

With the Editor

Last week the Senior Board of the Collegian met and elected a new Senior Board for 1947-1948. In order that there may be an orientation period when the new staff may refer to the out-going group for advice, and at the same time assume their new duties, Collegian has referred to the pre-war plan whereby the newly elected Senior Board takes over the paper starting with this issue.

During the transition period there will be no changes in policy and content as any changes come, it will not be until the fall.

While the graduating seniors will act in an advisory capacity the remainder of this semester, the new staff is completely responsible for the policy and content of the newspaper.

By Michael A. Blatz

Economic Shake-up

There was a time when the saying, "what this country needs is a good five-cent cigar," was quite the rage.

Dusting it off and adding a modern touch, one gets the timely quip, "What Penn State needs is a good economic shake-up."

Such a shake-up could take place if, perchance, one could put the entire College property and facilities on wheels some night and roll it within hailing distance of a decent sized city where there was real free economic enterprise.

Mathematically it could be done; but there is a simpler way. Why doesn't this College become self-sufficient?

It might take time (say 50 years) but it is possible to reduce dependency on the Borough of State College. Some of the most obvious steps are, naturally, adequate dorm facilities ON campus for all Students and (by getting the School charter changed) apartment buildings and inexpensive housing for young faculty couples.

But our real point is this—much of the talk we've heard so far about a Student Union building is so much hokum.

The social benefits of a Student Union building have been over-stressed (though they're real enough) to the disadvantage of the economic potentialities to be derived.

Within a Student Union building lies the key to the economic reformation of the Nittany Valley.

Picture if you can, a few of the changes . . . a real Student Union (and it will cost \$3,000,000 easily) would have a barber shop. Do you think that there would be any question of racial discrimination there if that barber shop were owned and operated by and for the students of the College?

We say owned by the student for an impor-

Collegian Gazette

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

Tuesday, May 6

PANHELLENIC SING Rehearsal, 304 Old Main, 3 to 5 o'clock.

WRA Tennis Club meeting, 4 o'clock.

TAU PHI SIGMA meeting, 411 Old Main, 6 o'clock.

WRA Golf Club meeting, caddy house, 6:15 o'clock.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL meeting for installation of officers, Aith Hall, 7 o'clock.

ENGINEERING STUDENT Council meeting, 110 Main Engineering, 7 o'clock.

MARINE CORPS Volunteer Reserve, Engineering E, 7 o'clock.

X-GI Club business meeting, 121 Sparks, 7 o'clock.

IFC meeting for election of officers, 405 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.

SIGMA XI public lecture, "The Physical Chemistry of Polymers," 119 New Physics, 7:30 o'clock.

PENN STATE Flying Club, 411 Old Main, 8 o'clock.

College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Thursday: George Downey and Judson Smeeth.

Admitted Friday: Robert Mays.

Admitted Saturday: Theodore Bechtol, John Kraynyak, Anil Mandal and Eugene Wasilewski.

Discharged Saturday: George Downey and Ruth Sacks.

Admitted Sunday: Donald Horton and Alvin Leidel.

Discharged Sunday: Anil Mandal and Stanley Wyglendoski.

Admitted Monday: Robert Cleeland and Thomas Folan.

College Placement Service

CHANCE-VOUGHT AIRCRAFT CORP., May 5 and 6, 8th sem. men in Aero and ME. NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS, May 5 and 6, men with B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. and 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sem. students in ME, Phy, Math, EE, Aero and Met.

KROGER CO., May 6, 8th sem. men in AEC, C&F and Ed.

DEPT. OF PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES OF PA., May 7, 8th sem. men in ME and CE.

NATIONAL TUBE CO., May 7, 8th sem. men in C&F and IE.

ERIE RESISTOR CORP., May 7 and 8, 8th sem. men in EE, ME and IE.

PA. POWER & LIGHT CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in EE and ME.

THE AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in C&F and A&L.

B. F. GOODRICH CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in C&F.

A. B. FARQUHAR CO., May 8, 8th sem. men in AgE.

AMERICAN STEEL & WIRE CO., May 13, 8th sem. men in ME, EE, IE and Met.

CHAMBERSBURG ENGINEERING CO., May 12, 8th sem. men in ME and IE.

Want reason. The various services of this Student Union building must not be leased as concessions to someone interested in lining his pockets at the expense of students (most of whom have barely enough money to pull through four years of College).

Next, envision a cafeteria large enough to seat 500 to 1000 people. Owned and operated by the students, it is not likely that you'll have to pay 25 cents for an order of toast and coffee, even in these inflationary times.

