

## Now, Is The Time

At their next meeting, All-College Cabinet will take the final vote on the amendment to the Constitution, which calls for 1946-47 elections in June.

Adoption of this amendment will remove one of the evils of the present Constitution, whereby Cabinet is not set up until six weeks after the term begins. Under the present system, six weeks of every semester goes by without any form of student representation or government. Admittedly, this procedure was necessary during the war when the enrollment was unstable.

By passing this amendment, Cabinet will give their successors the opportunity to begin operating as a unit at the very offset of the semester. This Spring, for example, Cabinet members complained because they did not have the chance to start functioning early in the term.

The important issue is that we have an operating student government early in the school year, and not when the term is half over. Several members of Cabinet have charged that politics are too corrupt at the present time. Speaking as duly elected officers they should know. It would seem that they are convinced that campus politics have reached a peak in corruptness, and that next year or the year after the situation will not improve. If they want to call themselves corrupt, Collegian will not rise to their defense. Collegian, however, wants student government functioning when the Fall semester begins.

To the charge that ex-servicemen returning in the Fall would be left out of the mad scramble for offices if the elections were held in June, there is this to consider:

There are now 2,000 ex-servicemen on campus, plus 3,000 other students. Has the present Cabinet the audacity to assume that there are not five people (other than themselves, of course) qualified to run for office? That there will be 1,000 new potential politicians admitted in the Fall, but how can any of the handful who decide to enter politics break into the "inner circles" of these so-called political machines, Penn State's own Tammany Hall and Pendergast, which hide under the more modest titles of Key and Nittany-Independent?

If politics are so corrupt they won't be able to do it nor will they have the time.

To those who have suddenly adopted this gloomy attitude we say that we want student government functioning. Leave the choosing of the "less corrupt candidate" up to the 40% of the students who vote in June.

## Graduation...Where?

According to the calendar put out by the College, graduation exercises for this semester are set for Recreation Hall, at 10 o'clock June 27.

The senior class, however, indicated at their class meeting that they would prefer to have graduation services on New Beaver Field. With 484 graduating, the seniors believe there will be a large enough attendance at graduation to warrant the change of setting.

A group of seniors are now circulating a petition for graduation on New Beaver Field. After a sufficient number have signed the petition, it will be presented to the College administration for consideration of the change. Therefore, Collegian urges every senior who wants an outdoors graduation ceremony to go to Student Union and sign the petition.

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## Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

Sure and begolly, as the Irishman would say, there's plenty to do around here this weekend. Tonight the social calendar lists an open-air "Parking Lot Prom" behind the Sigma Chi house, a Navy ball in the Nittany Lion, and the various fraternity dances. Then tomorrow night the SPE's will go all out for a formal dinner dance in honor of their seven pledges. Among those who will be dancing to the music of the Pink Elephants are Chick Agnew and Paula Sweet... William Douglas and Kappa Marion Lee... Robert Egger and Arlene Spencer.

Also Jack Holmes and Alpha Xi Delt pledge Renee Mowles... Fred Humphreys and Kappa pledge Dot Huber... Tom Hutchins and AChiO pledge Joan Bailey... Walter Polak and Gamma Phi Beta Bobby Haas... Fritz Sipple and Theta Eleanor Roberts... Linden Smith and Phi Mu Kitty Fix... Frank Sipe and import Ann Whittier... Edward Tytkowski and Jane Lee... James Walker and import Ann Gay.

### June Bride

As a forerunner of June weddings comes Junie First's marriage plans. Junie and NROTC Ray Murphy, Phi Psi, plan to be married in the State College Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. June 22. Then after a three-day honeymoon Junie will return to graduate and Murph to take finals.

And the list of pinnings goes on and on... Chi Phi Jack Evans gave his pin to Gamma Phi Beta June Snyder... AOPi pledge Marian Dills is wearing John Long's Sigma Chi jewelry... Dottie Coffman, Lampedes pledge, has Bill Spliethoff's Delt pin... Kappa Charlie Martin and Delta Sig Walt Statton are pinned.

