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Ban on Banners

Participation in student elections is notoriously lax; yet that fact should not be a deterrent against exerting all possible efforts to get out the vote.

In fact it should be a challenging stimulant to leave no "promotional" stone unturned. Consequently the All-College elections committee and the Daily Collegian are publicizing next Tuesday's sophomore elections by means of newspaper and radio advertising, news stories and editorials.

Yet an "unwritten law" of the administration stymies one of the efforts which was expected to have a major effect on the voting percentage—the display of a dignified banner outside the polling place for election day only.

The reasoning behind the ban on signs outside of buildings is sound enough, but it seems to us that All-College elections are important enough, and infrequent enough to warrant a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Wilmer E. Kenworthy, executive secretary to the president, although sympathetic with the motives of the elections committee in regard to the banner, feels that a relaxation in this case would stimulate a rash of requests to display signs for "worthy student activities."

Students, we feel, have a real and sincere interest in the famed beauty of their campus, and would continue to exercise restraint concerning disfiguring signs and posters. Thespian and Players displays in front of Schwab Auditorium, for instance, haven't spawned any evident "signitis."

Why couldn't authority be delegated to Cabinet to authorize the temporary display of signs or banners, for special cases, when the entire student body or a class would be distinctly benefited, and when the harm would be negligible?

A codified set of criteria could be presented by Cabinet for administrative approval, as evidence of good faith, and to assure discretionary use of such authority.

No More Coeds?

A recent Collegian ad claims that one thing every college man should know is "the cheerleader," particularly the "All-American Sweater Girl," or coed cheerleader.

Penn State men had better look long and hard at our fair cheerleaders during Saturday's Temple football game, for they will be witnessing the "swan" performance of a species doomed to extinction by the edict of the graduate manager of athletics.

Sure, he likes them personally, but he "gets letters from alumni" who don't. Other worries are the conduct and chaperonage of the girls at away games. It would, of course, be unfair to permit coeds to lead at home, but not on the road.

We've known some female cheerleaders, not many of course, but we certainly wouldn't lose any sleep worrying over the possibility of their behavior casting any unfavorable light on dear old State.

Cheerleaders, like all other coeds, are able to obtain "blanket permissions" to leave the campus on weekends, by advance signatures from their parents. A postal card, indicating their destination, is mailed home.

The theory that if the parents trust their daughters the College should and can, ought certainly be extended to include cheerleaders. Especially so, since the girls are obviously aware of being in the public eye, and are especially careful to avoid even the appearance of misconduct.

The argument that coeds were only admitted to the squad because of the wartime man shortage, and that since the emergency has terminated their presence is no longer needed or desired, is completely invalid.

Their spirit, enthusiasm and ability to inspire should have convinced any but the most doddering of "Old Grads" (circa '00) that coed cheerleaders were an essential and integral part of a football game.

And anyway, why should the alumni dictate the terms of a strictly student activity—one that is so obviously for the benefit and advantage of the students?

Quoth the raven NEVERMORE!



Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

With our "Beat Penn" tags torn in half and the descriptive title "Beat" dangling from battered lapels, we drag back to another week's intermission of classes. * * * Came Monday morning and with it the old argument between you and dear Roomie as to who turned off the alarm. Emptying your pockets of "church keys," filing away your "smile" sign for future meetings with house Dicks, you decide—as you are carried to class on a stretcher—that your only mistake was not calling room service at the Adelphia to have your head sent up.

Newest addition to Grahams is a piece of the Franklin Field goal post inscribed with players' and coaches' signatures to balance a piece of same object captured at the Penn game six years ago. * * * Probably no one is more dumbfounded than the Ben Franklin room service clerk who was called to send a red flannel nightshirt. * * * Nor more amazed than the junior who was sharing a room with her girlfriend, Joan. Checking out for both, Sue Niekum found that according to the room bill she had spent the weekend with a John—typographical errors make such straghe bedfellows.

