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## Vote; Then Keep Eye On Winners

This time every year it becomes the duty of the Collegian to urge all students to turn out and vote in the spring All-College and class elections, which begin today and end tomorrow. BEFORE DOING SO, however, we would like to note a few things.

As regards political platforms, we should point out what we consider the cynical nature of the State party plank favoring a law that all student assessments be submitted to a referendum. This plank, we feel, was inserted in the platform only for the purpose of getting votes by capitalizing on the furore raised over the Student Union assessment last spring.

We do not know whether the State party actually intends to carry through such action if it is successful at the polls. Even with a clean sweep at the elections, the party would control only six of the 24 votes on All-College cabinet, and it is questionable if such a move could be put through. (This qualification applies to all platform promises.)

REFERENDUMS are fine in theory, but in practice they have not worked too well, political experience shows. It should be considered that, because of the size of the SU assessment, all assessments are in temporary disfavor among the students. The proposal has been made a mere political football and, in the present atmosphere, cannot be given the dispassionate consideration it deserves.

Again we would like to stress our fears, expressed a few days ago, that platforms in the past have meant little, and that promises have not been fulfilled. Because of this, we think many students are wise in completely disregarding the platform promises.

Campus elections in recent years have been largely popularity contests, and there seems little doubt that the present campaign will not be the same thing. Seldom is there a great deal of difference in the capabilities of the two party slates, and even when there is—except for students who have been extremely outstanding in their junior year—there is seldom any way for the mass of voters to know candidates' capabilities. They just are not that well acquainted with the candidates.

YET AN ELECTION MUST be held, for some method must be used to determine who shall handle certain jobs. For this reason, we urge all students to cast ballots—regardless of which party they vote for. We hope they will be able to choose the best men for the jobs, and that they will keep tabs on the successful candidates to see that they do the kind of job expected of them.

## Test Applications

This morning is the last opportunity for draft-eligible students to obtain deferment test application blanks at Willard hall. Representatives of the state selective service board, on campus under special arrangement between the board and the College, will close up shop at noon.

Draft cards must be shown to obtain the blanks. Those who do not obtain them now will have to apply at either their local boards or the Bellefonte board. According to H. K. Wilson, dean of men, main aim of this special campus service is to avoid the necessity of students' traveling to distant boards.

Wilson yesterday pointed out that draft-eligible graduate students, as well as undergraduates, can apply for the deferment test. He said that students should take advantage of the deferment examination, not withstanding legislation now being considered by Congress.

—John Ashbrook

• MOVIES AT THE State College Pastime theater, opened in 1909, were five cents. Scene of many a "movie rush" sweeping past the helpless ticket taker when students were celebrating athletic victories, it continued operations until 1925.

## Building Blueprints Indicate New Era

The Student Union building, when it is erected, will be the first modern structure to appear on mid-campus. Previously, buildings of a modern design—the Navy Ordnance lab and the water tunnel—were limited to the outskirts. For more than 20 years, designs for central campus structures have been dictated by a plan prepared in the 1920's. The plan prescribed specific styles for various areas in order to maintain harmony.

WHILE HARMONY WAS the main consideration here, other colleges traditionally were building modern. These colleges mainly have been concerned with development of free, functional designs.

Harvard, building "modern" since its founding in 1636, has one of the most heterogeneous, yet one of the most interesting, campuses in America. Swarthmore college, a conservative Quaker school, is planning a new women's dormitory which will be executed in a freshly modern style. Compare this to the deadly conservative tradition of Penn State dormitories.

As early as 1932, Swarthmore was experimenting in architectural design, at that time constructing a very modern field house. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has gone modern in construction of new dormitories, and it has encased a new swimming pool in a functional structure.

LAST YEAR, the Architectural Record found cause to devote a whole issue to modern architecture as it appears on college campuses.

These progressive policies provide a good answer, if an answer is at all necessary, to fears of some people that modern buildings will not harmonize with previously constructed ones. Actually, about the only argument presented by those opposed to a progressive architectural policy is the idea of harmony for its own sake.

Modernistic blueprints for additions to Pattee library, as well as those for the Student Union, indicate that the College may be breaking away from the architectural "dead cat" to which it long has been tied. Penn State will benefit if these plans mark the opening of an area of progressive building design.

—J.A.

## Gazette . . .

Wednesday, April 18

AMERICAN FOUNDRYMEN'S society, 102 Willard hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

DEMOLAY, 203 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

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

quest to bring their music, State College hotel, 6 p.m.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT council, 109 Willard hall, 6:15 p.m.

PSCA, old and new cabinets, 304 Old Main, 8:15 p.m.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, election of officers, 303 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

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

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

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Armstrong Cork company will visit campus to interview students for non-technical sales training if enough students are interested. Those desiring an interview should give names to placement service before noon, April 21.