Romance bloomed at the Theta house this weekend, too, as Barb Krinex received a Sigma Pi pin from Walt Funk, and Jeannie Weaver dittoed it with Chi Phi Bob Rose. Moving up to the Alpha Xi Delt suite, Eddie Brower is

now wearing Frank Stevenson's TKE pin, and Madelyn McCall is showing off a Sigma Chi pin from Rusty Gates, a Lehigh man.

### Engagements

The pinnings list may be long, but Maniac could dig up only four engagements this week... Betty Rokosz is engaged to Bob Ebersole... Betsy Adams is wearing a ring from DU pledge Walt Klinikowski... TPA Anne Re is engaged to KDR Bernard Oldsey... TPA Anne Patterson is showing off a sparkler from KDR Tom Sloane.

Way out in Indianapolis, Kappa Sig Norman Barrett and Phyllis Duke's last week... Alpha Xi Delt alum Winnie Miller also said "I do" to Jack Berger... and her sorority sister, Mary McCurdy Jaffurs and husband Johnny, former football star, announced the birth of a new baby girl.

A host of former Staters were visiting on campus this past week, including Ensign Chris Yoke, former Phi Mu... Navy Lieutenant Arthur Frost, who came up to see Phi Mu Jean Wilcox... Alpha Chi Sigs Jack Seavy and Thumper Barclay... Sigma Pi alum John Cunningham... Fred Wolf, who came up to see Phi Mu Elie Frantz... Jo Ehrlich, visiting AEPi Elaine Mittleman.

Theta alums back were Perky McClellan Foster, Betty Chrisman Bowman, Ginny Seltzer, Beverly Miller, Min Rheim Murphey, and Andrea Lindsey. And how could we forget the 121 Beta Sigs, who trekked into town for their Alumni Weekend? —Maniac

## NROTC News

By TOM KELLY

The Dungaree Drag brought the trainees out in various forms of undress last Saturday night. Some of the lads sported such elaborate corsages that they appeared to be lurking in ambush. With the chow what it is at this juncture, the corsages were probably further utilized as midnight snacks.

The Nittany Sea Lion, house blushing debut with four mimeographed sheets. A bright future looms for the infant... we hope.

### Last Exam

Muscles were tested at Rec Hall last week in the periodic biceps bluebook. This should be the last of the Navy's stress and strain exams. I'm sure we're all better men for having undergone them.

The Navy's last large scale social whirl will take place tonight at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Two of the more adventurous spirits hereabouts geronimoped out of a second story window last week just for kicks and a dollar bill. Neither flight was successful, and both hit the earth like Galileo's apples. The second of the birdmen suffered numerous cuts

and abrasions about his well-shaped head.

It has not been the policy of this column to date to give much play to the various naval memoranda tossed our way, but the latest scoop from Washington is of some interest. On or about 1 July each and every trainee will become a complete, no strings attached, civilian. Large numbers of the above mentioned trainees will, however, reenlist in the Naval Reserve and continue for the peacetime NROTC at State.

### Competition

Competition for the Navy's weekly exhibition on the golf course has appeared with the Army's ROTC large scale maneuvers over by the Tri-Dorms.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is a criticism of what I feel are two examples of "loose thinking." The items I refer to appeared on the editorial page of April 30, 1946.

The first example is found in the editorial headlined "Petition Lovers." In this editorial the writer passes judgement in this form:

"Were the majority of the students aware of the substance of this bill when they signed the petition? Probably not." The fact that there is no attempt to prove this statement and the use of the word "probably" indicates that the writer is expressing an opinion. So far, so good—since there is no objection to the writer expressing an opinion. But in the next paragraph the writer takes this statement, which is either his opinion or an unproven statement and uses it as a basis for "condemning students for not learning more about subjects before signing petitions." An opinion, or a statement presented without

evidence, is hardly a sound basis for the condemning note that ends the editorial.

On the same page Mr. Banyai of the Centre County AVC, in a Letter to the Editor, states the necessity for a strong OPA to control inflation. I agree 100 per cent with Mr. Banyai on this necessity. But Mr. Banyai is also given to "loose thinking." In the middle of his letter Mr. Banyai states that the price of butter will rise to "95 cent per pound, sugar to 27 cents per pound, etc." What crystal ball did Mr. Banyai peer into that told him exactly the price rise of each commodity if the substitute OPA bill were enacted? Remember, I agree we need a strong OPA and that, in my opinion, inflation will result without it, but if someone can predict price jumps that will take place in the future, he is the possessor of a wonderful ability. In other words, more "loose thinking."

