



## Class Day Details Tentatively Planned

Class Day exercises for the Class of 1950 are tentatively scheduled for the evening of June 11, the day before graduation. At this time awards will be presented to outstanding seniors.

Chairman of this year's Class Day committee is Joseph Reinheimer, senior class vice-president. Serving with him are Charles Beatty, James Gehrdes, Peter Giesey, and Robert Keller.

## NSA Approves Proposed Bill

The campus chapter of the National Student Association has approved a proposed bill or amendment to the State constitution providing for absentee voting. The bill was drawn up at the Intercollegiate Conference on Government, held by nearly 500 college students in Harrisburg last week.

The College organization plans to present it to other schools in the state at the regional NSA convention. The whole region will then try to have the bill or amendment approved by the legislature.

A bill, rather than an amendment, providing for absentee voting is being drawn up because it is believed that it will be easier to have a bill passed than it would be to amend the present constitution.

The main argument for absentee voting, the campus organization says, is the inconvenience that arises for students, doctors, salesmen, patients, when through no cause of their own they are absent from their homes at the time of elections. Because there are no provisions for absentee voting they are deprived of one of their most cherished privileges.

**Absentee Voting**  
The biggest argument against absentee voting is that ballot boxes could be easily stuffed. The bill would take care of this situation, NSA says, by having the person pre-register at his home and be sent a ballot, upon request. It would be returned, via special delivery, in an envelope on which would be a printed affidavit stating the validity of the ballot. The actual ballot would be in an inner envelope and would be opened before a judge of elections. The vote remains secret in this system.

AP News—Courtesy WMAJ

## House Group To Vote On Draft Extension

WASHINGTON—The House Armed Services committee will vote today on the extension of the peacetime draft law for two years, Carl Vinson announced last night.

Vinson predicted a committee recommendation of the new draft bill, with a provision that no inductions be made without the consent of Congress.

### Lodge Doubts Budenz

WASHINGTON — Senator Henry Lodge has proposed that the Senate communism investigators ask the justice department what it thinks of Louis Budenz's reliability as a witness. Lodge said Budenz's credibility is a cardinal point in the inquiry into the charges made by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

### 'Include Russia'—Austin

LAKE SUCCESS—Warren Austin, U.S. representative to the United Nations, took sharp issue yesterday with Herbert Hoover on the exclusion of Russia from a rebuilt United Nations. He said the door to the negotiation of outstanding differences must never close.

Class Day exercises began in 1874, but it wasn't until 40 years later that the designations of Spoon Man, Barrel Man, and Cape Man were given to the three students receiving the highest number of votes in competition with other honor students for the titles. Since 1914, however, it has been a Penn State tradition that the three outstanding male graduates be given these names.

### Spoon, Cane Men

"Spoon" and "Cane" are rather standard titles for honor graduates in colleges. In the past the Spoon Man has usually been the class president, although a certain scholastic average and certain other qualifications must be met. The Cane Man at Penn State has usually been a popular leader on campus. The Barrel Man is usually an outstanding athlete, although he must also be a student leader and have a high scholastic average. These three traditionally constitute those who have done the most for the class and the college.

### To Name Others

The Pipe Man and the Class Donor will also be named at the Class Day exercises. The Pipe Man, an older designation than the others, symbolizes the friendship between the incoming and outgoing senior classes. Freshmen and sophomores formerly had an affair at the end of the year in which they "buried the hatchet" and the frosh were accepted as members of the College.

In 1922 women students on the campus initiated women's honors similar to those of the men. They are Bow Girl, Slipper Girl, Fan Girl, Class Poet, and Class Donor. Later a Mirror Girl was added.

## Inkling To Appear In Fall Semester

The first issue of the Inkling, newly created photographic-literary magazine, will appear on campus within a month of the opening of the fall semester, Sam Vaughan, editor, announced recently.

Vaughan also stated that bids have been received from printers and the decision has been narrowed down to several firms.

An effort also is being made to divorce the Inkling from Previous attempts in literary magazines at Penn State. The Inkling staff remains open to fiction writing, ideas and suggestions that will help in making the first issue a success.

# Seniors List Three Gifts To Appear On Final Ballot

## Cabinet Increases Band Allocation, Abandons Inquiry

All-College Cabinet heard final reports from committees last night and abandoned two investigations. A twenty-five cent appropriation to student fees for Blue Band was passed for the second and final time.

On the recommendation of John Meszaros, chairman of the meal ticket committee, the effort to obtain a concession from the College for five-day meal tickets was given up.

Meszaros stated that the results of a poll taken by the committee indicated that the disruption caused by such a policy would not be worthwhile for "four out of fifty" students who go home every weekend.

Meszaros said that the men "want the change, but don't want a price rise." He said that the committee, in consultation with a hotel administration expert, had decided that five-day meal tickets would mean a price rise.

Cabinet also dissolved the confiscations committee, set up to investigate the dorm search, on the recommendation of William Raymond, chairman, who said that in a meeting held to hear complaints, none were received.

Cabinet also heard reports from the committees on campus upkeep and safety, Spring Week, public occasions, and elections.

