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Drawbacks, As Gift, Of Student Press

Next week's voting for the senior class gift again brings up the question of what should be done regarding the proposed student press, which again this year is among the ideas put forward for allocation of the fund.

IN THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS, the Collegian campaigned widely for a student press, and in both years the class gift went toward the press.

This year we have not felt justified in continuing the campaign. Originally, sponsors of the idea stated that a fund of \$25,000, which would be accumulated if this year's gift went to the press, would make it possible to set up a print shop on campus. Idea behind the plan was to use the shop for printing campus publications, principally the Collegian.

Unfortunately, the kind of print shop envisioned by the sponsors—it would use the offset printing process—would in many ways prove unsatisfactory for publication of the Collegian. Principal objections are that the process is too slow, and thus would limit drastically the quality of news coverage, and that the typography cannot compare with that currently used.

IN CAMPUS MAGAZINE CIRCLES, offset is considered better for publication of magazines than for newspapers. The Inkling, to be published next month, will use this process, and students will have a chance to judge for themselves.

A printing plant capable of printing both magazines and the Collegian—with the same speed and quality of typography now available—might cost two to four times the amount originally supposed.

Thus, if the class gift goes toward a student press this year, it would have to be considered as just another of a long series of contributions aimed at establishing a much more extensive printing plant than previously envisioned. In this light, it might be considered as a contribution toward an eventual campus press which could go beyond the scope of merely student publications.

THAT IS THE QUESTION students will have to decide as regards the class gift and the student press—are they willing to undertake a long-range program that might consume many years before fruition?

Excellent Precedent

The promise of Capt. W. L. Mitchell, commanding officer of the Air Force personnel on campus, that excessive noise from the men under his command would be eliminated is a good omen.

IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED that the arrival of the Air Force men on campus would create some problems. The noise problem was the first. More than likely it will not be the last.

The prompt action of Capt. Mitchell, however, has set an excellent precedent from which it is to be hoped future good relations will spring.

With the Air Force men living in the same area as students, it might have been anticipated that the schedules of the students and the air-men might conflict. Such a conflict has arisen and has apparently been settled.

THE EVER-INCREASING NUMBER of military personnel on campus will probably create bigger and tougher problems. Understanding, patience, and cool heads on the part of both the students and the military will be necessary if real trouble is to be avoided.

—Marv Krasnansky

• THE EARLIEST known "owners" of the land comprising State College were Muncy Indians, who were superseded by the Shawanese. The valley of "Nita-nee" was "discovered" by Capt. James Potter, considered by many to be the first white man to set foot in Centre county.

Care In Selecting Council Officers

Unfortunately, campaign procedures in school council elections have been even poorer than those in all-College races. Students are less interested, and qualifications for nomination generally consist of nothing but a decent all-College average and enrollment in the proper school. No one questions the candidate's motives for running for office; few base their votes on any criteria other than that of which candidates they know personally or have heard of in connection with other College activities.

METHODS BY WHICH council elections can be improved have been hard to find, and, generally, few students have cared enough even to try.

By the workings of fate and little else, a few outstanding council leaders have emerged from past council elections. Until sufficient student interest in the school elections is generated, fate will have a free hand, and, as has been illustrated previously, it will not always produce competent student representatives.

Individuals can start the ball rolling for better school council government now by nominating individuals they believe to be suitably equipped for participation in council affairs. They can keep the project moving by actively campaigning for their choice and by keeping tab of his actions in council if he is elected.

IN SHORT, SCHOOL COUNCIL government operations rely on the same factors as those of other campus government groups. The harvest will depend on what is sown: Sow a selection of mediocre council members and reap only mediocre school council government.

Students with time and ideas to give to Penn State student government have a chance of doing so this week by entering their school council elections. Nominations for seats in most councils are being made now.

—John Ashbrook

Jay-Walking

An insurance company recently reported that one-third of pedestrian deaths and one-fourth of the injuries during 1950 were the result of crossing between intersections, jay-walking.

Judging by the number who stream across College avenue between intersections, on their way to and from campus, it might pay the company to send a special statistician to State College to keep score. One in every four pedestrians who become involved in accidents, probably will be bumped by a car while jay-walking.

—J. A.

Gazette . . .

Thursday, April 26

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

DAIRY SCIENCE club, 117 Dairy Husbandry, 7 p.m.

INKLING, circulation staff, candidates, and all interested persons, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE ACCOUNTING club, 312 Sparks, 8 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.

Allis Chalmers will be on campus to interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Taylor Model Basin will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Aero. Eng., Phys., and Math. Monday, May 7.

Penna. Salt Mfg. company will interview June graduates in M.E., Chem. Eng., and Chem. Monday, May 7.

Navy Bureau of Ships will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., and M.E. Monday, May 7.

North America companies will interview June graduates in C&F, A&L, and A&C. Monday, May 7.

Bell Telephone company is interested in women June graduates for positions of service representative in State College. See J. H. Caum, Bell Telephone Co. of Penna., 106 W. Beaver avenue.

