

The Political Scene

By Lawrence G. Foster

From all indications, interest in campus politics is fast waning. At the preliminary nominations meetings held Sunday night, only one candidate was nominated from the floor. Otherwise, the slates drawn up by both parties, will have no competition in the race for class officers.

This sudden change in the trend of campus politics indicates a lack of interest by students not affiliated with either of the parties. It also indicates greater party strength, and in all probability a closer election.

The absence of "favorite sons" who are usually nominated from the floor by closely knit fraternal or independent groups, was surprising. From outward appearances, the procedure looked unrehearsed, and more than a few party members were surprised that there was no opposition to the slates.

At the State Party meeting, the chairman opened the floor for nominations and proceeded to read off the candidates as selected by the party's steering committee. It wasn't until the last office was read, that of secretary-treasurer of the Junior Class, that an addition was made from the floor. The coed who made the nomination was applauded vigorously.

In a few instances, some of the uneasy State Party members injected a motion to close the nominations for certain offices seconds after the chairman announced the candidate. In another instance, which happened before the additional nominations were called for, a member of the State Party endeavored to put through a motion to pass the entire slate with one vote. His suggestion was followed by some protest from the floor, and this was taken by the observer as an indication that further nominations were in the offing. This made the outcome even more surprising.

The fact that the Nittany Independent slate is set up, and the State Party has to vote on only one office, gives both groups an extra week to solicit votes in an unofficial way. Election committee rules prohibit launching the campaign until next Monday. This week will probably be devoted to a whispering campaign, during which time both parties will endeavor to build up support for the "big push."

Election days are set for April 30 and May 1, but prior to that time, it looks as though Penn State is in for a lot of campus politics, good and bad.

With The Editor

A careful study of College newspapers shows a tendency on the part of editorial writers to point out the shortcomings of the College administration, student activities, the United States, Russia, the World, Labor—indeed, there are very few things that a collegiate edit writer won't tackle.

For this reason we'd like to go out on a limb and say something nice about one of the administrative groups at Penn State.

We refer to the office of the Graduate Manager of Athletics, headed by one Neil Fleming. Mr. Fleming, who is seldom seen by the majority of the 7000 students at the College, prefers to do his job with a minimum of publicity and fanfare; we

hope, therefore, that he will forgive us for "stooling" on him.

Like any sports-minded student, we have often been piqued at the inadequacy of present seating arrangements at indoor sports events; conscious of the rapid expansion of the student body planned for the next few years we have also wondered about outdoor seating facilities.

So little direct word has come from the College that we were beginning to suspect that nothing was being done about the matter; that perhaps the administration was not aware of the needs of the School in the realm of athletics.

By nosing around (probably too brashly at times) we have discovered (1) that Mr. Fleming and his office are very much aware of the need for expansion and (2) they have been working on the problem for several years now.

For instance, Fleming's office has had prepared for better than a year now, plans to increase the seating capacity of New Beaver field to 30,000. Should the student body ever swell to 15,000 for returning alumni, houseparty dates, faculty, (which is likely) that will still leave ample room for townspeople and any other friends of the College.

The proposed project would call for enclosing the north end of the field in a horse shoe arrangement and the addition of sections at the south ends.

An enlarged press box to pamper visiting members of the fourth estate and a new entrance to step-up the task of admitting fans are also proposed.

Biggest hitch, at the moment, is the matter of getting an adequate supply of steel. It is felt in some quarters, that there is enough steel available to permit building the southern additions in the near future.

On the matter of seating in Rec Hall, the Graduate Manager of Athletics and the Athletic Advisory Board have taken several very important steps in recent weeks to protect the rights of students in getting first choice of seats.

Since there are only 5000 seats in Rec Hall and some time may elapse before the West wall is knocked out to allow expansion of seating facilities, it has been decided to curtail the sale of tickets to outsiders to an absolute minimum.

There will be a mighty cry heard in the Nittany valley from those who have followed Lion sports for years. But despite the fact that feelings may be hurt, that policy will be followed. A limited number will be available, when possible, for houseparty imports and others that might be visiting, but by and large a serious attempt is being made to protect the rights of the student body.

Another important change in policy was the decision to eliminate complimentary privileges to wives of faculty members, College personnel and veterans.

In the past, married members of the College staff could secure a second book by simply paying the tax. With 7000 students paying for their books it did not seem fair to continue this practice, since Rec Hall could never take care of the entire student body if it decided to attend an athletic contest.

Originally the Athletic Advisory Board was reluctant to deny the complimentary privileges to wives of veterans. In all fairness to the alumni and faculty members of the Board, it might be pointed out that the three student members of the group thought it best to include veterans' wives as the only fair thing to do. They felt that if a curtailment was to be made it should be complete.

It was then decided to discontinue the practice of passing out complimentary books to others at the College.

