

Oligarchy

Last Wednesday the Nittany-Independent incumbents, namely Charles Hill, Ted Le Fevre, and Charles Willing, were called to a secret meeting with their clique chairman, Al Green, to "talk over" spring vs. fall elections. What happened at that caucus only those who attended know, but all three Nittany-Independent class officers voted against spring elections. (Thomas Lannen, Key, also cast his ballot against the amendment.)

Green openly admits that he is opposed to spring elections, because the political parties would not have sufficient time to work up a good campaign and get people out to vote. According to the interview, in "Punchlines," the general thesis of those who attended the meeting and voted against the amendment was that there is not enough time to work up a winning slate. What more politically-selfish reasons could be offered for railroad legislation?

Among the colleges and universities which are now holding spring elections are Southern California, Pittsburgh, California, West Virginia, Syracuse, Temple, Indiana, and Bowdoin. More than 60,000 students are represented at these colleges, yet at Penn State a political caucus of three decided that we should have fall elections.

It has been alleged that there are advantages for holding elections in the fall, other than the one already mentioned. Collegian invites any class officer, clique member, or student to voice their opinion, either pro or con, on this question.

Price Violations

Most of us are living in the Borough of State College, and that is unfortunate. It is too bad that we have to live in a town that is controlled by a few money-hungry merchants who are grasping for every extra penny they can, who are closely skirting the fringes of the law on every sale they make.

The town seems to be organized on the principle of "To hell with the students." And our friends never lose sight of their principle.

Wednesday night there was a mass meeting to discuss the rent and price control situation in town. Some pretty nasty things came to light there. Like the person whose rent is all set to jump from \$50 to \$80 per month at the insistence of a kindly landlord. The sort of thing you might not give credence to if you didn't investigate... only they happen to be true.

Then there's price control in State College—or so they claim. After all, we shouldn't begrudge paying the little extra that goes to maintain the boys, should we?

It was just about a week ago that two restaurants in town got caught by the OPA—and fined. Guess who they were? One squats squarely on the corner of College avenue and Allen street. The other is down the block. It's called the New College Diner.

But they were just the fellows who got caught. Now about the ones who are still at it? There's a tailor shop next door to the Post Office on Beaver avenue. They call it Smith's. On the wall to the left as you enter there's an OPA ceiling price chart, with the limit for cleaning and pressing a suit set at 75c, cash and carry. Only Mr. S. charges 90c. That is nice of Mr. S.

There are more flagrant overcharges being made in town. They can be found without much trouble. But we need your help to expose them. So, if you wind up as the victim of one of our local merchant princes, tell us about it. We'll tell the rest of the College. C.J.R.

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A Dark and Bitter Look

The sun was shining brightly in Chicago last Saturday. It was fair and warmer in South Porcupine, Ontario. They were sunbathing in Sapulpa, Okla. In State College... in State College they were swimming—all over the lawn in front of Old Main.

Lifeguards for the event were the noted women's honoraries, Cwens, JSE, and Blue Key. The latter were at their loveliest in gowns of blue tulle, sprinkled with dewdrops.

After a bugle blast announcing the horses were at the post the hemlock chain came out gracefully stumbling down the little hill, hot on the trail of the jesters and heralds. The heralds were indulging in that favorite college pastime known as "rolling in the grass." The campus cops stood by and looked bored.

In between here somewhere the dancers managed to get the hell down to the forefront. We were covering all bets on the possibilities of their costumes falling off entirely, but they must have been using scotch tape that was invisible to the spectators. Besides, two friends held me back and hindered my investigation.

It was a close race between the queen and her trainbearers to get to the honor arch, but Sally made it by half a length. She also beat them to the throne but only because one of her wee little trainbearers almost strangled himself to death in the train.

Then, to the soothing strains of King Zogs funeral march play-

ed by the people huddled around the instruments, the various characters strolled down the aisle to present certain items to the queen—namely the Crown, the world, and the Sceptre.

