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Wanted: Wise Voters

All-College elections which are scheduled for next week bring up one of the most important questions of student government, namely, how to get the student body to cast its vote. All too many students seem to adopt the attitude that elections concern only those immediately connected with the political parties—the clique members, officers and nominees.

This semester, more than ever, it is essential that the students take an active part in the election. In accordance with the revisions made last semester of the College constitution, an old custom of pre-war days will be revived. This is the election of an All-College president and secretary by the entire student body.

A democratic election cannot be successful unless there is a widespread popular interest in it, and this interest must arise spontaneously from the voters. It is not enough that students just cast their votes. If Penn State wants student government that it can be proud of, one that truly represents the students enrolled, these votes must be cast wisely.

To vote wisely does not mean to study carefully the candidate's photos. Neither does it mean to glance at the party he may be affiliated with. It does mean, however, looking into his past record of activities and gaining a personal knowledge of his attitude and personality if at all possible.

But not until everyone considers it his duty to vote and to vote wisely will an election be completely successful. When a politician leads a voter to the polls, the result is not necessarily an intelligent vote.

Welcome Freshmen

Each semester it has been the custom of the Collegian staff to dedicate an editorial to welcoming the incoming freshmen. The "frosh" of the last few semesters have been greeted in various ways. Some editors just extend the short greeting of "Welcome frosh." Others, feeling the weight of the world upon their shoulders, come forth with fatherly words of advice and with morose warnings about the evils of exciting the wraiths of Judicial and Tribunal by breaking customs.

This semester the staff wishes to say as usual "Hi, frosh. We hope that you will be happy here at the College." The Collegian also wishes to issue the usual advice to new students about obeying customs and regulations in order to hasten the dates on which green bows and green dinks will be removed, thereby making freshmen indistinguishable from other students on campus.

But, more important than words of welcome and advice is the plea for freshmen cooperation in extra-curricular and social functions at the College. Students who enroll for the first time, either as freshmen or as transfers, at the beginning of the summer semester have an advantage over fall and winter enrollees. Whereas, those who join the College in the fall and winter usually have to wait until they are upperclassmen to get a real chance to participate in the various activities, new summer semester students have the opportunity to show their abilities almost immediately. These openings for freshmen are brought about by the decrease in upperclass enrollment during the summer months.

New students owe it to the College as well as to themselves to dig out their talents and put them to good use working for some campus group. Without the enlistment of freshmen aid many of the organizations may have to become inactive for the summer months.

Penn Statements

By HELEN HATTON

A few short weeks ago we kissed our dear friends goodbye and left this peaceful Nittany vale for a ten day leave. Time went by fast and what seemed the next day we were back—that is some of us.

Stumbling off the bus we immediately sensed that something seemed different. It wasn't the weather because it was typical of State College. It wasn't the campus either. Aside from the bustle of activity about the mushroom-like growing Navy building contrasting with strangely stilly sorority houses all seemed much the same.

It wasn't until we limped down to the dorm dragging our suitcases behind that we realized what was different. It was the faces. The personnel has changed so completely in our absence that we now feel like a stranger ourselves.

It's not that we don't welcome the frosh or summer sessioners either. It's just the fact that we've spent seven semesters learning names and faces and now we have to start all over again. That's why we're bitter.

Now that the ordeal of registering is over, finding our way to classes and buying books seems to be the main objectives. Metzgers have a new slogan this semester. "You can get it at Metzgers—if we can find it." Clerks

go about the store muttering to themselves, "but they couldn't have all burned."

Speaking of fire, the Alpha Fire Company seems to be doing quite a little business these days. "Hum" Fishburn seems to be right at home running the horse races.

If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I never would have believed it. But I swear it's true. There are now benches on our very own campus. Of course they're all conveniently cemented down under powerful lights.

Then there's the story about the male frosh who called up the coed in 405 Ath to find out if that was the room where they were having the open house—and like a good PSCAer, she gave him a hearty welcome to Penn State.

