

Campus Tours

What happens when a prospective Penn State visitor visits the campus? If he has written to one of the College officials previously, he may be shown around by one of the secretaries in the administrator's office. Otherwise, he is left to wander about by himself.

With many high school seniors making tours of college campuses at this time of year, there is a definite need for an organized, guided tour of the campus. In the past visitors have received a cold welcome at Penn State, leaving them a poor impression of the College.

Collegian proposes that one of these organizations, such as the Greeters' Club, make it their responsibility to see that all visiting student are, if they wish, shown around the campus. This group would not have to conduct all the tours, but could simply serve as a "clearing house" in cooperation with the other groups. For example, if a group of high school students interested in majoring in agriculture should write to the registrar, he could refer their names to the Greeters' Club. The Greeters' Club, in turn, could contact one of the student groups within the School of Agriculture, and ask them to conduct a tour of Ag Hill for the group.

Collegian believes that there is an urgent need for this plan, or one similar to it, on the College campus. A few hours of time volunteered by campus organizations would serve the purpose, and leave a better impression of Penn State students with the visitors.

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Today is V day as far as the students of Penn State are concerned. V day means voting day. It's your opportunity to express your views through the election of the candidates you choose as best able to carry out the aims set forth in the party platform. If a poor administration goes into office, there will be the usual amount of griping and complaining. Assure yourself that there will be no cause for griping and that Penn State will have the best student government possible. Get out and vote!

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Penn Statements

By JANE WOLBARST

Naturally, "swell guy," "lots of fun," "good-looking" and other terms currently being hackneyed by campaign managers are extremely relevant in helping the student body to select the most efficient class officers. But we think the best one is a frank new phrase being used to sell candidates. In a choice Corner Room window is a poster displaying all the candidates of one of the parties. In front of the poster are some tin cans labeled very noticeably, "mixed puts."

Newspapermen are always told to track down an assignment, no matter how difficult it might be. Larry Foster, one of the Collegian crew, was asked to get an interview with a co-ed and eagerly set out to perform his task. Finding the girl's address with true efficiency, he promptly went out to a distant town dorm to see her. There he was told that the girl could be found at a certain building on campus. He raced up, raced in, asked for her, and raced out. The building was the infirmary, and the reason for Larry's quick exodus was that his assignment was suffering with a case of measles.

Deep Purple

Sorority girls these days can be recognized not only by their pins but also by the slight discoloring under their eyes. Ask any of them if they're tired and they'll answer with a vehement yawn. With almost one week of rushing to go, it should be interesting to watch for further symptoms of fatigue.

Speaking of rushing, the sisters of a certain house were amazed to hear one of their guests remark in all seriousness that she had given up dating for Lent.

What a Cracker

In 10 Sparks, a prof was seating his class in alphabetical order by shouting the name and seat number. As he neared the end of a long list, the name "Ritz" clearly echoed through the huge room. Just as clearly, echoed the words of an exceptional male wit, "Must be some cracker!"

Punch Lines

By GEORGE SAMPLE

Orchids to Bud Mellot and his new group of Thespian dancers. The Thespian type of production, the song and dance musical comedy has too long been missing from Penn State activities. Players has done an admirable job in keeping their group alive and active through the war years. Since they have interested themselves in the "meierdramer" and the heavier type of production, there is a great need for the revival of a group who specialized in nostalgic songs, kicking legs, novelty dances and oo-la-la.

Business Ethics

It seems that IFC went astray and really SNAFU'ed the works as far as picking a winner in the recent "Battle of The Bands" is concerned. It may be argued that both bands knew what they were getting into when they signed for the job.

Cover Charge

I was glancing through an old issue of Collegian, dated October, 1931. An advertisement in this issue stated that one of the local restaurants was doing a land office business on their full course dinners for 35 cents. Things haven't changed a bit since then. They're still doing a land office business, the value of the dinner is still 35 cents. The only difference is that the local restaurants have added a \$1 cover charge.

