

On Candidates

In post-war Penn State, the regime of the "Corner Room Politician" has faded fast. A varsity letter no longer holds tremendous political sway over the student body, as it did in some previous years. Nowadays a "good guy" is a "good guy" and not necessarily a potential class officer.

World War II was the immediate cause of many shortcomings on this campus—for example, housing—but the war placed strong emphasis on officerholders who could produce. With the advent of wartime campus life and the deviation from "normalcy" which followed, the need for more efficient class officers became increasingly apparent. Problems confronting the students were many and perplexing and demanded action.

Without realizing it, wartime students put the candidates through a careful screening process before casting ballots. The intimacy that accompanies a low enrollment made this ideal plan a reality. As it happened, "everybody knew everybody," or at least they had an opportunity to learn from reliable sources the merits of candidates.

THE HIGH CALIBRE officers who were elected then, as well as their accomplishments, made for better student government. It also gave student voters a feeling of honest satisfaction.

There has been a carry-over of similar nature in our present political setup. More and more, voters are asking, "What has he done to rate a nomination for class president?" and "Is he the best qualified one for the post?" All of which is good for the students.

Big things are in the offing for this College in the period just ahead. It'll take the right student leaders to keep up the pace set by a College beset with "growing pains."

TO THE PARTIES thinking about spring candidates as well as the voters who will put them in office, securing the right man should mean more than a barrel full of platforms and campaign slogans.

Our SU

When anyone queries us on what's news about the Student Union Building these days, we have devised a stock answer. Of course it's a rather jerry-built and dubious reply, but until that Student Union is erected our story goes something like this:

Why, I thought you knew. We've already got the makings of a Student Union Building. Course it isn't in one building but if you look carefully you can see it.

It is the cabin of the Penn State Christian Association, it is Whipple's Dam. It is Rec Hall when someone throws a dance there. It is the Temporary Union Building secured three years ago to serve students at the College in several capacities of a permanent Student Union. It is the desk in Old Main lobby where countless student questions are answered and where Joe College tells his friends he'll meet them. It is also the entertainment places in State College and environs.

QUITE A LARGE Student Union—with an annex in Bellefonte, Boalsburg and Waddle. A fine Student Union if you have a car.

But there's more to this hypothetical Student Union we now have, for you see a Student Union is more than a mere social center.

AND THE BX, or Student Co-op—located also in the TUB in combination with the used book exchange—is daily proving its worth a part of this "Student Union" we now have.

So you see, if you really stretch your imagination, we do have "a Student Union Building" at Penn State.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Bibler



"Ya know—our sorority is so crowded this year I meet someone new every day."

The Hows and Whys Of Column Writing

Have you ever wondered how and why a column like this gets written? We'll try to answer the first part of the question. Here's how this one got started.

THE OTHER DAY, after putting in our daily three hours in class and four hours in the Collegian office, we arrived home at 7 o'clock, did our six hours homework, put our books aside at 10, reached for our razor and passed off a musing comment about making our once-every-other-day sacrifice to the niceties of civilization. "It seems," we thought aloud to our roommate, "without the least bit of sense to haul ourselves off to be slaughtered at our own hands. And for what?"

"Look at all the time, money and blood that could be conserved if all the men in the country suddenly decided to stop **butchering themselves**," my roommate said.

"Yeah," we said, "I bet we could kick up a pretty interesting column by just figuring out the number of man hours, the tons of steel and the gallons of blood that could be put to better use if the Congress voted to outlaw shaving."

"**WE COULD MAKE** some crack about using the steel to start another Marshall plan and saving the blood for the next war," said our roommate, a wide-eyed radical.

"Good. We could also throw in the usual run of gags that people use when they see someone who hasn't made the sacrifice for two or three days running.

"Like . . . 'What's the matter, your razor broken?'
"Or 'What crop are you growing?'
"What are you going to do, try out for the House of David?"
"What about the gag about the traveling salesman?"
"You know they'd never print that one."
"Why not do it right?" said our roommate, his eyes growing even wilder.

"**WHAT DO YOU** mean?" I asked sceptically.
"Just don't shave for three or four days. Then all you have to do is note the comments that people make to you."

"That sounds like a pretty good idea," we said. Turning to our razor, we saw ourselves in the mirror. "We don't look too good with a beard you know," we said.

"We don't look any better without one," he said in rebuttal.
"It might not be too good an idea at that," we said, ignoring him. "It'd lead to too many complications, and what with those even women in New York we have enough complications right now."