'Tis politickin' time again and the Nittany and Keys are out drumming up trade. Don't say we didn't warn you.

Old Mania

By PEGGIE WEAVER

Hi frosh! It's good to see you on campus—there's nothing like a little green to make everyone happier and start the old reminiscing. We've also seen some new V-12ers looking over the campus. Glad to have you aboard, boys.

But without our frosh this would be a pretty sad place this semester with no one back but the eager beavers, the kids who decided going to school is a better deal than working, and the I-want-to-get-out-of-here-but-fast kids. They tell me vacations are great things.

For anyone not familiar with this journalistic enterprise, this is a dirt column . . . pinnings, engagements, marriages, depinnings, visits and what have you. Anytime you've got an item for maniac just drop a line to the Collegian office or call 167 Atherton. Thank you.

Rice and Old Shoes

In June, the traditional month of brides at least four coeds took final vows. Kappa Irish Matthewson became Mrs. Russell Day in Trenton June 23rd. Irish and Russ, a navy man, are spending the remainder of his leave in town.

Rhea Silverstone, AEPi, and Lt. Murray Freedman, Pi Lam alum, middle aided it too.

Kappa Janie Watson and Marine Lt. Hal Paige were married in State College on June 21st.

Shirley Kohn and Joseph Boscov, Gamma Sig alum, were married on June 24.

SDT Irene Klein wears a sparkler from Larry Schwartz . . . Alene Babbitt Delta Gam and Don Swanson Phi Gam are engaged.

Only a few pins changed hands between semesters—Jean Knox wears Guy Eckman's Sigma Chi jewelry. And sad but true AOPi Jo Lowrie no longer wears Jim Buckler's Lambda Chi pin, and A. K. are pinned no more.

Lotza kids trekked to see their men right after the last final. Kappa Betty Meyer went to Philly to see Lt. Don Bretherick, home on leave from California . . . Theta alum Betsy Merkle journeyed to Florida to see Lt. Ed Kaiser, Phi Kap . . . Kappa Charlie Martin visited Teke Bob Gridley in Beaver, Pa. . . Kappa Goldie Skraban saw Pfc. Roy Herman in St. Louis. Yes, she met him in St. Louis . . . SDT Shirley Levine saw Pfc. Milt Feldman, recently liberated prisoner of the Germans.

—Maniac.

Faculty Limelight

By WOODENE BELL

Greetings, Frosh!

This is Faculty Limelight . . . a weekly report on your professors, what they are doing, thinking, and saying.

When the College Board of Trustees recently held its annual meeting, several faculty members were granted leaves of absence. Alfonso A. Brielmier, associate professor of civil engineering, to serve the United States Army in foreign service . . . Kalman J. DeJuhasz, professor of engineering research, June 16 to October 15, to serve the United States Maritime Commission in the European Theater of Operations . . .

Helen M. Savard, associate professor of applied arts, August 1 to October 31 . . . the leave of Paul H. Wueller, professor of economics, was extended to permit his to continue as director of the Commission to Study the Public School System in Pennsylvania.

Professor Donald Davis, of the department of journalism, will discuss "Advertising as a Technique of Communication" at Monday's meeting of the Faculty Lunch Club . . . Dean Arthur R. Warnock explained "The Half Cylum and How It Grew" to the Kiwanis Club this week . . . H. R. Gilbert, assistant manager of athletics, has been elected president of the Rotary club.

"Coal-Heat," a magazine printed in Chicago, recently published an article by T. S. Spicer, assistant professor of fuel technology, entitled, "Comfort Seal" Plan for New Homes. . .

Professor William L. Werner of the department of English literature has been elected to the College Section Steering Committee of the National Council of Teachers of English for a three-year term. The committee of six, chosen by a national ballot, arranges meetings and determines policies for this organization . . . the department of forestry has received a Nazi war flag from Cpl. Clarence S. Coleman, a member of the class of 1924. The flag may be inspected in the office of Professor Victor Beede in the Forestry Building.

