

## Potential Power

The Nittany-Independent Party is in—but the Key clique isn't out.

As a result of All-College Elections this week, both parties will have an equal number of votes in Cabinet; even though Nittany-Independent captured the All-College posts.

This set-up should create competition within Cabinet, and competition couldn't do Cabinet any harm. If both parties were in earnest about their party platforms, there will be a struggle within Cabinet to get the planks of each pushed through. But those which are feasible deserve a great amount of consideration and hard work to prove to the students, for a change, that political candidates are really class officers and not just popularity men.

An All-College "name band" dance, Sunday recreation, and college spirit were listed on both platforms. Work for the Winter Fantasy was started during the Summer Semester, so if Cabinet hopes to sponsor a similar affair this spring, it will have to do some fast work. The possibilities of Sunday movies were investigated last semester, and nothing really came of it, but Collegian feels that if Cabinet is really interested in providing Sunday entertainment, free Sunday movies on campus are still possible.

Revival of college spirit to its pre-war status has already begun with increased enrollment, but Cabinet has the power to revive such activities as class days, senior baccalaureate, class parties, May day festivities, etc.

However, the most important job facing Cabinet this semester was mentioned only as the third plank on the Key platform—"Greater power in the hands of student governing bodies by revision of the All-College constitution."

Revising the constitution is more than merely changing it back to the yearly basis. Much of the power of Student Government was taken by the College during the accelerated program, and the situation is much like giving the baby a new toy . . . once he's got it he doesn't want to give it back. But if All-College Cabinet is to be a true student government, the constitution must be revised to include those powers which Cabinet held prior to the war.

These are just a fraction of the problems that will confront Cabinet this semester, or more specifically, confront Vaughn Stapleton. As All-College president, Stapleton has the potential power of making Cabinet a true representative government. And again this semester, Collegian promises full support if Cabinet starts the ball rolling.

### Lost: 3,000 Votes

Out of a possible approximately 5,000 votes, only 2,006 were cast in the All-College Elections Tuesday and Wednesday. This is just 40 per cent of the student body, the usual number who turn out for elections. Does this mean that 60 per cent of the students at the College are not interested in student government, but are willing to sit back and "let the other fellow do it"? Collegian believes it does.

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## Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

Spring was officially welcomed to the Penn State campus by the Phi Sigma Delt's who picnicked at the Duck Pond last weekend. Among the Phi Sigs and their dates at the affair were Stan Seigel and Arlene Artenberg . . . Art Jenkins and Bunny Rosenthal . . . Marty Baum and Ruth Cohen . . . Danny Brecker and Mickey Hoffman.

### PIKA Welcomes

The list of Ex-GI's who are back at the College this semester still goes on. The PIKA's welcomed back Glenn Bowers, Kerwin Hyland, Paul Shanor, George Tilghman, Bud Aull, Fred Starthmeyer, Harold Henshey, Dick Owens, George Roye, and Roger Tobias.

A Chi O Marilyn Globisch is pinned to Phi Delt Tom Smith . . . Kappa Helen Feidler is wearing Joe Steel's Delt jewelry . . . SPE Tom Botsford and Theta Mary K. Reinard are depinned.

BSO Audrey Cover now flashes a ring from Harry Conklin, a boy from back home. Kappa alum Doris Newcomer middle-aided it with Sigma Pi David Cloud recently.

### Popular Girls

The Chi O's were busy visiting and being visited this past weekend. Chi O Becky Gill was visited by her fiance, Lloyd Morton. Lloyd is attending the University from Erie . . . Chi O Elaine Smytaugh was visited by Bob Broache of Maryland . . . Chi O Ruth Shopers Fugate was up to see her husband, SPE Doc Fugate . . . Chi O alum Sammy Sampson was back on campus to see her fiance, Jimmy Eiters.

TPA Yolanda West visited Thomas Daly, NROTC at Villanova . . . Kappa Marie Bower Nelson was back on campus . . . ATO Andy Anderson, now stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was back. Andy expects to leave for Cuba soon.