We looked at the mirror and our beard again and decided it wasn't worth a column. We talked it over with the editor and he agreed.

—Marvin Kransnansky

Exchange News, Views

BOSTON UNIVERSITY NEWS, Boston University: It is with agrin that the NEWS feels called upon . . . to devote its editorial columns to the subject of the cleanliness of the student lounges. What should be a perfunctory, natural instinct in all of us has reached the point of becoming a distasteful mess . . .

THE HAWK, St. Joseph's College: Purchase cards are now on file at St. Joseph's College.

Fiddle for Foam

An item in a recent issue of the New Orleans **TIMES PICAUNE** relates how a thief stole a \$25,000 Guarnerius violin and sold it almost immediately in a local tavern, for \$10, most of which amount he consumed in beer.

The states of Maine, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Wyoming specifically prohibit the sale of beer in grocery stores and delicatessens.

Safety Valve . . .

Let's Win

TO THE EDITOR: I have to disagree with Mr. Horner's comments on the Colgate-Penn State basketball game on two grounds. First, he gives the impression that Penn State did not belong on the same floor with Colgate which is entirely wrong to my way of thinking and from watching the game.

If Colgate had not had an unusually "hot" night they would have lost the game by 12 to 15 points. Consider their shooting percentage of 40 per cent. The pros would be glad to have such a percentage.

Secondly, he said that winning wasn't the important thing. I feel that winning is important in an informal ping-pong game. Let the idealists ramble on about magnificence in defeat.

P.S. Do we have to be subjected to Ron Bonn's great philosophical discussions???? exemplified by "Men's Falsies," and "What we don't need to know about Earthworms?"

—Bill Summers

Approval

TO THE EDITOR: I read with approval your statement in a recent issue of the Collegian "that" action is being taken by All-College Cabinet toward creating a photographic literary magazine at the college.

Regardless of the fact that Froth seems to be popular on the campus, many of the students desire a good, all-around literary photographic magazine that will be a credit not only to Penn Staters, but to everybody concerned.

"You can't satisfy all of the people all of the time," but more students will be satisfied with the advent of a college "mag" than at the present time.

Let's have a magazine that we all will enjoy taking back home, secure in the knowledge that our families, friends, and relatives will read and enjoy it, too.

Let's start this year off on the right foot by starting the ball rolling for a college magazine that will enhance Penn State's reputation and add more respect to the public's eyes whenever State is in the limelight.

Yours for a better and more eminent Penn State during the next fifty years.

A special student,
John C. Barner

Gazette

Thursday, January 12

- PHI SIGMA IOTA Election of new members, Sparks, 3 p.m.
- WRA BADMINTON Club, White Hall Gym, p.m.
- FRENCH SONG SESSION, 100 CH, 6:30 p.m.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, 109 Agriculture Building, 7 p.m.
- CIRCULO ESPANOL, SE Atherton Lounge, p.m.
- N.S.A., 20 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING Club, Beginners, White Hall Alleys, 7 p.m.
- WRA FENCING, 1 White Hall, 7 p.m.
- WRA SWIMMING Club, Advanced, White Hall Pool, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

National Lead Company, Jan. 20, February and June grads at PhD, 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.

Dupont Co., Jan. 18, 19, 20, February and June PhD. candidates in Chem, ChemE, ME, Bact, BioChem, and Phys.

The General Electric Co., Jan. 16, February grads with accounting backgrounds, for their business training program. Applicants must have 2.0, or better average and be between 21 and 26 years of age.

North American Insurance Co., Jan. 19, February grads in AL, CE, ME, EE, and ChemE.

McMillan Feed Mills, Jan. 17, 18, February and June grads in Ag courses or any men with farm backgrounds, for sales positions.

June grads in IE who are interested in general industrial engineering work with **The Armstrong Cork Co.** should report to 112 Old Main at once to fill out preliminary applications.

June grads in ME and IE who are interested in sales engineering positions with **The Industrial Insulation Division of the Armstrong Cork Co.** should report to 112 Old Main at once to fill out preliminary applications.

The Fidelity Mutual Co., Harrisburg Agency, Jan. 13, February grads for careers as life agents in counties around Harrisburg. Interviews can be arranged for other dates if necessary.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Tuesday: Warren Lazarowitz, Frank Geleskie, Marjorie Park.

Admitted Wednesday: Mary Veldzquez, Agnes Barth, Elizabeth Green.

Discharged Wednesday: Marilyn Stewart, Lynn Malmud, Sonia Goldstein, Janet Friedman, Charles Margolf, Charles Eckert.