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Take Advantage!

President Truman in a recent speech accused pollsters of trying to keep the vote light in the coming election.

Bringing the matter a little closer to home, there have been accusations that some people would be pleased if the student vote was also kept down.

A question much closer to the point though might be—just how many students do intend to vote this year. On campus there has been an attempt made to alleviate one of the major obstacles in the way of student voting—transportation.

Bringing it closer to home, a definite effort has been made to alleviate the difficulties which would ordinarily come up in the transportation problem for student voters here at State.

A driver-passenger clearing house has been set up and is now operating under the auspices of the social responsibility commission of the Penn State Christian Association to provide rides for the students who intend to go home to vote.

Lists are available both at the Student Union desk and at the PSCA office in Old Main, but very few names have appeared on these lists. It seems strange, in view of the opportunity that has been offered the student voters, that not more of them have taken the time and made the slight effort to walk three flights of stairs to look into this matter.

Are the Penn State student voters really aware of the coming national elections, or have they chosen to wrap themselves up in a world of their own, oblivious of everything that goes on outside the walls that surround the College?

There is also a petition that has been circulated by the AVC asking that a holiday be declared on election day. This step, to be sure, meets the approval of the entire student body, but will it mean that student voters will make an effort to go home and vote, or rather that they want this added time to catch up on lost sleep?

A twenty-first birthday has always been looked forward to with eagerness by many because it signifies the opportunity to take an active part at least in the presidential elections. But when the time actually comes to have a voice in the determination of future national leaders, the novelty suddenly wears off and many people are left with nothing but a sort of apathy about the whole thing.

If you are uninformed about the elections, get to work and read a newspaper or two; if you are misinformed, do a little clear thinking and reading about the subject. But, above all, exercise your right to get out to the polls and cast your vote.

—Charlotte Seidman.

Fines And Tribunal

Can Student Tribunal committee legally compel any student to pay a parking fine? After tracing back Tribunal's derived authority to its ultimate source, the answer is found to be "Yes."

Tribunal is a standing committee of All-College Cabinet, whose jurisdiction over student matters stems directly from the president of the College. Its members are appointed by the All-College president, with the approval of Cabinet.

Each case is judged on its own merits, with the defendant present. However, should a student feel he was unjustly fined, he is always free to appeal to Cabinet, and then to the president of the College, if necessary.

Actually, the ordinary student is far better off under the present jurisdiction than he would be otherwise. Certainly fellow students can be expected to be more sympathetic and understanding than a dean of men, or borough chief of police.

However, Tribunal is not expected to be, and won't be, overly lenient, especially with chronic violators, those with belligerent attitudes, or those convicted of serious driving violations.

To do so would seriously weaken Tribunal, perhaps to the point of its dissolution by the College. Tribunal dare not risk such an action, which would be so detrimental to the welfare of student drivers.

Edit Briefs

Pity the poor Collegian staff. The system of exchanging college newspapers has been successful for many years. It seems that this friendly custom has overreached its limits when foreign countries begin making things difficult.

Recently, the office received a copy of EL MORROCOY AZUL, from Caracas, Venezuela. Fortunately, a few of the staff members have a reading knowledge of Espanol, or is it Portuguese? After some tedious work, the paper from the College of San Pablo was translated to be THE BLUE TURTLE.

Even they have a letter to the editor column. One of the more interesting letters is as follows.

"Seniorita recién salida de un collegio de monjas desea contraer matrimonio con un sobador serio. Los interesados pueden encaramarse esta noche por el techo de mi casa para que vean a mi papa sacandose las espinillas.

Apasionada de los Altos de Cutira."
Only Spanish majors need apply.

Indiana University students will have their extra-curricular activities limited by their Student Senate, according to the Indiana Daily Student. The reason for the limitation, according to the newspaper, is "to give all students a fair chance to have various positions instead of a few students in many high posts.

The way that set-up works, it would be practically impossible to make a hat society! Besides, how many students are capable of heading these various activities? The entire program sounds suspiciously like sour grapes.

"What brand is that?"



Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

Epidemic

Recuperation from the weekend siege of aluminitis is just about complete and in a few days will be obscured by an attack of Penn weekend fever. By then we will have probably forgotten all about the seventyish gentleman who to prove his youthfulness jumped from the mid-way point to the bottom of a staircase at the Phi Delt house—the slightly tipsy Delta Sig, class of '17, who joined the huddle in the last half of Saturday's game with the fruitless touchdown play—and the mysterious little marching band which invaded a string of fraternities to inject a bit of melody into the merrymaking.

Frothy, however, still froths bitterly over the appearance of the "Engineer," in the person of Bob Gerhard. "No thanks," says Jim "Frothy" Dunaway, "even if it is a subtle form of flattery to follow suit."

We wonder what form "Critique," the "Ag Hill Breeze," the Home Ec "Hen," and others might take. Ought to be quite a menagerie.

Should be mighty proud of the well dressed "Big White" team. Arriving at Hamilton, N. Y., this weekend, the squad might pass for a group of convention-bound businessmen. Standard equipment for all travel is a shirt, tie, and suit jacket.

