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Students Okay Senate Ruling

College athletic officials drew huge sighs of relief when the eligibility amendment was passed Monday in the Athletic Association elections. This action by the students terminated what might have been an awkward situation, that of having an approved amendment turned down by the student body.

The amendment, forbidding athletes further competition after eight full semesters of study, had already been passed by the Senate Committee on Athletics and offered for student approval. This was the first amendment which had been passed by the Senate committee before student opinion had been asked.

Although the Senate group has full power to draw up eligibility rules and adopt them without student action, it has always been the practice of the athletic administrators to ask for student reaction. On the eligibility ruling, the Senate inadvertently broke its own established precedent.

Student sentiment on the eligibility amendment not only seconded the opinion of the Senate committee, but it proved a far more important thing. It demonstrated the ability of the students to intelligently vote for measures which will better Penn State.

It showed the student will vote to institute rules and principles for the betterment of the College. Does the Senate group rely upon our judgment, and is it willing to once again place its confidence in our opinions? We hope so!

Buses For Athletic Trips Gain Favor

On the fire for many years, the proposition that the Athletic Association purchase buses for use on athletic trips reached a climax when the Athletic Advisory Board unanimously passed a recommendation to that effect on Saturday.

This suggestion has been considered by many observers as a definite improvement over the present system of lugging athletic equipment in short stops by chartered bus, car, and railroad. Because the College is situated in a remote spot from transportation terminals, it has always been a problem in arranging transportation connections to various colleges.

Under the proposed set-up, the College buses would eliminate a majority of short hops from depot to hotel, from hotel to sports arena, and the inconvenience encountered in moving athletes by taxi from one place to another.

It has been proposed that one 20-passenger and one 30-passenger bus be purchased. These buses could be used for other than athletic trips when other schools of the College needed them and the buses were idle. This would help to defray the expenses.

Army, which travels approximately half as much as State, found that a bus pays for itself in three years. Presumably, the College could make a bus pay for itself in half the time or one and one-half years.

Funds would be provided from the Athletic Association and the buses would be kept downtown. The College could eventually build a central garage.



A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

We had planned a dignified retreat, rather like the last dinosaur going off quietly to die, serene in the feeling that the world has had just about all it can stand of us and that our smartest move is softly and silently to vanish away. Fate, always malignant, has left us with a trifle less than fifteen minutes to get things done with; to utter words that may damn well go ringing down the halls of time. We don't propose to become maudlin over the matter, however, so you may put away your bottles of smelling salts. Just give us a drag at that cigarette, old man, and you needn't bother with the blindfold.

We would here record the fact that we are not mad with nobody. We eschew the charges of cynicism which have been leveled at us. If we have from time to time done a bit of sneering, it was because we felt that a sneer was necessary. The nice part of writing this column has been the fact that we've been able to sit back and write as if we knew what the score was in a manner that cannot but have stirred our readers to either foaming at the mouth or contempt. Frankly, we have no idea what the score is; we're just as confused as everybody else.

Since it is journalism's stern code that the last column be signed, we find ourselves, curiously enough in a sweet and temperate mood. Besides we are no longer the source of wonder to track coaches we once were; our wind isn't getting any stronger. We have several questions which have been troubling us. We may as well mention them, now that we're closing shop. They're really not important, just interesting we think. Why, for example, do the local sock and buskin people insist upon producing such deardwully wretched plays as Mr. Wilder's lamentable "Merchant of Lonkers?" Why do the local gendarmes drive down one-way streets in an illegal direction?

Why, on considered reflection, are the local gendarmes, in the first place? Why do the students tolerate the townfolk, and why do the townfolk tolerate the students? Why doesn't somebody mention the report that whatever smacks of the vicious in our fair little hamlet is not dealt with by the legal eagles due to the unfortunate publicity which might result? Precisely what does the PSCA committee of world reconstruction propose to do about it?

What became of the bright young things who were going to show the draft boards what they thought of them. What became of the pacifists (Oh how we like those brave chaps!)? What, finally, the Hell? We don't care a great deal whether any one troubles to answer our queries. More than likely we'll get into trouble anyhow; some persons take their mortal greatness seriously. Which is either tragic or hysterically funny, depending on how you feel about it.

And that brings us somewhat abruptly to our conclusion. We have always maintained that there is something pricelessly ridiculous about both a sophomore sceptic and an adolescent idealist. Looking back, we can see that theoretically this column should have been a howl. At least it's been good clean sport.

"Revenge yourselves alone on Cassius, For Cassius is aware of the world."

