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## State Party to Investigate Politics In Council Elections

Rather than take a hasty, ill-informed stand, the State party will investigate further the proposal to introduce party politics into student council elections, Howard McCoy, clique chairman, said yesterday.

In a statement released to the Daily Collegian, McCoy gave the party's official stand on the proposal rejected last Sunday by the Lion party.

"The State party feels that the proposed idea of party politics in student councils should be investigated more thoroughly to see if the project is feasible," the State clique head reported.

"The State party also recommends that an investigation should be conducted by party members and representatives of the eight student councils before any further action is taken concerning the issue," he added.

As yet no official party committee has been appointed to study the proposal. Whether such a committee will be established in the near future is a matter of conjecture, McCoy intimated.

A meeting to make preliminary nominations for the all-college and class selections scheduled for April 6 and 7 will be held in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to the nominations, Clique Chairman McCoy will make campaign committee appointments. No platform or statement of policy is expected to be issued at this week's confab.

Lion party representatives will meet a half-hour later, at 8 p.m. in 10 Sparks (changed from 121 Sparks) to similarly make preliminary all-college and class officer nominations.

A statement of policy for the coming campaign, prepared by a committee headed by George Bearer, will also be discussed by Lion members.

## Washington Pastor Speaks at Chapel

"Fire In My Bones" will be the sermon topic of Dr. J. Warren Hastings at the Chapel service at Schwab auditorium at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Dr. Hastings has been minister of the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C. since 1942.

He is the author of a number of articles for leading religious periodicals and is a frequent speaker in many of the large churches of the East and for Chapel services on many eastern campuses.

The Chapel Choir under the direction of Mrs. Willa Taylor will sing the anthem, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" written and arranged by Hassler-Bach.

## 'Dark of the Moon' Enthralls First Night Schwab Audience

By Jack Reen

The opening curtain of Players' "Dark of the Moon" sets an unearthly mood that grips the audience and never lets go. The foggy crags, the undulating witches, the foreboding of something indescribably evil begin a tale of mountain superstition that haunts the memory.

Playgoers tonight and tomorrow should not expect an "arty" production. But even if they did, the finesse and artfulness with which the almost barbaric theme is expanded by Director Robert Reifsnider would prove almost overwhelming, as it did with this writer.

Superstition prevails throughout the story of John, a Smoky Mountain witch boy with human aspirations—the beliefs of the childish, lovable valley folk plunging him to defeat.

Opening Sets Mood

The play opens on a foggy, half-lit mountain setting that can be described only as electrifying. It is in the witch boy's opening lines that the plot is set. He has fallen in love with a human and begs a conjur woman to make him a mortal. The hag agrees, with the provision that his humanity must be renounced if

Barbara Allen, his mortal love, is unfaithful within a year.

The pact is made and the fateful mold is cast. The fast-moving drama gains even more momentum from the efforts of the valley folk to pry him loose from human existence and send him back to the crags where he belongs.

Attains Excellence

The extreme degree of excellence the production attains can be attributed to many causes—superb scenery; mature, finely-detailed portrayals; a vitalizing naturalness on the part of every player. But most of all, direction takes the honors.

Mr. Reifsnider has guided the production with an infallible hand, gliding over the few rough spots.

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## King's English Dies At Hands of Profs

Don't kid yourself—English profs are anything but stuffy when it comes to using the King's English. As a matter of fact they're a liberal bunch of Joeys who will even endorse "Who did you meet?" and "It is me" as accepted American usage.

That is, if the 155 professors recently quizzed by Norman Lewis for Harpers' magazine represent an indicative cross-section of academic opinion. When Lewis sent out a questionnaire concerning 19 controversial but commonly used grammatical expressions to nine groups of educated people, he found the professors the group least inclined to bat an eyelash at split infinitives and prepositions at the end of sentences.

Editors Dissent

The dictionary men came in a close second but editors of women's magazines aren't so sure. With them the grammar books are still the law.

At any rate the bewildered student no longer has to worry about the difference between shall and will. Ninety percent of the 468 persons questioned thought the rule of using "shall" with "I" was outdated and some said it never had been an essential of good English.

Despite the liberality of the professors, however, there are two things one had better not say if he aspires to pass Composition I—"Hers is different than mine," and "I encountered less difficulties than I expected." The schoolmasters are still "agin" it.

## Alumnus Convicted of Aiding Student in Draft Evasion

By D. L. J. Malickson

Larry Gara, who received an M.A. degree in history from the College in August, was found guilty of aiding a Bluffton College student to refuse to register under the 1948 Selective Service Act.

Gara, 26-year old Quaker, was sentenced by Federal Judge Frank L. Kloeb in Toledo, Ohio, to serve up to five-years in prison and pay a \$10,000-fine. A jury of six men and six women returned the guilty verdict after deliberating five hours.

The defendant was dean of men and professor of history at Bluffton College, a small Mennonite institution located approximately 100 miles northwest of Columbus, Ohio. He was charged with counseling Bluffton senior, Charles Rickert, to refuse to register. Rickert is now serving an 18-month term in Michigan Federal prison.

While attending Penn State, Gara was a frequent contributor to the Daily Collegian letters to the editor column. On May 20, 1948 he wrote:

"It is our responsibility as world citizens to do everything in our power to prevent World War III and to make 'peace in our time' a reality instead of a mere dream. (I am convinced that this demands responsible individual action which may at times make it necessary for people to disobey laws passed by national governments, and enter into civil disobedience.)

