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Comedy In Schwab

"Penn State's All-College political campaign gets under way in big-time style today . . ." We're quoting from the story in yesterday's Daily Collegian announcing the big political convention that was supposed to be held in Schwab Auditorium last night, complete with Blue Band and cheerleaders.

Farce is the only word that comes to mind when you think of the turnout at this so-called convention. There were 28 politicians on the platform and about 40 more would-be's out front, with a mere handful of the student voters lost in the empty spaces to the rear.

Here was assembled the little group of leaders who aspire to the position of running the student end of Penn State for the next year. Through the hands of half of this small group will pass more than \$25,000 in inter-class funds. Added to this is between two and three thousand dollars in compensation for officers and committees. Although they don't actually handle the cash, these people will direct the spending. Did you know that it's your money?

Sure, you'll go to the polls and vote for the candidate that suits you best. We wager you might have changed your mind had you attended the "huge" convention last night and heard the insincere phrases stumbling from the lips of these candidates. One man said he favored bike racks back of buildings but that he doubted that it would go through because of a lack of material. So that lets that one out. And there was much more of the same.

Only bright note of the evening came when the new "Victory Party" came forth with what hit us as some good ideas. We're not urging support for any particular party, but we urge you to take another look before you vote. Personality always plays a big part, and so does organization. No doubt they will continue to do so. But for the first time in quite a few years, a political party has dared put forth something new in the way of a platform. R.T.K.

Pre-Induction

Going into the Army? Then would you rather be a private for a long time, or make a quick advancement?

Most students in college, and indeed, a majority of men already in the armed services, feel that being an officer is better than a buck private. To help Penn Staters who will be inducted soon, a pre-induction course was planned to help the fellow entering the service to get off to a good start.

What the sponsors of the course have in mind is really a leadership course, not necessarily a pre-induction course. It was held in R. C. T. C. Scribbling



Nothing BUT The Truth

(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and are not necessarily those of The Daily Collegian.)

Ya know, it's just like we were tellin' Joe the other night when the two of us were discussin' four years of College:

Ya sure do run across all kinds of guys 'n gals—GUYS who all think their ideas about the world are dead right and guys who will never have a real idea as long as they live. GALS who are supposed to be learning the real facts of life (and we don't mean Soc. 4) who have no other aim whatsoever than getting the best booth in the Corner Room or finding out all the latest dirt—and the dirtier, the better.

GUYS who work night and day at a job and then sadly find out that it's not WHAT you know but WHO you know, who find out that waiting on tables, downing a couple of beers in the 'Skeller, or being an athletic flash is the secret to the college man's idea of success in college.

GUYS who spend night after night searching and researching over a dignified test tube wondering where their next dollar is coming from. . . GUYS spending 24 hours daily in relaxation who don't give a damn where their next dollar is coming from.

BRILLIANT MINDS stumbling through four years of college, who, unless they have the good fortune to meet up with someone or something to give them a healthy shove, will end up as they started—an absolute nobody.

Both GUYS 'n GALS whose sole pleasure and personal humor is derived from the art of riding, who will never realize that there is no human being alive who is not secretly offended thereby.

A few PROFS who will never have the faintest idea of human nature—the understanding of which, incidentally, is man's greatest asset—who will finish a life-time of teaching still putting students to sleep and still wondering why only half the class shows up each period, who will never realize that after leading the horse to water his job is to make him drink, otherwise he will ultimately be classed as a failure.

GUYS who still think the secret to success lies in a covert cloth suit, a hat turned up at a silly angle in the back, and a pair of Correvan shoes. . . and who will always blame everything pertaining to government on "politics."

Other PROFS who will always make it impossible to break down the wall between students and themselves because they either overestimate their intellect, don't have the time, or just don't give a damn. Their number, thank God, is becoming smaller and smaller.

Or the GALS 'n GUYS who spend endless hours in bull sessions which consist solely of one individual trying to tell a bigger story than the other and ending up with every participant thinking secretly the other is a liar.

