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# Safety Valve . . .

## Believes Oath Adds Dignity

TO THE EDITOR: On the editorial page of the Collegian on April 4 is an article entitled "Students Have Right To Know Information." In it the editor expresses his concern over the withholding of information by WSGA and PSCA. He says that he does not believe there was any fraud in the WSGA elections. In the case of PSCA, he admits that it is not legally obligated to release information.

It seems to me that if the students have a right to know such relatively unimportant information, they also have a right to know some more important things. They might benefit more by knowing whether or not their instructors are Communists. I think that an oath of office gives added dignity to the position of instructor in a state-supported school. It also provides assurance to the people of the state that those who wish to overthrow our constitutional form of government may be removed from the faculty for violation of oath, thus eliminating problems arising from tenure, or from length of contract.

In short, I agree with Mr. Salak in the idea that faculty members should be required to take an oath of office.

—Harry Klemic

## Schwab Too Small For Concerts

TO THE EDITOR: The Penn State Blue band is supposed to be one of the best college musical organizations in our country, but how are most of the students to find out. On Sunday, April 8, the Blue band gave a concert in our "enormous" Schwab auditorium. Fifteen minutes after the doors were opened, every seat was taken, and a few minutes later, those men in blue uniforms who were slinking about, chased everyone who was not seated out of the auditorium and locked the doors. I had arrived early enough to find a seat, but I stood at the rear of the auditorium because I had to leave early. I left earlier than I expected, and after I was pushed out and heard the doors locked behind me, I saw hundreds of other students and parents also reluctantly leaving.

Why couldn't Rec hall have been used for this concert? This building would even have been too small to accommodate all those who wished to hear our Blue band, but it would have held more people than Schwab auditorium. Or what would be the harm of giving a concert in Beaver stadium if the weather were as nice as it was Sunday?

I hope the patrolmen enjoyed the music, because I couldn't hear a thing while standing outside looking at the locked doors.

—Perry Nerenberg

# Gazette . . .

Wednesday, April 11

AIME, Art gallery, Mineral Industries, 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, speaker and refreshments, 107 Main Engineering, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE of campus committee on displaced persons, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PSCA CABINET, 304 Old Main, 8:15 p.m.

PSCA THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION group, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

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

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

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Proctor & Schwarz will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., I.E. and M.E. Thursday, April 19.

Corps of Engineers, Baltimore: U.S. Naval Air station, Johnsville: Aberdeen Proving ground; Philadelphia: Naval shipyard; Frankford arsenal; Naval Air Material center will interview June graduates in I.E., C.E., M.E., E.E., Aero. Eng., Phys., Math., Chem., Metal and Arch. Thursday, April 19.

American Brake Shoe company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., C.E., M.E., and Metal. Friday, April 20.

Chrysler corp. will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., and Metal. Friday, April 20.

Leeds & Northrup company will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., I.E., Chem. Eng., Metal, and Phys. Friday, April 20.

Lyon Metal Products, Inc. will interview June graduates in I.E. and M.E. Saturday, April 28.

Factory Mutual Engineering division will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., and C.E. Monday, April 23.

West Penn Power company will interview June graduates in H.E., E.E., I.E., and C.E. Monday, April 23.

Hercules Powder company will interview June graduates at B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Monday, April 23.

Reliance Electric will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., M.E., and Mng. E. Monday, April 23.

Ebasco Services, Inc. will interview June graduates in A.E., C.E., E.E., and M.E. Monday, April 23.

Wheeling Steel company representatives will visit campus if enough M.E., C.E., Metal, and Chem. Eng. students are interested. Those wanting an interview inform Placement service not later than April 17.

Union Carbide & Carbon corp. will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., M.E., and E.E. Tuesday, April 24.

Moore Products company will interview June graduates in M.E. and I.E. Tuesday, April 24.

United States Steel corp. will interview June graduates in Bus. Ad. and I.E. Tuesday, April 24. Undergraduates are invited to group meeting April 23, 7:30 p.m., in 202 Willard.

University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing representative will visit campus Wednesday, April 18, to explain and discuss nursing profession. Meeting in study lounge of McElwain hall at 7:30 p.m.

