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Make Your Choice

The question of completing the Old Main murals will be on the fire during these next three days when members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes vote on whether they will combine their class funds to complete the murals or choose to present individual gifts to the College.

All three class presidents who proposed the plan urged that a representative group of students from each class vote on the question. Only if a large vote is cast by each class will the composite opinion of the student body be known.

It would be an empty victory for those, including The Daily Collegian, to know that the election was won by only those persons who were interested in seeing the murals completed. Backers of the mural plan would prefer to know the attitude of a majority of each class. This can be accomplished only if students take a genuine interest in the allotting of their class funds and turn out in large numbers either today, tomorrow, or Saturday.

We believe that the opportunity to establish such an imposing class memorial as the Henry Varnum Poor murals will give the College our permanent class memorial—one which will remain in the eyes of incoming students longer than other temporary class gifts.

We suggest that the completion of such a mural project will depict to later students the history and development of the College from a backwoods college to a college that has surged to a prominent spot in the educational world.

There will be students who disagree with this viewpoint. If there are, the only logical place they can express their dissatisfaction is at the polls in Old Main. Today, tomorrow, and Saturday will be the dates students can give their stamp of approval or disapproval. After that it will be too late.

We Wonder Why

With the world turned topsy-turvy and question upon question on foreign and military affairs unanswered, we wonder why campus groups have not taken the initiative to sponsor forums. These forums could include discussions by prominent agricultural, engineering, political science, and economical experts on campus.

A progressive step in this direction has been taken by Hillel Foundation, an off-campus group, and the forums have been very successful. Faculty members, tired of classroom indifference, were glad to sink their teeth into tough questions.

Not only do these forums give the faculty members "breathers" from one-way discussions, but they have stimulated a coordination of student and faculty thought.

Last year, the PSCA sponsored forums on national and international problems and a large body of students always attended. This year, probably because of the concentration of the administration upon pertinent problems, the forums were dropped. However, again a desperate need of clear-cut information and logical thought is needed by students.

A weekly bull-session between student and faculty will go a long way in straightening out the present uncertainty and narrow perspective which may be prevalent. Like the cart without the horse, students can't be expected to have a confidence in their destiny until it is shown to them.

One Man's Meat

It's Happened Again

Loki raves on and on about the lack of interest and awareness on the part of students toward the critical national and international situation, so Japan starts shooting and now the only thing anyone is thinking and talking about is the critical, etc., situation.

Our reactions to these peculiar functions of student life have changed, however. Now we go to classes as a respite for radio-wearied ears, to exchange the latest rumor, but always with the feeling of "What's the use?" unless we're clever enough to see that we'll be more useful to our country with the maximum training we can absorb than as nearly illiterate buck privates.

Sacrificed to Mars is our favorite topic over cokes: dates. Between sips, we don't question "Who's Mary Mouse dating this weekend?" Instead, it's "Did you hear about the Prince of Wales?" and we know the questioner isn't referring to the latest escapade of an Englishman.

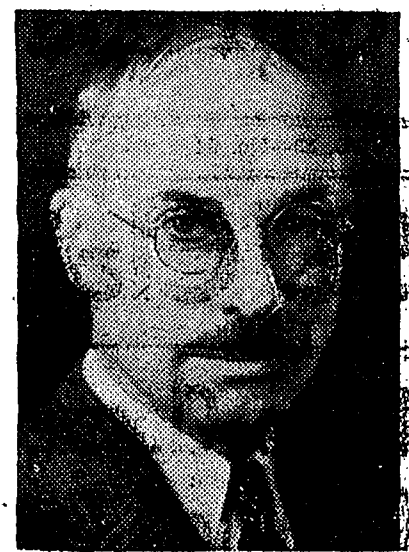
The faces at the downtown AC are the same, but they're not the same people. Sure, they still punch the pin ball machine and rattle it until it starts to whistle, but there's something new. In between thumb flicks we hear serious dissertations on the strength of the United States Navy as compared to Nipponese sea power.

So, nothing's quite the same. Lots of steadfast landmarks of student life are going to go by the board. The only thing we can do, or should do, is to acclimate ourselves as rapidly as possible to new conditions and start thinking of what kind of landmarks we want to set up to replace the old ones.

Sometimes I Wonder

This great institution of ours boasts one of the most enlightened student government set-ups in the country. But when two political parties patch up as stupid, unrealistic, and generally insipid a set of statements as did the freshman Independent and Campus parties and call those statements "platforms," I wonder what's so wonderful about student government. Cabinet has been the target of student criticism almost every time the august members have deemed it necessary to legislate on some matter of import. Yet neither of the platforms takes a stand on any of the major issues which Cabinet has acted upon or still has before it.

