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Fate Of The SU

The news that a start to construction of the Student Union building must await approval of the National Production agency no doubt came as a shock to a good many students, particularly in view of the assessment being levied on the student body to pay for the building.

ALTHOUGH STUDENTS may fume over the possibility that construction of the building this year and its use next year may be denied them, there is little they can do about it except hope that the building will be approved. Refusal of NPA to approve the construction would be a hard pill indeed for Penn Staters to swallow, especially after it appeared last spring that the decade-long fight for the SU had ended.

The NPA has ruled out construction of certain types of recreation and entertainment buildings, but buildings like the SU may be reviewed. College officials believe that inclusion of offices and food and other services in the SU may sway Washington officials in favor of granting approval.

If construction of the SU is turned down now, it will be a hard blow to students who have given time, effort, and money toward its realization.

Football Movies

In '47 and '48 we had a good football team; we still do. The '47 team will be remembered as the one that tied SMU in the Cotton bowl.

EVERYONE WAS interested in that team, and school spirit was high. Motion pictures of all away games were shown in Schwab auditorium the week following every away game, with a member of the Lion coaching staff explaining the plays. The auditorium was filled to capacity.

Then, '49 and a less spectacular season. Interest dwindled and the films were discontinued after a few showings.

Now it's 1950. We are in the "New Era." We have a new coach, a new president, a new system, and a new team, but we still lack school spirit.

R. M. Conger, assistant professor of physical education, was in charge of showing these films in the past. According to Conger, "This year there have been no requests for the pictures. If requests were received," he said, "and if the students showed interest in seeing the films, I would make every effort to show them as in years previous."

THESE FILMS could clear some doubts in our minds. Obscure plays could be cleared and explained. Many of us think Army played dirty—we could see the game and judge for ourselves. Maybe some organization could sponsor these showings. Perhaps they could be arranged as an indoor pep rally. Possibly there could be a few cheers.

If Penn State students still have school spirit and are still behind the team, they will request that these pictures be shown and will pack the hall.

—Bernie Ames

Right To Silence

All-College cabinet's approval of the recommendation against using tickets for the sophomore class dance as inducement to vote in Thursday's elections was a fitting repudiation of the unfortunate precedent set last year.

HOW THE PLAN to limit distribution of class dance tickets to those persons who vote in a class election could have been considered anything but a bribe is beyond our comprehension. The contention that students ought to vote does not change the fact that the procedure is bribery and is unfair to students who do not vote but, by virtue of their class membership, should be entitled to attend their class dance.

Not only would such a procedure be an imposition upon non-voters—it also would tend to coerce a large number of students to vote merely to obtain the tickets. This situation could not lead to intelligent voting by any stretch of the imagination.

In a democracy, people have the right to worship freely, yet they also have the right not to worship if they so choose. They have the right to speak their minds freely, but they also have the right to remain silent.

WE STILL BELIEVE, as the Collegian maintained when the inducement plan first was tried last fall, that the right to vote includes the right not to vote.

PSCA Colloquy

Religion, on first thought, might seem a strange companion to politics, but the connection has been pretty well proved to the 75 students who attended the Christian association's colloquy this weekend.

AN OUTSTANDING panel of speakers presented a variety of viewpoints and gave the audience sharp insight into religious and political worlds. Included in the representation were a Protestant, a Catholic priest, a judge, a mayor, two members of the state General Assembly (one a Democrat and the other a Republican), the dean of a divinity school and a leader in a good government group.

Penn State representatives were President Eisenhower, who delivered the opening address; William Edgerton, assistant professor of Russian, who talked on his recent trip to Yugoslavia; and W. C. Fernelius, head of the Chemistry department, who talked on the scientist in world affairs.

For gathering together men who really know their business, the colloquy organizers did a remarkable job.

Backroom sessions were planned originally to give students a chance to corner individual speakers. These never materialized principally because the panel discussions ran overtime. It was just as well since, we think, the audience got more fun out of the battles of all the speakers than they would have if confined to one.

DISCUSSIONS COVERED all sorts of political and religious subjects and were criticized at one point for being too varied and too short to reach satisfying conclusions. We think, however, that the basic purpose of the colloquy, which was to provoke a re-evaluation of our thoughts on politics, was well served by permitting freedom both to the speakers and the questioners.

For future programs such as this, we suggest that they first of all be opened to the entire student body. An audience in discussions of this sort can hardly be too large.

Secondly, we propose that greater effort be expended to bring delegations from other schools. Apparently Juniata was the only other college represented, though several others had been approached. Wider advertising of a group of speakers such as that which met here this weekend, certainly should attract interest from all over Pennsylvania.

—Herbert Stein

Safety Valve . . .

Kudos Replace Brickbats

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations, for a newspaper (Saturday edition) that openly admitted it was a newspaper—not just a catch-all for news tidbits.

Of course, I could hardly motivate this praise without considering that an eight-page edition is weighty inducement to evaluation. However, this condition considered, the paper was valuable for its newsworthiness. A lot of material was handled with sufficient coverage.

Printing an eight-page paper is certainly a goal to encourage on a daily basis, and I can hope that this year's senior class will see fit to donate a goodly sum to that fund for a student press.

