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Student Cooperation?

After elections what? Two hundred students turn out for clique meetings, nominate their friends, and campaign them into office. But when the time comes for class meetings, less than three per cent of the students show up.

Being elected to an office is largely a matter of good politicking, but the real test of a class president comes after the ballots are cast. A successful president should represent the opinion of his class in Cabinet. But how can the president possibly know what his class wants when they don't come out to a class meeting?

The class meetings Monday night were a disgrace to Student Government. In the sixth semester, to cite an example that is not isolated, only eight students showed up out of a possible 300. Four other meetings were called off because of the low attendance.

Only through class meetings is it possible for class presidents to become acquainted with his classmates and their opinions. Only through class meetings is it possible to revive Penn State's former class spirit, which was so evident before the war. In "the good old days" each class had its own ball and other social functions throughout the year. But until students show a little interest in class meetings, we cannot introduce changes in student government or sponsor class hops.

It's nice to sit around and talk about the "good old days," but unless more upperclassmen show an interest in the next class meetings, we'll still be sitting around talking.

Priority Admissions

Because of the large student enrollment this semester and the housing shortage already in existence, few of the people seeking entrance next semester will be admitted. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, at their meeting tonight, will decide on a method of admissions. Collegian submits the following plan for the Senate's consideration.

1. A priority system be adopted and adhered to in admitting all students.
2. First consideration will be given to ex-servicemen who were former Penn State students.
3. In ranking ex-servicemen, those in the higher semesters will be given preferences over those in the lower semesters.
4. If a decision has to be made between two applicants, the one with the higher all-college average will be admitted.
5. If and when all ex-GI applicants are accepted, next consideration will be given to transfer students. Male students will be given preference over female.
6. Incoming freshmen men will be at the bottom of the priority list.
7. No freshmen women will be admitted at all.

—MMW

Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

The Kappas and the Deltas will dance to Dick Berge's music at the Delt house tonight. Among the Kappas and their escorts for the affair are Marion Leigh and Jack Keefe, Lambda Chi from Lehigh . . . Hattie Leyden and ATO John Barnes . . . Nancy Embick and Bob Wetherby . . . Audrey Hartley and Bill Cahill . . . Betty Meyer and Phi Delt Joe Esinhuth.

Also Nan Charles and Carlton Morehead . . . Bergie Smedley and SAE Bob Baumgartner . . . Terrie Kist and Ted La Fevre . . . Dottie Morrow and SPE Fred Humphries . . . Charlie Martin and TKE Bob Gridley . . . Jane Dye and Phi Delt Dick McKibben . . . Joan Paul and Sigma Fi Bud Boches.

Delts 'N' Dates

Delts and their dates include Bill Snyder and Louise Heisley, import from Manoa . . . Bing Hendrickson and June Reilly, import from Pittsburgh . . . Joe Steele and Kappa Helen Feidler . . . Dave Doebler and Phyllis Gibbs, from Juniata college . . . Trunk Harrison and Gloria Woodward . . . Jim Doyle and Terry Endy, import from Merion . . . Tom Savage and Dee Sarnaki . . . Carl Schwenk and Barbara Jones . . . Bill Spliethoff and Dotty Coffman.

Campus guest list for this week included AChIO alum Pat Halberg and DU alum Ray Brooks . . . Carpenters mate 3/c Johnnie Riffer who visited Alpha Xi Delt Ruth Shuey . . . Alpha Xi Delt alum Peggie Cup . . . Theta alum Pris Shautz who was wearing a ring from Phil Jones, a hometown boy . . . SDT's Jacquie Spritzler and Mrs. Paul Friedman, the former Arlene Rabinowitz . . . Marines Pinkey Stein and Mush Levin who came to see Anita Iscovitz.

Ensign Thumper Barkley, Alpha Chi Sig, was up to see his fiance AOPi Weezie Umberger . . . Beta Sigs Eddie Cohen and Herbert Lee trekked up . . . ditto Phi Sigs Stan Sykes, Ralph Snyder and Al Pottasch . . . also AEPi Dottie Swartz and alum Fanny Sklar . . . Bob Moore, former AST, was up.

Shock Treatment

Sigma Pi's prescribed tough treatment for brothers who get pinned or engaged . . . a cold shower while the victim is hogtied. Fellas and the girls they've suffered for recently are—Ed Hoafiland for Mildred Marsteller . . . Mike Rosenberger for Grace Miller . . . Wally Davis for Jackie Zivic.

Whole flock of pinnings this week . . . Kappa Mary Lou Sweet and Sigma Nu Dusty Miller are pinned . . . Eris Huntsinger has Bob McCoy's PiKA jewelry . . . Muriel Klorman is wearing the pin of Herbie Parets, AEPi from Ohio State . . . Tom Davis, Phi Sigma Kappa, pinned Jeanie Rile . . . Don Marks gave his Phi Sig jewelry to Rosalie Caplan . . . Phi Sig Lenny Sugarman pinned Altoona Center student Gloria Geller . . . Afraid of being caught in the recent epidemic of pinnings two Phi Sigs have sent their pins home to mother for safekeeping.

DG's Anne Startzel, Greta Hughes, and alum Helen Hatton went up to Erie to hear DG alum Allene Babbitt say "I do" to Ensign Donald Swanson. Alethea Jule Arronson trekked to Harrisburg to see her man . . . Phi Sig Irwin Tenzer was back . . . Theta Phi Alpha Connie Miceli is wearing Bob Kreitzer's class ring . . . Carolyn Moss and Shirley Levinson went down to Lancaster for a big homecoming party . . . Recently married: Mickey Wohlman and Seaman 1/c Reds Friedman are living in Florida . . . Alum Ronnie Schulman and Sgt. Bob Saunders will soon be engaged.