A fourth joker tried to follow along with something called the Sha't. But the cops nabbed him halfway down. That's how they receive enterprise up here in the hills. Bah!

The Maypole dancers, bless their pretty hearts, screwed up the dance something awful. Maybe they should have decided first whether or not to wear shoes. Maybe they should have had a blueprint for choosing their special strand of crepe paper. But anyhow, you have to give them credit for trying, and trying, and trying. And not getting anyplace.

A good time was had by all. The mothers enjoyed the ceremony. And we missed a swell opportunity to have a picture of Uncle Joe unroll from the facade of Old Main to the sound of muffled drums and Abe Lap-bowski. Communism marches on!

Penn Statements

By JANE WOLBARST

Just recently we got wind of a person who would rate high on anyone's list of exceptionally good-natured people. His name is Mr. Robison and he's the night clerk at the State College Hotel, working from 6 p. m. to 8 a. m. But he's by no means an ordinary night clerk. Seems that every evening Mr. Robison gets multitude of calls from townspeople and students asking him to call and wake them up at a certain time in the morning. He never slips up in his job of getting a good part of the State College population to work and classes on time.

Choosey Clock

Speaking of reaching classes before Old Main chimes, a certain Atherton coed has been having some trouble on that score. Blame it all on a temperamental alarm clock. This innocent looking time-keeper insists on keeping Eastern Standard Time no matter how its owner sets it. Consequently, the poor coed is always jerked out of her slumber an hour ahead of time. Sleepily, she snuffs off the alarm and goes back to sleep, waking just in time to make her 8 o'clock—about fifteen minutes late. She's tried everything but evidently the clock doesn't like Daylight Saving Time.

Speech classes always prove amusing to the people who aren't delivering "orations." One class got a big laugh out of a girl's serious attempt at discussing campus cops. She started the whole thing off badly with, "I

don't see much of them in the daytime."

What A Man!

Doris Stowe, our women's editor, is convinced that architectural students, and particularly members of Scarab fraternity, are great people. An eager Scarab came up to Doris the other day with a story on the architectural fraternity. He informed her that if she got the entire story in Collegian he'd send her a corsage. Well, as it happens the story got in, word for word, and on Friday afternoon Doris found two beautiful gardenias awaiting her, sent by the eager, and reliable, Scarab.

Atherton coeds spied an interesting notice on the dining room tables recently. "Starting today no parcel post will be accepted over 11 pounds. Be sure to weigh all your packages including your laundry cases before taking them to the Post Office." Looks like standard equipment for rooms will soon include, along with bed, bureau and waste paper basket, one large scale.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'd like to know just what in hell this college is coming to. This is supposed to be a free country and we're supposed to be grown up college students. If several of these frustrated old maids would get their minds off sex and devote more of their time to the improvement of our college, we'd all benefit.

To cite some examples: I had two brothers whose time in this school covered the period from 1937 to my present status. All three of us tried taking piano lessons, but no—there weren't enough facilities. I try to play tennis—what happens; I wait two hours for a court. I want to go swimming—sure, if I go by myself. This college is growing steadily but its faculty is on a decline. If they would devote their spare time in acquiring legislation for higher pay I wouldn't have to listen to my profs complaining at every turn.

Take Collegian's May 7, issue. They devoted approximately 21 square inches to such rot as the Standards Committee. What is the purpose of this committee? To see that there isn't too much necking in the dorms and also to see that the Co-eds don't wear shirts and blue jeans in town. Isn't that silly? The originator of that certainly ought to feel proud

of herself. She's left her mark in this world with such a notable contribution. I myself like to see girls dressed in "sloppy joes", slacks, and what have you.

It deepens my appreciation for them when they are dressed up. As for the necking and promiscuity—if they don't do or learn it in the open, they sure as hell will learn it somewhere else. Why doesn't the faculty try to clean up some of these dirty politicians on the campus? It's no wonder this country is crooked and has to fight wars—the men that are running it are learning to be crooked, dirty politicians right here on our campus. And the College lets them get away with it!

