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Sad Choice for Americanism Group

It was with great delight, we are certain, that those who hate democracy—including the communists—read the news that Hugh Manchester has been appointed to the Americanism committee of the state American Legion.

For those who are unacquainted with Hugh Manchester, let us go into that gentleman's record. Let's take a look to see just why Hugh Manchester has been appointed a guardian of our Americanism.

Hugh Manchester first appeared on the Penn State scene during the November, 1950, Congressional election. At that time Prof. Arthur H. Reede ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket against Republican James Van Zandt.

Hugh Manchester, who is now going to make sure that we don't lose our rights as Americans, participated in that campaign. American Hugh Manchester went through back issues of the Collegian, going as far as 1935, to provide material reprinted in a campaign circular appearing under the misleading title, the "Penn State Collegian." And using this material, the circular labeled Prof. Reede, a "subversive," "pacifist," "radical," and "communist."

American Hugh Manchester is also the same Hugh Manchester who sold himself in the Nov. 3, 1950, issue of the DuBois Courier-Express as "President of Student Council at Penn State College" in an advertisement announcing his support of Van Zandt over radio station WCED. American Hugh Manchester had never been elected president of any student council at Penn State, and as a matter of fact had flunked out and been readmitted on probation. American Hugh Manchester was perpetrating a fraud on the voters.

Since the election, Hugh Manchester has not ceased his activities to foster Americanism. Since the election, Hugh Manchester's interest in Americanism has taken other channels. In April of this year, state Sen. Albert R. Pechan, author of the infamous loyalty oath, showed a Daily Collegian reporter in Harrisburg a letter from American Hugh Manchester charging "communist infiltration" at Penn State over a period of 20 years.

The veracity of American Hugh Manchester's charges can be measured by the fact that not once in all the heated controversy over the loyalty bill did Sen. Pechan make public Manchester's letter.

In a letter to the Harrisburg Evening News of May 31, 1951, Manchester repeated the same charges and said he was prepared to offer his evidence before a responsible committee of the legislature. His offer to the Republican-dominated legislature was never taken up.

In a May 17, 1951, letter to the Daily Collegian, American Hugh Manchester boasted that unlike Sen. Joseph McCarthy he is not hiding behind Congressional immunity in his charges of communism at Penn State. Yet on previous occasions American Hugh Manchester has refused to name names, knowing that such action would surely lead to libel suits.

So that the citizenry may be informed of the Americanism of Hugh Manchester the Daily Collegian has delved into his record. We are quite certain, that the American Legion, too, has been aware of Hugh Manchester's activities.

We would, therefore, like to ask the American Legion if it thinks Hugh Manchester's record qualifies him as a member of its Americanism committee. If the Legion's answer is yes, then we suggest that the Americanism of the American Legion be the subject of a thorough investigation.

Bloody Success

With almost 1000 pledges turned in by potential donors, Penn State's blood drive has scored a success unhoped when the drive started two weeks ago.

We feel reassured that Staters will come through for worthy projects when the call for help is given out. And the Red Cross blood drive was definitely an appeal for help, an urgent appeal.

Originally, it was feared by authorities that the low goal of 400 pints was too much for Penn State. But when the going got rough, the students' more than came through.

So we congratulate the 950 or so donors, but we're sure our congratulations will be pale in comparison with the heartfelt thanks from the GI's on the cold Korean battlefield.

— Moylan Mills

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Say, would you run down an' tell the janitor we're short one desk chair."

A Bonn Mot

By RON BONN

It has been said that sociologists have the finest field of study in the world, and no methods, while psychologists have the finest methods in the world, and nothing to study. Both, however, concern themselves with the most fascinating group of vertebrates yet developed—people.

We've been running into a lot of people lately, or maybe they've

just been registering more strongly than usual. For instance, there is the backstage scene after a dress rehearsal of a Schwab Auditorium show. There is the magic of the last moments of the play, the characters playing out their roles to the final lines, the color and emotion, the final curtain—and dissolution. Suddenly the cast turns into a bunch of people, blowing their noses and complaining about food and giggling at each other.

A gray-haired bit-player wanders over, and turns out to be an old friend, just another senior. The director calls out to another player to come over for minor instructions, and he wanders off, mumbling something bitter about "a milestone in the American theater." The star has to have her pictures taken, so you hold her cigarette for her. In one corner, two walk-ons are discussing just how silly each felt and looked during their quick moments.

A lighting technician is roaming around, shouting things in Electric up to the light crew in a sufficiently loud tone so everyone will know he is a lighting technician.

A woman marches down the center aisle in the finest makeup you've ever seen—she looks 50 years old. You double-take, and she really is 50 years old, and very angry, and demanding in

very strident tones to see the "instructor here, and right now." A score of players gleefully finger the director for her, and he breaks off from his animated discussion of the second act curtain line to explain to the lady just exactly why her 13 year old son is not yet home at the ungodly hour of 11 p.m. The son, a supporting player, has disappeared an hour before, and everyone knows it, but the "instructor here" covers manfully for him, and the lady leaves.