"War," continued Gara in his letter to the editor, "is a crime against humanity and I believe it is criminal for individuals to participate in such actions. If the United States government passes a draft law I shall refuse to register for or obey any provisions of such a law."

"I know," continues Gara, "that many others will be with me in seeking to obey a higher law while violating the federal law. . . This may mean prison, persecution or even death but no other course will convince men and governments. . ."

## BX Expands Paper Service

The Book Exchange has expanded its newspaper service to include four additional dailies, George Bearer, member of the Board of Control, said yesterday.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, New York Times, New York Herald-Tribune, and the Philadelphia Inquirer will now be on sale in addition to the newspapers already carried.

Beginning Tuesday the BX will also institute a policy of advertising special sales for the week. The Daily Collegian will carry a notice of each week's special for the remainder of the semester.

An estimated 20 per cent refund will be available to purchasers at the Exchange, Bearer added.

## Cabinet Finds Mixup In Constitution Change

All-College Cabinet hit a "stone wall" last night while discussing routine changes in its constitution.

Abram Bosler, chairman of the revision committee, proposed a minor revision to the section concerning Tribunal, judiciary body, and Judicial, corresponding women's group. Questioning the change, Janet Lyons, Women's Student Government Association president, stated that Judicial is controlled by W.S.G.A. and not Cabinet.

## Seniors Meet To Choose Gift

Approval of suggestions for disposition of the \$8,000 senior class gift fund will feature a senior class meeting in Schwab auditorium at 6:45 p.m. Sunday.

All eighth semester seniors who will graduate in June are invited to attend Sunday night's affair. They will be eligible to vote on acceptance of the proposals put forth.

A committee headed by Richard Weaver has screened the suggestions and will submit four of them to the class for their approval at Sunday night's get-together.

The quartet of recommendations the seniors will be asked to accept are a student press fund, a fund to buy caps and gowns for use by graduating seniors, blanket memberships in the Alumni Association, and allotting of the money to provide working capital for the student co-op.

Additional suggestions from the floor may be added to the list by a majority vote of those present at the meeting. Balloting for disposition of the fund, among the recommendations accepted, will be conducted April 4, 5, and 6.

Seniors who graduated in January and students in the School of Home Economics who are practicing teaching may vote by post-card.

Letter  
She brought forth a letter written in 1945 by the late President of the College Ralph D. Hetzel. In the letter, President Hetzel stated that Cabinet had no control over Judicial.

"If we have no control over either W.S.G.A. or Judicial, why should the W.S.G.A. have a seat on Cabinet?" asked one of the Cabinet members.

Chairman William Lawless admitted that the group had hit a stone wall and instructed Bosler to revise that clause in the constitution to give either Cabinet or W.S.G.A. jurisdiction over Judicial. Eight other amendments were discussed and passed last night.

Other action taken at last night's meeting was the appointment of Abram Bosler to the Student Agency Board of Control, Cabinet's approval of the

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## 'Parlor Story' Concludes Run

"Parlor Story," Players' current offering at Centre Stage, will conclude its five-week run with tomorrow night's performance, "This Side of Bedlam," by Warren Smith, instructor in dramatics, and the first play written primarily for central staging, will open next Friday night.

Realistic Comedy

Directed by Robert Kendall, also of the dramatic department, "Parlor Story" is a realistic comedy revolving around the selection of a college president. The conflict presents itself in the candidate's wondering whether the appointment is worth the domestic entanglements and political intrigues involved.

Walter Eckley and Eleanor Miles portray the candidate and his wife, and Jean Davidson and Ruth Johnson as their daughters. The role of the governor is taken by Leonard Stein, his wife being played by Lorraine Zimmerman.

Other Roles

Frederick Leuschner takes the part of a youthful college newspaper editor. A farcical pair of state policemen are played by Anthony Bowman and Charles Cohen. Dan Bryant portrays a conniving newspaper publisher.

No seats remain for tonight's performance but tickets are available at Student Union for tomorrow. The price of \$1.25 each includes tax and refreshments.

## 13 Days to Carnival

More varied and unusual plans have been submitted by campus organizations for the rapidly expanding Spring Week Carnival on March 31. With each days entries, greater promise is given for the success of the Carnival, the first attempt of its kind for many a moon in Nittany Valley.

In addition to the chick booth already entered, Acacia will add to the menagerie with a real live duck enclosed in a wire pen. Customers will throw a light bamboo loop in an attempt to "ring a duck's neck." If they succeed in looping the duck they will receive—the duck.

A photo shop operated by Pi Kappa Phi will take regular and comic souvenir pictures to send to the gang back home. They will have a variety of scenes for the

customers to pick as the background. There will be a "skeller scene for two," "campus big wheel," "college Joe and Jane," or a plain backdrop with "Spring Week, 1949" for the more conservative. As an added service pictures will be mailed.

Ever had the urge to throw a pie? Well here's your chance. Delta Chi will sponsor a pie throwing booth where anyone can have the chance to satisfy his throwing urge by pelting a pie at some unfortunate Delta Chi.

Fraternal and sororities are not the only groups eligible to enter the Carnival. Any independent organization, or any club on campus may enter a booth.

An extension of time for entries has been given until Wednesday, March 23.