Phi Ep alum Jerry Danchevsky was back to see Luce Landesberg . . . Seen around wearing an AIEPI pin from Sy Finkelstein, a student at Penn, was Phi Sig Sig Rose Sherman . . . TKE Van Lundy, former All-College president, was back.

### They Came To Visit

KD Betty Lindsay went to the IFC pledge dance with Jack Malloy, her fiance from back home . . . Former Air Corps Lt. Merle Edwards trekked up last weekend to see Mary Lou Mahaffey . . . Quartermaster 2c Bill Kenneweg came up to see Clem McMahan . . . Bobby Tappen was up.

The Beta Sigs were visited by Dick Stovoroff, Dick Goldsborough, Marv Schimmel, and Don Cappelin . . . The Kappas also had a guest list. Alum Jane Dye, now working in Wilmington, Del., was back, as were Helen Kime, Hattie Layden, Margo Zollinger, and Peggie Weaver.

—Maniac

## NROTC News

By TOM KELLY

Putting aside their plastic bayonets and reverting to the paths of peace, some score or more liberated NROTC trainees have returned to the campus as civilians.

Currently decorating the classrooms in a variety of striped ties and colored shirts are Vince Pass, Red Hopper, Dick Grimm, John Zagoudis, Bob Kennedy and George Meeker.

### Signs of Spring

If blue skies and that old feeling aren't indications enough, the trainees return to Beaver field for their Monday and Wednesday afternoon romps should cinch the deal.

Francis "Studs" Corrigan, whose celebrated simian imitations have endeared him to many, will once more conduct his informal barbell classes at Rec Hall. Interested strong backs and weak minds can contact Corrigan in his arena beside the basketball score board.

### Vital Statistics

When the transfers from Bloomsburg arrived here the first of November, there were 10 or 15 faithful hearts who made the weekly sentimental journey back to Bloom. The number has now dwindled to two or three. This item is significant of something though no one knows just what.

The newly formed inter-planet bowling league is off to a

bouncing start (which is rather hard on the alleys.) The league opened Wednesday night and will continue to meet once a week. The exercises should further develop biceps and forearms, already well muscled from elbow calisthenics at the Skeller.

### Mystery of the Moment

This week's problem for the Junior G-Men of the local chapter, will be "what recently departed co-ed telephoned who at 1:30 Sunday morning and talked for two hours, or about \$12 worth?" Beautiful prizes will be awarded for the correct solution. Simply tear off the top of Old Man, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, and mail it with your answer to the Children's Editor, care of the Collegian.

To conclude this with a salty touch, there's the story of the hard luck aviator's war time radio message, patterned after the famous "Sighted sub—sank same." This one went: "Sighted sub—glub, glub."

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In a little more than three weeks, it will be time for the Easter vacation. The dates for this are set from five o'clock April 18 until April 21, or, in other words, three days.

As things are now, many who live either in another part of Pennsylvania or in a different state will have scarcely two days at home, due to traveling, and many will have to remain here for the holidays. If we were given Holy Thursday and Easter Monday off, it would be much more worthwhile.

The main topic of conversation now seems to be this vacation, especially since it is the only chance to go home before school ends in the latter part of June. This means that some students will be unable to be at home and it will take four months until they can again see their families. Naturally, everyone is concerned even more now, as the time is coming nearer.

Since school does not end until June 29, as it is, we think the least the College can do is to extend the Easter vacation to include these two days in order to

accommodate the students who live at great distances.

Twelve Coeds.

### Student Union Building

Dear Editor:

As a recent graduate of Penn State and a student who was, and a graduate who still is, interested in State, I thought you might pass on this bit of information to spur on action toward the erection of a Student Union Building.