Yea, Joe agreed, you sure meet some funny people like this. . . guys and gals and profs and others who will always be against a thing but never for it.

GUYS 'n GALS who don't want Collegian columns filled with talk about politics or war or human nature, but who read only the latest gossip, clever poem, funniest joke, news about his fraternity or sorority, or, most important of all, his own name.

But realizing that this, too, is the foundation of human nature, we cheerfully tried to give it straight as we saw and heard it. It was especially fun under cover of the name George Spelvin, Jr., which we plagiarized from Mr. Westbrook Pegler. And thus we emerge to hand over this space to someone who knows more about column writing than this innocent bystander will ever know.

—ROBERT W. COOPER

is wrong when only 32 sign up to take a course of such importance. Most everyone is "in favor" of it, but no actual participation on the individual's part has been in evidence.

Do our Penn State men consider this course unnecessary? Do they feel they'll get this training in the service anyway? It is difficult to specify what ever is holding back the plan. However, any male student still has a chance to sign up for leadership pre-induction training tonight and tomorrow night between 7 and 8 o'clock in 3 Carnegie Hall.

We, The Women Are Coeds Forgetting Their Own Morale?

Coeds may think they're aiding the war effort by knitting, making surgical dressings, and buying war stamps. They are, but at this point they aren't helping their own morale.

Central point on a dormitory table these days is the sugar bowl, a meager sight compared to pre-war days. The contents could be increased with a little cooperation from women students.

Time and time again announcements have been made in dining halls asking coeds to turn in their sugar rationing cards. It isn't that dieticians want the job of filing and taking care of all these books. The government has asked for them.

Unless coeds turn in their coupons for sugar allotment, it will be the coeds themselves who will suffer. In order to supply each table with an adequate amount of sugar each day, the card of every coed should be turned in to the dining commons head. These are then turned over to the government. Unless the card of each coed is on hand, each woman will receive less sugar.

At the present time many books are still missing. It is up to every coed to turn in her card.

You can't have your cards and sugar, too. Or are you indifferent? —M. J. W.

TKE Elects Officers

New officers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, elected at a recent meeting, are William G. Gotherman '44, president; John C. Crum '44, vice-president; Richard E. Marsh '44, pledge-trainer; Carroll S. Barton '45, secretary; Charles G. Kunz '44, treasurer; John D. Neel '45, historian; Richard S. Clarkson '45, sergeant-at-arms; Howard J. Walker '44, chaplain; and Stewart C. Kines '44, social chairman.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
Circulo Espagnole meets in Grange playroom, 7 o'clock.
International Relations Club, Room 8, 7 o'clock.

AA nominating committee meets on East balcony, 4 p. m. Athletic coaches, team captains, and managers are urged to attend.

Meeting of Campus '45 in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.

Duplicate bridge party in White Hall playroom 7 p. m. tonight. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Ski Troops

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followed in training Mountain Forces, step by step.

Physical requirements are the same as those of the regular army medical examination. Men classed as "Limited Service" may be acceptable, if they have exceptional qualifications either for regular or specialized duties.

Similar to regular army procedure, thirteen weeks' basic training are required. For men who are assigned to the mountain units, this basic training will be with the Mountain Training Center.

Debate Schedule

Penn State's varsity debate squad, with three debates already under their belt this semester, is looking forward to six more discussions within the next few months.

After meeting Albright twice this month, the College team travels to Lock Haven for a discussion late in November, and on December 2, they meet the Lehigh debaters at home. Participation in the Lock Haven. Discussion Festival December 4 and 5, and a debate with Navy in January will end the fall season for the debaters.

"The Coke's in"



"That's the happy greeting heard today when a new supply of Coke arrives at a cooler. Folks wait for it . . . wait because the only thing like Coca-Cola is Coca-Cola itself. Customers smile and start moving up to pause and be refreshed.

"There's a cheerful spirit about this way of accepting wartime restrictions. Morale is high."

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