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Social Status vs Politics

This week campus politics entered a new phase, with the Independent party sweeping both offices in freshman elections.

The Independent party admittedly urges the support of only non-fraternity people on campus, and promises in their platform to support only independent students.

With a set-up like this, college politics would be a farce. If most students at the time of elections belonged to fraternities and sororities, naturally the elections would swing in their favor.

But the point is... WHAT DOES SOCIAL STATUS HAVE TO DO WITH POLITICS? Most students on campus are independent because they prefer to be, not because they were refused by a Greek society and have personal grudges against the Greeks.

The Independent party is forcing segregation of the two groups, and if it succeeds, the result will be felt by every student on campus.

Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

The list of dates for fraternity and sorority dances goes on and on. Among the DG's and their escorts for a holiday formal with the Sigma Pi's tonight are Delbert Weiner and ATO Ray Jackson.

Also Jean Briner and Bill Aman... Jeanne Farinotti and KDR John Murphy... Peggy Koefie and ATO Ralph Schumack... Anna Katharine Zierdt and A/S Chuck Willing... Russell Adams and Bob McLaughlin... Suzanne McCauley and Tom Egoft... Mary Lou Waygood and Phi Psi Bob Foote... Anne Siebrecht and PiKA Alan Benetz... Phyllis Riegie and SAE Bill Miller... Lila Kennedy and Fred Ermtz.

Sigma Pi Formal

Sigma Pi's and their dates include Jack Reeves and Shirley Herold... Fred Caccase and KD Peggy Martin... George Fryberg and Theta Jeanne Hirt... Louis Gresh and AChiO Peggy Hoffman... Wally Davis and Jackie Zivic... Jack Smith and Theta Betsy Heagy... Bill Kerr and Betty Moran... Bob Day and Amy Kalline... Ed Hoagland and Mildred Marsteller.

Also Wally Campbell and Joan Peters... Fred Smith and Nancy Pardee... Lloyd Black and Ginny Peck... Ed Kelso and Sara Barrett... A1 Stewart and Marjorie Gorham... John Hame and Theta Phi Alpha Van Angelillo... Bob Cramer and Jan Edwards... Stoney Foster and Ann Condrin... Bill Steele and Ruth Hember.

Seen at the Theta Chi formal were these Theta Chi's and their dates... Floyd Lang and Patty Trew... Bill Staley and Faye Matulis... Bob Schlegel and Shirley Bremier... Bill Fairchock and ZTA Rita Horton... Wally Rechenberg and Nan Bonham... Ray Ritz and Elaine Zwicker... Arnie Leonard and Nancy Wylie... Les Strickler and Cathy Lilligren... alum Ed George and Betsy Ross... Whizzer White and Betty McKee... Bill Renton and ChIO Barb Smith.

Rough It Party

Phi Sigma Delta went informal at a "Rough It Party." Among those enjoying dancing and hot dog and marshmallow roasting were Irv Monse and Gloria Kobenz... Stan Beals and Judy Steinberg... Ed Silverberg and Herky West... Stan Roth and Smokey Fierman... Hart Finkel and Judy Lander... Stan Steinberg and Blanche Vall... Ken Jayson and Mona Smulyan... Shel Kalmutz and Phil Ginsberg... Gil Isaacman and Fay Grossman... Art Lillien and Anita Rosen.

Also Don Marks and Rosalie Caplan... Sam Weinberg and Lois Brown... Don Hecker and Shirley Spector... Dick Claire and Rhoda Gould... Larry Preven and Bobbie Cohen... Al Amsterdam and Sylvia Alterman... Bob Helfand and Sherma Greenberg.

Back In Mufti

Pancakes were their only food for 19 days, while the Kamikazi raided 300 times and the soothing voice of Tokyo Rose promised, "conditions will be even worse in the future."

The men aboard the Army freighter in harbor on Mindoro had a hard time believing an article they came across in a magazine which depicted the Kamikazis as a myth. Perhaps the raids every two hours or less were merely myths, but according to MM James Russell Hoffman, they were very real myths to the men fighting them.

To relieve the monotony of the attacks, Hoffman and a buddy planned a tour of near-by San Jose. Together they hitch-hiked a ride on a passing truck and calmly perched themselves on top to survey the surrounding land. Hoffman noticed signs of recent strafings on the road and when his companion discovered they were sitting on a load of incendiary bombs they decided they needed the exercise walking.

