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A UNIFIED ALUMNI?

A UNIFIED ALUMNI plan, recently presented to the All-College Cabinet by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, faintly takes the form of an answer to an early-fall appeal.

What does the Alumni Association propose to do?

Whether it be by stretch of imagination or by confidence in the ambition of the association, the proposed "unified Penn State Alumni Association" with undergraduates as members is a welcomed act of aggression on the part of the once-lagging organization.

The crux of the Association's plan may be summarized briefly by pointing out that undergraduates of the College would pay a moderate fee each semester over the four-year period and become life members of the Alumni Association upon graduation—and with no obligation to pay additional dues.

The step toward unity is amazing, but as the Association itself has explained—the step must not be taken too hastily.

Before leaping, all angles of the proposed organization must be studied thoroughly. Undoubtedly, the plan has numerous benefits for undergraduates, graduates and the College.

Yet, would it be democratic? Would the general student body accept such a plan unless the privilege is optional? Would the fee be within the financial reach of the average student? Would the proposal aid in "pepping up" the graduated non-members of the Association?

Given the sincere appraisal of an average cross-section of the student body, the Association's proposal might be earmarked as the most progressive procedure in alumni organization in the country.

Theoretically, the plan is unsurpassed. Time should test its practicability.

A TOAST TO PLAYERS

THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, the Penn State Players mark their 20th anniversary on the campus with a mammoth presentation of "The World We Live In," a stinging satire on humanity as portrayed through characters in the insect world.

The Collegian, on behalf of students, takes the medium of its editorial columns to extend its sincerest congratulations and wishes for continued triumphs in the future—triumphs which constitute the greatest part of the history of the organization.

Non-subsidized, the Penn State Players throughout their two decades of existence have risen rapidly, gained more and more recognition in the field of college dramatics. They have constantly striven to justify that raison d'être of all drama groups—entertainment.

Under the imaginative leadership of professors Frank Neusbaum, director of Players, and Arthur Cloetingh, head of the department of dramatics, the Penn State Players have never lost sight of the various tastes which must be catered to and appeased.

Plays of social significance, "Bury the Dead," "Peace on Earth," "Idiot's Delight," mixed in with such classical productions as "Oedipus Rex," and "Medea," have been counter-balanced by such hilarious comedies as "First Lady" (first non-professional release at Penn State), "You Can't Take It With You," and countless others. "The Dybbuk" staged here two years ago, reached a new high in the success of religious drama.

The string of Players' triumphs is something the College can justly point to with pride. "The World We Live In," with its world-wide social ramifications, is an appropriate selection.

And so, on their 20th anniversary, the Collegian joins with Penn State in congratulating the Players. So long as such incubators for the professional stage exist, there is no alternative but to proclaim:

The theatre can not be dead!—E.R.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Remote Control?

It was at the Intercollegiate boxing finals just after the outcome of the Scally-Woycesjes bout had been announced Johnny Mastrella (Syracuse) Lover of the Mastrella-Sammy Donato feud of a few years ago) turned to Ridge Ruley, Penn State's sports mouthpiece, and said

"I don't see what they're booing about. Why Scally never even touched him."

"Yeah," questioned Ridge. "Then what was making his head snap back?"

Name Change

The newsreel did it! Did it right out loud so that the whole country will know. On the screen there flashed a picture of Barney Ewell winning the intercollegiate sixty-yard dash. Then the commentator blatted forth, "winner, Barney Ewell, representing the Pennsylvania State University!" Come on, trustees. You can't make a liar out of the newsreel.

Faux Pas

Johnny Lazzari, Jr. pre-med, doesn't usually go around leading with his chin but he sure stuck it out in Speech 200 the other day. Prof. Dougherty had cut twice before when Johnny came sailing into the room and could see no sign of a professor.

"What say, boys," said Johnny with a smile of anticipation on his face, "is he going to cut class again today?"

There was a moment of hear-pun-drop silence and then an answer came from the back of the room.

"No," it said in a positive voice, "I'm not going to cut today."

Sour Grapes

If the men had been voting, Campy is willing to wager Old Main against a two-by-four tourist cabin that Louise Breuninger would have nosed out Jane Romig for that May Queen spot.

Player Pun

If you had referred to the Penn State Players last year as a "bunch of insects" you would have immediately become one of the protagonists in a dramatic duel. But now, what else could you call them?

At "World We Live In" practice Tuesday night, one of the little male insects was running around asking the ants-and-so-forth if any of them had seen his proscenium arch.

