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## LA Credit Change Could Be Valuable

The School of the Liberal Arts has initiated a step which should be of significant value to its students. The changes in curriculum which the school's faculty proposed at its Tuesday night meeting will, if approved by the College senate, mean that liberal arts students will receive a better balance of cultural subjects over a longer period of time.

One criticism of American colleges sounded more and more often, is the increasing emphasis on technical training at the expense of the humanities. The subjects which broaden men's horizons, bring them people, events, and knowledge of the past and present, often lose ground to the dollars-and-cents courses. The liberal education aims to be a balance between the abstract and the concrete fields of learning.

So it is heartening to find the liberal arts school placing new emphasis on the very subjects which contribute to the cultural background valuable to men no matter what their vocation. The changes increase requirements in art, music, philosophy, and the natural sciences. If possible, laboratory work would be introduced in the natural science studies.

Perhaps the wisest move of all is the elimination of the so-called lower division (really a fiction in that there is no longer an administrative division for it) and the expanding of these requirements over the four years of education.

Remarking on the change, the dean said, "As a student gets to be a senior, he begins to realize the value of cultural courses. By eliminating the lower division, we allow him to take these courses when he wants to, instead of compelling him to complete them in the first two years."

It is to be hoped that the senate will approve these important revisions in the liberal arts curriculum.

—Ron Bonn

## Commencement

The transfer of the graduation exercise to Beaver Field would seem to solve a long-standing complaint of many generations of Penn State seniors: not enough tickets to go around for all the relatives.

The College has grown rapidly, so that in many ways it resembles a 15-year-old walking around in knee-pants. The graduation program has been an example of this.

Enrollment has so outstripped facilities that it has been necessary to hold two graduation exercises for the past several years.

This year, however, at the urging of President Eisenhower, the exercise has been moved outdoors. Under this plan, no tickets will be required for admission to the Beaver Field ceremony. In the event of bad weather, the originally planned two-program graduation ceremony will be held. The impressive ceremony, against a backdrop of the beautiful mountain scenery of central Pennsylvania, should be an experience worth remembering.

We only add, however, that the men who made the decision to hold the ceremony outdoors must be brave indeed. In State College it is the normal state of affairs when it rains just on the day you would give your right arm not to have it rain.

At any rate, we wish the graduating seniors better luck with their outdoor graduation than the Spring Week committee, victim of rain for the past three years, has experienced.

## Can A Committee Act For 2000?

An editorial printed on these pages earlier in the week has strangely drawn the opposition of those who are being questioned.

A letter from some of these persons appears on this page today.

The committee, as represented in the letter, claims that it faithfully followed the referendum vote in recommending that the radio station receive "the bulk" of the gift. There was no provision on the senior class ballot that mentioned "bulk" or "part" of the \$8000 gift.

The committee also claims to have full authority to dispose of the balance of the gift.

What was that authority? The figure that was "bandied about" during the campaign for the radio station hardly seems to be a very accurate basis to use for the handling of \$8000.

There is no attack being made on the merits of the MacIntire scholarship fund.

There is definitely a question however, when a group as small as the gift committee can decide for over 2000 students that some of the gift the students appropriated to a project by a preferential ballot can be diverted to another source.

Even a senior class president cannot speak for his constituents when the senior gift money is concerned.

—Bud Fenton

## Safety Valve—

### Defend Gift Split

See Editorial

TO THE EDITOR:

Contrary to the mass of inaccuracies contained in a Collegian editorial by Mr. Florenz (Bud) Fenton, there was no senior class "gift shuffle."

The figure bandied about by persons campaigning for the radio station was \$5000. That sum was exceeded in the class gift by over one thousand dollars. The committee faithfully followed the referendum vote in recommending that the radio station receive the bulk of the gift. It had full authority to dispose of the balance.

In opposition to Mr. Fenton's editorial there is no reason why the gift should not be split. This has been the case many times before, therefore disproving his contention and the contention of those he erroneously claims are "in the know." If the reporter had been more astute he would have verified his facts and would not have been guilty of inaccurately stating that the senior gift must be disposed of in a lump.

Mr. Fenton makes the point that the radio station could have used all the money. Certainly this is so. By the same token it could have used \$50,000 if such a sum had been available.

