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## 'Big-Name' Speaker For Senior Class

When All-College Vice-President Harry Kondourajian proposed in cabinet Thursday that the senior class president exert pressure to have a "big name" personality selected as commencement speaker this spring, he touched on what has been a point of irritation to many people hereabouts.

In the past, commencement speakers at Penn State, although no doubt well-known and honored in their fields, have not been men of general fame or notoriety. We have heard many students express the wish that the College would bring in "big names" to add interest to the commencement program and to attract attention to the institution.

Of course, what it really boils down to is this: What do the persons concerned with commencement look for and expect in a commencement speaker?

If we want a "big name" merely for the sake of bringing attention to the College, then certainly we should have one. But "big name" speakers are not necessarily interesting, and it must be remembered that several thousand students will have to listen to the speaker.

Perhaps we want someone who will be "inspiring," who will "have a message." If this is the kind of man we seek, he need not be a "big name" — in fact, many of the best speakers are not well-known.

Then there's the ultimate question of whether we even want to listen to a commencement speaker, or merely to get our diplomas and depart into the "cold, cruel world." If such is the case, why even have a speaker?

These questions, of course, could be argued for hours. But, despite disagreements that would arise, we must admit that the vice-president's suggestion did point up the fact that students themselves have had little to say regarding who they will listen to at commencement.

Since the senior class must listen to the speaker, it certainly would not be unjust to ask that the members of the class at least be given a chance to suggest names, if not to make the final selection. Even should they not select a man who would meet all the specifications set down by the scholars and pundits, we doubt if any irreparable harm would be done.

Suppose seniors should favor inviting Fred Allen or Lana Turner as commencement speaker? If nothing more, it would be interesting and diverting for a change.

## To Revive Faith

If any skeptics of the atomic bomb's power remain, they might have changed their opinion if they had heard Kiyoshi Tanimoto, Japanese Methodist minister, who spoke before a large crowd at St. Paul's Methodist church Thursday night.

TANIMOTO related his experiences as a survivor of the atom bomb attack on Hiroshima and showed slides which depicted the complete destruction of parts of the city. Many buildings not destroyed by the blast were ruined by fire. Some of the pictures of wounded, burned, and disfigured civilians alarmed on-lookers.

Tanimoto has been touring the United States under sponsorship of the Saturday Review of Literature and is raising money for the Hiroshima Peace center, which he hopes will serve as a warning to the world and as a symbol of peace.

In this atomic age, the world needs people such as Tanimoto, who suffered yet bears no resentment toward his former enemies, and who is attempting to revive faith in mankind to curtail the belief that another war is inevitable.

— Dave Colton

## Lincoln's Gifts

Americans will take note of the 141st anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday this Monday. Civic and government leaders will comment on the occasion, school children will hold special programs, banks will be closed.

It is unfortunate that the spirit of Lincoln is not more deeply ingrained in the actions of Americans. We remember Lincoln as a man who had great love for his fellow men. We give lip-service to this and other noble qualities in the man, and often we are successful in incorporating these qualities into our actions. But not often enough, as existing inequalities in the "human rights" of citizens indicate.

The value of Lincoln's gifts to this nation lies in direct proportion to the use we make of

— John Ashbrook

## Lower Voting Age Up To Assembly

Since the campus NSA committee has illustrated its interest in the student vote in local, state, and national elections, we would like to suggest that the committee also consider pressuring the state legislature for reduction of the voting age to 18. Reducing the voting age to that level would make it possible for most college students to cast ballots in these elections.

Voting age requirements are set down in state constitutions, with the federal constitution stating that electors for federal offices should meet the same qualifications in the various states as those for electors for state offices. Thus, for immediate action in favor of a measure which would affect Penn State and other students in Pennsylvania, pressure logically should be applied to the General Assembly.

We fear that such a measure would have little chance of passage in the legislature, especially in this session, which probably will be busy and controversial. However, there is no harm in trying to interest legislators in such a program, and we can think of a lot less worthwhile programs behind which NSA could place its support.

## Round One

Tonight is the first real opportunity for local fistic fans to see Penn State's current boxing team in action. Although tonight's meet with Army at 7 o'clock in Rec hall is not the first home meet this season, most students were unable to watch the mittmen in action against Catholic University during the mid-year vacation.

SO THE CADET-LION ring battle tonight takes on the thrill of a first night on Broadway for many of us. Army poses the toughest test for the Lions thus far this season. Having tangled with last year's Eastern champs, Syracuse, last week, and coming out of the fray on the short end of a 4½-3½ score, the meet tonight will give a good indication of where the "land of Houck" stands in Eastern competition this year.

The Lions own a 1-1-1 record this year, while the Cadets have garnered two wins against one loss. The only mutual opponent has been Western Maryland, whom the Lions beat, 7-1. Army also had little trouble with the Green Warriors, beating them 7½-½.

IN ADDITION to the Lion ringmen making their bow before the home folks, a full program is slated for local sports enthusiasts this afternoon and tonight. On the program are wrestling, gym, freshman basketball, and varsity basketball. Don't miss the big show.