JAKE HAY

CAA Is 'Military,' Survey Shows

AUSTIN, Texas, May 13.—While the nation shifts its aviation industry into high gear, pending in Congress is the renewal and expansion of the Civilian Pilot Training Program in which American colleges and universities during the last two and a half years have taken an active part.

Without any doubt, Student Opinion Surveys of America discovers, collegians the nation-over want this training continued. Interviewing a sample of students in all types of institutions, the Surveys found 92 in every 100 want the government to offer the flying courses again.

But there have been reports coming from Washington that military officials frown upon "civilian" training. "Some brass hats have from the first resented the training program as an encroachment on their domain," the Chicago Daily News commented recently. The Surveys has taken this issue before the American student body:

"If pilot training is continued in colleges, would you rather it be handled as a civilian course, an army course, or a navy course?"

Civilian, said 60%
Army, said 27
Navy, said 13
(Of those interviewed, 6 per cent had no opinion)

Letters to the Editor—

Baird Takes Issue With Sports Editor

To the Editor:

I am not used to making an issue of articles which appear in our Daily Collegian, but I find it necessary to refute Pat Nagelberg's recent column concerning my inaugural address. His charges were false in their entirety.

I made the statement "the selection of managers should be investigated, and if it is found that the managerships are being used as a political football, a more equitable system of choosing managers should be formed." He deliberately misquoted me and stated that I had made specific charges.

I realize that he did not attend the inaugural ceremonies, but he might have taken the trouble to quote his own paper accurately.

In an interview I told him that the fraternity-non-fraternity difference in representation in managerial capacities was not in my mind. In spite of this, he deliberately inferred that it was. He bluntly stated that I was making a political issue out of the question at hand.

I would like to inform him that I'm now running for no political office and have nothing to gain, and much to lose by taking the stand which I have taken. On the other hand, he might find the course he is taking to be very profitable. I would like to commend him on the fact that he can make a cross-section survey of all the coaches, captains, and managers in one evening.

He stated that a great majority of the students would be opposed to my charge. I have made no charge, but I challenge him to have some of the non-partisan members of the Collegian staff conduct a poll to determine whether an investigation into the selection of managers is needed.

All facts which I have I will present through the proper channels of student government and not through his so-called sports (?) column.

Yours,
Robert D. Baird

Coeds Want Grange For Independents

To the Editor:

Because of the obvious misrepresentation of the issues concerning Grange Dormitory's use for independent women only, we would like to clarify our reasons for favoring this movement. We present these reasons:

1. To raise the position of non-sorority women socially and to encourage their leadership on campus.
 2. To give the non-sorority women unification so that they will be able to have a representation in WSGA.
 3. To stimulate outside activities among independent women and to give them a common goal for their attainments (i.e. intramural sports).
 4. To give the non-sorority woman a living opportunity to become better acquainted with her fellow independents.
 5. To prevent sorority cliques in the dormitory and to promote a more cooperative spirit, especially in the social undertakings of the dormitory.
 6. To prove our decency by giving to a now decentralized majority a chance to manifest its identity.
- We hope they will be considered objectively and impersonally, rather than emotionally.
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Campus Calendar

TODAY

Freshman men Collegian candidates, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Reservations for the Campus Center Club picnic due today.

PSCA Cabinet, Room 304 Old Main.

TOMORROW

Food exhibit, Home Economics, 9 and 10 a.m.

Kempner To Give Government Talk

"Problems of Local Administration in European Countries," the last of a series of lectures on Pennsylvania Local Government and Administration, will be given by Dr. M. W. Kempner, professor of Local and State Government at the University of Pennsylvania, in Room 121 Sparks at 4 p.m. today.

Dr. Kempner has had a long and varied experience in public administration and has written a number of books on governmental questions.

He has travelled extensively through Europe and was in Germany for a time prior to the political revolution in 1933. He next took up residence in Florence, Italy, and later in Nice, France. He returned to Philadelphia and accepted a position at the University of Pennsylvania.

Thespians Club Taps Ten New Members

Penn State's Thespians Club "tapped" 10 new members, six sophomores, three juniors, and one senior, last night after holding its spring membership elections on Sunday.

The initiates are Edward R. Clauss '43, Laszlo J. Hetenyi '43, Herman K. Klauk '43, James A. Leyden '42, Ralph M. Pierce '42, Leon Rabinowitz '43, Donald L. Russell '43, Robert W. Saunders '42, Gerald E. Swartz '41, and Alan R. Vinicoff '43.

Initiation will be held in the Thespians club room in Schwab Auditorium at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Players To Initiate

Rex Rockwell and his band have been signed to play for the Penn State Players initiation dinner dance at the Brockerhoff in Bellefonte, Friday. Formal initiation for associate membership will be held in the Little Theatre early Friday evening.

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