After entering San Jose through a back way, they wandered through the town alert for trouble and food. The Army had only recently taken the town and not all the Japanese had been evacuated, but Hoffman didn't think of that when he discovered

NROTC News

By BOB REA

Latest among the officers of the unit to be discharged is Lieutenant Talman who will leave here tomorrow. Another officer will be detailed to the College before we return from the holiday lull.

All the men who will have become eligible for discharge through the point system by January 1 have either been released from the unit or have submitted requests to remain till the end of the current semester. Answers to these requests are expected from Washington in the near future.

A preliminary check of the 3-way options submitted by the men of the unit shows that 152 sailors wish to continue under the peacetime NROTC program. Of these, 22 desire to transfer to other colleges, while 4 men requested duty in the V-5 program. The remaining 132 have asked for fleet duty under V-6 where they will await discharge under the point system. Sailors from other units are expected to seek enrollment at the College.

Since the establishment of the original naval unit here 1010 sailors and 390 marines have studied at the College. Most of these men had previous duty at other stations before entering the program. Penn State, one of 52 units throughout the country, will have a peacetime NROTC complement of 300 men.

Men in the unit who wish to try for entry to the Naval Academy will be given the opportunity soon to take a competitive examination. Three appointments will be made from this unit.

Transportation is still the major problem for the sailors who are in hopes of getting home in time for Christmas. The "no hitch hiking" rule still holds; but rides would be appreciated from all you people who hate to see sailors walking. Thanks, and Happy Holidays from the unit!

To Address Luncheon

Dr. Eric A. Walker, director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory and head of the department of electrical engineering at the College, will speak to the faculty lunch club at the meeting Monday, January 7.

Greenland is a possession of Denmark.



Merry Christmas

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Christmas

Merry Christmas, humbug My Christmas spirit's dead. My feet hurt, my legs are tired I'm going home to bed.

No, it's not the three-day measles Or a friendly case of grip It's the standing in the post office To mail my laundry kit.

I stood in line on Monday But I had class at ten At three o'clock back down I went To try my luck again.

You should have seen the line by then They crowded 'round the door They pushed and shoved me with them I could not take much more.

The woman's box behind me Cut sharply in my back The line was getting longer There wasn't any slack.

At last I made the window The Clerk snapped out at me How many stamps do you want A hundred 2's or 3's?

I want to mail my laundry kit I managed to explain Your in the wrong line mister Just get in line again.

Merry Christmas, humbug My Christmas spirit's dead. My feet hurt, my legs are tired, I'm going home to bed.

Texts Follow Tactics In Roving Life Of Prof

From text-books to tactics and back to text-books in a little less than four years shows that the life of a professor is not so dull as it's supposed to be.

Receiving a commission, in 1942, as a lieutenant junior-grade in the Navy, Bennett O'Neill, an associate professor in the history department, served as a gunnery officer in the Atlantic for a year and a half. Transferred to the Pacific area, he served on transport ships as Naval commanding officer in the Navy Transport Service. Then once more back to the Atlantic, where Lieutenant O'Neill held the position of transportation officer until his release to civilian life on November 3.

"Although I don't think I had any close calls, all my experiences were thrilling from my point of view. I enjoyed every minute of my service and would do it again if I had the chance," said O'Neill. "My ship participated in the North African invasion and in the landings on Okinawa. This latter campaign was a little rough as we were attacked by Kamikaze planes several times. I did get to meet several famous people, for instance, General De Gaulle and General Sikorsky, late head of the Polish Army," continued Professor O'Neill.

Although still on terminal leave, Professor O'Neill is back at the College at his former position in the history department. Because fourteen accidents have occurred within the last two years, at the corner of North Burrows Street and Pollock Road, the state bureau of highways erected two more stop signs at that site. According to Capt. Philip A. Mark of the campus patrol, 90 per cent of campus motor accidents occur at this point and usually because the automobile having the right of way was travelling too fast.

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note — All letters must be signed if they are to be printed. Upon request, Collegian will withhold the signatures from the letters. All correspondence should be addressed to The Editor, Collegian Office, Carnegie Hall, Campus.)

Dear Editor: When Coach Lawther realizes that basketball is not chess and can't be played by standardized plays, Penn State may have a basketball team that plays basketball instead of checkers.

My opinion, and I believe the opinion of many others, is that it is far better to watch a fast passing, fast breaking team lose 85-79 than to watch a team of strategically coached automatic chessman win 23-22.

Six points behind and holding the ball over your head can't produce two points.

Dear Collegian: Christmas this year will be the first I have spent at home in three years, and it has been four and five years since many other ex-servicemen have been able to spend Christmas with their families.

We entered the College through the understanding that we would be given sufficient subsistence allowance. The majority of veterans whom I have talked to and who have been admitted in the fall semester, have received no payments from the government and there are no prospects of any forthcoming.