Carroll D. Champlin, professor of education, has delivered 129 commencement speeches in the past 24 years, to colleges, high schools, and nursing classes.

Campuseer

Lock all doors and windows, stuff your ears with cotton, and avert any and all strangers who attempt to rush up to you enthusiastically, clap you smartly on the back, then ask, in an ingratiating tone of voice, "Who are you going to vote for in this election?" Meaning that the time of elections has come.

Each semester at this time, a group of students convene in strict privacy to decide who on campus are pompous, officious, and conceited enough to hold class offices. The day after this meeting, posters miraculously appear in store windows, saying, "Vote for Ebenezer Butt for All-College president;" students strut around town wearing sandwich signs bearing the slogan, "Get out of the rut with Butt;" and soon the name Ebenezer Butt is on everybody's lips. Meanwhile, young Ebenezer himself is doing his bit by seeing all the right people, saying and doing the right things, and generally making a nuisance of himself.

Young Mr. Butt has a small committee of 400 or 500 of his followers campaigning for him. Each campaigner completes a 6-weeks' intensive course on "campaigning methods." The first week of the course is spent in teaching the campaigner to be charming and persuasive; the second, how to lie blandly; the third, how to become threatening. During the final three weeks, jiu-jitsu is taught, in order that it may be applied after all else fails.

While candidates are campaigning, a party platform begins to be seen around the campus. It is posted on bulletin boards, placed on tables in the Corner Room and girls' dormitories, and even printed in Collegian, which publishes anything—when it's sort of news.

A typical platform might read as follows:

We, the candidates of the Know-All, See-All, Do-Nuthin' party, promise:

To haze all freshmen until not only they, but we, are on the point of a nervous collapse.

To have a big dance every Saturday night, and, recognizing the man-shortage on campus, to import dates for all coeds who do not have one.

To make the most of our opportunity to serve the College by sitting back and refusing to do a thing but collect our salaries.

To quit bothering people as soon as elections are over, and rapidly forget that we knew the persons who were our best friends during the campaigning period.

Finally, and most important, we, the candidates of the Know-All, See-All, Do-Nuthin' party promise to keep our promises.

Front and Center

Former Penn Staters, men and women alike, have become prominent while in the service of their country, at home and abroad.

Marine Capt. Dorothy M. Knox '38 is commander of Women's Reserve Company "A," stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Alice Thompson '23, on leave of absence from the Alumni Association, was recently awarded the Philippines Liberation Ribbon. Miss Thompson was one of the first three American Red Cross women sent into Manila to aid Americans released from internment camps.

Lt. John H. Thomas '41 is commanding officer of the new LSM 433 recently commissioned in Philadelphia. A veteran of seven invasions, Lieutenant Thomas previously commanded an LCI.

When Maj. Leo Houck, boxing coach on leave of absence from the College, arrived in Bermuda, he was welcomed by three alumni, Army Lt. Clarence Smith '45, Navy Lt. Anthony Rubino '38, and Navy Lt. Wayne Vonarx '38.

Pvt. Paul Zinecuff '47 wears the Bronze Star which he won for action with an engineer battalion on the Elbe River. Second Lt. Jess T. Hiller '46, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress with the 15th Air Force, has been awarded the Air Medal. Capt. John Relic '40, engineer with the 55th Air Force Fighter Group, recently earned the Legion of Merit.

Recently promoted to a first lieutenant, Sil Fpiegel '46 has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Eighth Air Force Pilot First Lt. Daniel N. Myers '45 has been awarded the second Cluster to his Air Medal.

Flight leader at the Chico Army Air Field fighter training base, First Lt. George W. Merriman, recently received the fourth, fifth and sixth Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal. F/O Donald G. Saunders, bombardier with the 15th Air Force, has been awarded the Air Medal.

—GLORIA NERENBERG