

Experimental Students

Brown University's project to give a chance at college to veterans who had been disqualified theoretically by low high school grades or lack of credits from admissions to other schools merits thoughtful study.

Brown set up a special project for such veterans in its area—on an experimental basis and somewhat pessimistically—with the expectation of shifting a select few after two years to the established college. Actually these mature GI students, who lacked the accepted educational background for college entrance, have demonstrated such remarkable capacity that one-third of them have already been transferred. Fifty percent stand as high in scholarship, or higher, than 75 percent of the "highly qualified" regular college students.

With so many colleges arbitrarily raising their admission "standards," these results are important. They throw doubt on the whole philosophy behind college admissions and indicate that a large proportion of the nation's best talent is being lost and many capable and deserving veterans are being unjustly shut out of the colleges.

The Brown experiment should be considered carefully by the VA, by educators and by other public leaders with a view to making it a nationwide program.

Merits Not Names

There was a time when a football star or a popular party-goer could be assured of being elected to an important post in student government. A "name" was all that was needed. However, times have changed.

In the past several campaigns campus politicians have found that a "name" is no longer the best candidate to place on the ticket. Voters these days look over prospective officers' qualifications before going to the poll.

Even a strongly-backed party slate can't be sure of a clean sweep. Voters will pass up a weak link and cast their ballots for the opposition.

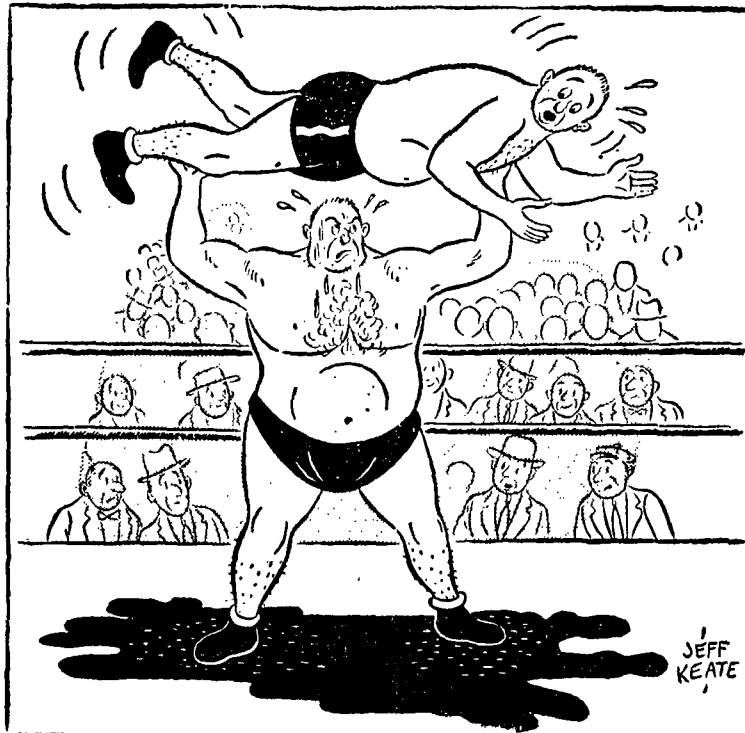
All this adds up to the fact that both the Lion and State cliques are now combing the bushes for likely candidates with good qualifications.

It's not an easy job this year. The Junior class has shown a dearth of adequate leadership in student government activities. The president of the class has transferred and the vice-president is graduating.

In fraternity houses and dormitories are many unknowns who will make fine class and All-College officers but they must be found and convinced to run. They must be shown that Cabinet can be only as important as they themselves make it. Cabinet can be made do an important job.

Now is the time for those who gripe about Cabinet and student government to aid the cliques in their hunt for candidates and platform planks.

The next few weeks will decide whether the next elections will be a farce or another step in improving Penn State's student government. —B.I.F.



"Take it easy, Killer, Charlie Spiedel's in the first row!"

