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IFC Nears Non-Representation

In Thursday night's election of the new Interfraternity Council president, Thomas L. Henson '42, is buried a little but tremendously important faux pas which may deprive the IFC of its representation and voting privileges on All-College Cabinet next year.

Henson does not have a 1.00 All-College average which, according to the Cabinet constitution, is necessary for a seat in Penn State's student government. But the ironic fact accompanying this incident is that IFC knew that it was signing its own death warrant before elections were held.

Although Henson may have been considered by his colleagues as more capable of handling the office than any other candidate, the fact that IFC passed up Cabinet representation does not compensate them for Henson's election.

The IFC is the largest represented body on Cabinet, and in the hands of the president rests the expression of 45 fraternities and its members. This privilege cannot be taken too lightly. This year, when many major student issues could be changed by one vote, the IFC president, H. Edward Wagner, cast many a deciding vote.

Furthermore, the fraternity viewpoint and right to sit on committees affecting fraternity welfare will be absent.

For years, the IFC president has been a distinct advantage to Cabinet because of his diversified contacts with student problems and activities.

Enervated this year by conscientious efforts of Wagner to improve rushing and dating codes and obtain through Cabinet action improvement in fraternity and non-fraternity relations, IFC is threatened with being momentarily halted and forced to take a back seat in its Cabinet activities, and thus lose some of its prestige.

Henson may reach a 1.00 average and be eligible for Cabinet by going to summer sessions this summer. But that isn't the point. The possibility that he could not attend Cabinet meetings next year and be unable to voice the sentiments of over 35 per cent of the male student body is the pertinent question.

In order to safeguard its own interests and prevent this situation from recurring, IFC should insert a simple clause in its constitution calling for each candidate for office to have a 1.00 All-College average. This should not be considered as a limitation upon the prospective officeholder. Rather, it eliminates the cause for future embarrassment on the part of the candidate.

A Suggestion Which Might Work

Maybe we shouldn't write this particular editorial at this particular time for we have just struggled through three tough bluebooks all during the same day. For this reason it might be injecting too much personal feeling into this column to suggest that instructors arrange to give students a break and not group examinations.

In all seriousness, however, it doesn't seem that it would be very difficult to set up some sort of loose schedule which would solve the problem. It's something which we think the school councils could work upon. If they succeeded, six thousand students would be grateful and if they failed, nothing would be lost.

—J.A.B.



THE MANIAC

The Spice Of Life

Popularity kids this weekend are Donna Dae and Patsy Garrett entertained last night by Lindsay Arison and Ted Clauss; by Sigma Nus, Jack Santmyers and Rusty Swift, on this evening's shift; at the Thespian picnic in the afternoon; and by Ed Blackburn and Warren Zeigler, SPE's, for lunch; late dates are of their own choice.

DU Or Don't You

'Twasn't under a spreading tree
Or seated on his sturdy tree
But smack upon Atherton's cold, stone wall
Beside an ash can, straight and tall
He thrust out his hand
With pin en palm
And without a quiver, without a quail
Said, "Take it or leave it, it's up to you."

What more to expect from a dirty DU?

(All persons depicted in this epic are fictional and any similarity to Ginny Seltzer or Eddie Fairchild is purely intentional.)

Swat That Fly!

According to an accurate mathematical computation by Janet Hartz, one little fly (well, two) with a Spring start can become the great-grandma of 12,150,118,134,255,215,182, 575, 439,095 descendants before the leaves begin to fall. Ah, education!

Spring Intramurals

Holding Attention

Sally Hirshberg, AEPHi pledge, and Jay Gross, Gamma Sig frosh.

Holding Hands

Julie McMurray, Locust Lane frosh, and George Dreher, SAE. Dee Paul and Stinke Steinhilber—off again, on again. Lloyd "Baldy" Parsons and Millie Schmidt. Hank "drummer-boy" Jeter and Peggy (hold-on-to-your-men, girls) Miller.

Holding

Alpha Chi, Marybelle Crossman at long last Sigma Nued to Henry Harris.

Bob Crowell, Phi Delt Pope, said it with diamonds to Kappa Nera Lantz.

Forward March

Any coed wishing a date with a Panamanian Major here on a short visit contact the Chi Omega house immediately.

(It's all right with his wife, and his three-year-old daughter didn't make the trip.)

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—MANIAC

At Last—Originality In The Classroom

CINCINNATI, OHIO—(ACP)—Dr. Earle E. Eubank, professor and head of the department of sociology, University of Cincinnati, and Prof. Roscoe Ellard of the University of Missouri journalism department, are cited in the current issue of Reader's Digest for their ability to dramatize their teaching.

"At the opening session of Dr. Eubank's class in sociology," the article states, "each member is given a Lincoln penny; then Dr. Eubank writes on the blackboard the date 'A.D. 300' and says:

"This special meeting of the International Ethnological congress has been called to discuss a great discovery concerning the lost civilization of 1941. A thousand feet below the surface we have found some copper disks, one of which each of you holds in your hand. Using nothing but our knowledge of ancient languages, what can we deduce as to the civilization of that year?"

