

Engineers Going Modern?

—By Lawrence G. Foster

There has been considerable criticism recently with regards to the manner in which the school elections have been conducted. The Liberal Arts election resulted in an investigation by Cabinet. Although the evidence submitted by the committee pointed to a fair election, many were still not convinced of its validity.

Now, the Engineering School announces an election in the near future (yesterday's Collegian) and the procedure they are following in nominating candidates is questionable. Apparently their election committee has not profited by the mistakes of others. Why, we do not know.

Instead of holding the routine meeting to nominate students for the council positions, the Engineers are going modern; they're going to phone nominations to the chairman of the Council's election committee.

While we don't say that it will happen, it is possible that anyone able to use a telephone

could nominate a person for the council. The Engineers wouldn't want this to happen, and neither would we. As long as it's their election and their council, outside intervention should be eliminated.

It may be true that most Engineers carry full schedules, and don't have time for meetings, but it wouldn't be asking too much of them to make this one exception. After all, they wouldn't have to hold it in the Corner Room, and if they checked at the Campus Patrol office, they may even obtain a room in Sparks for the occasion.

If the Council's election committee can't work out this little problem by themselves, it might be well for the all-college elections committee to step in and take charge. Who knows, it may save Cabinet another investigation, which is an uncomplimentary procedure following any campus election.

Anyway, meetings aren't half as bad as they sound.

Letters — From the Editor's Mailbox

WSGA Report

TO ALL WOMEN STUDENTS OF PENN STATE: As representatives from Penn State's Women Student Government Association to the 11th Biennial Conference of the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students held at the University of Minnesota on April 10, 11, and 12, we wish to re-

port our activities at this Conference to the women of our school—all of whom are members of our WSGA.

The Intercollegiate Association of Women Students (IAWS) is composed of 82 members—or 82 colleges in which women have self-governing organizations. Every two years a National Conference is held, and in the intervening years a Regional Conference is scheduled.

At both conferences the present president and the president-elect for the following year are the official delegates from each women's governing group, with the present president being the voting delegate. Any advisers who attend from their respective organizations are in an ex-officio capacity.

We only wish that every woman at Penn State could have attended the Conference this year. Much valuable information is gained from the inter-exchange of ideas on all phases of women's governments, ideas that are many times correlated into their own governments when the delegates return "home."

This year at the Conference the mornings were devoted to general business meetings, the afternoons to specific discussion groups. The theme this year was "The Place of WSGA in the Postwar Campus." The discussions were segregated as follows:

(1) "How WSGA Renders Service to Students and Campus"—discussed from the point of purposes, objectives, and how these are achieved. We delegates from Penn State and the two delegates from the University of Indiana led this discussion.

(2) "What About Membership"; (3) "Problems of Leadership"; (4) "What Should a Successful Program Include"; (5) "How to Gain Cooperation and Integration in Your WSGA"; (6) a general summary of the entire Conference designed as a town-hall meeting, with our Acting Dean of Women, Dr. Pearl O. Weston, acting as moderator for the group.

The general business meetings concerned themselves with the IAWS itself, such as admitting new colleges to active membership, amending the IAWS Constitution, etc.

At one of these general meetings, the association voted unanimously to support the National Continuation Committee, which is the group to set the groundwork for the proposed National Students Organization—an organization which will function eventually for the interests and benefits of all students in the United States.

Our opinion, after this Conference, is that our own WSGA has one of the best organizational set-ups of any school represented at this year's meeting. However, in our actual program—referring to two of the topics turned in to us by our House of Representatives for investigation at this Conference, we wish to report as follows:

(1) In order to get our own students to know more about WSGA, we need a more extensive publicity system. At the very beginning of this semester, before this Conference, we realized this need.

Francine Gittelmacher was appointed the head of a committee to draw up the draft for a WSGA booklet, which will be ready for distribution to all women next fall.

Although all of our WSGA meetings have been open to anyone who wants to attend, we hope to publicize this fact of open meetings more extensively. Orientation of new women can be more thorough as regards their government.

A definite suggestion from the Conference was that we could set-up a publicity committee—a standing committee—to inform women of all WSGA problems, functions, and to try to gain more representative participation in all programs and phases of WSGA.

(2) In regard to the House of Representatives' suggestion that WSGA set up a system of what is called "blanket permissions," we have a committee investigating this possibility.

We delegates took questionnaire forms to the conference with us about such blanket permissions and rules; we distributed them to the many representatives at Minneapolis. With the aid of the different schools' suggestions and practices, our committee's work should be much facilitated with its investigation.

It is well to remember that each campus has its own problems and its own solutions to problems. What applies at one college is not necessarily applicable to another. We learned this fact at the Conference—some programs have been most effective at one school and a total failure at another.

By each one's taking her share of the responsibility and work in a democracy and in those organizations which make up that democracy—only then can a program be really successful.

Jean Nelson, President of WSGA.
Suzanne Romig, President-elect of WSGA.

William Garvin Wins Acclaim In National Story Contest

P.A. Films Show 'The River' Today

"Greatest documentary film" is the characterization given to "The River" by many people who have seen and reviewed it. The Public Affairs Film committee is therefore proud to present it to College audiences," stated Jean Moore, chairman of the committee.

