



Senior Group To Pick 2 Gifts For Class Vote

Another step toward the final selection of a 1941 class gift to the College will be taken Sunday night when the Senior Class Gift Committee selects two suggestions which will appear on the ballot of the All-College election on March 11, 12 and 13. W. Lewis Corbin, chairman of the committee, announced yesterday.

The two suggestions of the committee will be taken from the following seven which have been submitted:

1. A scholarship and loan fund
2. Murals
3. A library endowment fund
4. Blue Band uniforms
5. Two voting machines
6. Radio station
7. Photographic map of Pennsylvania

Members of the special committee appointed by William B. Bartholomew, senior class president, in order to work out the details of the gift are W. Lewis Corbin '41 (chairman), L. Eleanor Benfer '41, era L. Kemp '41, Grace E. Rentschler '41, Leon J. Gajewski '41, H. Edward Wagner '41, and Richard G. Peters '41.

Two Reporters Chase Willkie 26 Hours; No Talk Here

By GORDON COY '43 and ROBERT COOPER '43

We were Washington correspondents for two days!

A chase that lasted 26 hours, with a letter to a Post reporter our only lead, finally ended Tuesday night when we cornered America's Public Citizen No. 1, Wendell Willkie, in the lobby of a Washington, D. C. hotel.

We were determined to receive a definite answer to All-College Cabinet's request that Willkie speak here. After trailing him from the Senate investigation on Capitol hill to the White House, then back to his hotel, we finally got the answer: No. He said he would be forced to cancel all speaking engagements for several months.

But back to the beginning of the story. We arrived in Washington Monday night armed with a letter to a Post reporter. Letters pull strings, but this one failed. It was the reporter's night off. He was in Philadelphia.

With slight hopes of seeing Willkie personally, we decided to at least attend his Senate investigation Tuesday afternoon.

Squeezed for four hours near the front of a jammed waiting line of 800, watching people faint, we finally got into the committee room. Inside, the top political men of the nation were waiting to question Willkie on the lend-lease bill. Photographers hung from a ledge 75 feet above the crowd getting pictures of an event unprecedented in Washington's history.

Knowing it would be impossible to see Willkie personally at the investigation, we searched for new leads. We got our "first break" at his hotel when we overheard his ex-lawyer say

IFC Meets Tonight

Final action will be taken by Interfraternity Council on its new proposed constitution and the views on compensation of IFC officers when it meets at the Phi Kappa Sigma house at 7 p.m. today, it was announced by H. Edward Wagner, IFC president.

One-Way Locust Lane Traffic Not Enforced

One-way traffic on Locust Lane will not be enforced until sufficient signs are available, Chief of Police John R. Juba said yesterday.

Locust Lane was ordained as a one-way street, running north to south, between Foster and Hamilton Avenues over two years ago. When signs were ordered, they were made for only one side of the street. Without signs on both sides of the street, Juba said, enforcement would be impractical.

LA Reservations Due 4 p.m. Today

Reservations for the Liberal Arts dinner, featuring Cy Hungerford, famed cartoonist of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, must be made by 4 p. m. today, the committee announced yesterday.

Tickets, \$1 each, may be reserved through Mrs. O. H. Stecker, 213 Sparks Building, Louis H. Bell, Room 310 Old Main, or at Student Union.

The dinner, second annual get-together of the Liberal Arts faculty, will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn at 7 p. m. Monday. Members of the LA faculty, their wives and husbands, and office workers have been invited.

Hungerford will be the only speaker to address the dinner. His informal talk will be punctuated with the cartoons and caricatures that have made him one of the nation's most widely reprinted editorial cartoonists.

A "Rushville, Ind." farm boy, Hungerford migrated to Parkersburg, W. Va., where he began his career of cartooning on the Sentinel when he was still in high school. From there he moved to the Wheeling, W. Va. Register, then to Pittsburgh on the Sun and finally on the Post-Gazette.

Hungerford has covered ten national conventions, three inaugurations, one coronation, a baseball training camp, world series, heavyweight boxing training camps, murder trials and many other notable events. He has taken picture-drawing trips to Europe, Algeria, the West Indies, and Mexico.

Engineers Seek Change In Inspection Trip

Petitions to change the date of their annual inspection trip away from Interfraternity Ball weekend are now being circulated by seniors in the School of Engineering.

The week-long trip is currently scheduled to begin April 2. The seniors are asking that it be changed to start April 16, the day classes start after Easter vacation. Interfraternity Ball is Friday, April 4.

The petition requests that the change be approved by the executive committee of the School of Engineering at its meeting next Monday.

New Team Signed For Washington Ball

The newest campus comedy team—Leon Rabinowitz, Don Taylor and Doris Disney, billing themselves as "We Three"—was signed yesterday to make its first appearance at Collegian's Washington Birthday Ball in Rec Hall on Friday, February 21.

Made up of entertainers who have already established themselves with Players and Thespians, the new team will put on

Hoffman Revises Grade Averages For Fraternities

In a letter to fraternity presidents, Dean A. R. Warnock revealed a new system for figuring fraternity averages, revised by Registrar William S. Hoffman and also urged fraternities to cooperate with the Interfraternity Council ruling on "Hell Week."

