clock classes to attend the meeting. The advisory council is a combined student-faculty body formed this year to cooperate with the faculty curriculum committee on course revampment. It is composed of 16 students and two faculty members.

The questionnaire, which will be presented and explained by Janice Owens '41, will be anonymous and contain questions on the present curriculum and ask for suggestions and criticisms.

Two students from each class and two students from each of the four clubs within the department make up the student portion of the advisory council.

Savitt Admits 'Steal From Classics'; Weak Against Leap Year Campaigns

Competition Is Keen But Defense Is Rusty, Avers Dance Maestro

By ALICE MURRAY

"720 In The Books" doesn't refer to the number of Jan Savitt's marital experiences nor to his proposals, given or received. He's a bachelor, but very definitely not a confirmed one, so, coeds, this is your big chance. To make your lot even easier, he thinks all women are beautiful, and admits his defense against leap year maidens is a bit rusty.

If you intend to make a catch, you'll be up against stiff competition for he's playing at the University of Cincinnati, Syracuse, Ohio State, Yale, and Harvard (you probably won't have much coed trouble there) this season, and you know "first see, first seek, first succeed."

The Philadelphia girls, especially those who hail from West Philly, have the jump on you, for they have something in common with him even if it is only juvenile stomping grounds, but that shouldn't dampen your ardor one bit, he says, he loves them all.

There's just one more fly in the ointment. Did you notice the blonde fifth of the Quintones? Because, if you didn't, you've got something to cope with. Her name is Daisy Bernier, but two to one she doesn't rely on the petal pulling method to get a date.



JAN SAVITT

Panhellenic To Sponsor Open Bridge Benefit

Panhellenic Council and City Panhellenic are joint sponsors of a benefit bridge to be given in the upstairs lounge of Old Main at 2 p. m. Saturday, March 16. It will be open to all town and student women, and there will be a drawing for prizes.

Tickets are 35 cents each and may be purchased from any Panhellenic member beginning this week. The proceeds from the bridge will be given to Mrs. Hetzel's committee.

'Shuffle Rhythm' Dates Back To Bach Concertos; Jan To Play In Hollywood

By SAM KAUFMAN

While his valet shuffled back and forth across the room trying to bust out the fuzz on Jan Savitt's chest out of sight, Savitt up-de-da-dead the information that his famous "shuffle rhythm" is nothing new and is really a steal from the classics.

Over a hundred years ago Bach "dished it out" in the background for the last part of a violin concerto. Savitt studied all about this because he studied at the Curtis Institute of Music. His imitators don't, however, and they usually sink because they play what they hear instead of what actually is played.

The Senior Ball maestro began to jump a bit higher and his valet to sweat a bit faster when the Nittany Lion Inn telephone rang in the Casa Manana in Hollywood for six weeks. It will be his first trip to the Pacific Coast and he is going to make a picture while his band is there.

Lawrence Twins Named 'Leap Week' Queens

You can have your Harvest Ball and Houseparty queens! We'll take the uncrowned queens of "Leap Week" (Monday to March 2)—Jean and "Tut" Lawrence, twin sophomore transfers from the University of Delaware.

Born February 29, 1920, Wilmington, Delaware's lovely girls to Penn State plan to observe their fifth leap birthday by taking advantage of the week of reversed dating and attending WSGA's dance, Friday.

"When to celebrate our birthday has always been a topic for family discussion," Tut offered. She went on to explain, "Dad says it should be March 1, but Mother argues for February 28. And she wins—'cause it's sooner."

Their Pet Peeve

People who say, "I can't tell you two apart," are the twins' pet peeve. "We've been confused since baby-care days," Jean chipped in. "Since junior high school we've been separated in classes to aid the profs and at Delaware they even

asked me to change the way I wear my hair."

They don't give the profs here a chance to mix them, since Tut is taking psychology and Jean "is the only one who knows what she's majoring in."

Tut, the more serious and sophisticated of the two, relaxes by dancing playing bridge and golf, and sketching—one of her drawings won a dollar prize at a county fair.

"Jean is our family politician," Tut said of her look-alike. "Her pastime is talking with people—which she does so well that Dad takes her with him to chemical meetings."

We'll take the Lawrence twins to make "Leap week" a triple-threat period when coeds will do the date-asking and pay all bills!

WSGA To Propose Conference Slated Coed Point System By Mortar Board

Attempts To Regulate Extra-Curricular Activities

That only 352 of over 1100 Penn State women participate in outside activities was revealed by a recent survey of women's activities conducted by WSGA House of Representatives. Of these, the data showed, at least 25 are carrying more activities than they can handle efficiently.

Because of this, the House will propose a point system at the mass meeting in Schwab Auditorium, March 5, under which every club and organization membership would be regulated by points, the number depending on time required and responsibilities involved in the activity. A quota would be set which no woman would be permitted to exceed.