The picture which shows the taming of the Mississippi River will be shown in 10 Sparks at 10, 2:20, and 4:20 o'clock today.

The committee is very gratified by the tone of student response, said Miss Moore. Some excerpts taken from written comments follow:

"I enjoyed today's films very much and I thought they were very worth while. . . . "Very good and very informative. . . . "We have been attending these movies week after week, and not only do we enjoy them but they serve a constructive purpose. . . ."

Blue Band Opens Concert Series

Blue Band will open the annual spring free concert series of the music department in Schwab Auditorium at 8:30 p.m., Sunday.

The concert unit, under the baton of Hummel Fishburn, head of the music department, consists of 85 musicians. The personnel in Blue Band is changed from necessity in instrumentation depending on whether the concert is outdoors or indoors. Brass and percussion are stressed in the outdoor marching unit, and girls are also members of the concert unit.

One of the numbers is "L'Apprenti Sorcier" by Paul Dukas. It gained popularity when it was presented in Walt Disney's "Fantasia."

Selections from "Porgy and Bess" by George Gershwin are also on the program. Favorites such as "Summertime," "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'," and "It Ain't Necessarily So" will be included.

Thespians—

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James McKechnie, Peggy Cunningham and Vivian Judy Reichard, is spotted throughout the show.

Bill McTurk, Jim Milholland, Gloria Travioli, Barbara Cooper, Virgil Neely, Charlotte Halpern

William Garvin, seventh semester arts and letters student, has received honorable mention for his story "House on a Quiet Street" in a nation-wide short-story contest sponsored by the New Republic Magazine, it was announced recently.

The contest was open to veterans attending college under the GI Bill of Rights. More than 2,000 stories, which had to be under 1800 words, were submitted.

Garvin's story, which concerns a couple hunting a place to live, was one of 37 chosen to receive an award. For his efforts he was awarded a one-year subscription to the New Republic.

Judges for the contest were Marshall Best, editor of Viking Press; Frank Taylor, recent editor of Reynal and Hitchcock; and Otis Wiese, editor of McCall's.

First prize went to Ashtur Baizer, Columbia University English student, and second prize to Jesse McCracken of Guilford College, North Carolina.

and Dick Frontman are featured in "Varsity Sweetheart."

Frontman also serves as production manager, with J. Ewing "Suck" Kennedy as faculty director.

Ted LeFevre, business manager, stated that general admission tickets will be on sale to-night at the door at 75 cents as well as the Student Union desk. A few reserved seats still remain for Friday and Saturday night for \$1 each.

Curtain time for all three nights will be 7 o'clock, with the doors opening one hour earlier.

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All calendar items must be in the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

Thursday, April 17

LIBERAL ARTS Student Council meeting, 124 Sparks, 3:20 o'clock.
WRA GOLF club organization meeting, 2 White Hall, 4:15 o'clock.
CRITIQUE compulsory advertising staff meeting, 9 Carnegie Hall, 6:30 o'clock.
LA VIE ART staff meeting, 223 Engineering F, 7 o'clock.
NEWMAN Club executive meeting, Rectory, 7 o'clock.
PSCA Dance class meeting, 401 Old Main, 7 and 8 o'clock.
CLOVER CLUB, student section of the American Agronomy Society meeting, Alpha Zeta fraternity, 7 o'clock.
WRA Bowling club, White Hall, 7 o'clock.
WRA Fencing club, White Hall, 7:30 o'clock.
WRA Swim club, White Hall, 7:30 o'clock.
PENN STATE Grange meeting, 100 Hort, 7:30 o'clock.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Organization meeting, 200 Carnegie Hall, 7:30 o'clock.
ASSOCIATION for CHILDHOOD Education meeting, SE Atherton Lounge, 8 o'clock.
ALL-COLLEGE Cabinet meeting, 201 Old Main, 8 o'clock.

College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Tuesday: Charles Waring.
Admitted Wednesday: Louis Abate, Bert Agnew, William Beuka, Carol Broberg, William Kronenwetter and Creston Ottemiller.
Discharged Wednesday: Donald Book and Michael Scarpello.

College Placement Service

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., April 16 and 17, will interview eighth semester men in AL and C&F.
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.
ELI LILLY AND CO., April 17, will interview eighth semester men in: IE, ME and C&F, and men with B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in organic and analytical chemistry.
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.
MASKINS AND SELLS CO., April 21, will interview eighth semester men in C&F.
H. J. HEINE CO., April 21, will interview students for summer work in: HE, MT, Bac, Ch, CCh, Sci, Ag and BioCh who are able to perform microscopic inspection after training.
HAMILTON WATCH CO., April 21, will interview eighth semester men in: IE, ME and Met, and eighth semester women in AL.
MERCER AND CO., April 21, will interview eighth semester men in: PH, Ch, CCh, ChE and AgBioCh.
TITAN METAL MANUFACTURING CO., April 22, will interview eighth semester men in ME.
HEINEZ MANUFACTURING CO., April 23, will interview eighth semester men in ME.
WEST PENN POWER CO., April 23 and 24, will interview eighth semester men in: CE, EE and IE.
ERIE RAILROAD CO., April 24 and 25, will interview eighth semester men in: CE, ME and EE.
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., April 25, will interview eighth semester men in: AL, CF, Jr and Ed.