"Yes," said Chrysalis Verna Sevast, "and I think you ought to wear a girdle."

Speed

A record of some kind was set by phikappasug Bob Corbett. He got his pin at an initiation banquet the other p. m. and less than two hours later it was decorating the sweater front of Jane Kintner, swell transfer from Mansfield College.

Frosh Dick Watts, alphakissig, didn't keep his pin any too long before transferring it to the possession of town girl Jane Dunlap.

Go-edit

The D U's spaghetti'd Kappa Kappa Gamma's Mary Katherine Clinger at a dinner party Tuesday night. The occasion was the birthday of the aforementioned kappa. Statistical note: seven hundred and thirty-six yards of spaghetti were consumed.

Incongruity

After sitting through "Grapes of Wrath" and having it forcefully impressed upon the mind that the itinerant worker in California was in a bad way and in need of help right now, Campy was sort of puzzled to see Californian Herbert Hoover in the newsreel earnestly asking that everyone contribute to the Finnish Relief Fund.

Which brings to mind Leonard Lyon's story of Hoover and John Steinbeck, author of "Grapes of Wrath."

Hoover sent a letter to Steinbeck, asking him to contribute to the Finnish Relief Fund. Steinbeck's answer was rather disconcerting. It read:

"Dear Mr. Hoover, I have been living at this same address for a long time. It's funny I never received your letter about Ethiopia and Czechoslovakia."

GO HOME BY BUS FOR EASTER

Greyhound busses will leave Central Parking Area on Campus back of Chemistry Building at 12:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon bound for Greensburg, Wilkes-Barre, New York Harrisburg, Johnstown, Pittsburgh Scranton Sunbury Philadelphia

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Tuesday
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MAY QUEEN



JANE A. ROMIG '40

Elections

(Continued from page 1)

nor Benfer, defeated WSGA and WRA presidential candidates, automatically became secretaries of their respective organizations. Miss Taylor, who was defeated as WSGA vice-president, became the second Junior Senator.

The 575 final ballots cast topped all previous women's election results.

New officers were inducted after an installation coffee hour in Frances Atherton Hall last night, and Miss Benfer was announced as the 1940-41 chairman of Judicial Committee.

WSGA bracelets for outstanding services went to Winifred M. Watson '40, May Day chairman; Bess J. Trenger '40, Co-Editor editor, Helen L. Camp '40, Women's Editor of Collegian, Jean F. Bride '41 and Bertha M. Douthett '41, chairmen of dining room arrangements; Gail F. Pope '41, WSGA dance chairman, Jeanne M. Chew '41 and Roberta J. Kelly '42, election committee heads; H. Jean Fox '41 and R. Helen Gordon '42, Christmas Dinner co-chairmen.

Pan-Hel Accepts Member

Panhellenic Council granted associate membership to Chi Rho, local sorority, at its meeting Wednesday night. Membership will become effective March 27 at the end of the nine-month period after its acceptance by the Student Welfare Board.

A new curriculum and teaching materials laboratory has been established at Syracuse University.

MARCH 15, 16

"The World We Live In"

Get tickets at Student Union

Weaver Announces Work On Women's Point System Will Begin Immediately

Scaling of women's activity points will begin immediately under the direction of the 1940-41 Junior Senators, Anne M. Borton and Mildred M. Taylor, according to Elnor L. Weaver, newly elected WSGA president.

The senators will meet with representatives from coed organizations, and point assignments will be based on time and responsibility involved in the work. The system should be ready to be applied by election time next year, Miss Weaver stated.

Designed to spread activities among many coeds, to benefit organizations by assuming each office a leader with concentrated interests, and to protect coeds from being burdened with more extra-curricular work than is safe for their health and studies, the point apportioning plan was the result of an extensive survey conducted by a WSGA House of Representatives committee headed by Betty Ann Albright '41.

There are 735 trees on the campus.

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices of meetings to be published in this column may be left at Student Union Office in Old Main up to 1 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

TOMORROW

Jam session at the Dry Dock Night Club, 10:30 to 11 p.m. Reservations at Student Union. Plenty of tables left.

SUNDAY

Freshman Independent meeting, Room 405 Old Main, at 2:15 p.m.

MONDAY

ASCE lecture on "Flood Control" by Capt. H. G. Douglas, U. S. Army, in Room 107 ME, at 7:30 p.m.

Ag students interested in joining the Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers report to Room 405 Old Main at 7:30 p.m.

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