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First Honors Day Can Lay Foundation

The announcement that a spring Honors day—on May 2 this year—was being established was welcomed by those on campus who feel that many students and others connected with Penn State often have not received the recognition they merited. The idea behind Honors day is to bring as many of these recognitory occasions as possible together in one day so as to, for a brief moment at least, throw a spotlight on those who are to be honored.

ALTHOUGH THE PRACTICE will be new at the College, Honors day does trace itself back to what in former years was known as Move-Up day. In earlier times, on a certain spring day, all students officially were promoted to the next highest class, freshmen officially becoming sophomores, sophomores becoming juniors, and juniors becoming seniors. (Just what happened to the seniors, who had another month of college to go, we can't determine.)

One of the events to be included in Honors day is the inauguration of All-College officers. In the past, inauguration ceremonies often have been poorly attended, and it was thought that including these ceremonies in Honors day would heighten the prestige of the occasion as well as give the new student leaders a chance to appear before large numbers of their constituents.

In addition, four major scholastic honors will be awarded at the ceremonies, thus providing widespread recognition for students particularly outstanding in the field of scholarship. Most top-flight students previously have gone unnoticed by other students except for close friends and people who read every name in a dean's list.

A KEYNOTE ADDRESS by a speaker as yet unannounced and awards to five distinguished alumni will round out the program. Purpose of the alumni awards is not only to give recognition where it is due, but also to illustrate to the Penn State student that, although he often is not aware of it, graduates of the College are outstanding in many fields.

Honors day is something new at Penn State and is an occasion that can be developed over the years into one of the major events of the semester. Interest shown on the part of the student body will help make the program a success this year and will lay the foundation for future Honors days.

Sports Scandals

Recent spectacular disclosures in the basketball fix scandal have served to shock a good many people complacent in their belief in "good old American fair play and sportsmanship." In fact, reports have it that the Russians feel the fix is such potent propoganda to show the "decadence" of American youth that they are giving much space to the scandal in their newspapers.

We have no doubt but that the Russians are taking too extreme a view. Yet the fact that the scandal exists cannot be overlooked, nor can we neglect to seek out the atmosphere and environment which produced that scandal.

It is a little surprising how much a sports scandal can shock us, especially when frequent political scandals seem to make so little impression upon the American people. Scandals almost are taken as a matter of course in many phases of American life, but when one breaks in the sports field, the lid blows off.

All of which leads us to believe that we Americans have been taking our sports too seriously. We have made a tin god out of athletics, and consequently we get a tremendous letdown when we find out it can be just as rotten as any other area of activity.

Perhaps the only answer is to take sports away from the spectators and the gamblers, and to give it back to the sportsmen, if there are any left who would know what to do with it. But then we'd have to go out and dig up another tin god to idolize.

Points Emphasized By AIM Proposals

The Association of Independent Men last week proposed five changes in the administration's dormitory policy. If all were adopted, the picture would be this: (1) rental contracts would be put on a one-semester basis, and West dorm students, as can Nittany-Pollock residents, could terminate their contracts at the close of the first semester; (2) rent would be refunded for the unused period if the student moved out of the dorm area during the semester; (3) the College policy concerning reassignment of a man living alone in a double room would be clarified; (4) searches of dormitory rooms would be made only when occupants were present; (5) and the living unit group would not be assessed for damages to the unit quarters.

NO ATTEMPT will be made here to judge the validity of the individual points. An AIM committee and the dean of men's staff will handle that. Still, it should be noted that the AIM proposals do point up problems of general dormitory policy.

We assume that the main purpose of the dormitory structures is to house and feed a portion of the student body. Then too, financial obligations incurred in erecting the dormitories must be met by the College. However, consideration of the second point should not outweigh that of the first. Otherwise, it would seem that establishment and maintenance of dorms would become an end in itself.

By demanding that students accept leases for a full year and by refusing to give refunds for unused portions of semesters, the administration is hampering the ability of the individual to meet unexpected financial problems. For instance, if a student found himself financially strained during the fall term and decided that expenses could be cut by living in town and working for his meals, he should be able to do so, at least by the end of the semester, without being penalized. Otherwise, he might be forced to drop out of school.

SINCE, IN A SENSE, operation of dormitories is a commercial function of the College, it would seem fitting that a business-like attitude be used in searching rooms for prohibited equipment and in reassigning men to other quarters. Past policy in this matter has paralleled that used by first sergeants in Army barracks.

That large numbers of men have been housed on campus only during the last five years probably explains some of the confusion surrounding dormitory policy. And many problems already have been corrected. We hope that AIM and the administration come out of their latest meeting with some satisfactory answers to the problems the AIM proposals have emphasized.

—John Ashbrook

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I'm not surprised, Worthal. You're flunking psychology, you know."

Notable Progress Is Made In C&F

(The first of two articles dealing with the expansion of business education at Penn State.)

By JACK BODDINGTON

Rare have been the moments of calm and serenity on the Penn State campus since the end of World War II, as any unnerved student or professor will verify. The groan of giant excavators and the persistent chatter of rivet guns have been surpassed in decibel production only, perhaps, by the thunder of explosives. This has been the more obvious nature of Penn State expansion.

