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How Strong An Association Can Efforts Convention Produce?

The Pennsylvania Student Government Association which is meeting on our campus these three days would be doing the students of the commonwealth a great service if it could achieve just one thing:

A unity of purpose and a way of expression for all the students of the state.

The implications of this suggestion are important:

1. This should be an Association with which ALL students in the commonwealth are fully acquainted—not just an Association of student leaders. Most of student organizations and federations and congresses have the weakness that in their member colleges they are known only to the student leaders directly affected or associated.

2. To achieve this, the Association needs some means of expression which would reach ALL students, not just student leaders. Here the college editors of the state might cooperate.

3. The Association also needs the stabilizing influence of a permanent officer, paid if possible.

Today there are so very very many matters of importance to students that it is a shame they are not organized for their views to be heard.

Pardon us an example. Pennsylvania is one of only six states in the United States that does not have what seems to be a very desirable something—absentee voting. Pennsylvania's objection to absentee voting (as yesterday's editorial pointed out) is strictly political and is not so strong that it could survive the reaction of public opinion and public demand if all the people of the state were acquainted with the facts. Even the organized and persistent shouting of college students keeping up the din in the ears of their individual legislators would swing the measure, Collegian believes.

This would be a very pertinent problem for an Association such as that now meeting here is capable of becoming. A unified expression of student opinion on the draft might also carry telling weight.

To accomplish these things, the Association must give itself a more permanent organization and must see that its word reaches into all the colleges of the state, through the student leaders, to every member of every student body.

With Least Possible Disruption Of The . . . Life"

"The purpose of Selective Service is to secure an orderly, just, and democratic method whereby the military manpower of the United States may be made available for training and service with the least possible disruption of the social and economic life of the nation." (From the opening paragraph of the Selective Service Regulations.)

Unless Congress takes action the Selective Service provision providing deferment for students until the end of a college year is going to expire July 1. From then on students will go wherever they are called, dropping their studies wherever they are and hustling into the army for a year.

If a college student would lose only a year by leaving for the army in November, for instance, he could hardly complain. Actually, he loses three whole semesters. In his peculiar position, the draft discriminates against him! It removes him from his normal life for 18 months rather than 12! Any student who interrupts a semester in the middle can count it lost. After a year he will have to start all over again, anyway.

Take the case of John Smith, a junior, who is going to be called next November. If he is taken after mid-semesters, he loses all his fees and the semester, too. He goes into the army, comes out the next November, and has to wait until the next February before he can resume his studies.

This is hardly fair and it is certainly not achieving the least disruption possible. No one would suffer any particular hardship if college students were at least allowed deferment until the end of any semester already underway when they were called.



(The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of The Daily Collegian.)

Political Campaign

We hereby, heron, and herewith, come out for Jo Condrin for 1941 May Queen. Helen Cramer might be the most ethereally beautiful, Knobby Hefferan might be the wittiest, Betty Albright the stateliest, and Eleanor Fagans the nicest, but we believe that Jo has some of all these qualities, and what's more, fellow students, she's got oomph!

We are sick and tired of seeing girls chosen May Queen just because they are Dean Ray's favorite coeds. What we want is to see Penn State's May Queen make the rotogravure sections, and make screen tests, and I dare you to find me the rotogravure editor who will print a girl's picture because she is a big shot in WSGA!

The Theta's request that hereafter Pat Nagelberg make it plain to his Junior College girl friend that he meets on trains that he is a Theta Xi. They received a letter addressed to Pat Nagelberg, Theta House, Lewistown, Pa.

Not to be topped by the Kappa's, the Theta's announce that Roberta Montz has been pledged. When contacted late last night Montz said he would not resign his affiliations with the Kappa Sigma house.

Defining, the Bird

In case some of you have never come in contact with that peculiar specimen of homo sapiens known as a "College Hot-Dog," we print below a few characteristics of the breed. Drop in the Corner Room any day and you'll see what we mean.

- 1. Any boy who wears his pants three inches above his ankles, and any girl who wears saddle shoes, dirty saddle shoes, six days out of seven.
2. Any student, male or female, who continually makes such senseless remarks as Fisistrari, Copestic, I got egg on me, knocking oneself out at ones leisure, etc.
3. The young Atlas who, when he parks his coat, parks his shoulders.
4. The boys who in any way, shape or form, or manner of dress resemble Robert L. Wilson, No. 1 Alumni Hot Dog.
5. She of the Body by Fisher and the overstuffed upholstery, the line of whose backbone resembles the coastline of South America.
6. The boys who prefer the seclusion of apartment dwelling with etchings—on the ceiling.
7. The girl who knows all the first names of every boy in a fraternity house after one date there.
8. The girl whose skirt makes an honest attempt to meet the roll of her stockings, and who wears sweaters three sizes too large and awaits academic development.
9. The boy who gets a haircut once a year, whether he needs it or not.
10. The girl who never wears a dress so long as her roommate has a sweater and skirt available.
11. Any girl or boy who heads the should-have-flunked-out list.
12. The type of student who comes to the movies solely to crack wise and speaks to shots only.
13. Any student who spends more than three-fourths of his time in a goldfish booth at the Corner Room.