Such a system would spread among many students the privileges, pleasures, and honors frequently monopolized by a few Organizations and activities would be benefited by assuring each position of office a leader with concentrated interests. The point system, as proposed, will be discussed at the mass meeting and will be placed on election ballots for women students' approval.

Kissometer Will Test Coeds' Love Polency At Engineer's Dance

Special to the Collegian Engineering Department, Feb. 27—Spurring a contract to build a bridge in San Francisco, turning down a plea to erect a new skyscraper in New York City, refusing absolutely to help the navy department build several warships Penn State's engineers were devoted all of their knowledge of construction today to a kissometer—first of its kind—a romantic indicator that will be used at the Engineer's Hop in Rec Hall Friday, March 15.

Roughly speaking, the new invention, when built, will consist of a meter and several mysterious gadgets that will determine the polency of Miss Betty Coed's coarseness. The devilish device will be a closely guarded secret until the date of the dance—and the committee has been reluctant to divulge any but the barest of knowledge on how it works. Suffice to say, though, that a pointer on the meter will indicate the relative strength of the molecular bombardment and that when this bombardment gets too great, the machine will explode!

Women's Election Standards Listed; Committees Set

Mass Meeting Set Mar. 5; Primaries Slated Mar. 7; Final Ballots Mar. 13

See Editorial, "Suffragette—1940," on page 2

With the release of standards for WSGA nominees by Jane A. Romig '40, president, and committees named by Jeanne M. Chew '41 and Roberta J. Kelly '42, election co-chairmen, plans for WSGA, and WRA elections—primaries, March 7, and final vote, March 13, were progressing this week.

Requirements for WSGA candidates are:

- A Scholarship
 - 1 At least a 1.5 all-College average
 - 2 No struggle to maintain scholastic standing
- B Activities—limited in number
- C Leadership and Responsibility
 - 1 Previous experience in holding responsibility
 - 2 Willingness to accept responsibility
 - 3 Efficiency
- D Independence
 - 1 Willingness to express ideas
 - 2 Firmness with regard to rules
- E Personal Characteristics
 - 1 Tact
 - 2 Good appearance
 - 3 Likable disposition
 - 4 High standards of conduct

Election committees are: M Elizabeth Baker '41, Jane A. Fulton '41, and R Helen Gordon '42, publicity, D Frances McKibben '42, Marion E. Sperling '42, and Josephine H. Bellan '42, polls; Janet Herzog '42, Betty Jo Patton '42, and Margaret M. Diener '42, posters. Ruth W. Barby '42, was named chairman of the installation coffee-hour to be held in Atherton Hall, March 14, by Senate.

Nominees for the government and recreational posts as made by a WSGA nominating committee consisting of seniors in the Senate and the dean of women's staff, and a WRA committee which includes WRA president and vice president, and advisors Miss Marie Hardt, assistant professor of physical education and hygiene, and Miss Mildred A. Lucey, instructor in activities, will be announced at the mass meeting of all woman students in Schwab Auditorium, 7 to 8 p. m., March 5.

The conference will open with a convocation and talk by Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, associate professor of education and psychology. Throughout the day there will be talks on physical education, liberal arts, education, and home economics as vocations, and a talk on vocations. From 4 to 5 p. m., Mortar Board will tea the main speaker of the evening. The conference will be held in the lounges of Atherton Hall.

Last year Mortar Board sponsored a Leadership Conference. Judge Sara Stoffel was the main speaker, and extra-curricular activities rather than vocations were highlighted.

Heavens Aid In Leap Week Show As Moon Goes On Late Shift

College Will Open Second Observatory Unit As Naked Eye Planets Prepare Rare Display

See illustration on page 4

Galileo never knew about Penn State, but in a clumsy fashion he found out a lot about women, and he also discovered a lot about moons, stars, and planets that he didn't tell because he was afraid of being burned at the stake.

He could have figured out, for instance, that the moon was going to be on a late shift about February 29, 1940. Knowing about women but not knowing about electricity he might have thought how nice and dark the nights would be.

He wouldn't have known it was going to be Leap Week at Penn State but he might have known there was going to be a mighty rare arrangement of planets in the western sky.

He might have thought his little two-inch telescope was going to be a great thing someday but he hardly imagined that in 1940 Penn State would be opening the second unit of the world's first multiple observatory just as the planets were hanging together in the west.

Observatory Opened
But that's the way things have turned out in the 300 years since Galileo fiddled around with the heavens and yesterday Dr. Henry L. Yeagley of the Pennsylvania State College (which Galileo never heard of) announced both units of the new observatory would be open to all visitors from 8:30 to 8:30 p. m. every clear night this week.

Phenomenal Arrangement
"The arrangement resulting in this unusual alignment is an exceedingly rare phenomenon and will produce soon after sunset a scene of rare beauty in the western sky," Dr. Yeagley said yesterday. "Naked eye planets in the order they will be visible starting up from the western horizon are Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Mars."