Lavoie laboratories will interview June graduates in E.E. Saturday, April 28.

Glenn L. Martin company will interview June graduates at all levels in Aero. Eng., M.E., C.E., E.E., I.E. Friday, April 27.

National Supply company will interview June graduates in C&F for industrial sales Friday, April 27.

J. C. Penny will interview June graduates in C&F for retail sales work Thursday, April 26.

Standard Vacuum Oil will interview June graduates in P.N.G., M.E., C.E., E.E., Chem. Eng., Acct., and C&F, Friday, April 27.

Mergenthaler Linotype company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., A&L, C&F, and Acct. Friday, April 27.

Pittinny arsenal will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., M.E., Chem., Phys., and Metal. Monday, April 30.

Jones & Laughlin will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., Phys., and Acct. Wednesday, April 30.

Provident Mutual Life Insurance company will interview June graduates interested in a sales management career Monday, April 30.

Southern California Naval Radio & Defense laboratories will interview June graduates in Eng., Phys., Chem., Math., Bio., Bact., Meteor., Metal., and Psy. Monday, April 30.

H. J. Heinz will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Phys., and Acct. Wednesday, April 25.

Charles Pfizer & Co. Inc. will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng. Tuesday, May 1.

Carpenters Steel will interview June graduates in M.E. Tuesday, May 1.

Atlas Powder will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Phys., C.E., and Mng. E. Tuesday, May 1.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Representative from Clear Pool Camp for Boys, Carmel, N.Y., will be on campus Friday, April 20, 4 to 8:30 p.m. Interviews being scheduled for men interested in general and waterfront counseling.

Off-campus resident for permanent immediate job in snack bar/dishroom; remuneration in meals.

Young woman to baby-sit each Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for next three weeks; 75c per hour.

Waitresses for local restaurant for work at lunch and dinner hours.

Horticulture student with transportation for yard and ground work at institution.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Father's Little Dividend

STATE: The Company She Keeps

NITTANY: Life Of Her Own

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I used to have a lot of trouble keepin' 'em in lab."

## Fungus-Fed Demon, Clutchy Fingers

Pivot, the new campus poetry magazine, creates an impression on the reader of a generation, and perhaps even a civilization, that is lost. Though the poetry expresses the thought of a small and select segment of campus personalities, a sharp look at the condition of the world might add validity to that poetical damnation.

The name, Pivot, is in itself symbolic. It implies the fulcrum of a seesaw on which the world rolls between a plunge into Hades or a descent into green and peaceful pastures.

However, most poetry thrives on the melodramatic. Tragedy flourishes and death must do its poetical darndest to frighten. Such titles as "Nightmare of the World," and "Escape" are indicative of the intense bosh which is used.

THE FLEDGLING POETS of Pivot have also devised a new supernatural being who seems to be fungus fed. This, we take it, is the God of Athletes Foot, a terrible demon about to decimate 20th century man.

When the reader has reached the pivotal point of the magazine, center pages eight and nine, he has courageously risen over the depths of decay, "the odor of garbage," "the dry touch of numb cotton," and whatever else makes up this foul civilization we are heir too.

The Pivotist, who may someday take his place among the romanticist, idealist, realist, etc., is often vague—like many of his poetical ancestors. Perhaps this is their

greatness. However, some of the metaphorical references to things commonplace become difficult to swallow. That, we repeat, may be their greatness.

WE CONTINUE PAST the pivotal point and find that much in the poems resembled in tone and language the translations of German we made semesters ago. Can you remember those snatches of half-meanings we picked from the prose and poetry—"Three Comrades" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"?

Nevertheless, among the Pivotists are a few heretics who write with an air of understanding. Their poetry is readable and comprehensible. The simplicity of their verse adds greatness to its stature and wins our wholehearted support.

True, the world seems to be falling apart at the seams, but there is nothing that is all bad or all good. If the Pivotists elude the "clutchy clutchy fingers" of the grey god who dwells in fungus, they may produce the second edition of Pivot. We cheer for their escape.

—Len Kolasinski

## Safety Valve . . .

### Lion Party Accomplishments

TO THE EDITOR: When the Lion party printed their last propaganda sheet, they listed two or three minor accomplishments. Why did they omit their greatest accomplishment of less than a year ago, approval of the student union assessment, which was opposed by the majority of students?

—Charles A. Kochanowski

Ed Note—The three cabinet members who voted against the assessment last spring were Joseph Arnold, of the State party, sophomore class president, and two Lion stalwarts—President David Mutchler of the junior class and Huber Stevens, Lion clique chairman and Home Economics council president, who was ordered by his council to vote no. The only other State party representative on cabinet—President Marian Whiteley of the freshman class—voted for the assessment.

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### 'So Dangle, You Puppets'

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