Editor's Mailcall

Prefers Phineas

TO THE EDITOR: Apropos of the Meow-w-w editorial, I would like to point out that there is something worse than questionable maturity of student. That is questionable maturity of what one might term "mature journalism." As long there's a choice, I'll take the perspicacity of Collegian's subtle Glockenspiel to the desultory inanities of the Centre Daily Times. Need I be more specific? —Nittany Dorm Resident

Mature Thinking

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to express my astonishment at the fact that mature thinking and action actually exist here at Penn State. The discussion on CORE by All-College Cabinet and the voting thereon are to be highly commended. Praise is especially due to Agnew for his analysis of the problem and his statement to the effect that ideals are achieved through evolution, not revolution. This is the type of thinking that allows the existence of a true democracy with Freedom of Action. —Fred S. Barrouk.

Incoherence?

TO THE EDITOR: The letter by "YPCA" in today's Collegian (Thursday, March 4) was a masterpiece of incoherence. The statement was made that Mrs. Ingram and two of her twelve children were saved from death by the negligence of a court stenographer. There was no further clarification of this statement. Just what did the court steno have to do with it? Later in the letter "YPCA" mentions that Mrs. Ingram's seven children were left without care. What happened to the other three, who weren't in court? How can we be expected to con-

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 9.**
 COLLEGIAN Sophomore Editorial Board, 8 CH, 7 p.m.
 COLLEGIAN Editorial Candidates, 9 CH, 7 p.m.
 COLLEGIAN Junior and Sophomore Business Boards, 100 CH, 7 p.m.
 COLLEGIAN Business Candidates, 1 CH, 7 p.m.
 PROTH Sophomore Board and Editorial Candidates, 111 CH, 7:30 p.m.
 COED Coordinating Committee, Mrs. Furst's apt., Ath Hall, 6:15 p.m.
 NEWMAN Club Discussion Group, 102 Tem, 7 p.m.
 MEN'S Bridge Club, 206 EE, 7 p.m.
 HOUSE of Representatives, 2nd floor lounge Old Main, 5 p.m.
 BIBLE Study and Discussion Group, 101 ME, 4:10 p.m.
 INTERCOLLEGIATE Conference in Government, 124 Sparks, 4 p.m.

College Hospital
Discharged Saturday: Leonard Johnson, Karl Spaeth, Michael Wapner, Jane Greenaway, Florence Buick.

Admitted Sunday: Lorraine Ciaffoni.

Admitted Monday: Richard Meloy, Albin Johnson, Allan Curn, Richard Boynton, Richard Cressman.

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Contribute to such an appeal when we know so few of the facts of this case?? Or is this just another trick of YPCA to get funds to carry on their communistic program on Penn State's campus, to "Work, Fight, Give," make communism fine?
—Charles B. Adams.

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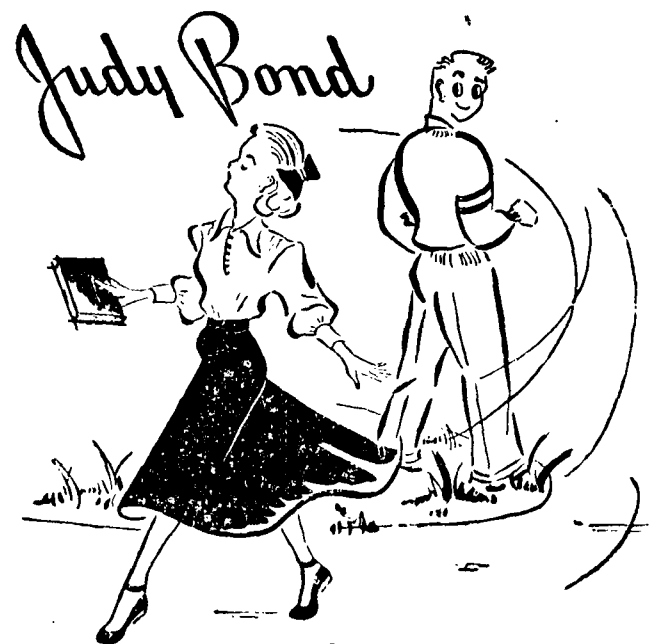
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