## Lorch Supported By Faculty Group

The reappointment of Dr. Lee Lorch as assistant professor of mathematics at the College was set as the primary activity of a faculty committee for academic freedom organized Tuesday night. The organizational meeting was attended by interested faculty members. Dr. Lorch, under a recent decision of the College administration, will be released from his post next month.

A press release from the executive committee, elected at the meeting, stated, "The committee has as its broad objective the protection and strengthening of academic freedom for all faculty members."

"After a thorough discussion, it was decided that the primary activity of the committee will be to work for the reappointment of Dr. Lorch."

### Express Concern

The statement said that the faculty committee "expressed great concern about the unfavorable effect the Lorch case might have upon the reputation of the Pennsylvania State College as a center of unrestricted investigation and scholarship, and upon faculty morale."

"The committee believes that a violation of academic freedom has occurred, and is concerned over the possibility that the College may be placed upon the censored list of the American Association of University Professors."

Members of the executive committee are Dr. Edwin J. Akutowicz and Dr. Julian H. Blau, assistant professors of mathematics; Dr. Scott Keyes, assistant professor of economics; Dr. Ralph Simon, assistant professor of physics; and Jerome C. Steffens, instructor in aeronautical engineering.

## Class Considers Ambulance, Hall of Fame, Student Press

By LIE STERN

Three proposed class gifts were chosen to appear on the final ballot of the senior class in a sparsely-attended class meeting Thursday night. They are:

1. Contribution to a student press
2. Purchase of a college ambulance
3. Establishment of a Hall of Fame in the new Student Union building.

## La Vie of Blue Today is Due

The La Vie, which starts distribution today, has a hard blue cover with the tower of Old Main super-imposed on the dome of the State Capitol building embossed on the cover. Blue is also used as the secondary color throughout the book. Students may pick up their copies at Student Union.

The staff this year employed art work done in blue, black, yellow, and red on a gray matte stock that is tipped in the book instead of using color photographs for the four main dividers, as has been done in the other post-war books.

A full-color view of Mount Nittany in Fall is included in the frontispiece of the book.

This year's La Vie is the largest volume to be published in recent years. There are 488 pages in the issue.

June graduates who still owe money for their 1950 La Vie will receive postcards indicating the amount to be paid before their copies of the year book will be given to them.

Schedule of distribution is: Agriculture, May 4 and 5; Engineering, May 9 and 10; Liberal Arts, May 11 and 12; Home Economics and Education, May 15 and 16; Physical Education, Mineral Industries, and Chemistry and Physics, May 17 and 18.

There will also be space on the ballot for write-in votes.

Approximately \$8500 is in the fund for the class gift.

Over 600 members of the Class of 1950 who were graduated in February will be notified and sent ballots by mail. Polling places for seniors on campus will be announced later.

In reporting the feasibility of a student press, Thomas Morgan, former Daily Collegian editor, emphasized the need for lower printing costs for the student publications.

**Increased Costs**  
"As the student population steadily increases, the facilities of Collegian are fast becoming inadequate," he said. "Increased printing costs and dependence on advertising curtail the size of the paper, and the early deadline necessitated by the use of the Centre Daily Times linotype machines and press makes coverage of late news virtually impossible."

Lower printing costs and a later deadline could be made possible by a student press, he added.

The classes of 1948 and 1949 have already contributed a total of \$12,750 to the student press fund. With the \$8500 in this year's fund, the total would be brought to over \$20,000. Although an ordinary printing arrangement would cost much more than that, a combination of new device, the Vartyper, with an old process, the offset press, would

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## Miss Penn State Coed Contest Closes Today

Noon today is the deadline for entries to the Miss Penn State contest. Photographs are still being accepted at Student Union desk in Old Main.

The coed chosen as Miss Penn State will be crowned in Schwab Auditorium the night of May 17 to formally open Spring Week. She will reign over the entire week, including the Carnival, May 18, and Senior Ball, May 19.

The three finalists, chosen by the Spring Week committee from the photographs, will be taken to Schwab Auditorium in a float parade. Three floats, one for each queen finalist, will be sponsored by the women's hat societies, Chimes, Mortar Board, and Cwens.

### Variety Show

The three coeds will be judged in formal dress for beauty, poise, and photogenic attractiveness. In addition to the crowning ceremony, a variety show will be presented on the same program in Schwab that night.

The original deadline for turning in Miss Penn State photos was last Saturday, but because of difficulty many coeds encountered in having photos made, the deadline was extended to today.

A program of activities has been planned for the remainder of the week. Included are the Carnival, May 18; Senior Ball, May 19; houseparties, May 20; and Blue Band concert, May 21.

## Reading Festival Continues Today

The second annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Reading Festival will continue into its second day as the more than 60 students from Pennsylvania colleges and undergraduate centers will participate in the event sponsored by the department of speech.

Yesterday, the participants presented long poems in 304 Old Main, and last night read narratives at the Nittany Lion Inn. This morning at 10 o'clock, groups of short poems will be given, and, at 1:30, dramatic cuttings, both in 304 Old Main.

James Beaver will read a group of short lyrics this morning and excerpts from "The Glass Menagerie", a drama by Tennessee Williams will be presented by William McCarty.