Yesterday afternoon I visited the campus (two small city blocks) of Akron University. The enrollment is 900 students and a physical plant of seven or eight buildings all the size or smaller than Carnegie Hall. With this small and none too pretentious campus is a Student Union Building larger than any of its other buildings and very well equipped for such a small college; in fact a building of this size would make State better equipped too. Here is hoping we will soon see action on the Student Union Building for State. If such a small place as Akron U. can have such a building, why can't State?

An interested alum,  
Guy Newton

## Off The Record

By AUDREY RYBACK

Before getting on the subject of records, mention should be made about a new little band that just hit the College campus. It's Sonny Roye's six piece Dixieland Band which made its debut on WMAJ Sunday night. The ensemble specializes in blues favorites patterned after the former radio program, The Chamber Music of Lower Basin Street. Betty Platt handles the vocals.

An all-out sweet arrangement of "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" is one of Harry James' latest contributions to the record world. On this platter the James' horn is heard in a groovy style, supported by the band in a highly danceable beat, with the vocal by Buddy Di Vito. By the way, this little number is taken from Chopin's "Fantaisie-Impromptu" in case you're interested. On the reverse, chirper Kitty Kallen sings "Baby, What You Do to Me."



Harry James Harry James comes from a long line of circus performers. When he was just a kid he became famous in the circus world by becoming the youngest contortionist in the business. He gave up his "human pretzel" career at the age of six though, and soon began taking trumpet lessons via classical music. Some of the lighter classics still stick with Harry's arrangements today. He especially likes "Ciribiribin," "Flight of the Bumblebee," and "Carnival in Venice." He doesn't go for the deeper type though. As he puts it—"no heavy stuff, because there's no relaxation in it."

Up and coming Johnny Desmond, formerly singer for the Glenn Miller AAF band, lends his voice to the tunes of two brand new ones, "In The Moon Mist" and its platter-mate, "Do You Love Me." Perry Como comes out with "All Through the Day" paired with "Prisoner of Love." Incidentally, Como was named the outstanding singer of 1945 by several magazine and radio polls.

## Bullosopher

BY FERDINAND

That eminent feline authority on sorority-rushing and child psychology, J. Solveny Dingleberry, "Heh-heh-ed" through his whiskers, swished his tail roguishly against the Editor's leg, and then jumped atop the teletype machine.

Grinning like a Cheshire cat, he said "the letter to sorority women in Tuesday's issue was the most informative article I've read in months."

When we explained that the letter was written by the Dean of Women and not as a joke he snarled nastily, arched his back and spit out a weak "Good Lord! Next you'll be telling me that the Letter to the Editor on page 2 wasn't a joke either."

Too modest and shy to read other people's mail, even when they're open letters, we had skipped the letters in question.

We read it and felt properly chastised. Our wrist had been slapped gently by the good, kindly Dean Ray. We had been trapped like the little eight-year-old with his mitts in the cookie jar.

As the farmer's daughter said when the travelling salesman disappeared in the early morn, "If I'd a only known." All of these years we had looked upon sorority rushing as a knock-em-down, kick-em-around annual brawl. It is a chance to let the fairer-sex get rid of a little steam and indulge in legalized back-of-the-scene hair-pulling and name calling. Now we find that there is a possibility that "the fraternity system has a place in education" if the girls involved get their beauty sleep and attend all classes.

Surely the good Dean knows after many, many years of experience that the conduct of women during Rushing Week has no bearing whatsoever on the justification of fraternities—any more than final week exams are to blame for the haggard expressions, unshaven faces (of male students naturally), and dark circles or bags under the eyes of countless students.

To be realistic: both are the resultants of misconceptions that will exist as long as students think that getting into the Eta Beta Pi fraternity or cramming for exams are the real purposes of a college education.

J. Solveny, who has the nastiest habit of reading between the lines, suggested that the letter appeared to be a threat to sorority women to be taken away from them—we don't think that was the case. It's just that the excitement of Rush Week has also infected the Dean of Women's office and even they are issuing confusing communiques.