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Inkling Is Looking For Good Material

Now that sufficient financial backing has been obtained and it is possible to go ahead with publication of the new student literary magazine, the Inkling, Penn State students with literary inclinations at last will have a chance to see their material in print.

BUT THOSE WORDS, "a chance," should be italicized. The competition is going to be stiff, and the Inkling staff has expressed the desire to print the best material available in order to produce a first issue of high quality.

Although most students won't admit it, the man or woman is rare who, at some time or other, has not scribbled some poetry or felt the desire to write a short story or essay—or even to give birth to a full-blown novel.

Not that everyone will be able to write interesting material—but there is the desire for a creative outlet, and the Inkling's purpose is to help fill that desire.

WRITERS NEED THE INKLING as a means of satisfying that desire. And the Inkling needs writers, too, if it is expected to put anything between its covers and to sell itself.

At the moment, the Inkling is seeking material for its first issue—poetry, sketches, stories, essays—and nearly all of it must be written by students. Material may be turned in at the Student Union desk this week and next week.

This may be the chance some embryo campus writers have been waiting for. Those interested in creative writing will not need to be reminded again of their opportunity.

Donor Project

The West dorm council's action in arranging for donation of blood in Altoona by 15 students is a valuable service to fellow citizens. Blood, a very important medical property, is in great demand today for both military and civilian use, and the council has taken positive steps in answering that need. The group should have no trouble in finding 15 male students to fill the quota for the project, scheduled for the afternoon of March 15.

Though the West dorm council project is of considerable value, a local blood donation program of wide scope can be developed only by having facilities available for use here. At present, the problems of bringing donor facilities to the borough are being considered by several campus and town groups. As yet, there has been no definite indication that such a program can and will be initiated. But the fact that consideration is being given is encouraging.

We hope that West dorm council and other campus groups will continue the Altoona donation project as long as no local donation facilities exist. Also, many students will have the chance to donate blood in their home towns during spring vacation and, possibly, whenever they are home week-ends.

—John Ashbrook

Repairs At Last

Finally—good news for campus drivers.

The miserable condition of campus roads, caused by one of the hardest winters in recent years, will at last be alleviated. Announcement has been made that the Pennsylvania Department of Highways will probably start repairs of the holes, ruts, and pits within three weeks. At present stop-gap measures, better than none at all, of filling the holes with dirt are being employed.

HEAVY SNOWS and ice storms coupled with abnormally hard truck travel have dug holes into sections of Pollock, Burrowes, and Shortlidge roads. So far this spring a driver traveling on one of these campus roads has been jostled, jarred, and tossed about as his car hurtled from one ravine to the next. Many a car spring and axle has groaned aloud in protest. And many a student has been splashed with water from mud holes five and six feet across.

But now with resurfacing of the roads probably just around the corner, even though traffic may be held up and slowed down in certain sections, the end result will certainly be an improvement in campus travel and in campus itself.

—John Dalbor

Pep Rally Tonight

Tonight at 7 o'clock, Androcles hat society will sponsor a pep rally for Penn State's undefeated wrestling team on the steps of the West dorm dining hall.

IT WILL BE UNIQUE for most of the students now on campus to attend a pep rally given for any team other than the football team. The last time a rally was given for a representative of Penn State's athletic fortunes, it was to welcome Bill Jeffrey's soccer team after it had its unbeaten string broken by Navy.

But tonight's pep rally is not for a team that has just lost, but for a team that is undefeated. A team that has a good chance to bring the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling association championship to the Nittany Vale for the first time since 1942. In a way, it is also to honor Coach Charlie Speidel's first unbeaten mat team in 16 years.

Wrestling has always been a popular sport at State. Now is the chance for the student body to get out and show the team and the coaches that they are really behind their bid for an eastern title. It's an opportunity that we hope a lot of people take advantage of.

—George Glazer

Safety Valve

Repulsed By Story

TO THE EDITOR: You're right when you say, "It isn't clear just what happened." When I read that article about Homer Barr I was repulsed. Maybe if George Glazer had taken time out to discuss the match with some people who were there, and know wrestling, he wouldn't have written what he did.

Homer Barr for my money is the greatest sportsman I have ever encountered. So why write an article that sounds like he was a whipped puppy when the match was over.

Just remember people are great to you as long as you win. Homer would never make excuses for having lost, and from what I have heard from people who know, Homer is still the winner in my eyes.

—Dick Cripps

Take Loss In Stride

TO THE EDITOR: GOOD LORD, ALL IS LOST! Homer Barr has been taken down! So what, since when is it a seemly catastrophe for a wrestler to lose a match? Does his popularity crumble with one defeat?

Contrary to the implication in the Collegian coverage, we are not as disappointed as you (the Collegian) may think we are. We, as Penn Staters, feel that defeats must be taken in stride, and should really serve to stimulate one to fresh goals. We feel that Homer is still the best heavy-weight in the East, and hope that everyone will be over at Rec Hall to support him and the rest of the squad as they represent the College in the Eastern Intercollegiate.