By any standards the MacIntire scholarship is a worthy contribution to Penn State and one of which the Class of 1951 to the man can be proud.

—Otto Grupp, Chairman, Gift Committee  
—John Erickson, Senior Class President

## Gazette . . .

Saturday, May 26  
NEWMAN CLUB, picnic at Black Moshannon, cancelled.

PI TAU SIGMA, picnic and ball game, meet at Mechanical Engineering parking lot, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27  
FROTH new senior board, West Dorm council room, 3:30 p.m.

FROTH old senior board, West Dorm council room, 4:15 p.m.

NITTANY BOWMEN, field shoot, Forestry parking lot, 1:30 p.m.

NITTANY BOWMEN, tournament wiener roast, Field range, 6 p.m.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Positions open to summer students for work in the Snack Bar; remuneration in meals.

Positions now and through the summer at local diner for countermen.

Summer opportunity for male "combo" of three (over 21); also short order cook, boatmen with motor know-how, janitor for resort in Poconos; to start as soon as possible; excellent arrangement.

Summer opportunities for women counselors; waterfront, athletics; camps located near Reading and Pittsburgh.

## Roving Reporter



"Not the Stan Mulkay, the famous ski star?"

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## 1950-51 Seniors Had Full Year

By PAT NUTTER  
Second Of A Series

Penn Staters always come back from vacations with tall tales. Thanksgiving recess gave students food for wild stories that were really true.

Optimistic souls who took the jaunt down to Pittsburgh for the Lion-Panther game were very descriptive about the 29-inch snow storm that hit the city. They told about the shivering hours spent on the super highway, the miles of stalled cars that looked like igloos, and the disgruntlement of finding everything in the steel city closed.

Disgusted students on their first trip to the city said that they did not see one single smokestack. In fact, many of them did not see Pittsburgh at all. The Lion team was hauled to the station in an Army truck.

### IC-4A Champs

Earlier in November, the cross country team brought victory to State, completing its dual meet season undefeated. It trounced Manhattan 38-23 and then swept on in a blaze of glory to capture the IC-4A championship and the NCAA cross-country championship. It was Coach Chick Werner's first IC-4A title in 18 years as State's head coach.

Beaver Field goal posts came down after an 11-year stand. Enthusiastic fans celebrated the Lion 18-14 victory over Rutgers by also tearing down most of the pennants flying over the top of the stadium. While the campus patrol vainly tried to block off the goal post attack, three men calmly hauled down the big College flag from the east flag pole. The flag was returned the next day.

### Blue Band Loses Lucas

High-stepping Jay Lucas ended his four year career as Blue Band drum major. The six foot four inch strutter will graduate in June.

Johnny Long made a big hit at the Junior Prom with his version of "Shanty Town." The gym was decorated in a French theme with street lights and striped awnings. The dance program was the most expensive in the school's history.

The Soccer team's 21 game win-

ning streak was broken by West Chester. They won 1-0. The Lions recovered on Jan. 1, however, by crushing Purdue 3 to 0 in the soccer bowl.

The Lions and Panthers finally got together on the third try to play their annual game. The Mud Bowl game ended with State victorious by one point, 21-20. Rip Engle congratulated his mud-meared team with a big grin.

### Mil-Ball Queen

Helen Costello, a Theta Xi import won the title of Queen of the Military Ball. President Eisenhower warned against a let-down in scholarship because of draft uncertainties.

December brought lots of snow. The air was thick with snowballs when the campus was covered with eight and one-half inches of snow.

Everyone forgot books near Christmas and trooped out to carol to anyone who would listen. Ward Hall windows were decorated with Merry Christmas wishes in 12 languages.

Staters returning from vacation gazed with wonder at the West Dorm snack bar. Seven inches of snow made everyone realize that they were back with State's unpredictable weather.

### Basketball Freeze

The snow, however, was not the only chill at Penn State. The State basketball freeze won over Bucknell and brought lots of comments.

President Eisenhower told students that he foresaw government training at the College. No one really expected the appearance of air cadets in the same year.

Exams were fast approaching, so Staters decided to settle down to the work they had been planning to do at the beginning of the semester.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

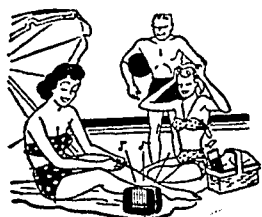
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