Just to prove that we "coal miners" and "farmers" (as Penn would have it) do make out, here are four College alumni who hold college presidencies. One is on our own campus, James Milholland, '11. Dr. C. E. Brehm, '11, became big man at U. of Tennessee in August; Dr. George Stoddard, '21, took over as prexy at the University of Illinois in May, 1947; and Dr. David D. Henry, June commencement speaker, for many years has topped Wayne University in Detroit.

A bulletin from a fashion house in New York warns that a college man has "had it" if he doesn't own at least one of the following: cloth of gold sports shirt with three quarter length sleeves; brocaded silk pajamas; Picasso pink sweater with plunging neckline, and polka-dotted suspenders. Aha! comes revenge for the heckled "New-lookers."

As a parting thought, it would be interesting to know the identity of the Penn Stater, who in somnolent condition was elevated, via chair, to the top of a heavy marble table in a Philly hotel lobby. There, in Buddha-like serenity, with a crowd of near-Zombies admiring his lofty post, the greying supporter slumbered on . . . a draped blue and white banner labeled him exhibit "A", victor, and alum of the hottest school in the country.

Collegian Gazette

Thursday, November 11

WRA BOWLING TEAMS, Bowling Alley, 6:30 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING (BEGINNERS), WH, 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.; others, WH, 7:45 p.m.

WRA OUTING CLUB, WH, 6:45 p.m.

KAPPA PHI, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

AVC, 409 Old Main, 8:15 p.m.

YPA, 418 Old Main, 7:45 p.m.

College Hospital

Admitted: David Chalmers, Gordon Cunningham and Rosella Levine.

Discharged: Bill Oeser, Tom Reagan and Leatrice Berger.

College Placement

Brown Instrument Co., November 9 and 10, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., November 8 and 9, eighth semester men from ME, IE, EE, CE, Metallurgy and Chem Eng.

Sylvania Electric Co., November 8, eighth semester men from EE, ME, Chem Eng, Chem, and Ceramics.

Armstrong Cork Co., November 11, 12 and 13, seventh semester men in IE, ME, Ph.D. in Chemistry, Chem Eng and Physics.

Bell System, November 9, 10 and 11, eighth semester men from EE, ME and IE. B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. men in EE and Physics.

Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Co., November 15 and 16, eighth semester men from CE, ME, EE, IE and Chem Eng.

Shell Oil Co., November 11 and 12, men graduating in January with B.S. in Physics and Chem, M.S. in Pet. and Natural Gas Eng, Mining Eng, Chem Eng, EE, ME, Physics and Chemistry. Ph.D. candidates in Physics, ME, Physical Colloid or Analytical Chem.

National Supply Co., November 11 and 12, eighth semester men in IE, ME and C&F.

General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and Timken Roller Bearing Co., eighth semester men from CE, EE, IE, ME, Arts and Letters, C&F, Metallurgy, Mining Eng, Chem Eng, Physics.

Radio Corporation of America, November 17 and 18, seventh and eighth semester men in EE, ME and Physics.

Armco Steel Corp., November 18 and 19, seventh and eighth semester men from CE, IE, ME and Metallurgy.

General Electric Co., November 15 and 16, eighth semester men from EE, ME and IE.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., November 17 and 18, eighth semester men in EE, IE, ME, Metallurgy, Chem Eng, and Chemistry.

Linde Air Products Co., November 16 and 17, eighth semester men from EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng, Physics, and Chemistry.

West Penn Power Co., November 18 and 19, eighth semester men in EE and ME.

Esso Standard Oil Co., November 15 and 16, seventh and eighth semester men in Chemistry, Chem Eng, Physics, ME and Metallurgy.

Monongahela Connecting Railroad Co., November 22 and 23, eighth semester men in CE.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Four Feathers.

STATE—Smart Girls Don't Talk.

NIITANY—Fuller Brush Man.

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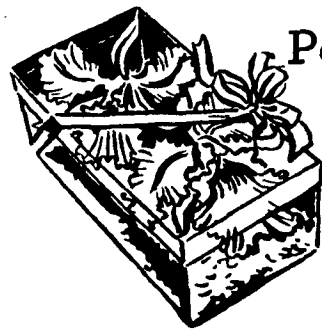
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