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## Who's To Blame?

Semester presidents called class meeting a few weeks ago. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for classmates to become better acquainted and to allow the students to inform their student government representatives of their opinions so that they may truly have a voice in their democratic government.

Unfortunately these class meetings were not publicized enough. Semester presidents complained because the attendance figures were so miserable. But this time the failure of the meeting could not be attributed to the lack of "Penn State spirit"—on the part of the students. The fault lay with Cabinet. A majority of the students did not even hear of these meetings before or after.

Not only did the semester presidents fail to notify their classmates but also many of them came quite unprepared to lead the gatherings with even a semblance of efficiency.

Perhaps the fact that the Constitution states that class meetings must be held within the first few weeks of the semester had something to do with the slipshod manner with which these meetings were conducted. However this would prove a feeble excuse in view of the fact that an extra week was granted by Cabinet so that more time could be devoted to the organization of these meetings.

It seems obvious that Cabinet cannot expect brilliant results from its so-called Penn State Spirit Committee when its members display such meagre enthusiasm themselves.

There is an old saw which expresses the thought; namely, people who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

## A Challenge

Too often promises are made and not kept.

Too often political parties make vague promises before elections and build their campaigns on them, then forget them as soon as the ballots have been counted.

This semester President Lynch started out on the right path by appointing several committees to fulfill the pledges set out in the Nittany platform. Specifically, Lynch has committees working on the establishment of a non-profit student book exchange, the re-opening of "Swing Inn," and the creation of a College flag to hang on one of the flag poles in front of Old Main. In keeping with another provision of the platform, Cabinet has become "Constitution conscious" in their efforts to adhere to the revised constitution.

These steps taken by Lynch indicate that he is attempting to fulfill his promises. However, the appointment of these groups is only the first step—the results attained will tell the story of whether this semester will be remembered as one in which student officers actually carried out their promises.

Only President Lynch and Cabinet know the answer. —W.B.

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## Penn Statements

The engineers have come through again. This time they are sponsoring the only semi-formal dance slated for the summer semester to date, the third-and-a-half Slide Rule Ball or Log-Rhythm as it has been dubbed. So while the fellows complain about wearing neckties and buying corsages, the coeds are digging out their frothy gowns and frills. The staff promises a gala affair complete with a

Cwazy Cwiz contest, the crowning of Mr. Accelerated Program by a judging committee of coeds, and unusual booths for "idiots, morons, imbeciles, and engineers."

### Same Old Story—

The cry of more school spirit has come to the foreground again. A lack of interest in frosh hazing was noticed and was conveniently contributed to the dearth of hat men on campus. But this is no excuse for the small attendance at the various class meetings. An example is the fifth semester group of which only seven students out of more than 200 were present at the second meeting and this was representative of the other seven semesters. Don't complain to cabinet or your neighbor that there is nothing doing on campus this summer. Complain to yourself for your lack of interest in helping to promote social life.

### A Tale of Woo—

Last weekend a serviceman and his girl tramped up to Hort Woods

and because they were tired, they spread a blanket on which they reclined a bit. They were willing to stand any comments that might be tossed in their direction by by-passers since it was daylight, but to their amazement townspeople, students, and even youngsters wandered by not seeming to notice them. When the couple got up to leave sometime later, the sign "Outdoor Chapel!" stared them in the face.

### Hung-ah!—

Pie a la mode was on the Atherton Hall menu one dinner last week. It was especially good pie with a rich, flaky crust and the ice cream seemed especially tasty that day too. Several coeds had consumed a lot of energy and wanted to add a few more calories to their diet in the form of a second pie a la mode, but they were refused. Yet the hostesses may help themselves to second desserts any time they want to!

## Old Mania

Comes time for the less eager summer session students to leave—the kids who decided that six weeks of books was about all they could sweat out, and the visiting teachers too. The exodus leaves the campus sort of depleted, but boosts the ratio, coeds.