And so, Christmas is just around the corner; Christmas—a time of happiness and friendly spirit. We ex-GI's who were scattered all over the world looked forward to spending another Christmas at home. This year, we can, or at least some of us. But what a

Empty Bottle Foils Coed

Mystery and five Jordan Hall coeds surrounded the box. Instead of red and green ribbons the puzzling Christmas present was made of wooden boards nailed shut and bound with soldered copper wires. It was about 10 inches long and four inches wide, with a return address of France.

December 25 was too long to wait for this tempting package, so it was quickly decided to open the box at once. Quickly decided, but not easily done.

Scissors, nail files, screw drivers, pen knives, and even a hair-pin were suggested and each failed. The five coeds took turns shaking the box and listening, while each heard some different sound. Just when everyone had given up, one of the copper wires snapped under the pressure of the scissors—success.

In a moment all the copper wires were off, but the nails were deeply imbedded in the 1/4 inch thick boards and they gave no sign of easy surrender. A bench head was established with bent scissors as the only casualty, after which the screw driver accomplished a blitzkrieg. The top creaked slowly as it eased off and wham—it flew across the room to hit the wall.

Three layers of cardboard tumbled out and a flash of white was revealed. Breathlessly, the coeds gathered around as the last lid was ripped open and the treasure was taken out. Yes, it was beautiful to look at but the perfume had evaporated.

Campus Briefs

Correction

The name of the student who was awarded the gold medal livestock judging prize was incorrectly spelled in the last issue of Collegian. The name is correctly spelled Samuel Laub.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

... recently initiated the following three men: Jack Couch, Dick Mier, and Clay Zundel.



and a HAPPY NEW YEAR Nittany Printing Co.

Christmas it will be when some of us can't even do for ourselves what we'd like to do for others. Selfish people say we have no business in college but they are the people who spent the duration of the war making all the money they could. Before the war they didn't have the proverbial pot. Unfortunately, money has no effect on brains.

I expected that there would be many difficulties for the returning GI but the least I expected was an ungrateful government. A disgusted GI

Dear Miss Smith: You are so right, Miss Smith. There are more MEN on campus this year than there have been for several years. And there lies the root of your trouble stated in your own words! The war has brought about many things, among them the phenomenon of separating the men from the boys no matter what the average age.

Why don't we "let our hair down and be the fun-loving, hell-raising American youths whom everyone envies?" Miss Smith, is it simply because that's just not fun to many of us anymore. I spent three years in a university before the war and I was one of those "American youths," although I can't say my hell-raising was envied by anyone. Since then I've been a few places besides home, high school, the corner Room, and State College. And I've seen and done a few things which knocked the tendency to let my hair down clean out of me.

When our veteran-student finds free time in a routine which is basically difficult for him, he looks for something to do. He does our Harry High School All-American boy. Perhaps he seeks birds of his own feather for a companionship and understanding which no coed can provide. Perhaps he has a job to augment the subsistence pay. Perhaps he's catching up on sleep lost "somewhere in Germany" or perhaps (can you picture this Miss Smith?) he does a little extra reading in the library or studies his texts a bit more! No, Miss Smith, very few of us sit in fraternities or anywhere else twiddling our thumbs.

And you say we hardly know you? On the contrary, we do! All of us go to class with you, speak with you, and listen to you giggle every day. A remedy? For the situation—a telephone conference between the sensible sitters and ex-GI's for the purpose of talking this out. For you, Miss Smith—why don't you write to Dorothy Dix? An ex-combat Man

Dear Editor: I was shocked to hear of the death of Professor Helme. Many of us knew him and respected him as a great authority on art and as a brilliant man. I am an art major and took a course from Mr. Helme just this summer. He told me several times that one of his highest hopes was to see Henry Varnum Poor's mural in Old Main carried out to completion. It seems that our mural is only a part of the original size intended. It was meant to cover several of the walls on the second floor of Old Main, and the work was interrupted by the outbreak of war.

This mural is recognized nationally as being one of the finest art treasures in the United States. There are many State students who don't realize the value of the mural or that people come from far and near to study it. Professor Helme had a great deal to do with our getting a contract with Mr. Poor and the work of art is worth far more than Mr. Poor required us to pay. Mr. Poor is no longer a young man and if we delay too long it may be too late to give this truly great gift to Penn State.

We could pay no finer tribute to Professor Helme nor to the other classes would pledge their College if the class of '46 and money to the completion of our mural.

Sincerely, Ginger Sykes '46

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