

V-Party Dies; Metzger Shifts To New Slate

Independents '45 Enter Wild Political Scrap

The death knell tolled for Penn State's three-day-old Victory Party, the dormant Independent '45 underwent a revival, and one of the Campus-Mixed Party's candidates switched to the new '45 slate of yesterday, as the College's wildest political campaign entered its third day.

End of George W. Smith's war-born third party came at 7 p. m. last night, after the clique's nominee for All-College vice-president, Robert Dennison, was disqualified for not having the required "1" average. Rather than enter the race three days late with a new running mate, Smith withdrew his candidacy for All-College president and thus buried the Victory Party.

Smith's withdrawal was overshadowed a few minutes later, when Kathryn K. Metzger '45, candidate for vice-president on the Campus-Mixed slate, announced she was withdrawing from the C-M ticket and joining forces with a newly formed Independent '45 clique.

"I didn't know all the details when I agreed to run with Campus-Mixed; now that I know the facts, I've decided to be an Independent candidate '45," Metzger stated in making the switch.

Official notification of the formation of the third sophomore class slate came a few minutes later, when Howard W. Carlson, clique chairman of the resurrected Independents '45, stated that the group plans to back a complete ticket in next week's elections.

The new clique plans to support
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Blue Band Leaves At 11 Today For Philadelphia; Will Play At Penn Game

Eighty-one strong, Penn State's Blue Band will leave State College at 11 a. m. today on its first trip this season, heading for Philadelphia where it will perform before grid followers at the football game against Penn in Franklin Field tomorrow afternoon.

Instrumentalists making the trip include:

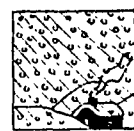
Trombones: William L. Keefauver, Robert R. McCoy, Glenn E. Orndorf, Robert Gardner, John S. McKean, George A. Roye, Samuel A. Bomgardner, and Oliver Elwood.

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Finance Committee Proposes Reduced Assessment

Penn State's Interclass Finance Committee made a recommendation last night to the All-College Cabinet which, if approved by this body, will be influential in smashing a seven year precedent. Formerly the College has assessed each student, following his admission to the College, a fee of \$4.50 for men and \$3.30 for women per semester. Inflicted primarily to cover the cost of producing the La Vie and other incidentals, it has become a custom among the student body to see this tax on their fee sheets.

By a partial elimination of the \$1500 sum set aside for the maintenance of the Blue Band, the Committee was in a position to make this proposed adjustment. Since this budget covers only the period between January and September 1943 when the Blue Band is practically inactive, it permitted this reduction in the Band allotment. However, a sum of \$200 was set aside for dry cleaning and various expenses the band might incur during the intervening period.

"It is hoped that this reduction will be effective throughout the war and that the present change will become a stabilized thing even after that time, but of course the dynamic conditions during the present crises cannot permit static plans to be formulated," said Robert L. Mawhinney '43, chairman of the board. "College enrollment permitting and other conditions remaining as they are at the present time, we are hoping that the expressed plan will become part of the regular fee assessment and that the time will come when it can be lowered even further," he added.

The new 30-cent reduction, if approved by the All-College Cabinet and if worked in conjunction with the Collegian Check-off plan, will enable the student body to obtain the annual subscription for 85-cents instead of the originally planned dollar.

Although the Check-off Plan is still in its preliminary state at the present time, it has been emphasized that the reduction will fit into the Check-off Plan without incurring too drastic a change in the regular fee rates.

However, if the Check-off Plan is approved by the general student body at the coming All-College elections, it will be listed on the fees as one dollar per semester but in reality will only cost 85-cents above the regularly charged rates if the 30-cent reduction meets the approval of the All-College Cabinet.

Late News

WASHINGTON—The Senate has passed the 18-19 year old draft bill and has sent it to President Roosevelt, who will probably sign the bill today. The first draft is expected to take place within 30 or 40 days.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA—Admiral Darlan, broadcasting from Allied headquarters in North Africa, asked the commanders of the French Fleet in Toulon to bring their ships to North Africa.

CAIRO—Blasted by the RAF and pursued by Lt. Gen. Montgomery's desert troops, Marshal Rommel's badly-battered Afrika Korps is fleeing pell-mell and is reported 140 miles into Libya. German rear guards are evacuating Tobruk.

MOSCOW—Russian troops threw back strong Nazi attacks on the Stalingrad front and killed 200 Germans. Winter is settling over Russia and Russian sources believe that the Nazis will not launch any new strong offensives.

One Of Newest Players' Comers To Play Shrewd Ingenue In New Show—"Ghosts"

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on members of Players' next production, "Ghosts."

One of the newest comers to the Penn State Players' troupe is Dorothy T. Koush '44, a second semester junior who transferred to Penn State from Altoona Undergraduate Center at the beginning of the Summer semester.

Miss Koush has played three parts since she started working with Players. All three have been of the ingenue type, although each has had a different personality.

In "The Rivals," Miss Koush was the flirtatious Lydia Languish;

in "Ephrata," a one-act play written by Kathryn M. Popp '43 and Frank S. Neusbaum, professor of dramatics, she was a sister in a religious order.

Now, in "Ghosts," Hendrik Ibsen's greatest tragedy, Miss Koush is Regina, a calculating maid whose main ambition is to associate with "gentle folk," as she calls them.

Although she has not yet attained the ten points that would entitle her to membership, Miss Koush is an associate Player. She attributes her increasing ease on the stage to the help and constructive criticism offered her by the various men who have directed her plays.