But even summer session scholars must have one last fling. And it was quite a weekend. Lucky coeds who know ASTP's danced to the music of Dick Berge at the Armory, while others entertained visitors who flocked to town this weekend.

Ensign Dick Okerberg was in town seeing Chi Ruth Anderson. . . . Alpha Xi Mary Gundel entertained Pfc. Fred Guidry. . . . KD Peggy Babs Knoll was back seeing Sigma Nu Dusty Miller. . . . Ditto KD Peggy Martin to see Fred Casese. . . . Gamma Phi Kate Savage spent the weekend in town seeing ASTP Jimmy Wilson. . . . Nora Thompson Wadlin was seen in town with her husband Pfc. George Wadlin, former Lambda Chi.

Phi Delt Chuck Hall was visiting Janie Reepsome. . . . Ensign Walt Schrader, former swabbie visited Joe Cerroni. . . . KD's Weezv Gwillim, Smokey Glavin, and Shirley Thompson were visiting their sisters. . . . also DG's Levona Dewald, Barb Keast and Susie Hav. . . . Pfc. Tom Coughenor and Pfc. Dick Dilworth visited the Phi Kaps.

Aftermath of the weekend — Kappa Dorky Newcomer wearing Pfc. Jack Harper's SAE pin. . . . Paul Burns handing over his Theta Chi jewelry to M. C. Berger. . . . SDT Elaine Fehr and Phi Ep Nordey Bernstein parting, with Nordey once more wearing his own pin.

Seems like all the SDT alums are getting married. . . Pearl Teller will soon middle-aisle it with Sam Stone. . . Cecil Henschel and Julian Pitchel were married last week. . . Flip Grossman, also an SDT alum, tied the knot with Lt. L. Drone, USNR. . . Aopi Ginny Pershing and Jack Schetter, delta sigma phi, are pinned. . . Jack "Steve Proctor" Reid presented his home-town girl with a diamond. . . Esther Miller received a ring by proxy from Marine T/S Harlan Whitney.

More visitors—the place is charmed. Even the Lewistown bus can't discourage them. Phi Delt Wally Shaffer blew in for the weekend. . . . SDT Jo Rizika visited her sisters. . . . Alpha Chi Nancy Marst too. . . Pfc. Zelmar Barson is in town seeing Thelma Simon. . . Alpha Xi's Lucille Whitmer and Elvira Holmes were seen back on campus.

But our secret agents and super sleuths unearthed only one marriage—AEPi Lee Robin who became Mrs. Stan Cohen. Stan is a former Phi Ep, now in the Air Corps. . . . Well, that does it. Gonna lock up the trusty typewriter for the summer and concentrate on acquiring a suntan. —Maniac

## Faculty Limelight

cationing at Blue Ridge Summit. . . Bob Higgins, football coach, flew back from Greensburg for his first plane ride in 10 years. . . Ray Conger, assistant professor of physical education, is farming a 70-acre farm near Stormstown. . . Bell Jeffrey, soccer coach, writes home from Europe about visiting the Keats-Shelly memorial in Rome.

Dean Frank C. Whitmore, head of the school of chemistry and physics, was photographed for "Everybody's Weekly." . . Helen Camp, former English composition instructor who has received so much publicity as a correspondent for the Associated Press, now appears in Harper's Bazaar. . . Dorothy Dix, famed author of a syndicated advice-to-the-lovelorn column, quoted Dr. Clifford R. Adams' opinion on wartime marriages. . . a picture of Leo Houck, boxing coach, composes the cover of the latest issue of the Veteran Boxers' Association magazine. The main feature in the periodical also concerns Houck. Prof. George Free of the nature education department will discuss "What to Look for in the Woods" at Monday's meeting of the Faculty

Lunch Club. . . Dr. Clifford O. Jensen, who has been with the P. Lorillard company for several years, is teaching plant chemistry and directing tobacco research, in the department of ag biochem. . . . Nollie B. Guerrant, professor of biological chemistry, recently presided as co-chairman at the Gibson Island Vitamin Research Conference. . . .

