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The Safety Valve

Selecting a President

TO THE EDITOR: Ever since the death of President Hetzel in the fall of 1947 the Board of Trustees has ostensibly been selecting a successor. The extended period of deliberation has given rise to persistent rumors of behind the scenes maneuvering involving the Acting-President. Information coming from the January meeting of Trustees in Harrisburg has lent support to this thesis. The evidence is in the strong opposition that has arisen to the candidacy of Mr. Millholland. The result, I understand, was the failure of the nomination committee to report.

As a student at the College I believe the student body is entitled to know the status of the current inquiry into possible nominees for the presidential office. Furthermore we and the people of the Commonwealth have every right to expect an appointee who will meet the academic and administrative qualifications of this high post. Failure to select such an individual will relegate Penn State to the scholastic hinterland.

—Leo Troy.

'Hot Box' Guilty

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to clarify "preventing the unavoidable."

Student News was unable to deliver on time last Sunday since the car carrying papers from New York developed a "hot box" in Mt. Union. The net result was a four-hour delay in the delivery of all papers to the Student News Agency. Following a conference with the publisher's agent, I was assured that greater efforts would be made to facilitate shipment and that if such a delay again occurs, all papers other than those held up will be delivered on time. In this way the agency will be able to serve its customers despite some duplication of effort on the part of the agency. We of the agency wish to publicly thank our subscribers for their cooperation.

—Joseph S. Reinheimer,
Manager, Student News Agency.

Wasting Our Time?

TO THE EDITOR: We, two ROTC students who are apparently wasting our time at things militaristic while exploiting starving Europeans, defy the strange Mr. Earnshaw. We will defend our 90 cents a day subsistence pay to the bitter end.

As a matter of fact we have a few questions we would like to ask Mr. Earnshaw. First, does he read past the comic page? In other words, has he seen such small items as ECA and the Berlin airlift mentioned in the papers lately? Second, is he a veteran? If so we suggest that he donate his subsistence check to a worthy cause like CARE if this is the way he feels about government expenditures. If he is a non-veteran then his worry about things military is quite understandable.

In summary, Mr. Earnshaw, we say: "Boo! Boo! to you, sir!"

—Donald T. Walker, Osbert Hughes.

Queens and Chromosomes

TO THE EDITOR: Unfortunately as it is, all the cosmetics and careful grooming in the world will not make a plain or ugly woman become beautiful because she was born with her basic physical features which are determined by her arrangement of chromosomes. Therefore, what right does a woman have to be congratulated or given prizes for a trait for which she is manifestly irresponsible, it having been established before she was even born!

If good looking women were a rarity, then publishing their photographs would be justified if for no other reason than curiosity. However, we constantly see "Queens" or if we don't we can always obtain a copy of *Esquire*.

Would it not be a more worthy cause if the Collegian would hold a contest of, for example, freshman coeds' ability to cook, sew, or maybe give a prize to the one who had done the most to establish racial, religious, or international understanding?

—Raymond Emory Swift.

● Contenders in the recent freshman beauty contest were judged as well for their self-acquired talents, scholastic attainments and extra-curricular activities, as for any naturally-endowed accoutrements.

Mr. Swift can answer his own question by asking himself who would sponsor, who would enter, who would care about a contest for the traits he proposes, no matter how worthy they admittedly are.

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Know Your College

5. Resident Instruction

Unquestionably the education of the youth of Pennsylvania is the primary aim, in fact the ultimate reason for the College's very existence.

The term, Resident Instruction, unknown in many smaller educational institutions appears wordy and superfluous, until one recalls that resident instruction is only one prong of the College's trident of service to the Commonwealth.

EXTENSION INSTRUCTION, which takes the College to the student throughout the State; and research, which makes valuable contributions to the world's storehouse of knowledge, will be discussed in future articles.

With the formation of the School of Home Economics on January 1, the number of undergraduate schools was increased to eight, the others being Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics, Education, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Mineral Industries and Physical Education and Athletics.

Each school is administered by a dean, and faculty members and curricula are organized into departments, according to specific academic fields.

AT SOME INSTITUTIONS, each school is entirely separate from all the rest, and completely autonomous, providing its own courses in any needed subject, regardless of duplication in other schools.

Here a student can and does elect, and usually is required to take, courses in several schools other than the one in which he is registered.

Academic standards, procedures and policies may differ from school to school. Central administrative offices and the College Senate attempt to coordinate activities to a certain degree, generally acting to prevent or correct unwise programs of a school, rather than establishing inflexible rules of procedure.

ACQUISITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS is the responsibility of department heads. Proposals for new courses likewise originate at the department level. New personnel make contracts with the Board of Trustees after recommendation of the president, the dean of the school and the department head.

Similarly new courses are finally adopted by the Board, after approval of the department and school faculties, the Senate committee on courses of study and the entire Senate.

Resident Instruction means the College to many people of the State—parents, students and employers. Its excellence depends mostly on the quality of the students and the faculty, even more than on buildings and equipment.

The Ground at Our Feet

Last week's editorial concerning the desirability of a more suitable parade ground for ROTC has received comment surpassing its alleged triviality.

It was meant to be a simple statement of what the writer considered a situation which could be improved. It was neither a criticism of ROTC for marching on the grass, nor a judgment on the efficacy of ROTC training.

Triviality in itself does not place the matter beneath consideration. Our lives are made up largely of trifles. Certainly Collegian should provide material for thought. But not all problems are intellectual problems. While we are considering weighty matters, let us not lose sight of the ground at our feet.

And we don't mean the grass.

—Stanley Douglas

Point Missed

Much has been said, pro and con, concerning the advisability of introducing party politics into student council elections.

Unfortunately, one of the important considerations behind the original plan has been entirely neglected; that is, the protection of those students running for positions on the several councils.

Only the most naive of political observers would refuse to admit that politics, though not in open party form, now exists in so-called council campaigns. The effect, however, is largely determined by "machine" influence since interest in council elections is limited, as the small number of eligible voters casting ballots would indicate.

Opening of the elections to party campaigning would help to limit and neutralize such machine activity by bringing the campaigns into the open and by bringing issues in question before a larger number of students.

In addition to aiding a badly needed increase in student attention to council elections, the program would make it necessary for the parties to keep more closely in touch with the problems and activities of the schools involved, enabling them to become better aware of the requirements and interest of all the students.

That present Lion party officials cannot agree with a policy approved of by their immediate predecessors in a joint steering committee meeting earlier in the year, is unfortunate, but is a matter the decision of which rests entirely with them. Nevertheless, to discard the proposal without considering all of the implications would be grossly unwise.

—J. M. Boddington.

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COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main at once.

Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, March 21 and 22, June grads in Aeronautical Eng., ME and EE, receiving B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The work will be in conjunction with the U.S.A.F. research and development program.

Bailey Meter Co., March 18, June grads in ME and EE.

Philadelphia Electric Co., March 21, June grads in EE and ME. Also a few juniors for summer employment in above curricula.

The Texas Co., March 21 and 22, June grads with B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in EE, ME, CE, Chem Eng, Chem, and Physics. Opportunities are in research, development, engineering, processing, and foreign service.

Men who filled out preliminary applications for the Pennsylvania Railroad should report to College Placement Service at once.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., March 24 and 25, June grads in Chem Eng, ME, EE, and IE. Need for Chemical Engineers lies chiefly in the fields of product and process development. The majority of mechanical, electrical and industrial engineers will be needed in the field of production management. A few men will be required for plant engineering, machine design, and product development.

Lukens Steel Co., March 25, June grads in ME, EE, and Metallurgy.

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., March 22 and 23, June grads in CF and AL who are interested in domestic sales, accounting and credit work.

Harrison Construction Co., located at Pittsburgh and Maryville, Tenn., March 24, June grads in CE for either Pittsburgh or Knoxville vicinities, and would be associated with engineering as it pertains to construction.

General Electric Co., March 22, 23, 24 and 25, June grads in EE, ME, and IE.

Dr. Paul E. Williams, representing General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and Timken Roller Bearing Co., March 28 and 29, June grads in IE, ME, AL, CF, Met, ChE, and Accounting.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., March 28 and 29, June grads in ChE, Phys, Chem, PNG for foreign service only, and Ph.D. in Phys and Chem.

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., March 28, June grads with B.S. and M.S. degrees in ME, ChE, also EE in upper third of class more interested in general engineering than in strictly EE.

Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission has just announced examinations for the position of senior visitor in the department of Public Assistance. Applications must be submitted by March 31.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Three Godfathers.

STATE—So Dear to My Heart.

NITTANY—Road House.

Education

Education is taken from the Latin *duco*—to lead. For that to be possible we must be presented with all sorts of facts—as objectively as possible, from which we must draw our self-made conclusions. But education does not mean the weeding out of certain facts so as to forswear progress and balk at the status quo. What's more, that which is unfavorable is not necessarily Un-American.

In our efforts to repudiate communism and fascism, let's not be fearful of presenting all their aspects. Let's not have our educators stack the cards against these ideologies with half truths when the whole truth does a better job.

—Temple University News.