Small dining and banquet rooms and even a high class restaurant should be there. Did you ever stop to think how many banquets are held in the course of the school year by campus groups—and they're not held on campus?

And put in a sizeable bookstore. Certainly they're risky investments, but there must be some profit in them, else how do they survive in this community year after year?

A decent sized Ball room would be of more than sheer social benefit. Are you aware of the fact that every time a dance is held in Rec Hall at least \$500 must be paid to bring in, from out of town, cheese-cloth decorations to camouflage the gym? Thousands of dollars yearly. A needless expenditure and one of the reasons dance tickets cost \$4.00 instead of say \$3.50.

What to do? The College hasn't the money. The State can't give the money. The Alumni are either (1) not interested or (2) still feel that they gave dough to make Old Main a Student Union back in the 20's (though the hard facts show otherwise). There are groups talking about a Student Union, but you get nowhere just talking.

Because we believe in the great need for a Student Union we can start at the bottom and start scratching away.

Incessant dropping of water on stone will wear away the rock; every penny, nickel, dime or dollar contributed to the erection of a Student Union building would have the same effect. Every piddling some adds to the making of a sizeable puddle.

Haphazard as this hit-and-miss contribution method may be, it still represents progress. What can you give? What will you give?

New Procedure

Campus politics—its function, methods and importance is, considered in different ways by Penn Staters. It is suspected that a majority ignore it almost completely, while only a small segment regard it seriously.

Party lines seem to be unimportant and generally ignored, except perhaps by the embryonic politicians. This is not undesirable, of course, because student government should and does operate on an individual basis—with good men if prospers; otherwise it flounders.

Straight-party voting should be non-existent in an intelligent, thinking electorate. Both parties strive to present the same promises in the more glowing terms. Both parties promptly forget their pledges, which were usually impossible to fulfill anyway. That leaves the individual candidates' qualifications as the only criteria for casting a ballot.

Why then must the president and vice-president have the same political affiliation? When the better nominee for each of these offices appear on opposite sides of the political fence, why can't they both be elected and be expected to work well together? If they were of the calibre students can rightfully expect their officers to be, they would cooperate without hesitation or question.

Maybe this simplification of elections will never be accomplished because of the opposition of politicians. It would no doubt increase the worries of the clique leaders and campaign managers. They would have to obtain vote-getters for each post instead of just one. And they would be plagued more than ever by the specter of vote-splitting.

By Lewis Stone

Further Evidence

The recent elections further clarified campus sentiment with regards to the Student Union building. Of the 1895 votes cast, 1635 were in favor of a Union, while only 160 voted for a field house.

There was no pressure brought to bear on those who voted "yes" for the Union—it was strictly a voluntary act.

A similar pro-Student Union sentiment prevailed a year ago when the Board of Trustees considered the field house as being equally important. Evidence of that was the petition which was circulated by members of the Student Union Committee in the spring and presented to the Board prior to their meeting. The petition contained approximately 3000 signatures of students willing to pay a semester fee.

It is now more evident than ever before that the Trustees made a mistake when they weighed the value of the two buildings. Had this mistake not been made, it is probable that the fund raising campaign would have been in full swing by now, and Penn State would have been a year closer to having its Student Union.

By Lawrence G. Foster

Houtz Drives College Orchestra Presidents

Earl Houtz, College storekeeper, has been inaugurating presidents since 1920. Not one Truman variety, but presidents of the College.

Since he first met Dr. Thomas at the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg in April, 1920 (he identified him by a photograph) and drove him to the College to begin his presidential career, Mr. Houtz estimates he has driven 500,000 miles with Thomases and later President Houtz.

A great deal of this mileage was accumulated during the \$2,000,000 bond drive throughout Pennsylvania in 1921 in which President Thomas took an active part.

Mr. Houtz had a rest from his duties during the period of more than a year after Dr. Thomas left when the College was without a president.

In November of 1926 Houtz went to New Hampshire and brought Dr. Hetzel's car back in order that the new president would have it upon his arrival by train at Thanksgiving time.

Although both presidents had private cars, they used the Cadillac provided by the College for most of their tours.

Of all the trips Mr. Houtz made with the presidents, the one he enjoyed most was to the University of New Hampshire when Dr. Hetzel returned for the inauguration of his successor to the presidency of the university.

One of the advantages of his position, Houtz illustrated by telling of his 50-yard-line seat with Dr. Hetzel at the Navy-State game at Annapolis last fall.

Players Release-

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assistant; Doris Brenner and Sherwood Jones, Mary Ann Kemper, Edward McCoy, Al Potasch and Sidney Simons.