Long Island Lighting company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Friday, May 4.

Pomeroy's Department store will interview June graduates interested in retailing Friday, May 4.

Naval Torpedo station will interview June graduates, men and women, in M.E., Chem., and Phys. Friday, May 4.

Boy Scouts of America will interview June graduates interested in career opportunities with them.

Austin company will interview June graduates in Arch. Eng., Arch., C.E., E.E., and M.E. if enough students are interested. If interested, leave name at placement office before April 30.

Calvert Distilling company will interview women June graduates in C&F, Chem., Bact., and A.B.Ch. Thursday, May 10.

Calvert Distilling company will interview draft-exempt men June graduates in C&F, Chem., Chem. Eng., M.E., I.E., E.E., A.B.Ch., and Bact. Thursday, May 10.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Waitress for local restaurant; 8 to 11:30 p.m., four or five nights a week; student's wife preferred.

Fraternity jobs now, to continue next fall; also substitutes for pre-registration week-end.

Two men for evening work in local restaurants; must have cars; must be able to work through summer.

Orderlies for hospital; 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. alternate nights; meals, uniform, cash.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL


Ruth Abt, Helen Bartha, James Bissett, Frances Crawford, Rosemary Delahanty, Billy Derese, Jerome Epstein, Robert Fatzinger, Joseph Fleming, Nancy Haines, Sue Halperin, Bruce Kay, Grace McGee, David Meyers, Elizabeth Miorelli, Pat Pfeiffer, Judson Noble, Kathleen Radisca, Ben Rawnsley, John Rentschler, Dale Sheffer, John Skewis, John Usaitis, Bill Whiteford, Earl Wieder, Robert Wiser.

For Inmates Only

By Mills



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By RON BONN

Uncle Finally Talked

We got a very interesting letter from our draft board the other day. It said, in effect, that they'd never heard of us.

The background to the whole matter began a couple of years ago when we registered with the local Working with accustomed speed, the board sent us a questionnaire some 13 months later. This we filled out last June and dutifully sent back.

Then we waited.

THE THEORY IS THAT when the board receives the completed questionnaire, they examine it carefully and then classify you 1-A. But for ten months there was nothing between us and the board but a stony silence. We certainly weren't going to make the first move towards reconciliation; we even got in the habit of remarking to all who would listen, "If Uncle don't talk to us, we don't talk to Uncle."

As the months stretched into more months, we began to have visions. We remembered the lad who was classified 1-A in 1941 and spent the whole war waiting to be inducted. When they closed his draftboard and moved out its equipment in 1946, they found that his papers had slipped behind a filing cabinet. Well, we reasoned desperately, it could happen again.

But we knew it was too good. These things happen to the guy across the street, and the one who used to sit back of you in psych class and wear lavender shirts, but never to you personally. So, we were sure, we had slipped behind no filing cabinets and would eventually hold a winning number in the Great Lottery.

THEN GENERAL HERSHEY, bless 'im, announced that college students scoring high on certain tests would be deferred. This was a beautiful thought. But the gimmick was that to apply for the test, you had to be the possessor of what is known as a "Selective Service Number." These things you must find out from your draft

board. So we wrote the board send us the number and for Pete's sake, hurry up about it.

Then came the letter.

It was a brief and to the point bit of correspondence. In the first paragraph it said Who are you? In the second paragraph it left space for us to tell them. And suddenly we realized that we were in a very strange situation.

WE WERE REGISTERED for the draft. We had a little card to prove it to any wandering FBI men. But the draft board, somehow, somewhere, had lost us completely.

Immediately, we were surrounded by leering friends, each with a Plan. Look, if you just don't send them anything back, they'll never know you're alive, said one. Better than that, re-seal their envelope, mark it, No Record that Addressee is now or ever has been," or something, and ship it on back to them, suggested another. Why don't you buy us all a drink to celebrate? asked a third.

All good thoughts. But we had a better one. We would fill out the form, mail it back to the board—thus clearing our tattered conscience—write a column about the whole thing, and then just wait.

EIGHT TO FIVE they lose the whole thing again.

Join the campus blood drive May 3 at the State College Methodist church—contact your Interfraternity council representative Harold Leinbach at Pi Kappa Phi.

Safety Valve . . .

Participation Of Air Force ROTC

TO THE EDITOR: 1. In fairness to all members of Pershing Rifles who participated in the formal guard mount which was put on in front of Old Main on Monday afternoon, 23 April 1951, it should be made clear that the guard was composed of both Air Force and Army ROTC students and not just Army ROTC men as was indicated in your Tuesday issue of the Daily Collegian.

2. The occasion of the formal guard mount was the inspection of both the Army and the Air Force ROTC units. Pershing Rifles, being composed of cadets from, both units, was given the

duty of presenting the formal guard mount for the benefit of all inspecting officers since it would represent both Army and Air Force ROTC.

—Leslie A. Palmer
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Pershing Rifles
Adjutant