Under the new system, fraternity averages will include only the names of those on the chapter roster, and not pledges still to be initiated at the February and March initiation period.

"The purpose is to put Penn State's fraternity averages on an equal footing with the averages of other university fraternities," Dean Warnock said.

In past years, the fraternity averages have been lower, on paper, than those elsewhere. This was because the averages of pledges were generally lower than the averages of the regular fraternity "actives."

According to IFC legislation, Hell Week—activities, including paddling and other initiation hazings are to be eliminated. The continuation of this practice would halt all social privileges and confiscate a \$50 bond, which is posted by every fraternity at the beginning of the school year.

Fraternity presidents must notify the registrar's office before March 15 about the names which should be omitted from the chapter roster. These would include those initiated after the mid-year initiations because of withdrawal from college or failure to make initiations requirements.

IMA Ball Committee Named By Gartley

Boyd C. Gartley '41, IMA Ball chairman, named six men to his committee at a meeting of the Independent Men's Association last night.

The committeemen are Melvin R. Jones '41, Ben Snipas '42, Joseph Bednarski '41, Milton Prensky '42, James Christy '41, and Edward Staricka '42.

The IMA Central Council admitted two new units, the Miller Club, 231 S. Allen Street, and Irvin Hall, boosting its unit membership total to 13, and voted to secure recognition pins for IMA members.

Army Forbids Enlisting After Man Is Drafted

The military department has announced that no person may enlist in the Army after he has received an order from the local draft board to report for induction by means of the regular selective service draft.

Every applicant who wishes to enlist voluntarily will be asked before he is enlisted whether or not he has received such an order to report for induction.

Blue Key Ends Paddling; Other Societies To Act

Against Paddling



William F. Finn '42, president of Blue Key, announced yesterday that the junior honor society has eliminated paddling from its initiation ceremony. Blue Key thus became the first campus hat society to eliminate what has long been regarded as an undesirable practice.

No 'Zip' English For This Refugee

A Czechoslovakian refugee, Ruth Littman '43, who was unable to speak a word of English when she came to this country in 1939 has just passed her English placement test at the College with an almost perfect score that was exceeded by only 1 per cent of those tested.

As a result, she is exempt from taking the customary elementary course in English composition and may take a more advanced course, said Professor Theodore J. Gates, head of the English composition department.

Miss Littman, who entered the College at midyear as a sophomore, was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and took her preparatory work there at the French State Real Gymnasium, a semi-classical secondary school where she studied four languages—but not English. Her father is a graduate of the University of Vienna.

She transferred to Penn State from Brooklyn College, where she was a special student.

To Aid Fund Drive

Robert Billheimer, Yale '40, traveling representative of the World Student Service Fund, will meet with the All-College Cabinet today to help set up the W. S. S. F. Campaign which starts next Tuesday.

Three Presidents Favor Elimination

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Statements from presidents of three of four honor societies—Skull and Bones, Parmi Nous and Druids—indicated last night that they may follow Blue Key's lead and abolish paddling as part of their initiation ceremonies.

The only president who reported that his society was in favor of paddling was W. Franklin Barr '43, president of Friars. However, he said that Friars would consider eliminating the practice.

Blue Key, junior society, eliminated paddling by unanimous vote, Tuesday night, when it decided to institute a new type of initiation ceremony. Each of the other four organizations still uses paddling as part of its initiation.

Statements by presidents of the four other societies follow:

Thomas C. Backenstose '41, Skull and Bones: "I think the elimination of paddling by Blue Key was a good step. Although we don't do it to any great extent, we'll bring it up at the next meeting."

Jack W. Brand '41, Parmi Nous: "Paddling has already been minimized in the Parmi Nous initiation. However, we would be willing to cooperate with other societies in bringing about a complete reform."

Moderate Paddling All Right Charles H. Ridenour '43, Druids: "Moderate paddling is all right but it shouldn't be carried to extremes. We have discussed it in the past and we'll bring it up again before the next initiation."

W. Franklin Barr '43, Friars: "As far as I know most members of Friars are still in favor of paddling. However, abolishment of paddling has been considered and will be considered again."

According to William F. Finn '42, president, the new Blue Key initiation will be modeled after that used by Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society. He said that instead of being held in one night the one ceremony will cover two or three days and will be held on the campus.

Reasons given by Finn for the abolishment of paddling were that it is unnecessary and "serves no good purpose" and that College authorities have indirectly expressed disapproval.

Musical Quiz Program At Drydock Saturday

In a take-off on Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge, Prof. "Hum" Fishburn will conduct a musical quiz program at Drydock Saturday night, the night club committee announced yesterday.

Also featured in the floor show will be Magician Don Schwab, Dr. Benson Fairchilde reciting "The Life and Love of the Bee," a portrayal of Henry Aldrich by Jim Ambandos, and songs by Doris Disney. Leon Rabinowitz will again act as master of ceremonies.

Table reservations are now available at Student Union.

Cabinet Meets Today

The Student Traffic Board will come up for final consideration at the All-College Cabinet meeting this afternoon. The meeting will be held in Room 305 Old Main at 4 o'clock.