Lights: Edgar Eddins, manager; Wilbur Ebersole, assistant; and Harry Natschke, Paint: Louis Gresh, manager; Ann Dunaway, assistant; Marjorie Gorham, Phyllis Harkin, Jean Nichols, and Jacquelyn Wengert.

Stage: Gordon Fiske, manager; William Folwell and Robert Wickus, assistants; James Cuzzolina, Ann Dunaway, Sherwood Jones, Donald Little, James Lotz, Edward McCoy, John Miller, Robert Rose, Frederick Vogel, and Margaret Waple.

NROTC Men Take Cruise

Twenty-nine contract NROTC students at the College will participate in a summer cruise, announced Capt. W. T. McGarry, commanding officer of the unit, today. The men will sail from Norfolk, Va., on June 21 and return on July 11.

The following men will go on the cruise: Richard C. Ambelang, John S. Anderson, Earnest S. Beachley, William W. Bissell, Henry R. Brenner, Charles W. Calhoun, Verner H. Condon Jr., Francis J. Corrigan, James Deeslie Jr., Theodore F. Frankoski, Kenneth W. Holt, and Walter F. Jones.

Herman J. M. Jorgensen III, Warren W. Lord, Russell J. Nickerson, Wedo Nutaitis, Michael Oleyar, John Opalka, Robert W. Rust, Kernal G. Shaw, Ambrose L. Spencer, Robert E. Stablesy, Robert W. Stratton, Donald H. Stevenson, Mathias E. Szezyller, Paul T. Trax, James P. Trinity, George R. Williges, and Karel E. Yedlicka.

Phys Ed Meeting

There will be a compulsory meeting of the Physical Education School to elect members to the Physical Education Student Council and for group pictures in Recreation Hall 8 o'clock tonight.

Editorials and features in The Collegian reflect the opinions of the writer. They make no claim to represent student or University opinion. All unsigned editorials are by the editor.

College Orchestra Presents Concert

The College Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Himmelfrisch, head of the music department, will give its annual concert in Schwab Auditorium, 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Because people arriving early distract the orchestra members in the pre-concert rehearsal, the doors will not be opened until 3 p.m., said Mr. Himmelfrisch. Young children will not be admitted to the concert.

"The Prom from the New World" symphony by Anton Dvorak will be the major work on the program. Paul Leare, pianist, accompanied by the orchestra, will play "Capriccio Brilliant," a concerto by Felix Mendelssohn.

SU Seeks

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No. 1707, Hillel Foundation, Home Economics Club, and Horticulture Club.

Iota Sigma Pi, Iota Lambda Sigma, Industrial Ed. Club, Industrial Engineering Society, IWA, Landscape Architecture Club, Le Cercle Francais, Leibig Chemical Society, Louise Homer Club, Mineral Industries Club, Men's, Glee Club, and Mortar Board.

The Newman Club, Nittany Cop, Philotes, Penn State Club, Pan-Hellenic Council, Players, Thespians, Portfolio, Penn State Engineer, Penn State Dames, Penn State Greeters, Pershing Rifles, Poultry Club, Pi Gamma Alpha, Pi Lambda Xi, Scabbard and Blade, Ski Club.

Sigma Delta Epsilon, American Military Engineers, Sigma Delta Chi, Spanish Club, Student Patrol, Symphony Orchestra, Student Handbook, Tau Phi Sigma, WRA, WSGA, Zoological Society, and the 4-H Club.

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Business Staff

Jack Strickland was chosen assistant business manager; Spencer Scheckter, advertising director; Barbara Keefer, local advertising manager; Lucille Martin, classified advertising manager; Robert Krane, circulation manager; and Mary Lou Callahan, secretary.

Junior business board includes Arloa Betts, Robert Drucker, William Frazier, Alice Hecht, Michael Horen, Charles Jacobson, Selma Lampert, Shirley McKinley, Mimi Pomerine, June Snyder, Marjorie Watson, and Nancy Wilson.

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Members of the 1947-48 sophomore business board are Joanne Bailey, Kosti Vargas, Margaret Breece, Wilma Brehm, Robert Bruce, Bruce Dieterick, Barbara Hellman, Betty Lou Irwin, Vance Klepper, George Latzo, Esther Laughrey, Lorraine Munz, Nancy Pardee, Barbara Plumly, Caroline Rice, Marie Thompson, Dorothy Ward, Maynard Weinberg, Charles Wilson, and Laura Winder.

The new editorial staff will assume their duties immediately. The business staff will not take over until the fall semester.

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