Let's just stick to the facts and not use opinions or estimates as if they were facts. Milton Solow

## Bullosopher

BY FERDINAND

J. Solvency Dingleberry, Collegian's expert on chess, came in chewing his whiskers and tearing at his hair until the fur literally flew this morning. "By the Queen's petticoats!" he shouted, "Cabinet can't do this to us!"

Dingy, it turned out, was chagrined by one of Cabinet's latest moves. A spokesman for the Chess team appeared before that austere body at a recent meeting to ask for financial support in sending the Chess team to Philadelphia to compete against the University of Pennsylvania in what promises to be the sporting event of the year.

Their request was for a modest \$500. Evidently someone on the team got wind of the fact that Cabinet has several thousand dollars to dispose of by the end of the semester. It did no harm for them to build a few castles in the air even though Cabinet tabled the motion.

The idea of subsidizing chess is unique, at least at Penn State, and it should be thrown open for discussion.

### Dingy's Opinion

Dingy, a first assistant manager of the chess team, responsible for rubbing down elbows and fingers, is somewhat biased. Says Dingy, there are some who may feel that we are trying to rook the Mural and Student Union committees by dipping into Cabinet funds which they would like to get, but I can assure you that we have only Penn State's best interests at heart.

We've got a red-hot chess team, this year. If we beat Penn we're liable to get national publicity out of this. Didn't those politicians in Cabinet promise to get national publicity for the College? Why, if we break through the Penn defense we may even challenge some of those Russians of Mr. Stalin's to an International match. They just passed another five-year plan over there so they've got time to fight above board for a few years.

Penn's chess teams have been darn good for the past 60 years though. (Ed. note: It is to be assumed that there has been at least a slight turn-over in the compliment of the U. of Pennsylvania's team in this time.) If we beat Penn it might not be a bad idea to have Cabinet send us over to Russia for a few years to play a match or so.

Elihu Q. Poppycock, EMOC in campus politics, sneared at the proposal.

### Exclusive Interview

In an exclusive interview with the Bullosopher, Poppycock, who is opposed to subsidizing sports with the possible exception of football, basketball, boxing, wrestling, soccer, golf, gymnastics, baseball, track, fencing, lacrosse, handball, volleyball, swimming and weight lifting, said "Gazooks man, I'll not stand by and see Cabinet used as a pawn in this nefarious little game of theirs! It'll be a black Knight in hell before that move is made."

The American Chess Committee, composed of World War II vets, has voted to support the cause of the Penn State Chess team. Petitions will be circulated next week by the ACC to forestall this checkmate by Cabinet. Easily identified, the petitions are headed, "Just what the hell did we fight this war for?"

## From the Files

MAY, 1934

Hal Kemp and his orchestra are to play for the Junior Prom. Recreation Hall will have a Hawaiian setting.

Thespians on road trip, present "My Stars" in Philipsburg. First time women are on a Thespian tour.

This semester classes will end at 5 p. m. Friday, June 8.

Fred Waring selected by Prof. Fishburn to conduct All-Time Nittany dance orchestra.

Plans are made to require freshmen liberal arts and education students to take physical science 7 and biology 1.

Mothers Day brings large group of mothers to State College; some visit classes.

An announcement in the May 10 Collegian—The Hillside Ice & Coal Company will discontinue the sale and the distribution of beer.

Blue Band receive new uniforms made in the West Point style.

Dean Charles W. Stoddart, of the School of Liberal Arts, favors unlimited cuts for all students with averages of "two" or over.

Showing at the Cathaum—Earl Carroll's "Murder at the Vanities," with Jack Oakie, Victor McLagen and Duke Ellington and his orchestra.

750 to receive diplomas on June 11, Blue Band to give concert graduation morning.

Coach Mike Loeb's Lion lacrosse team scalp the Onondaga Indians, 12-8.

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