For the time being, I shall let the kudo be the watchword—and let the brickbat gather dust for a while.

—Joe Hudak

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, November 14
AGRICULTURE student council, 7 p.m., 103 Agriculture building.

ASM MEETING, 217 Willard hall, 8 p.m.
RED CROSS service organization meeting, 112 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

SIGMA TAU meeting, 107 Main Engineering building, 7 p.m.

NITTANY BOWMEN, 209 Engineering C, 7 p.m.

NAACP meeting, 303 Willard hall, 7:30 p.m.
PENN STATE insurance club meeting, 317 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

WRA bowling, White hall, 7 p.m.

WRA fencing, White hall, 7 p.m.

FROTH meeting, 3 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

ROD AND COCUS club, 206 Patterson hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.
Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

General Electric company will interview chem. and chem. eng. at the M.S. and Ph.D. levels, who will graduate by June 1952, on Monday, Nov. 20.

Philadelphia Electric company will interview January graduates in E.E. and M.E. on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Western Electric company will interview January graduates with an average of 1.9 or better at the B.S. level in M.E. and I.E. on Monday, Nov. 20.

Bell Telephone laboratories will interview January graduates in physics at the B.S. level; in E.E., M.E., and physics at the M.S. level; and in chemistry at the Ph.D. level on Monday, Nov. 20.

General Electric company will interview metallurgists, ceramists and solid state physicists at the M.S. and Ph.D. level Monday, Nov. 20.

Realtek Hosiery Mills will interview January graduates in C&P and A&L Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Representatives of the Frankford arsenal, Naval Air Material center, and U.S. Naval base in Philadelphia and the Naval Air development center in Johnsville will be on campus Thursday, Nov. 16, to hold a group meeting in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. for January and June graduates and juniors in C.E., E.E., M.E., and I.E. Interviews will be arranged at the meeting for those interested. There will be immediate openings available for January graduates.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Sometimes I don't know what he sees in me."

On The Record

No Clear Mandate

On the basis of past history, one result of last Tuesday's elections seems certain—that it will be increasingly difficult to enforce responsibility in government during the next two years.

THEORY BEHIND PARTY POLITICS, and particularly the two-party system, is that it is a method of making the government responsible to the people through the means of being able to turn out of office a party that does not follow the popular will. Although the Democrats control Congress in name, no party controls it in fact, and enforcement of responsibility seems out the window until 1952.

Neither of the two parties is united in its objectives, and it is certain that enough of the Southern Democrats are opposed to the Fair Deal program to make it impossible for the Fair Dealers to be responsible for action of the Congress.

The past has shown well that the Southern bloc has had a tendency to form an unofficial and somewhat undercover coalition with other elements in Congress which support their views. This bloc is extremely difficult to break up because of such devices as the poll tax, and as long as it follows its past line it will be assured of continual reelection. Consequently, it is responsible to no one and deprives the party—of which it seems to be a part in name only—of the votes necessary for responsibility.

NOT BEING THE MAJORITY PARTY, the Republicans in 1952 will be able to disclaim any responsibility for the actions of Congress, even though they and the Southern bloc will form a majority. It will be most difficult for the Democratic Presidential candidate and other Democrats to point the finger of scorn at the Southern Democrats—with whom they are forced to unite every election year—when the GOP blames the Democrats for failures of the 82nd Congress.

And there are certain to be failures. With the impossibility of any party's actually getting a majority in its own name, a good deal of Congressional action probably will degenerate into partisan politics. At a time like the present, when the fate of the world may hang in the balance, the nation could not wish for a worse outlook.

A better condition would obtain had the voters given a clear mandate to either party.

—Dean Gladfelter

On Other Campuses

Michigan State students recently had the opportunity to witness two programs by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. This is the tenth year the internationally-known company has performed at the college.

Lehigh will wind up its Campus chest drive again this year with a Charity ball. The ball will feature two bands and the crowning of "Queen of the Charity Ball." Unusual sidelight of ball will be a shoeshine booth which will be run by members of the faculty.

"Tekes" at West Virginia university have thrown convention out the window and pledged a seven-month-old boy. The new pledge, Class '73, is the son of a former officer of the chapter who has been missing in Korea since July 12.

Students at Boston university will soon have a new dramatic center, thanks to some of the "big names" on Broadway. In charge of raising \$50,000 in funds for the theater is Oscar Hammerstein II. Other members of the committee are Fred Astaire, Moss Hart, George Jessel, Jeanette MacDonald, Alexander Smallens, Sigmund Romberg, Rise Stevens, Sophie Tucker, Paul Whiteman, and . . . Fred Waring.

About 200 University of Pittsburgh frosh were ordered by the Freshman council to defend both goal posts in the West Virginia football game. The frosh were aided by university and Pittsburgh police groups. The plan was introduced by the council because Pitt students were unable to obtain souvenir splinters of the West Virginia goal post last year.

Seniors at the University of Maryland voted against a plan to assess students for the senior banquet. The class now must pay \$4025 from its own treasury to finance the Senior ball. There will be no banquet.

Journalism department of Southern Methodist university has acquired photography equipment valued at \$5000. Twenty Journalism students will be eligible to take the new photography course. They must be seniors.