Dinglebury Predicts 'Awful' Grid Weather

J. Solvency Dinglebury, Collegian's weather cat, staggered into the Collegian office last night, the eve of Friday the thirteenth, reeking from chloroform and holding an umbrella, and stated without wasting words, "The weather in Philadelphia this weekend is going to be awful."

Dinglebury, who has only eight more lives to live owing to the fact that he committed suicide after incorrectly predicting a lot of precipitation for the Inter-Fraternity Ball weekend, has often been wrong, but occasionally has come through with a correct statement of future weather conditions.

Willing to take a chance on another of the eight lives he has left, Dinglebury promised Collegian reporters that he would commit suicide again if his latest prediction did not come true.

Finance And Municipal Officers Hold Confab

Seventh annual meeting of Municipal and Local Finance Officers of Pennsylvania, conducted by the Institute of Local Government and extension services of the college, will be held today and tomorrow.

Registration for delegates is scheduled at the Nittany Lion Inn, 11 a. m. today.

Debate Entries Due December 1

Candidates who plan to enter the second annual Intercollegiate Radio Prize Debate must register with Prof. John H. Frizzell, head of the speech department, by December 1.

Those who enter the contest will have to submit a complete outline by December 12 on the debate topic, "Should American youth support the re-establishment after the war of competitive enterprise as our dominant economic system?"

First prize in the contest is a \$1,000 war bond and \$250 cash. Second prize will be a \$500 war bond and \$125 in cash.

The contest, under the auspices of the American Economic Foundation, last year included 185 universities and colleges representing 44 states. Larry T. Chervenak '44, last year's winner at the College, was defeated in the semi-finals at Buffalo.

Sixteen qualifying prizes for sectional winners will give \$50 to eight first place sectional winners, while \$25 goes to each of the eight second place winners. Traveling expenses of qualifying winners who go into the national competition will be paid for by the sponsors of the contest.

Announces Plan



Robert L. Mawhinney '43, Interclass Finance Committee chairman, announced a new plan last night, designated to reduce the Blue Band's annual assessment from \$1500 to \$200.

IMA, Penn State Club Join Hands; Agree On Cabinet Delegate

Executive committees of the Penn State Club and the Independent Men's Association met last night to consider joining their interests and organizations as a whole.

Both organizations pledged their cooperation to act as one united body with one man representing both associations in All-College Cabinet.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of unification during the present crises, Bursar Russell E. Clark, counsel for the Penn State Club, said "Now is the time to join hands in one common cause and for one purpose—we must have complete cooperation."

Although the main theme of the meeting was one of cooperation the representatives of both bodies hinted, however, that no politics would be considered in the affairs at hand since both organizations are independent of political standing.

Campus Groups Honor International Day

All-College Cabinet, in collaboration with four other campus groups, will sponsor a special mass meeting to commemorate International Student Day in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p. m. Tuesday.

The program will feature music by the Penn State Glee Club and addresses by Miss Kung Pu-Sheng, Chinese YWCA Secretary; Dr. H. M. Miller, co-author of the Czechoslovakian Constitution; and Dr. Roy McCorkel of Swarthmore Col.

Invitation Orders

Tomorrow is the last day for seniors to get graduation announcements and invitations at the Student Union desk, according to Frank R. Flynn '43.

Can Silence Or Quiet Be Found Anywhere? Students Are Overcome By Lack Of Peace In Daily Life

Is there such a thing as quiet? Can there be complete silence? These are two questions which have been bothering students for a long time and there are many good reasons for asking them.

Let's start with the break of dawn, when students get up to go to their eight o'clocks, and see if there is such a thing as silence or quiet throughout the day.

Students wake up growling at their alarm clocks for making so much noise in getting them out of bed, interrupting their so-called peace, namely sleep. The next step is to walk into the washroom to cleanse themselves, and what happens here? Water beats against the wash bowl with anything but a pleasant noise, some are brushing their teeth and yawning to beat the band.

Next on the undergraduate's daily routine is breakfast. Silence is interrupted here by the tingling noise of silverware scraping

against chinaware, eggs frying on the griddle, and countermen howling at the top of their voices, "draw two."

And then come classes. Besides profs exercising their vocal chords throughout the 50, and many times unbearable, minutes, students keep scratching their pens and pencils against note paper, make crackling noises with their chewing gum, and insist on whispering and shifting from one side of their seats to the other, making creasing sounds in the process.

Lunch and dinner are about the same as breakfast, but then study hour arrives. Students get all set to "get on the ball" when a telephone call takes them away from their conscientiousness. The person calling wants to know what the assignment is for this or that course. He does not know it because he was attending Sleep 200 during that hour. The conversation over, the somewhat weary frosh, soph,

junior or senior now believes that he will be able to get some work done.

But along comes someone who asks him what the formula is for a physics problem and how the formula applies to the problem. Then the studying student is interrupted by a friend who wants to borrow a book or a pencil or some note paper or anything else that can take him away from his books.

Finally, Joe Stude gets a chance to study without being bothered for a full hour, only to have to listen to a clock tick away, the wind howl outside, or the blasting of typewriter keys from his roommates machine.

It seems that the only time silence or quietness is achieved is during the few hours of sleep that the average student gets, and even then peace and solitude may be hard to attain.

Is there such a thing as quiet? Can there be a complete silence? Who knows the answers?