A Dark and Bitter Look

Mayhap, gentle reader, you have noticed how excited those characters in our edit columns get every once in a while about what they carelessly label "dirty politics." For this I dub them screwballs.

There is no such things as dirty politics. Dirt, as well as beauty, is all in the eye of the beholder. Let me illustrate with a hypothetical case from my mildewed files.

The case to which I refer occurred around 1610 in the Province of Penfidia, Lower Southwestern Afghanistan. There was a local election to be run off. Candidates were being nominated by the parties, and . . .

The Me party had gathered its goons in solemn session to railroad a man into the candidacy. But treachery stalks abroad.

Elements of the Spittany-Incompetent party have infiltrated the meeting till they outnumber true Me members. Me party higher-ups sense something wrong, but the chips are down. They must fight it out here behind the scenes.

A woman rises at the back of the room. It is the female finagler "Reet" Spittoon. She nominates one Lube Spittoon, rumored to be related to her by marriage—her husband or something like that. Cheers greet her nomination.

In the quiet that follows the first frenzied outburst a carefully cooched pledge makes the Spittany-Incompetent bid for success. He puts up the name of

one "Stinx" Smorgasberg.

This shaft in the dark catches the Me members unprepared. They send out telegrams to their friends to hurry over and vote good old Lube in. (How the hell they ever got Western Union way back in 1610 I don't know, but to continue) They call frantically on the telephone. (another slight discrepancy)

But it is useless. Spittany-Incompetents have flooded the house—and they vote for "Stinx". Me party has been ruined by a stab in the back. The players of "dirty politics" have triumphed and put up a weak man against their own candidate, Pawn Simpletton. It is called "fixing the election" or some other nasty name.

Naturally this seventeenth century parallel has nothing to do with current happenings. Maybe I have gone too far back for my illustration.

I still do not call it "dirty politics." I would say it was just "slightly unwashed politics."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

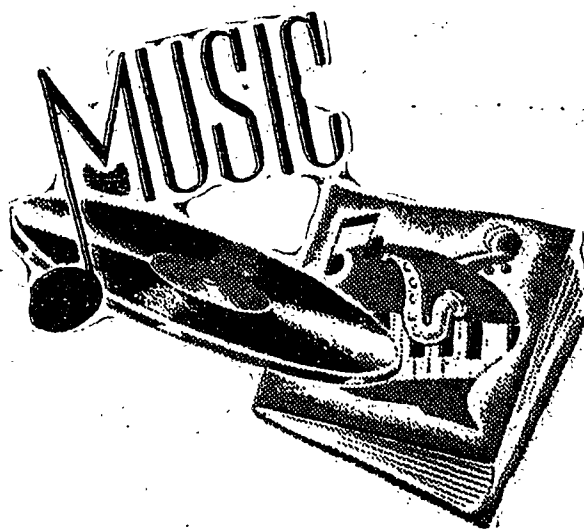
The Collegian in recent editorials has done considerable towards besmirching political parties on the Penn State campus. In doing this Collegian has drawn on the experiences of past years and states arbitrarily that the platforms of the present political parties will be cast aside as soon as the elections are over. Collegian also declared that All-College cabinet is powerless to act in many matters which concern Penn State students.

Collegian's statement that All-College cabinet is powerless to act in many cases is erroneous. Any student of history or government knows that pressure exerted by strong groups can influence legislation. This is certainly as true on a college campus as in the halls of national government. The fact was shown recently by the

lengthening of the vacation period last Christmas, when the students were in favor of the plan. All-College cabinet, when acting on problems which are definitely for student benefit (therefore, for the good of the college), could effect changes in regulations and procedure by exerting student pressure in the proper directions.

It all adds up to this: that, contrary to the picture painted by Collegian, the Nittany-Independent party is headed by a sincere group of students who desire, with Collegian cooperation, to make certain improvements at Penn State. These improvements can and will be made. It is important that students take an interest in campus politics and vote for the group which they believe will do the most for them. By

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