The spirit of the movement was best shown, perhaps, by the action of a trustee member of the AA Board. He had just received several complimentary books and immediately returned them after the motion was passed.

These are but a few things that Mr. Fleming and his office have done on behalf of the students at the College. But it's a story he'd never care to tell—he's too busy trying to do things for the students to talk about it.

Edit Shorts

● Broadway's newest musical hit, "Barefoot Boy with Cheek," says the Syracuse DAILY ORANGE, pokes fun at colleges, fraternities, and scholastic politics.

A professor in the production deplors low teacher salaries and comments that his suit is as shiny as a traffic light.

The Daily Collegian wonders if it could inveigle this professor to appear during certain busy hours at the Co-op corner intersection.

Lecturer Gets Extension Post

Randolph H. Thompson, associated with the Pennsylvania Game Commission for more than 14 years as a lecturer, has been appointed associate professor of wildlife management extension at the Pennsylvania State College, Director J. M. Fry, of the agricultural extension service, said yesterday.

Thompson attended the Lock Haven State Normal School and in 1909 was graduated from Penn State with a major in forestry. For two years he was employed in the Rocky Mountains by the United States Forest Service. He then engaged in private lumbering in Clinton county until 1916. For the next 16 years, Thompson was in the planing mill business in Lock Haven.

Thompson was one of the founders of the Penn State chapter of Delta Theta Sigma, which later became Gamma Sigma Delta, honor society of agriculture. He also belongs to Sigma Chi, social fraternity; Phi Kappa Phi, general honor society; the Presbyterian church; and the Wildlife Society of America. He is past president of the Lock Haven Rotary Club.

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Veterans Take Honors On Scholarship Lists

A survey of the 509 students cited for outstanding scholarship during the Fall semester reveals that top honors went to 8.76 per cent of the veterans enrolled as compared to 7.08 per cent of the non-veteran students.

Among the men, 8.67 per cent of the veterans made the honor roll while only 5.85 per cent of the non-veteran men were cited. Five of the 25 women veterans enrolled as undergraduates were on the honor list.

Forty-five of the 51 men who had perfect 3.0 averages were veterans.

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Tuesday, April 15

WRA Badminton club, White Hall, 4 o'clock.

LA VIE editorial staff compulsory meeting, 412 Old Main, 4:30 o'clock.

THETA SIGMA PHI pledge meeting, 39 Atherton Hall, 6:15 o'clock.

WRA Outing club, White Hall, 6:45 o'clock.

PANHELLENIC Council meeting, 418 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

CHESSE Club meeting, 7 Sparks, 7 o'clock.

WRA Bowling, White Hall, 7 o'clock.

COLLEGIAN junior editorial board compulsory meeting, Phi Epsilon Pi, 7 o'clock.

NEWMAN Club bowling league, Dux Alleys, 7 o'clock.

FROTH Advertising staff meeting, Froth office, 7 o'clock.

PENN STATE Camera club meeting, 409 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.

FROTH Senior board meeting, Froth office, 7:30 o'clock.

College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Thursday: Bernard Barnett.

Admitted Friday: Sally Fastuca.

Discharged Friday: Eileen Casey, Rachael Hindernach, Susan Strauss and Juliette Sternberg.

Admitted Saturday: George Keller, Edmund Koval and Joseph Kovalich.

Discharged Saturday: James Burnham, Sara Fastuca and Joseph Grumblatt.

Admitted Sunday: Belle Mermelstein and Joseph Sarabok.

Discharged Sunday: Carolyn Robinson.

Admitted Monday: Donald Book and Sonia Cayne.

Discharged Monday: George Keller and Edmund Koval.

College Placement Service

CALVERT DISTILLING CO., April 14 and 15, will interview eighth semester men in: ChE, Ch, Bac, For, Hort, EE, ME and IE.

SOCONY VACUUM OIL CO., April 15, will interview eighth semester men in the upper half of their class in: Ch and ChE.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC CO., April 15, will interview eighth semester men in EE.

SCOVELL, WELLINGTON & CO., April 15, will interview eighth semester men in C&F and AL interested in accounting.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CO., April 16, will interview eighth semester men in: EE, ME and IE.

AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING CO., April 17, will interview eighth semester men in: ME, Ch, CF and AL.

AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING CO., April 17, will interview eighth semester men in: EE, ME, ChE, Ch and Met.

STANDARD OIL CO. OF N. J., April 18, will interview men with B.S., M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in: Ch, ChE, ME.

ARMSTRONG CORK CO., April 18, will interview eighth semester men in: C&F, AL, ME, IE, Ch, CE and Jr.

NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA POWER CO. OF TOWANDA, PA., April 18, will interview eighth semester men in EE.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, April 18 and 19, will interview eighth semester men in ME and CE.

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