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## Trustee Election

This year's contest for alumni seats on the Board of Trustees of the College promises to be one of the hottest in years. For that very reason more than the usual 20 per cent of the alumni might cast ballots this time.

REGARDLESS OF THE ISSUES involved, any increase in the number voting for trustee positions would be welcome. Nine of the trustees are elected directly by alumni, yet they cannot be truly representative of alumni when approximately 80 per cent of the 27,000 alums fail to cast ballots.

Interest and help of alumni is one of the greatest aids and comforts any college can have. And one of the major ways in which alumni can help their alma maters is to take part in selection of the ablest men to serve on the trustee board, one of the most responsible groups connected with a college.

It might also be pointed out that alumni, as former students, indirectly are representatives of the present student body. Many are parents of men and women now on the Penn State campus. If only in a small way, the students can be partially represented by their votes.

FOR THESE REASONS COLLEGIAN hopes that the hot election fight will increase the number of alumni ballots this year.

## Shifting for Yourself

What is the point of taking attendance in college classes?

IS IT DONE TO PROVIDE mountains of neat and accurate statistics for the Administration? Or is it a whip behind the door, compelling attendance?

Whatever else it may be, we think it is an insult to anyone who thinks of himself as being on a college level. It is inconsistent with the aim of a college education. This aim we would define as training or preparing a person for adult life. How, we ask, does badgering a person to attend classes prepare him for accepting responsibility?

A college student has the right to decide for himself whether his time can be more profitably used in or out of any given class. We would like to see instructors recognize the fact that there are times during the semester when attendance serves no function whatever other than putting in time.

THOSE WHO SEEK TO JUSTIFY attendance-taking point to the number of immature people, who, they say, must be hounded into forming proper attitudes. Refusing to treat these people as adults, we say, leads exactly to what the attendance exponents are trying to avoid.

It is quite likely than an abrupt discontinuance of attendance would be the signal for many to cut classes that they should attend. But after a semester or so, when the below grades are piling up, they will be forced to conclude that some classes are more important than others.

Meanwhile, we think, they will have learned some valuable lessons in shifting for themselves.

—Herbert Stein

## Safety Valve . . . .

Letters to the Editor should be addressed—The Daily Collegian, Box 261, Boro. The writer's name will be withheld upon request, but no letter will be printed unless it is signed.

### Customs Negotiations

TO THE EDITOR: Since many of the facts presented in yesterday's editorial on Freshman Customs were misinterpretations of the Custom Committee's program, I feel that a clarification is in order.

First, the periodic progress reports were made by the committees to the Hat Societies Council from December to March. The final proposal was submitted to the Council and approved by that body. From there, the proposal was given to Tribunal not for passage or defeat, but rather for consideration and comment. This was done because Tribunal will be the enforcing agent of customs next year.

Second, the announcement that Freshman Customs would appear before the Tribunal and Cabinet was published in the Collegian and all interested persons were invited to air their views on the matter. After a two-hour discussion of the question during which all views were discussed, Cabinet saw fit to pass this motion by an overwhelming majority.

Although the new Cabinet has the right to overrule this motion, it should seriously consider the comprehensive planning and investigation that preceded its passage of this motion.

—Robert E. Gabriel  
Chairman, Freshman Customs Committee

Ed. Note: The committee's progress reports to Hat Societies council never were published, so the students as a whole still did not know much about what was going on. Tribunal was consulted on customs more or less for an advisory opinion. This advisory opinion never was given.

## Gazette . . . .

Thursday, May 11

DELTA SIGMA PI meeting, Phi Kappa House, 8 p.m.

FORESTRY SOCIETY, 3 White Hall, 7 p.m., Mr. M. K. Goddard, speaker.

FROTH EDITORIAL Board Meeting, 111 CH, 8 p.m.

WRA LACROSSE, Holmes Field, 4 p.m.

WRA FENCING, 1 White Hall, 7 p.m.

WRA BADMINTON Club, White Hall Gym, 4 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING Club, White Hall Pool, 7:30 p.m.

FROTH CIRCULATION Staff Meeting, 1 CH, 7 p.m.

INDEPENDENT Staff, 8 CH, 7 p.m. Candidate and old staff.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. May 10, 11, 12. June grads in CE, Chem E, EE, IE, ME, and Ceramics.