"The class is then given five minutes to examine the penny and jot down observations. Here are some of the things sharp eyes and minds can find:

"1. This is evidently a coin, so the civilization of 1941 surely had a system of finance, business, and exchange. 2. Since copper is used, there was a knowledge of mining. 3. Metallurgy was also known, for the disk has been refined and stamped. 4. A written language existed. 5. Agriculture was practiced and was seemingly important, since they put stalks of wheat on the money. 6. Since they raised wheat, the climate must have been temperate. 7. Art and esthetics were part of their culture, since the coin is designed with an eye to form and beauty. 8. This culture had knowledge of previous cultures because there is a date on the coin—indicating a calendar—and a Latin phrase. 9. The words 'United' and 'States' show that a system of government existed; the word 'Liberty' suggests that it was a government directed by the people. 10. Civilized clothing was worn. 11. They believed in a monotheistic religion."

Thespian, Swingerettes Set Joint To Jumping

By ETAOIN SHRDLU

Just a week after Gene Wetstone dismantled the flying trap-eze and shipped his muscular weight-heavers back to York, the Penn State Thespians had a college "circus" all their own in Schwab Auditorium last night.

Same issue as of I.F. week-end, with Donna Dae and Patsy Garrett (two little gals from Fred Waring's radio show) neatly thrown in for good pleasure and Eugene Scheffel playing the role evacuated by Bill Bartholomew, that of jive-punchy Mr. VanSmyth (no rest after the Van and a little lid on the "y.")

Donna and Patsy did their bit for Fred, Chesterfields, and the Thespians by putting their heads together on "The Joint's Jumpin'" a really catchy number which the former Tyrone boy (he'll love this) composed and "The Hills of Old Penn State." A bit of heart-warming cameraderie astage was indulged when Jimmy McAdam, the leader of the band, parcelled out gifts to the two gals and to Ed Lee, one of Fred's business men and a former Penn State student.

The show itself is what the New York papers would call a laugh riot. Lines by Mike Brotman, Leon Rabinowitz and the Three Stooges are really funny and—although we didn't go to the trouble of the "Pal Joey" press agents who counted the belly-bouncers, we'd say roughly that there are about 43, not the least of which miraculously managed to elbow their way into that crowded crossroads of the show—the VanSmyth bedroom.

There was a scene for you! A cross between Hellzapoppin and the zaniest room-stuffer the Marx brothers ever concocted. Three Stooges and a bed; four pistol shots and a dead drunk; two chickens, one dressed; a jail bird; a blonde sleep-walker; a maze of dead-end doors; a half and half ladies silk nightgown (half for Rogers and half for Parrish); and a colossal droopy diaper, of course, for Startzel.

The Three Stooges were funny, but we liked them better first time out—at the I.F. show. Last night they were offside on lines, illegally in motion before the laugh was snapped and, as the sports writer never says, missed many scoring opportunities. The Stooges clicked again, and always will, in "Who Stole the Deacon's Outhouse?" sung with shotguns and a three-piece clue. Why the guy is always mentioned last we'll never tell you, but Ted Clauss almost stole the show as the Drunk, even though he pops up too often. And—Mike Kerns, as Superman, is enough to scare the pants off anybody.

All told, the boys and girls did a nice job which cannot be saluted individually in this short take. It was fun.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Graduate chemistry students, Room 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

All freshmen who have signed up for tennis are requested to appear with racquets at the varsity courts at 3 o'clock today.

MONDAY

Cap and gown orders, Student Union. Orders taken until Saturday noon.

4-H Club, Room 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m. Miss Pauline Locklin of the English literature department will speak on "Poetry In Rural Life."

Philotes, Room 302 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Student Radio Committee, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Penn State Club meeting, Room 110 Home Economics, 8 p.m.

Future Farmers of America, Room 412 Old Main, 7:30 p.m. Invitation members only.

TUESDAY

PSCA Forum and Council, Room 304 Old Main, 5:30 p.m.

Freshman Student Counselors, Home Economics Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega, Room 318 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

Legislature

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to be used for coal research at Penn State, passed April 29; and Senator Ziesenheim's bill giving \$200,000 for research in flax, passed April 21.

Besides these, the House appropriations committee has a bill from Representative Sarrof to give the department of health \$20,000 to be used here for child nutritional research under Dr. Pauline Beery Mack.

A resolution has kept the House from acting on any of the bills until Representative Moul completes his investigation of the College and the Soil Conservation Board for alleged non-cooperation with the federal government. Even Representative Moul, however, has expressed himself in favor of Penn State and possibly for increased appropriations.

From this muddle of bills—and a few more likely to be introduced—some will pass both houses and go to the Governor; red-haired, economy-minded Arthur James who can chop them down if he cares to although he can't increase them. The College is afraid he may do just that. Only time will tell whether he has softened from his adamant February position when he recommended the College get only \$4,375,000, no increase whatever in the College budget although it has new buildings and increased enrollment to handle.

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