Most of the two "platforms" were given over to supporting movements, promoting relations, and being as innocuous as possible. Maybe my ideas about platforms are old-fashioned, but I always thought that a platform was supposed to give the voters an idea of how the party stood on major political issues. Of course, I could be wrong—it's happened before. —LOKI



ELECTED CHAIRMAN—Frank D. Kern, dean of the Graduate School, above, was elected chairman of the graduate section of the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- TODAY**
- Theta Sigma Phi meeting, Kappa Alpha Theta house, 6:30 p. m.
 - Penn State Grange, election of officers, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.
 - Lecture on "The Soil in Your Own Backyard" by Dr. Richard Bradford, head of the department of agronomy, Cornell University. Speech by Ernest W. Meyer, professor of political science at Bucknell University and former secretary of the German Embassy in Washington, 110 Home Economics Building, 8 p. m.
 - All senior women are invited to join the local branch of the American Association of University Women for tea in the southeast lounge of Atherton Hall, 7:45 p. m. Mrs. Gertrude Marvyn Williams will speak on "Women in World Affairs."
 - Fireside sessions meeting, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.
 - Forestry Society business meeting, 105 Forestry, 7:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served.
 - Motion pictures on co-operatives, Wesley Foundation, 8 p. m.
 - Cosmopolitan Club, Dean Kern's home at 144 W. Fairmount ave., 8 p. m.
 - Cercle Francais Christmas party, Grange Playroom, 7:15 p. m.
 - Meeting of Collegian sophomore board at 5 p. m.
 - Ski Club meets in 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
 - Swimming Club divers meet at White Hall Pool at 7:15 p. m. swimmers at 7:30 p. m.; pictures to be taken.
 - Coffee Round Table discussion at Hillel Foundation at 4 p. m.
 - PSCA Seminar, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p. m. Foreign students discussion.
 - Ag. Ed. Club skating party in Armory, 7 to 11 p. m.
- TOMORROW**
- Special Chanuka Service at Hillel Foundation at 7:15 p. m.
 - All senior members of Blue Key have been invited to attend the Blue Key dance at the Nittany Lion Inn, 8 p. m.

Aristocrats Billed For Forestry Ball

The fifth annual Forestry Ball, with music by the Penn State Aristocrats, will be staged at Rec Hall from 9 to 12 p. m. Saturday.

Once again the footsteps of Paul Bunyan will be seen imprinted on the sidewalks of the campus as he trudges up to Rec Hall to assume his watch at the dance.

Paul will keep his vigil through a setting of hemlock, pine, and an assortment of other trees. At the extreme end of the floor will be a realistic waterfall, added to make the dance floor resemble a forest.

There will be a representation from Mont Alto Forestry School, dates being secured by the PSCA. This is the third year the forestry ball is an All-College dance. Dress is informal.

3 Classes Will Vote On Mural Completion

(Continued from Page One) Krouse said. Each class must individually poll a majority vote to approve the plan, Krouse said.

"This is an opportunity to establish an imposing class memorial to pay tribute to the best traditions of Penn State," Blakeslee said. "It is one that is everlastingly permanent and needs no upkeep. The mural is located at a place where more people pass than anywhere else on the campus."

Concerning the artist, Krouse remarked, "Poor is now at the peak of his career and can give the College added prestige as a member of the staff during his stay."

"The idea of having an artist of Poor's standing employed and observed by the student body on the creation of an important work of art is so unusual that it would greatly increase the publicizing value of the project," Grey said.

READ THE COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIEDS

- SAURDAY**
- Players advertising crew meets, 1:15 p. m., 302 Old Main.
 - Roller skating in Armory, 2 to 5 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m., 9 to 11 p. m. Admission, 20 cents per person.

Late News Flashes

(Continued from Page One) **RUSSIANS COUNTER ATTACK MOSCOW**—The Russians are advancing along the entire front, having recaptured ten more villages to the Northwest of the capital. It was also reported that Germany has been withdrawing large numbers of planes from the Russian front, leaving the Soviet Air Force in complete mastery of the air.

REPORT FRENCH GIVE SHIPS—BERNE.—Diplomatic sources here last night said that at a meeting between Vice Admiral Darlan and Count Ciano, Darlan had turned part of the French fleet over to the Axis, along with access to French bases in West Africa.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

- Books
- Stationery
- Wallets
- Playing Cards
- Book Ends
- Pen Sets
- Key Cases
- Type-writers

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