—Forrest Fryer
Jack Stinson

Gazette . . .

Thursday, March 8

ASME, student branch, 219 Electrical Engineering, 7 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW class, Hillel, 7:30 p.m.

DAIRY SCIENCE club, pictures to be taken at Penn State Photo shop, 7 p.m.

FRENCH club, McElwain recreation room, 7 p.m.

FROTH circulation staff and candidates, 2 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 121 Sparks, 7:30 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS Research association, 314 Willard 7 p.m.

PENN STATE POULTRY club, 204 Horticulture, 7 p.m.

WRA OUTING, 2 White hall, 7 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING, White hall pool, 7:30 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.

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., Cer., 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.

Secor 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., Act., and Agron. Monday, March 19.

General Motors corp. will interview June graduates at the B.S. or M.S. level in M.E., I.E., E.E., Chem. Eng., Chem., Metal., Act., Eng. Mech., Aero. Eng., and at M.S. or Ph.D. level in Phys. Monday, March 19.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Dodge City
STATE: Born Yesterday
NITTANY: Jackpot

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Yeah, he was a good student until this semester. Last year he promised his girl they'd be married when he graduated this spring."



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By RON BONN

Certain Sinister Groups

With all the talk of fifth columns and saboteurs these days, the great number of secret societies flourishing on campus have been causing consternation among high government officials. There has been talk of purges; Senator McCarthy has threatened to reveal the names of 57 top communists in the administration, and the physical plant has been debating the advisability of removing the red sandstone fragment from the obelisk.

It is time, then, that the secret organizations come out from behind their masks of mystic letters and symbols. To start the ball rolling, the writer has decided to expose certain of the more sinister groups, and to remove the mask of secrecy from their names.

ALPHA ZETA (agriculture)—Back in 1856, the first student to enroll in Penn State's agriculture curriculum was a youth with the unusual name of Alfalfa. M. Lammanowitz. His father, a poor Mississippi sharecropper, had named the child after his staple crop, hoping to insure a good yield. The following year, however, all the alfalfa on the farm rotted away, and the child smelled rather strongly too, and the whole family except the boy was asphyxiated or starved to death.

Being an ag student, Alfalfa became the only lad on campus with a class before 11 a.m. He did so much complaining, in fact, about his eight o'clock course in manure processing, that other students began referring to it as "Alfa's Eighter." This was corrupted, as indeed was Alfalfa a short while later when he joined the basketball team, and today the society honoring Alfalfa and his manure is called Alpha Zeta.

IOTA LAMBDA SIGMA (industrial education)—Once upon a time, according to Greek legend, there were two brothers, Higma and Sigma. Higma was courting a Parthenon coed named Stigma, but Sigma ran off with an itinerant lute player named Rachmaninoff. Relating the sad tale to his brother, Higma said, "When she slipped me the shaft, I oughta 'a lammed'er, Sigma. His brother thereupon founded the city of Rome and a cult of roach worshippers dedicated to the proposition, Iota Lambda Sigma.

OMICRON NU (Home economics)—Several years ago, a young home ec major and her boy friend were paddling a canoe below Whipple's dam. Suddenly the canoe grounded on a shady bank. The boy got out to try to push it off, but couldn't. The girl got out

to help him. Several hours later the rising tide freed the boat and it drifted off. Realizing what had happened, the boy jumped up and down on the bank distraughtly and shouted (he was an engineer) "Oh! Me canoe!" To commemorate the event, the young lady founded a secret society of boating enthusiasts called Omicron Nu.

PI GAMMA MU (social science)—Early in 1256, a little boy was taken by his parents to visit his maternal grandparents on their Bucks county farm. Unknown to the child, his grandmother had for some years been under the delusion that she was a cow—Guernsey, I believe.

The little boy was quite startled, therefore, to see his grandmother wandering about the paddock on all fours, making cow sounds. He turned to his father and, eyes bright with wonder, asked, "Pa, w'y G'amma moo?" His father, a noted social scientist of the day, took the question to heart. He organized a research group to delve into his mother-in-law's mind and find out why, indeed, she mooed. The society took its name from his son's epochal query (they still don't know why Grandma mooed, but Steinblatz at Purdue has a theory which will bear investigation).

WRA (female athletes)—A number of years after the turn of the century, a noted Britisher—Oscar Wilde, if legend is correct—was being conducted about the campus. With his devastating wit he had nicknamed Old Main "That Architectural Horror," titled Evan Pugh "The stupid looking gentleman with the sparse beard," and remarked that the brew served in the local pubs was reminiscent of—no, don't use that one. Anyway, while he was being conducted through Osmond laboratories (which at that time had not yet been built), he happened to glance over to Holmes field, where a game of field hockey was in progress. "Good heavens," shrieked the flippant Oscar, "Whose Repellent Animals Are Those, Gamboling About Unleashed?" Hearing this, the flattered girl athletes took the name WRAATGAU, or WRA for short.