Gals and Music

Gene Sprague, leading a group of stray musicians, a bevy of gals, and the latest styles in the automobile line will be highlighted in a warm-up parade for the Mortar Board Mardi Gras Friday. The procession, starting at Beaver and Allen at 7:30 p.m., will wind its way to Rec Hall in time for the celebration at 8.

Pictures of candidates for King Pin of the event go on display in the Athletic Store window today. Making no pretense of holding a fair election, the machine bosses offer the position to the glamour boy supported by the strongest monied interests. Votes go for the fabulous sum of one cent each.

Student Publishes One-Act Comedy Wilson Offers Scholarships

Manuel D. Herbert, a senior at the College, joined the ranks of playwrights this week when his one-act light comedy, "For Old Times Sake," was accepted for publication.

Written as an assignment in Prof. Warren S. Smith's play-writing course, the student's manuscript will be published by Samuel French in New York as a royalty play.

"For Old Times Sake" was presented before College groups last year with Jane Staus and Frank Palmer, former students, in the starring roles.

Show Girls Tap 13

Masquerettes, an organization composed of women Thespians, tapped 13 new members over the weekend, said Beatrice Silverstone, president.

Those who received the honor are Deane Brown, Billie Cooper, Joan Cortright, Mary Eisenhuth, Ruth Federman, Bernice Goldberg, Barbara Keefer, Pat Lloyd, Roslyn McCollom, Carolyn Mowery, Nancy Parent, Mary Pennell and Janice Stevenson.

Fifteen scholarships for students in the School of Agriculture have been established at the College by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, Allentown, announced Dr. H. K. Wilson.

According to Dr. Wilson, assistant dean of the School of Agriculture, the scholarships will be available to students residing in areas of the state served by the power company and will be awarded on the basis of character, scholastic standing, and information received from other sources.

Interested students should contact Dr. W. E. White of the Department of Forestry, who is chairman of the committee on academic standards of the school.

During the 1948-49 academic year scholarships of \$200 each will be awarded to three sophomores and three juniors. Three seniors will receive scholarships of \$200 each beginning with the 1949-50 term.

In addition six scholarships of \$100 each will be given to freshmen during the coming year.

Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

Fining Spree

TO THE EDITOR: Can the Student Tribunal Committee legally compel any student to pay a parking fine?

It seems to me that one day after publication, of the rules on parking on campus, is rather soon to start fining persons for ignorance of these rules, since, as everyone knows, all students do not and can not obtain a Collegian. The beginning of the next week would have been soon enough for enforcement by fining, by then sufficient time would have elapsed for everyone to have been informed.

Then there is the matter of payment of these fines into which discrimination seems to have come. Some men pay and some don't. I'm citing a specific example which happened on Wednesday, October 25, at the hearing given to mostly first offenders. Both men had not seen the parking regulations, both had good reasons for parking where they did; yet one was fined and the other was not. If a fining spree is being held, why shouldn't all the lucky ticket holders participate? So I'm "griping," that is very true; and I would like to know the score on this situation.

—Name withheld.
• Letter cut. See also editorial in first column.

Wants Facts Checked

TO THE EDITOR: Will Collegian ever learn to check on facts before it prints its editorials? The Chess Club did not "receive a cash grant last year to go on trips" as is stated in your editorial, nor does it have "the benefit of a cash allotment" now, to correct the misinformed Mr. Gerenson.

Please get your data corrected before you make your attacks, and we'll all be better off.

—Richard M. Cressman.
• Apologies to Mr. Cressman for a chronological error. Actually, the \$400 appropriation was made May 2, 1946. However, only \$173.40 was expended, according to the annual report of Penn State Associated Student Activities for the period from October 20, 1945 to July 15, 1946. Last year's Cabinet, on October 23, denied a request for \$450.

COLLEGIAN GAZETTE

Thursday, October 28
WRA BOWLING TEAMS, WH, 6:30 p.m.
WRA OUTING CLUB, 1 WH, 6:45 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING, Beginners, 7:15 p.m.; others, 7:45 p.m.
KAPPA PHI, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
RUSSIAN CHORUS, 409 Old Main, 7 p.m.

College Hospital
Admitted Tuesday: Richard Ranck, Bob Anderson, Arlene Mack, Bruce Wallace and David Evans.

Admitted Wednesday: William Cregar, Joanne Schlosser, Raymond Schultz and Hiram Williams.
Discharged Wednesday: Harold Chadwick, Arthur Larber, Harry Weller, George Sleboda and Richard Ranck.

College Placement
Lukens Steel Co., October 29, eighth semester men from ME and Metallurgy.
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., November 1 to 5, seventh and eighth semester men from Chemistry, Chem Eng, ME and Mining Eng.
Proctor and Gamble Co., November 2 and 3, eighth semester men from ME, EE, IE, Chem Eng, Chem, and Commercial Chemistry.
Brown Instrument Co., November 9 and 10, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.
Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., November 8 and 9, eighth semester men from ME, IE, EE, CE, Metallurgy and Chem Eng.

Student Employment
EE's and physicists interested in apparatus assembly relating to relays and solenoids.
Students to represent out-of-town companies in a sales capacity.
Students interested in working as substitute waiters over week-ends.

At the Movies
CATHAUM—Cry of the City.
STATE—Drums.
NITTANY—Hatter's Castle.

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