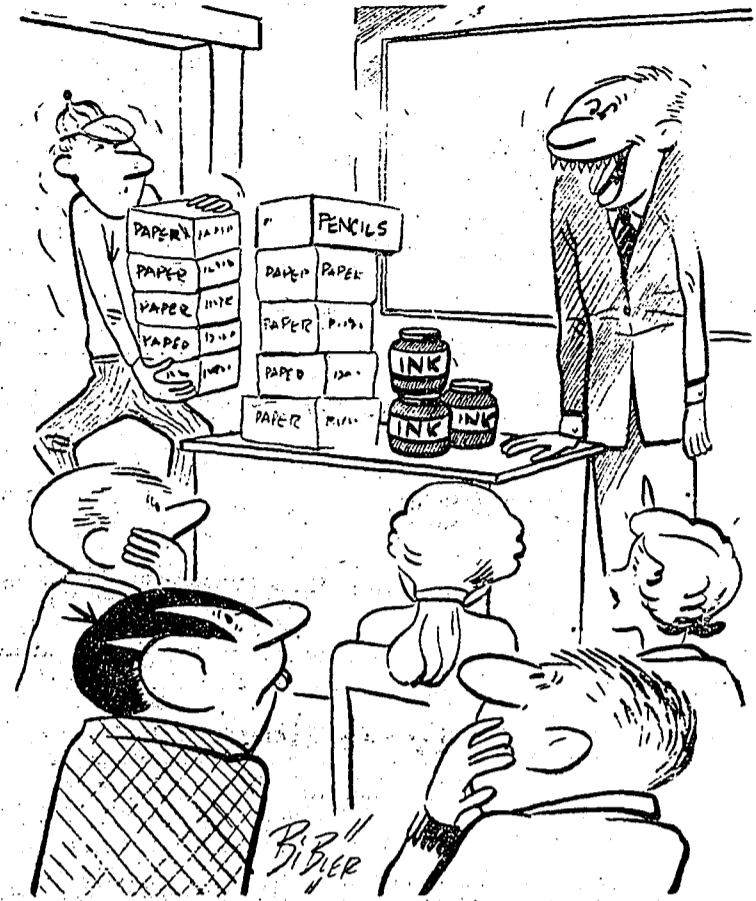
### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Representatives from Allenberry on the Yellow Breeches, Bollings Springs, Pa., will be on campus today to interview HA majors and other qualified students for summer work as stewards, bellhops, short-order cooks, soda fountain, and snack bar personnel. Interviews now being scheduled.

Two men to alternate as orderly at Centre County hospital: 4 p.m. to midnight; cash plus meals and uniform; must have own transportation.

# Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Boy are we gonna have a quiz today!"

# Historical Collection In Pattee Library

Up three long flights of dark stairs, on the fourth floor of Pattee library, is a room which is foreign to many State students. The walls are lined with shelves filled with yellowed, time-worn books as well as current publications, which tell the history of the College. Pieces of old furniture lend atmosphere, and file cabinets house tattered manuscripts and faded portraits of men and women who played a part in building the Pennsylvania State College from the Farmers' High school.

These documents are all part of the Penn State collection which was started when Dr. Runkle, librarian of the Carnegie library, began in 1904 to gather pictures and information which he thought might prove valuable some day. When the Pattee library was built, a separate room was provided for the collection, and it was expanded under the direction of the late Gladys R. Cranmer and Mrs. C. O. Cromer, present curator of the Penn State collection, with the assistance of Marjorie R. Powers, '47.

"We are looking ahead," says Mrs. Cromer. "In the future, pictures and programs of today may become just as picturesque and quaint as the items now on file. We are always glad to get new additions to the collection."

ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING pieces in the room is a large wooden chest which was presented by the class of 1895 in 1935. Carved on the lid are these words: "The Class of 1895, Loyal and Grateful to Penn State, Place This Their Memory Chest in the Alumni Room of Old Main Forty Years After Graduation." Relics of the class lie undisturbed under a covering, for the wishes of the class were: "This Cover To Be Removed Only By a Member of the Class of 1895."

Ralph Fitch Martin designed the chest and also carved on it the names of class members and words of the class hymn, "Traveling to the Better Land." The late Fred Lewis Pattee, former professor of American literature at the College, liked the hymn so well that he took the music and wrote to it the words of the Alma Mater in March, 1901.