— Art Benning

## Gazette . . .

Sunday, February 11

HILLEL RECORD concert, 3 p.m., Hillel foundation.

HILLEL CASTING for dramatic script, 7:30 p.m., Hillel foundation.

Monday, February 12

GEOGRAPHICAL society, 6:45 p.m., 218 Mineral Science, MI and education geography majors invited.

### 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.

I-T-E Circuit Breaker company will interview June graduates in Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

United States Steel company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., E.E., C.E., Metal, and Ceramics on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Chem. Eng. on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Hamilton Watch company will interview June graduates in Physics, Metal, M.E., and I.E. Friday, Feb. 23.

Bailey Meter company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Friday, Feb. 23.

Air Reduction company will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E. and Metal. Wednesday, Feb. 21.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Ten West dorm residents to work in dining commons; no 8 or 4 o'clock classes; remuneration in cash.

Off-campus residents to substitute in women's dining halls; fair number of meals per week guaranteed; good opportunity to work regular hours.

Male students wanting summer camp counseling positions. Representatives from Camp Conrad-Weiser, located near Reading, Pa., will be in State College Tuesday, Feb. 13 to interview general and music counselors. Contact the Student Employment office to schedule your interview.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: John Albarano, Robert Allman, Frank Baxter, Russell Berthot, Marilyn Bruck, Thomas Courtless, Matthew Fenton, Frances High, Jacqueline Hunter, Thomas Jones, Lawrence Keller, Leo Lemley, Deborah Smedley, Ross Steadman, and Henrietta Webb.

### AT THE MOVIES

Saturday

CATHAUM: At War With the Army  
STATE: Sugarfoot  
NITTANY: Gunmen of Abilene

Monday

CATHAUM: At War With The Army  
STATE: Sugarfoot  
NITTANY: Girls Behind Bars

## Humor Angles



"Hey Ed . . . Do you know anything about nature?"

## A Way To Save Money On Books

Upon arriving on campus several years ago, we remember seeing an old man wandering about from building to building, a bewildered look on his tired face, and a battered trial schedule in his hand.

WHEN WE INQUIRED of a hatman who the old man was, we were told the duffer was a survivor of the administration of Evan Pugh, first president of the College. He was, the hatman told us, with what we then thought was tongue in cheek, still looking for a classroom to which he had been told to report almost a century ago.

We chuckled indulgently, thanked our informer, and trudged along. Events of the past week, however, have made us wonder whether the hatman was kidding us. (We haven't seen the old man since last September. He evidently gave up in disgust.)

What made us recall that almost-forgotten incident was the ol' Penn State run-around we got this week, courtesy of the scheduling office. It all started Monday morning when we rolled out of bed, slipped on the icy floor, got dressed, ate, and hustled off to classes.

"This is a wonderful schedule we have here," we thought to ourselves. After 7 hours of manipulating our scheduling book, we had finally managed to work up an 18 credit roster, with but 12 hours of classes. What made things even better was that none of the courses required any text books and all of the classes were located in one building—Sparks.

IT SEEMED almost too good to be true. It was. We climbed to the third floor of Sparks for our eight o'clock, found our way to the first class, walked in, and slumped down in a seat. It was like home. We liked it.

Halfway through the hour we noticed something funny. No-

body else was in the classroom. Curiosity getting the best of us, we wandered out of the room. As we swung the door open, we noticed that a white card had been tacked to it. The class, it read, was to report to Ag Eng.

"This we don't like," a little voice said to us. "But we can't have our cake and eat it too," we rationalized to ourselves, and off we went to Ag Eng. When we arrived up on the Hill and announced ourselves to a cheery-faced little man, we were told that this was one of those "big" classes that was to be split up into several sections. Our section was over in Main Eng.

"Well, at least," we said to ourselves with amazing tranquility, "it's closer to Sparks." So off we went, only to learn that the class was bigger than expected, and, guess what?, we were going back to Sparks. What luck!" we said.

But we didn't know what was in store.

OUR LUCK ran out on us, and although this one class was in Sparks, the next three were changed to Plant Industries, Eng E, and Temporary—in that order.

Well, we won't have to spend any money for books anyway.

—Marv Krasnansky

• The Penn State Engineer, first called the Engineer, began its career in May, 1908. In 1910 publication lapsed and nothing was published until 1920 when the Penn State Engineer appeared. From that time on, it has appeared more or less regularly during each school year.

• Every year since 1894, new underclassmen entering the College have been greeted by the Student handbook, a compact guide for the first days at Penn State. The handbook was published first by the campus YMCA and then, beginning in 1931, by the Penn State Christian association. For a brief period, 1924-32, a Women's handbook similar in content and style to the men's was published.

• The Student Directory, although now an official College publication, was for the first 15 years of its existence solely a student enterprise. Started in 1902, the publication was financed through sale of advertising to State College and Bellefonte merchants. Until 1949, the directory included the names of faculty members.

• The research personnel and the engineering advisory service of the College are proving that cooperation among state institutions is paying off. For more than 15 years, research personnel has been aiding laundries at other state institutions to operate more efficiently. The engineering advisory service established at the College in 1947 is aiding power plants at other institutions to save and serve the institutions better.