Well, I'm sorry I made such a fuss; I should realize you are too busy with such important things as Standards Committees.

E. F. Stashak

Editor's Note: With apologies to the "Daily Californian," we offer the following ditty to Reader Stashak:

I hate the guys
Who criticize
And minimize
The other guys;
Whose enterprise
Has made them rise
Above the guys
Who criticize.

Off The Record

By Audrey Ryback

"Tonsilectomy"—no, it's not an operation, unless you want to call it a painless operation in music. Boyd Raeburn and his band have just put out this instrumental number with the funny name, and it's played in a slow easy rhythm with a few solos here and there. On the reverse, "Forgetful" is



Boyd Raeburn

sung by vocalist, David Allyn. Boyd has just reorganized an ork after having broken up recently because of difficulty in booking arrangements. Now he seems to be making a hit in California with the new band. Star instrumentalists at present include Dodo Marmarosa, piano; Jackie Mills, drums; Lucky Thompson, tenor; Jimmy Stutz, bass; and Dale Pierce, trumpet. Before leaving Raeburn to join Harry James, vocalist Ginny Powell recorded "Temptation" with Boyd's band.

For you who hate a catholic taste in music there are some classical and semi-classical recordings that should be on your "must" list of collections. Anton Dvorak's "From the New World Symphony" is a stirring work based on the composer's impressions of America when he visited the country. Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5 in C Minor," undoubtedly the best known of Beethoven's symphonies, is probably more popular since World War II because of its designation as the "Victory" symphony. The four opening notes are associated with the Morse code symbol for V --- three dots and a — dash.

Jan Peerce's recording of "Bluebird of Happiness" is one of the most beautiful light classics on the market. The lyrics alone are outstanding because of the philosophy of life behind them, and Jan Peerce's interpretation of the words makes that philosophy twice as pertinent. The ever popular "Because" is sung by Peerce on the other side.

Punch Lines

By GEORGE SAMPLE

At the last meeting of the All-College cabinet, the following amendment to the All-College constitution was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3. The amendment stated that, elections for all-college officers should be held this spring instead of waiting till the following fall. Following is a tabulation of the class presidents and the way they voted and their reason for doing so.

Rebecca Walker, All-College secretary-treasurer. "I didn't vote at the time but now I realize I should have done so. However if I had voted, it would have been in favor of fall elections because I believe an election this spring is too soon after the last elections. Next year, though I believe they should switch back to spring elections."

Joseph Steel, eighth semester president. "I voted for spring elections because I believe it's better to get established and get ready for next fall. I didn't approach my class but I did talk to a number of people, among them Danny De Marino, Neil Fleming and George Donovan, who led me to believe they were in favor of spring elections."

James Sheean, seventh semester president. "I voted for spring elections because there will be too many other activities in the fall that will distract from the enthusiasm that an election must have in order to be successful. I talked to a number of persons in my class and they seemed to be evenly divided on the question."

Charles Willing, sixth semester president. "I believe that if elections were held this spring, an even more unrepresentative group would be holding office than if the elections were not held until the fall."

Robert MacGregor, fifth semester president. "I voted for spring elections because I believe there will be the least waste of time that way. There is always a lot of confusion and waste of time at the beginning of the semester but I believe if we had election at the end of this semester we would have eliminated all that."

Thomas Lannen, fourth semester president. "I thought that students activities were too crowded to allow the cliques time to organize and work up a good campaign. I brought the question up in a class meeting and I believe the majority of the students were against a spring election."

Ted Le Fevre, third semester president. "I brought the matter up at the last class meeting and some 70 persons that attended voted in favor of fall elections. Since I'm representing them I thought I should vote against the amendment."

Charles Hill, second semester president. "I voted against the amendment because I believe more people will vote if we hold elections in the fall. Also I don't like the idea of holding three elections in what normally constitutes one school year."