A desk used by Dr. Evan Pugh, first president of the College, is on exhibit, as well as one belonging to Ralph Dorn Hetzel, president from 1926 to 1947. On President Hetzel's desk is a large silver urn presented to him in 1927 by the "Students of Penn State."

OLD AND VALUABLE PICTURES are in the glass-covered display case. They include a picture of the first fraternity at State—a Latin club, responsible

for obtaining official recognition of Greek fraternities. It formed the nucleus of the Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities at State.

There is also a photograph of the "Mountain Echo" or "Tallyho," a survey used to meet students at Lemont and for excursions and picnics. A candlestick used by students in Old Main and the gold pins of the Cresson and the Washington literary societies are on display. The key to the Carnegie library, presented at the dedication in November 1904 by Andrew Carnegie, is also there.

Due to crowded conditions, only a few representative pictures and other items are on display. The books and papers are to be handled only if needed for special research and then with the assistance of the attendant.

ONE OLD FILE CONTAINS handwritten lists of names of the first students and their grades, a copy of the first inaugural address, dance programs from the early nineties, announcements of meetings of literary societies, and an early issue of Anonymous, a magazine hand-printed and decorated by a member of the Washington Agricultural literary society in 1859. Also on file is the Cresson literary society's publication—the Students' Miscellany, which in the issue of Feb. 4, 1887 deplored the absence of a student newspaper.

Books, articles, and newspaper clippings by and about State graduates and faculty fill five shelves and several file cabinets. Scenes of the old Penn State campus and portraits of faculty members are also there.

Another filing case contains letters written in an attempt to trace members of the first five graduating classes (1861-1886) in order to organize the first 50-year reunion.

COPIES OF LA VIE as far back as 1890 and all other college publications are on file.

Apparently Mrs. Cromer finds her work very interesting, for she says, "The longer we work, the more fascinating it becomes, because we get the relationship and interpret the meanings of the items."

—Bettie Loux

# Just How Much Do Promises Mean?

Just how much do campus political platform promises mean? Many students believe they don't mean much at all. A look at the record of performance this year should tend to confirm that opinion.

THE LION PARTY, which won a complete sweep in last spring's All-College elections, campaigned on a 12-point platform. It has done something on only a few of those points.

We use the Lion party only as an example of the meaninglessness of platform promises. Had the State party been victorious last year, and in a position to implement its promises, we have no doubts that the record of fulfilling promises would have been substantially the same.

Last spring the politicians promised to uphold "any workable plan for decentralized voting by schools in College elections." No action has been taken, although there are reports the subject is being discussed again.

LAST SPRING the politicians promised to do something to alleviate congested telephone conditions in the dorms. Nothing was done about it.

Last spring the politicians promised support for the five- and seven-day meal ticket plan for the campus dining halls. Nothing was done about it.

Last spring the politicians promised to work through All-College cabinet "toward making the Student Press a reality." Nothing has been done about it, and the only time the press was discussed openly was at a senior class meeting to consider the class gift.

LAST SPRING the politicians proposed a program to give graduate students a greater share in student activities. Nothing was done about it.

Last spring the politicians promised to propose through cabinet that the College officially become a university. Nothing was done about it.

In addition, the politicians promised to work better recreational and sports facilities in the Nittany-Pollock area. The College took the initiative in this work. The politicians also proposed to help improve safety conditions in that area. This was handled by the Nittany-Pollock men themselves.

THE POLITICIANS, as they promised they would, investigated a plan to allow men who work and eat their meals outside the dining halls, to live in the dorms. The College turned the plan down.

They also made good their promise to work for elimination of final exams for graduating seniors, but this proposal also was turned down.

They said they would endeavor to give all students "an equal opportunity" to attend Rec hall sorts events. This comes under a long-range College project, and the politicians did nothing about it.

THE POLITICIANS PROMISED to aid the book exchange in its expansion program. Space for the BX has been increased this year, and a larger space is to be allocated for the BX in the Student Union building. The SU plans, however, were drawn up last spring.

There is the record. It is not denunciation of the party in power, but rather a denunciation of platform promises in general. The reader can judge for himself whether campaign promises really mean anything.