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Dear Prexy . . .

Prexy, years ago you came to this land-grant College from the mountains of New England, to a campus where student leaders looked at you with cautious eyes.

You started your job and before the year was out, the campus gathered at your door to call you "Prexy." The campus still does.

Prexy, you came to this campus with the belief that young America was the hope of future America. You had a belief that these "kids" could govern themselves in this democracy of ours. Today, Penn State is known as one of the strongest centers of student government, by students and for students, in this country.

Prexy, we come to you today with our old title of affection, respect in our hearts, but a searing question in our minds. We believe in democracy. Some of us will be graduated and we'll die for democracy. We want it here and now, at Penn State. We believe you want it for us.

The foundations of student democracy on this campus are today being attacked, Prexy. Aside from the petty details of constitutionality and who made what typographical errors, we believe the PSCA-All-College Cabinet conflict has evolved into a supreme test case of whether our ideal of self-government at Penn State is to be a mockery or a reality.

Prexy, not this year, or last year, but through many years past, student leaders have had a vision of a sound method of self-control; they wanted to follow the cautious administrative viewpoint you had shown to them. They wanted all student activities to be on a sound financial basis. Slowly the Associated Activities office came into being. Student activities represented in the student government, in addition to those not represented, crowded to take advantage of a plan which would safely and competently account for and audit their funds.

Until today, Prexy. Until the PSCA decided not merely to refuse All-College Cabinet accounting of their funds, but to go to the Senate Committee on Student Welfare and challenge the right of Cabinet to maintain power.

Prexy, this is not a Constitution at stake. This is not a question of whether or not PSCA acknowledges its responsibilities as a student activity.

Prexy, this is a challenge to democracy on the Penn State campus. We're fighting a war for democracy. Oregon has been bombed. This newspaper you are reading was put out during a blackout.

Prexy, what is going to happen to democracy at Penn State?

This is what the PSCA says. It says the All-College Constitution has loopholes in it. It says Cabinet has no power to dictate to its member activities. It says if the Constitution was legally impregnable, the All-College Cabinet could not exercise this power.

This is what we say, Prexy. We say that stu-



Lion Tales

Midst blackouts (okay, have it your way), dim-outs, rubber salvages, and stamp corsages, we come through with the following jingle concerning life in general at Penn State.

I Wanna

I wanna go in swimmin'  
I wanna drink my beer  
I wanna meet some wimmin'  
I wanta get some cheer  
But Doggies' doors are closed to me  
Joe's matric card doesn't click  
My tires gave out in misery  
Oh Gawd, it makes me sick.

Froshman Fantasy

All in a dither last Saturday p. m. about meeting their first Penn State coeds, three froshmen sat twiddling their thumbs in Mac Hall lobby. Another bedinked lad wandered vaguely through the portals. He puckered up his face in quizzical fashion. "How do I get my date, boys," he addressed his brothers under the dink.

"If hat men can do it, so can we," the three cronies mused. "Go up the stairs and ask at the desk." Eddie Hitchens pointed out the directions. The lad climbed the steps. Feminine screams echoed throughout the building.

Unabashed, but red, the youngster dismounted, saying, "There's no desk up there."

Daytime Drivel

Pearl Koplovitz, AEPHI prexy, is wearing a Phi Ep badge as bestowed recently by Mervin Quartner. Jeannette Lose's accelerated program called for a restoration of her figam pin back on Bob Morgan . . . a week later . . . a diamond from home-town-hero Nevin Stetler. Jackie Reese's sparkler came via Fort Belvoir, Va.

Rush Me, Kids!

Out of the maze of rushing comes a yarn of a little tyke named Tommie who rushed Greeks off their feet. When present at one of the alleged sorority houses, she kerplunked herself on the floor; kicked her heels in glee as she scanned the adventures of Dick Tracy and Flash Gordon.

"I'm showing off for you," she remarked to astounded Greeks. The tables had turned.

Quizzical Questions

Questions of the month . . . will the 10 couples at the Cwen dance suffer from White Hall heat? . . . will the PSCA battle a technicality while MacArthur battles the Japs? . . . will the cover on "Funny" Froth be a novelty in cheesecake photography? . . . who is Penn State's new stocking girl? —THE CUB

Coeds Give Up Socks

MADISON, WIS.—(ACP)—Most women are guarding their hose like precious jewels these days, but six University of Wisconsin coeds have abandoned socks for campus wear and are giving their hose special endurance tests.

Jean Henkel, assistant in the home economics department, has been conducting the experiment since November to determine which kind of hose now available will wear the longest. The coeds, selected because they walk a lot, are wearing mercerized cotton, nylon, and silk stockings an equal number of times, keeping a daily report chart on snags and runs.

Results of the study will be submitted for a master's thesis, Miss Henkel explained. The girls follow detailed instructions for washing and general care, use the same type of soap powder, and note effects of high heels and oxfords. A certain number of "mends" are allowed, but so far the only casualties have been the silk hose.

dents want their activities governed by Cabinet. An overwhelming vote on the PSCA situation proves this true. We say that if the Constitution is imperfect, the students will correct this through their proper channels. But, Prexy, we say that PSCA challenges the very basic power of the student democracy on this campus by its action of going to the Committee on Student Welfare.

