

# Politics

While it's true that campus politics is now in a slow state of virtual inaction before the spring campaigns begin next semester, we remind all State and Lion Party members that already students are "working" on possible slates for all-College, junior and senior offices.

**THIS REMINDER IS** also aimed at non-party members, with the added observation that one of the best ways to learn "what's going on around here" is to take an active interest in Nittany campus politicking.

It behooves each student to think now about the men and women he'd like running the '50-'51 affairs of State as class or all-College officers. Just because no elections are immediately on tap is no reason to lose interest. Otherwise, a party member may later find himself being pressured into backing someone not suited for the job because he hasn't a few good suggestions to make from the floor.

While it is not too late to form new parties this year, chances are right now that this is not imminent, since no factions appear to be vigorously breaking bonds with established campus parties. Past instances of new parties' growth have demonstrated that the seeds of the new sprout from that being replaced.

**THIS OCCURRED** in '46-'47 when the State Party displaced the old Campus-Key, and it happened again in '47-'48 when the Nittany-Independent gave way to the Lion.

It's never too late to join a political (don't let the term frighten you) party on campus. Neither the State nor the Lion can, at present be dubbed a machine. Both have the "inner circles," but these inner circles don't always successfully call their shots.

Both parties include independent and fraternity men, independent and sorority women. It's therefore possible for independent or fraternal groups interested in backing any particular student to work together harmoniously in either party. It has been shown that this course is the best at Penn State.

The main point is that although campus politics now appears dead as yesterday's elections it is not. To be aware of the life still left in it, one need only show some interest to party men. All-College clique chairman for the Lion Party is Morton Snitzer, while all-College clique chairman for the State is Joel Fleming.

Otto von Bismark said back in 1893 that politics is not an exact science. You gotta keep in touch with it—even the campus variety—to know what's "up."

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### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"You think this is rough—you should have taken ROTC I at State!"

## The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

What's become of the good old Penn State winters?

In the past two years, snow around Old Main has become as scarce as water in New York City. The State College Chamber of Commerce members are beginning to screw up their collective faces and howl when someone mentions Florida or California.

Another tropical season like this one, and they'll probably be putting out brochures advertising the jewel of Centre county as the perfect spot to beat the frigid blasts of Old Man Winter.

**EVEN THE TOWN'S** businessmen are ready to admit spring's back—or did it ever leave? Fred Metzger, who's optimistically had ski displays in his windows for the past few frostless weeks, jokingly told the Collegian advertising director he was going to put in a bathing suit line next week.

Fred shouldn't josh about such matters. Another fortnight like this past one and the caravans to Whipple's and Greenwood Furnace will be in full flower.

Pity the sad plight of Sherm Fogg and his ski team amidst all this warmth. Day after day the hopeful slalomers wax up their elongated barrel staves, flex their leg muscles, and wait for the fluffy white stuff to stream down from the heavens. The only stuff that's come down so far is the grey hair on Fogg's worried pate.

**THE NOBLE MENTOR** really faces quite a problem. How can his skiers glide down snowless slopes? Perhaps he can start a new sport here. Mud skiing.

Then, of course, there's the outdoor sports group who take their ice skating and tobogganing seriously. Unless, like Moses, they can stay on top of the water, the guys and gals who got skates from Santa are going to find the duck pond a real hazard this so-called winter.

I'm one of the frustrated tobogganists. Two years ago a fraternity brother and I inherited a beautiful sled from one of the boys who graduated. We've had as much use for the sleek little instrument as a Penn Stater has for a Gideon Bible in the William Penn on Pitt weekend.

**BUT IT'S AN** ill wind that blows no one any good. The temperate drafts wafting in from the supposedly misplaced Gulf Stream can surely serve some useful purpose.

Maybe the ag students can start planting bananas or avocados on the Jordan fertility plots. Or the hort students can get rid of the stinkweeds outside Carnegie Hall and replace them with sweet-scented magnolias.

The biggest boon of all, however, will probably fall back on the upperclassmen who were here when the storied winters, which froze students in their tracks on the Mall, were realities.

In bull sessions the old-timers will be able to start off their tall tales with, "I remember the blizzard of 1946."

# Safety Valve...

### What a Shame!

**TO THE EDITOR:** Mr. Smith's commentary against Froth certainly was interesting. All 137 words were spelled correctly and all the sentences ended with periods. What a shame he offered no valuable suggestions. Froth certainly deserves and can use specific, constructive criticism; but there are still more casual critics around than talented candidates.

We know the magazine is good. We steal our stuff from the best college humor magazines.

Froth, too, is in favor of "giving the literary and photo magazine another chance."

Froth's "feeble attempt" at sex is certainly that... perhaps the feeblest in all publication circles except the Christian Science Herald. But hang on, Smitty, next month an article called "The How and Why of Rape."

We're sorry that Mr. Smith is sorry his name was ever connected with Froth. Perhaps we're not too happy about it, either.

P.S. Subscriptions to the Harvard Lampoon are \$4.50 a year, mailed in a plain wrapper.

—Sam Vaughan  
 Art Director, Froth

## Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

Will Penn State students be forced to hold a Thanksgiving of their own next fall? According to the new 1950 calendars being distributed Thanksgiving will be November 23; and students at the College will begin their vacations at noon November 29, according to the schedule published in the new student directory. Nothing like being different!

A neologist is one who thinks up new words and sayings. If money could be extended for every new expression Professor Thomas Bowman has invented he would probably be able to retire. His latest contribution came in English Lit 55 class yesterday when he described a hollow dandy or fop as merely "A condescending suit of clothes."

If you think State College weather is bad, talk to Elliott Krane, sports editor of the Daily Collegian. Elliott went to Miami during vacation and it rained the whole ten days he was there.

Norman Goode, Bill Schott, Lowell Keller, and Carolyn Barrett, all of the Daily Collegian, also tried for an early tan in Florida but had to return with their old varying degrees of Penn State palor.

# Gazette . . . .

Friday, January 6 COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 204 Old Main.

Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp. at Oak Ridge, Tenn., Jan. 12, 13. February and June advanced-degree candidates in Physics, Chem, ChemE, ME, EE, Metallurgy, Mathematics, Ag-BioChem.

The Hill-Rom Co., Jan. 12. February grads in Civil Eng., Arch Eng., IE, ME, Sanitary Eng., for sales program.

National Lead Company, Jan. 9. February and June grads at Ph.D., M.S., and B.S. levels in Chem, ChemE, and Metallurgy interested in research in field of titanium chemistry. High scholastic standing is essential.

The General Electric Atomic Energy Plant at Hanford, Wash., Jan. 18, 19. February and June grads in Chem and ChemE for development work. Applicants must have 1.8 or better average.

The Sylvania Electric Products Co., Jan. 12. February grads in EE, ME, IE, and Ceramics for production with electric manufacturing.

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