'Gone With The Wind' Chosen Best Picture Of 1940 By College Students

Choice of more than one-fourth of the nation's college students, "Gone With the Wind" was easily ranked the collegians' No. 1 motion picture shown in 1940, a poll conducted by Student Opinion Surveys of America, reveals.

The top ten pictures of the year, according to collegiate opinion, were:

- 1. Gone With the Wind
2. Rebecca
3. Grapes of Wrath
4. All This and Heaven, Too
5. Foreign Correspondent
6. Knute Rockne, All-American
7. Northwest Passage
8. Northwest Mounted Police
9. The Mortal Storm
10. Boom Town

Interviewers asked students to name the best picture "they had seen" during 1940; so many of the favorites mentioned were not necessarily released during the last year. Often a respondent named one of the classics Hollywood has filmed in years before 1940.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Convention Program TODAY

TODAY
Boxing, Penn. State versus Army, Rec Hall, 7 p. m.
Wrestling, Penn. State versus Cornell, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.
Swimming, Penn. State versus Rutgers, Glennland Pool, 2 p. m.
Freshman swimming, Penn. State versus Cornell, Glennland Pool, 2 p. m.
Gymnastics, Penn. State versus Minnesota, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.
Freshman gymnastics, Penn. State versus Temple, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.
Fencing, Penn. State versus Pennsylvania, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.
Freshman basketball, Penn. State versus Susquehanna, Rec Hall 1 p. m.
Freshman wrestling, Penn. State versus Cornell, Rec Hall, 4 p. m.
Roller skating, Armory, 2 p. m., 7 p. m., and 9 p. m.
Drydock, Sandwich Shop, 9 p. m.
Record concert, Room 417 Old Main, 8 p. m.
CA Freshman Council leaves Old Main for Cabin, 2 p. m.
Coeds interested in learning to shoot, report to Rifle Range, White Hall, 11 a. m.

Conference-assembly, Room 405 Old Main, 8:30 p.m.
Round Table Discussions, 9 a.m.
Student Government and the College Newspaper, Room 405 Old Main, A. William Engel '40, presiding.
Fraternity and Non-Fraternity Relationships, Room 305 Old Main, A. John Currier, Jr. '42, presiding.
Student Participation in Curriculum Change, Room 318 Old Main, Arnold C. Laich '41, presiding.

Round Table Discussions, 10:30 a.m.
Women in Student Government, Room 412 Old Main, Miss Matilda A. Bentley and Elinor L. Weaver '41, presiding.
Student-Faculty Administrative Relations, Room 305 Old Main, Russell E. Clark, Dr. Henry L. Yeagley and Richard M. Geisinger '41, presiding.
Parliamentary Methods, Room 405 Old Main, Andrew Horton, Lafayette, presiding.
Development of Student Leadership, Room 319 Old Main, William B. Bartholomew '41, presiding.

Luncheon, Sandwich Shop, Noon
Robert N. Baker '41, presiding.
Lyman Beecher Stowe will be the main speaker.

Hartwell K. Blake will talk on "Student Government in Hawaii." Entertainment by the Varsity Quartet.

Informal Dinner, Corner Room, 5:00 p.m.
Arnold C. Laich '41, toastmaster.

Introduction by President Ralph D. Hetzel.

Dr. William Mather Lewis, state director of Selective Service, will speak on "The Part of the Student in the Selective Service Program."

Additional Activities
For additional sports and social events today, see Calendar above.

TOMORROW
Conference meeting, Room 405 Old Main, 9:30 p.m.
Chapel, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a.m.
Closing dinner, Nittany Lion Inn, 12:30 p.m.

Read The Collegian Classifieds

TOMORROW
Chapel, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m.
Father Vincent C. Donovan, O. P., Director, Catholic Thought Association, New York City, will speak on the subject, "Rebuilding the World."
Panel discussion, "Can Democracy Be Maintained Without Religion?" in Schwab Auditorium, 6:30 p. m.
Campus '42, Room 318 Old Main, 2:30 p. m.
Campus '43, Room 305 Old Main, 2 p. m.
'44 Independents, Room 418 Old Main, 2 p. m.

MONDAY
Iota Lambda Sigma, Room 418 Old Main, 7 p. m.
4-H Club, Room 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
'42 Independents, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.
Faculty members may file tax returns Monday and Tuesday, in Room 305 Old Main.

TUESDAY
Nutrition exhibit, "100 Calorie Portions of Fruit and Vegetables," Room 209 Home Ec, 8 a. m. to noon, Tuesday.

Students Asked To Use Dispensary Before 5 p.m.

Students who need treatments for minor ailments should call at the Dispensary prior to 5 p. m. instead of waiting to be treated at the Infirmary in the evening. Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, requested yesterday. Students should also note that the Dispensary is open each Sunday from 10 to 11 a. m.

Douglas Hyde, first president of Eire (Ireland), was once interim professor of modern languages at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

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Evenings 7-10
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