Major Maurice P. Goddard, assistant professor of forestry on leave, has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious service in Europe. . . Edith John, formerly director of summer session for librarians, recently resigned from the Long Beach public library, where she had served as librarian for 17 years.

## Campuser

Noises coming from Carnegie Hall can be pretty odd at times, with music majors emitting sounds that sound like anything but music. One coed, annoyed by the trills of a practising soprano, gave out the cryptic comment, "Good grief, she sounds more consternated than syncopated."

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Maybe it's going to school three semesters a year that does it, or maybe it's love, but no one can deny that some of the students are suffering from mental fatigue. If you want proof, here it is. One coed recently decided to take a nap after dinner before studying for an exam that she was going to have the next day. When her alarm clock awakened her at 8 p. m., she jumped out of bed and, feeling certain that it was morning, quickly dressed and went to the Sandwich Shop for breakfast.

Naturally, she found the dining room closed, but figuring that she was just too late to get in, she went back to her room to study. A couple hours later she looked out the window to find it dark outside.

"My gosh," she thought to herself, "there's going to be a storm. I hope it's over by the time I have to go to class."

It wasn't until an hour later when her roommate came into the dorm that she learned it was evening, not morning. So she very disgustedly slammed her books down and went back to bed.

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The fire in the poultry barn Wednesday morning brought out more evidence of the dazed condition of coeds. An inhabitant of the fourth floor in Ath was awakened by the noise of women who were watching the fire trucks whizz by. She got out of bed, and in her bare feet, walked down to the ground floor and into a room where four students were playing bridge.

Never having seen her before, one of the Culbertsons asked who she was. Our sleepwalker stared at her for a moment, then answered, "I don't know. Who are you?"

Whereupon she turned around and went back to her own room, leaving the bridge quartette thinking, "People are the funniest animals."

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A Note found on Campy's desk recently reads as follows:

"To whom it may concern:

"This is to certify that Jane Doe, who resides in Atherton Hall, State College, Pa., is an extremely charming, nice, and wholesome type of girl.

Witnessed

July 23, 1945

Jane Doe

"P. S. What's more, she's cute, too."

Anyone interested in learning the real name and phone number of this modest, but extremely charming, nice, and wholesome coed may get it by phoning the Collegian office. —Campy

## Front and Center

Com. A. H. Zerbar, on leave from the College's mechanical engineering staff, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in the Pacific.

T/Sgt. Robert Thomas, Phi Kappa alumnus, recently became a member of the Caterpillar Club. A burning plane forced Technical Sergeant Thomas and his crewmates to bail out about 10 miles off the coast of Japan. A submarine rescued the leapers.

First Lt. John R. Stauffer '42 has been appointed company commander of the 52nd Signal Battalion headquarters in the Philippines. . . . Recently promoted to a captain in the Pacific fleet was Harney W. Stover.

Sgt. Blair H. Harmon '46, who was previously listed as missing, has been reported killed in action. Sergeant Harmon was a radio operator on a B-17 which was shot down over France.

Pfc. Donald W. Carruther Jr. '46 suffered a fractured back in an accident in the Pacific. . . . Second Lt. Harry W. Ernest '45 is now a copilot with the Long Rangers' bomber unit in the Philippines.

Pfc. Benjamin I. French Jr. '46 is doing psychological research at Bowman Field, Ky. . . . Thomas H. Dawson '47 has reported to the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Ala. . . . First Lt. Paul E. Willhide is now with the Air Corp at Ellington Field, Tex. . . . First Lt. James B. Braniff '46 is a First Air Force navigator instructor at Westover Field, Mass.

Visiting the Beta Sigma Rho fraternity house last weekend were RT3/C Herbert Hollenberg, Ens. Herbert Kay, and Pvt. Paul Vinecoff. Private Vinecoff is on a 30-day furlough after returning from Germany. . . . Another Beta Sig, Lt. Philip Spiegel '46 is also on furlough after service in the ETO.