International Paper Co., May 12. June grads in ME for Steam Power Plant Operation and Plant Engineering. Applications must be filled before May 10, at 112 Old Main.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., May 11 and 12. June grads in ME, EE, IE, CE, and Metallurgy.

J. C. Penny Co., May 19. June grads in C and F only for retail sales work.

Kawneer Co., May 19. June grads in Engineering for a sales training program. Men with technical background and some experience in business. No priority.

Juniata Valley Council Camp, aquatics director.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Information concerning these positions can be obtained at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.

Interviews for full time summer sales with Wearever. Part time during school year.

Student dieticians for summer camps.

Recreation Director for Pocono Resort.

Walters and Dishwashers for next year. Must be able to start now. Weekend subs needed.

Department of Properties and Supplies. June grads in Architecture, CE, EE, and ME. Must be residents of Penna. No priority.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Bicycle Thief.

STATE: Conspirator.

NIITANY: 12 O'clock High

## The Early Gridders

The first excursion of Penn State into inter-collegiate football took place at Lewisburg in a drizzling rain on the morning of Nov. 11, 1881.

Lewisburg University (Bucknell) was the opponent. An account by the Bucknell Mirror described the Penn State team as "well uniformed and disciplined, whereas our boys, although having considerable practice, were not up to all their dodges."

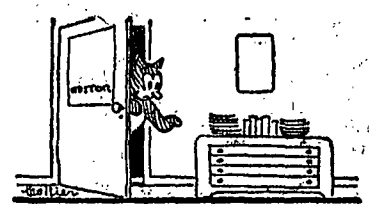
## Little Man On Campus

by Bibler



"I think he's getting serious—he asked me to go with him to meet his housemother."

## Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

JOURN PROFESSORS have a nasty habit of giving quizzes without provocation. In a recent news quiz, students were asked to identify Robert M. Davis.

One erstwhile reporter answered that he was accused of being a Communist.

That's a good guess nowadays.

WHAT DOES EVERY RED-BLOODED Penn State scholar hope for when he enters his classroom in the Springtime? Answer: that the instructor shouldn't be there.

Thus, a history class was almost ready to disperse joyfully when another teacher appeared on the teacherless scene.

Calmly, he addressed the class, "Dr. Brown is sick. We can have an exam, talk for 50 minutes, or go home."

"Go home!" shouted the historians in unison.

With this unanimous retort, the prof, without uttering a word or losing his perfect composure, nonchalantly walked out.

He must have had a golf engagement, too.

MIXING A BIT OF PSYCH 17 with English Literature, Dr. Cloetingh's class was discussing the pros and cons of marrying "an old dog" and reforming him, i.e., "teaching him new tricks."

Dr. Cloetingh had only this advice to offer: "Don't marry an old dog."

How about a young wolf?

## Taxation Institute Ends Confab Today

The Institute on Taxation will wind up its fourth annual meeting today. Having met on campus since May 7, the institute has discussed problems in the field of taxation for professional people.

J. K. Lasser, national authority in the field, has been chairman of the institute meetings, which have been sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts and the General Extension Service.

Subjects discussed at the meetings are:

Estate and Gift Tax Planning; Income and Estate Tax Problems in Life Insurance; and Tax Problems for Stockholders and Bondholders.

## Cash Elected Head Of Hillel Foundation

Ralph Cash was elected president of Hillel Foundation Tuesday. Other officers are Coleman Gainsburg, men's vice-president; Dorothy Radack, women's vice-president; Ruth L. Phillips, secretary; and Israel Dinner, treasurer.

Both old and new executive committees will meet this week to appoint chairmen of the activity committees. Any students wishing consideration for these positions may give their names to any committee member.

New officers and the governing board will be installed at the Sabbath Eve Services May 28, when honor keys and pins will be awarded to outstanding graduates.

Still Time to Remember Mother  
Flowers Telegraphed Anywhere  
Flowers Delivered In Town  
Bill McMullen  
135 S. Allen 4994

NAME CARDS for Graduation Announcements  
Commercial Printing Inc.  
Glennland Bldg., State College

Now Playing . . .  
"WHITE HEAT" with James Cagney—Virginia Mayo  
STARLITE DRIVE-IN Theatre

IS YOU IS, OR IS YOU AIN'T?  
Are you going to get room and board for yourself this summer? You better hurry, for there are only a few weeks left to the end of the semester. Come on, get on that phone and call 2941. That's the number for clean, spacious, rooms and fine food for only \$15 per week.  
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