E. J. Phillips is engaged to Petty Officer 2/c Bill Boust, Delta Chi and former V-12 at State . . . Gamma Phi Beta Ginny Tennyson is engaged to Ski Wrublewski. Phi Sig Kurt Goldmann visited on campus recently . . . ditto Gamma Phi Beta alum Jean Butz . . . Gamma Phi Beta Ruth Winterstein attended the Phi Kappa Tau-Sigma Chi dance with Phi Kap Harry Compton.

And worst of it all was done to a former Collegian Editor . . . anyway, in spite of false reports, Vic Danilov and Dee Kitka are very definitely still pinned.

—Maniac

NROTC News

By BOB REA

It's three full stripes for Commander Wisner now. He was recently notified of his ascendancy to Full Commander. Also sporting a new stripe is our boy Norton who was raised to athletic specialist 1/c.

The unit's best wishes go to another officer today as Lieutenant Lawler lays aside gold stripes for pin stripes. While bidding Mr. Lawler farewell, we earnestly lay out the welcome mat to our new naval science prof, Lieutenant C. B. Ford, who comes to us from Newbury College, Newbury S. C., where he was head of the head of the V-12 unit.

Former trainee Gene Hannum was featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette with his father, basket ball coach at Carnegie Tech. Gene, recently discharged from V-5 to inactive duty, has scored 56 points for the Tech basketball team under the coaching of his dad.

Congratulations are in order to John Hamilton, houseleader of Barracks 9. "Ham" was named to the All-American soccer team by coaches and referees throughout the nation.

Bob Foote and Jim Sheehan, presidents of fifth and sixth semesters respectively, got off to a flying start Tuesday night with

an informal meeting to help students get acquainted with class officers and to plan class events.

Music of all types to satisfy all tastes has come to Barracks 22. Bill Andrews came through with a combination radio-phonograph from home. The barracks is already known for its "Hutton" version of the Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief. All they need now is a school bus to bring them in each day.

The USO is closed now, but the men of the Unit wish to express their thanks for the kind consideration of our problems—problems which varied from sewing on buttons to supplying chocolate cake. And we really mean it when we say that we appreciate the kindness, the understanding, and the service of the local USO.

Back In Mufti

Lost! Devoured in the blackness of the Pacific morning, a sleek PBV "Black Cat" crossed over the horizon and disappeared into the east. A few minutes later the seaplane reappeared from the south groping its way into the first light of dawn.

The engine sputtered, answered the pleading throttle with a brief roar and then sputtered again.

As dawn broke southeast of Hawaii on Sunday morning, September 4, 1943, Naval Lt. John Zubler looked down from the window of the plane onto a dark, choppy Pacific, and shaking his head, smiled a little grimly.

"We're lost!" he said to himself. He repeated it again as if it hadn't taken affect the first time.

The navigator had ceased plotting the course. The range station was malfunctioning; the crew became fully aware of the circumstances.

Landing at their base on Canton Island in such weather was impossible even if they knew where the few acres of land that rose out of the sea was hiding. At daybreak, with fuel practically exhausted, the crew prepared for an emergency landing.

Setting the huge "Black Cat" down in the stormy sea demanded all the skills of an expert pilot plus a lot of courage. The waves swelled to 12 foot heights. The landing had to be right. No rescue plane could follow them onto the precarious seas. The plane was traveling 80 miles an hour when the waves met its hull. It swerved to a halt, floundered, and stayed afloat. Zubler had landed the "Cat" without damage to plane or personnel.

A search plane flew overhead, circled over the crippled monster tossing helplessly below. Sixteen hours later a surface vessel located them. The seas began to calm, so the plane was towed slowly back to Canton Island.

"That is an experience I'll never forget," said the man who received a Distinguished Flying Cross and a Gold Star in lieu of a second DFC for his courage and aggressiveness during the 27 action-packed months in the Pacific. Zubler also wears an Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Presidential unit citation for outstanding service.

Zubler had received his BS degree in agricultural education from the College and taught four years at Oley High School in Berks county before he enlisted in December, 1941. Receiving his discharge last October, he is now commuting from his home at Spring Mills to the College to work towards his master's degree. His younger sister Lois is a third semester student here.

—JEAN ALDERFER



Ex-GI Information

Applications for admittance to the College for the coming semesters are pouring into the veterans administration daily. However, no definite answer can be given until President Hetzel and the Board of Trustees meet today.

At the present time, all the veterans are housed. About 60 are living in trailers. It is hoped that additional trailers will soon arrive.

It is interesting to note that some of the boys that were living on the top floor of Old Main wanted to remain there. They said that the living facilities were handier. Complaints have been made that some of the monthly allotment checks have not yet come through. Anyone who has not received his check should see Mr. Dunn or Mr. Bundy at the veterans administration.

The veterans administration asks that the following men report to their office to fill out the necessary forms. Samuel J. Black; Costeles, Jr.; William A. Green; Robert A. Long; Charles J. Stauffer; and Leslie J. Tyler.

Each Tuesday at 11:15 a. m. Station WMAJ sponsors "Information for Veterans". Mr. Edward L. Wagner, contact representative of the veterans administration, tries to answer questions

and give suggestions to the ex-GI on campus. The programs began October 29 with Hospitals Benefits and Medical Treatments. Successive programs have dealt with National Service Life Insurance, Benefits Payable to Female Veterans, Homes, Business, and Farm Loans under the GI Bill, Claims and Guardianship Service, and Prosthetic Devices.

It is interesting to note a study made of 100 colleges and universities concerning future veteran enrollment. The sampling indicates an anticipated enrollment of veterans during 1945-46 approximately ten times the number during 1944-45. While the peak will probably not come until September 1946, the discharge of some 750,000 military personnel per month will create new problems to the colleges and universities.

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