MUCH QUIETER, but nonetheless significant, has been the accompanying planning and reorganization necessary to make the physical expansion count. Great strides have been made and the future holds promise of more as the fruits of President Milton S. Eisenhower's administration ripen.

Perhaps the greatest growth in academic importance is evident in the curriculum of commerce and finance where increased enrollment, scholastic opportunity, and prestige in the field have opened many eyes. The arrival in September of 1949 of Dr. W. N. Leonard as head of the Department of Economics and Commerce has led to a minor revolution which is bringing the College a respected name in the field of business education.

No longer is commerce and finance a "snap" for students who fail in other curricula; no longer is "C & F" referred to everywhere as "Campus and Frolic" or "Crocheting and Fancy-work." Commerce and finance has indeed come into its own. An Economics and Commerce activities committee is planning highly successful professional activities, including sponsorship of an impressive array of outside speakers. There are chapters of two national men's professional commerce fraternities and one women's professional group operating on campus.

Clubs for students specializing in accounting, insurance, and marketing have been formed, and others are coming. NEW COURSES in varied business fields are now being taught and many are in the planning stage, and a multitude of department staff changes has greatly improved the quality and scope of instruction. And of prime importance is the change in student attitudes and aims which has accompanied these advances. Many upperclassmen are disappointed that the revolution did not occur in time for them to get full benefit from it. They will, however, leave Penn State with the knowledge that a name for the College in the business world is in process.

How far can the expansion process go? Herein lies the one unfortunate problem. Under existing organizational structures, progress has nearly reached its limit. Hampered to an extent by administrative and structural barriers over which it has no direct control, the Department of Economics and Commerce is like an ambitious dog straining at the leash, looking for a way to release its pent up energies.

In the light of growing interest, expanded curriculum, improved staff, and the value it would have as a stimulant to enrollment, the department should be made a School of Business and should take its place among the other schools of this university.

Safety Valve...

Criticize Sports Story

TO THE EDITOR: Thousands of sports write-ups have been written, but rarely has such a disgusting, tactless, and cutting article been written about such a meritorious athlete as Homer Barr.

George Glazer's article of March 6 should certainly have been deleted from our college paper and would probably shame the Cornell paper. When a great athlete has won for so long, some fools get the idea that his defeat is a disgrace. The match was undeniably close and Clark was as happily surprised as any underdog could be when he edged Homer out. The best athletes have their off day, and March 3 was Homer's. Let's be thankful that Penn

State has students and athletes like Homer, and make certain no similar disparaging articles reach Collegian pages. Let's also get out and watch and cheer for The People's Choice and our other excellent wrestlers in the forthcoming Eastern Intercollegiate tournament.

—Calvin Leete, Joseph Hess, Ben Dickerson, John M. Mest, J. I. Zerbe

Gazette...

Wednesday, March 7

COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

DE MOLAY, Chi Phi, 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE club and tournament, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

HILLEL, lecture, Dr. William W. Edel, "Christian-Arab-Jewish Relations," 121 Sparks, 7:30 p.m.

INKLING editorial candidates, 2 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN club, lecture and discussion, Professor Case in charge, rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.

RIDING club, 228 Sparks, 7 p.m.

SCARAB AND BLADE, 306 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, 217 Willard, 7:30 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE, White hall play room, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Shell Production company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. Eng., E.E. Geol., Mining Eng., and P.N.G. Eng. and at the Ph.D. level in Phys. Thursday, March 15.

Philadelphia Electric company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Thursday, March 15.

Corning Glass works will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem. Phys., Arch. Eng., C.E., E.E., M.E., and Metal. Friday, March 16.

Babcock & Wilcox company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Metal., E.E., Chem. Eng., Chem., Fuel Tech., Chem. Eng. Phys., and C.E. Friday, March 16.

U.S. Geological survey representative will be on campus March 7 to explain opportunities to interested students, both juniors and seniors. Students are invited to attend meeting at 2 or 3 p.m. in 304 Old Main.

Socony Vacuum will interview June graduates at B.S. level in Chem. Eng., Geo-phys., E.E., and C.E., at M.S. level in Geol. Monday, March 19.

Columbia Engineering corp. would like to have preliminary application blanks from June graduates in Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., and M.E.; blanks obtainable before Tuesday, March 20.

American Smelting & Refining company will interview June graduates in Metal. Monday, March 19.

General Motors corp. will interview juniors or graduate students interested in summer employment in E.E., M.E., Chem. Eng., and Metal. Monday, March 19.

Campbell Soup company will interview June graduates in Ag-Bio-Chem., Bact., Chem. Eng., M.E., E.E., Phys., Org. Chem., Biol., Ag. Ed., Ag. Ec., Bot., Acct., and Agron. Monday, March 19.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Agriculture student who will be in State College through the summer, to work in local tavern in exchange for room and board; preferably of small stature.

Husky man with own transportation for job baling paper Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, and Thursday afternoons; 85 cents per hour; steady through semester.

Baby sitter for all day Easter, March 25.

Couple to live in home and take care of house and two children; own room with study facilities and private bath; board and cash.