Our government gets its power from its people who are dying for it. The student body at Penn State must get its power from the administration of this land-grant College.

Prexy, what is going to happen to democracy at Penn State?

—B. M. W.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Meeting of the Old Main Open House committee, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.

Froshman Forum Social committee meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.

Special party for transfer students and ensigns, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m.

PSCA Community service meeting, Room E, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Worship Study group meets, Hillel Foundation, 7 p. m.

Compulsory meeting of sophomore women's Collegian business board in Collegian office, 4 p. m.

Meeting of Collegian sophomore men's and women's business and editorial boards in Room 8, Carnegie Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Hillel Round-Table discussion, Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

PSCA-Hillel Bible Study group meets, Hillel Foundation, 7 p. m.

Cwens meeting, Miss Stevenson's apartment, 9 p. m.

TOMORROW

Hillel Friday evening services.

Expert To Direct

Folk Dancing Class

Early American folk dancing will be taught to all interested students, faculty and townspeople from 7 to 10 o'clock tonight in Rec Hall. Albert E. Haynes, nationally known exponent of Early American Country Dancing, will direct the program which is sponsored by WRA.

A former actor and director on the stage and in the movies, Mr. Haynes is social director of Henry Ford's Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Mass. He is spending the week at Penn State, conducting a concentrated dance symposium.

Included in tonight's program will be the heel and toe polka, square dances, the duchess, and barn dances.

Showing of Palestine movie, "They Build to Defend," 7:15 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lion Coats may now be obtained at downtown clothing stores.

Campus News Briefs

Lodge Open Sundays

Ralph Watts Lodge, the Penn State Christian Association's cabin in Shingletown Gap, will be open to students, townspeople, and faculty members every Sunday during the Summer Semester from 3 to 8 p. m.; the PSCA announced last night.

A host or hostess will be on hand to greet those who hike or bike to the Association's lodge on Tussey Mountain. Plans have been made to sell refreshments to those who prefer going out to the cabin without packed lunches.

Maps of the route to the lodge may be secured at the PSCA's office, 304 Old Main.

Grange Holds Mixer

A hot dog roast will be the main feature of the annual Grange mixer for all freshmen and transfers which will be held in Hort Woods at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Committee heads and members are: entertainment, Laura J. Weaver '43, chairman, and Edward S. Barben '43, Robert L. Cowan '44; food, E. Anne Garber '45, chairman, and Paul I. Gift '45, Nancy J. Hodgson '45, Carl Widmer '45.

Fire, Elwood A. Way '43, chairman, and Rebecca J. Way '45; publicity, Mary J. Malnar '45, chairman, and Peggy E. Jack '45, Catherine L. Miller '45, Joseph G. Sick, special student.

Architect Wins Prize

The department of architecture received word yesterday that Wesley R. Burns '43, an architecture student, was awarded third prize in the Eastern Region Illuminating Engineering Society Prize competition.

The design entered by Burns, depicting interior and exterior illumination for a super market, will be sent to Detroit where it will be entered in the national competition, prizes for which will be awarded sometime this month.

22 To Take Drafting

Airplane drafting, ESMDT course, will definitely be given, it was announced last night by B. K. Johnstone, professor of architecture.

Passing the needed quota of 18 applicants, 22 students have enrolled for the course, insuring its start on July 1. The course has no tuition, fees, or equipment expenses attached to it.

Fashion Show

(Continued from Page One) leased by Fredman last night are Arthur R. Thormann '43, George Pittenger '44, Jack Whitaker '46, Lynn Kippax '44, Joe Ganz '43, Gerald Waxman '43, and Milton J. Bergstein '44.

Open House goers who attend the fashion show from 8:30 to 9 p. m. tomorrow will also find an added attraction in the Blue Band which has been contacted to play a "pop-concert," a program of popular concert pieces, given in an informal setting from 7:45 to 8:30.

Once again, after the fashion show, Old Main will be turned over to the student body who will be able to participate in square dancing on the front terrace or social dancing in the Sandwich Shop. The first floor lounge, along with the fourth floor game rooms will be turned over to board and table games. President Hetzel's office will again be open to the students.

Ten Frosh Exempt

Ten more freshmen have been added to the English Composition I exemption list, it was announced last night by the English department. They are George Arnold, Barbara Anderson, Mary Glenn, Betsy Merkle, John Moffitt, Jack Nesbitt, Ruth Pielemeier, Owen Ridenour, Pauline Rife, and Ray Shibly.

Froshman Debate Tryouts

Additional tryouts for the freshman debate squad will be held tonight at 7 p. m. in 305 Sparks because of the conflict with the Mass Meeting held for the freshmen Tuesday evening. The topic for the speeches will be Resolved: That air power will play a leading role in the present conflict.

CORRECTION

Our advertisement in yesterday's Collegian should have indicated that the Corner would not be open for business during the dimout.

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