Picture-taking for the department scrapbook is going on as a continuing undercurrent to the foreground action. The director has controlled himself in exceptional fashion during six weeks of rehearsal, but an hour and a half of still filming is just too much for his temperament. "Look nonplussed!" he shrills at one unfortunate. The unfortunate opens his mouth and looks nonplussed, or something. "What's the matter with your hair?" he thunders at a bewildered-looking girl. "Oh God, that's not your third act costume!" greets a third player. And on into the night, a large group of noisy people who on the following night will once again assume the false, lovely glamour of the stage before a first-night audience, as the organized confusion of rehearsal evolves into the regimented chaos of opening night.

Party Platforms Good and Bad

Students new to Penn State politics have their first opportunity today to view the platforms of the Lion and State parties for Thursday's freshman and sophomore class elections.

Political party platforms have ranged from good to bad in the past. And Penn State students today have an opportunity to take a look at one of the poorest platforms yet presented to the student body and one of the better ones.

Neither platform is perfect. But the Lion Party platform should stand as a fundamentally sound and mature statement of problems facing Penn State students. In contrast, the State Party platform is a piddling statement of minor student complaints combined with several choice invasions of the prerogatives of the College faculty and administration.

Point one in the State Party document calls for the maintenance of empty class rooms for studying purposes. This plank is needless, for there are always several classrooms in almost every building which are empty and left open for the use of students during the day.

After taking a firm stand on an issue of no importance, the State Party goes thundering in on an administration problem, advocating a school of business for the College and the dropping of language requirements for that school. Of course, we presume that State party bigwigs have made a thorough study of the problems facing the establishment of a school of business, and are, in addition, well-versed in what should or should not be taught to a business college student.

The State Party then proposes to eliminate all examinations on big weekends and on Mondays following big weekends. This is a sound proposal if you have no faith in the intelligence and consideration of the average college prof and are interested in making Penn State a country club, not a college.

From here the State Party heads in the direction of the Daily Collegian and promises to attempt to solve this newspaper's circulation problem. Never has the State Party bothered to find out that Daily Collegian circulation is higher this year than it was last year, despite the drop in enrollment.

About the only intelligent approach to a campus problem in the State platform is the proposal for a joint customs program. But even in this part of its platform, the State Party manages handily to confuse the issue. It proposes to strengthen customs by increasing the participation of sophomores and hat societies. Customs are new at Penn State and participation will not be increased by the action of a political party or a hat society. Participation in customs will not be increased until Penn Staters learn to accept customs as a way of College life.

As an incidental fact, sophomores this year showed greater interest in customs than any other group, since they had, unlike other upperclassmen, gone through the customs period.

Although a sound statement, the Lion Party platform could well do without two of its planks. One calls for the establishment of an All-College food committee. Almost all of the dorm councils now have food committees in operation, and those which do not, form such committees when the need arises. Dorm council action on these matters would seem to be a more effective means of handling the problems which arise.

The Lion Party statement also calls for support of the proposed National Student Association Student Discount Service Cards. The party is apparently unaware of the disappointing efforts made toward the establishment of such a service, primarily because State College is a college town and relies to a great extent on college trade for its livelihood.

The remainder of the Lion platform is sound and worthy of consideration by student leaders. It is a platform which could be carried out, and if carried out would help make "For a Better Penn State."

That is its main distinction from the State Party platform.

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COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Glidden Co. will interview January graduates in C&F, interested in careers in sales, credit, auditing and accounting—Monday, Nov. 26.
Reaction Motors, Inc. ask all January graduates in M.E., E.E., Aero.E., Phys. and Chem. interested in rocket research and development to sign up in 112 Old Main before Nov. 21.
Bendix Aviation Corp., Scintilla Magneto Division, will interview January graduates in E.E. and M.E., Monday, Nov. 26.
Merck Co., Inc. will interview graduates at all levels in Organic Chem. and Chem. E., Monday, Nov. 26.
Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Wednesday, Nov. 28.
A U.S. Government representative will interview mid-year graduating seniors interested in intelligence work Wednesday, Nov. 28.
Westinghouse Electric Corp. will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., and I.E., Wednesday, Nov. 28.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Man to set pins for bowling league.
Piano player for Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights.
Student wife or student to cook noon meal.
Receptionist for doctor's office in mornings.
Man for radio repair.

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Tuesday, November 13
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF METALS, Mineral Industries Art Gallery, 8 p.m.
BELLES LETTRES, Atherton North-east lounge, 7 p.m.
CAMERA CLUB, 1 Main Engineering, 7:30 p.m.
CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN business staff, freshman, sophomore, and junior boards, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m., junior board, 8 p.m.
COLLEGIAN promotion staff, business staff office, 7 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, 6:45 p.m.
EDUCATION STUDENT

COUNCIL, 215 Willard Hall, 8:30 p.m.
ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.
JEWISH FOLK DANCE GROUP, Hillel, 7:30 p.m.
NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION, 108 Willard Hall, 8 p.m.
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, Dr. Bernreuter, guest speaker, 204 Burrowes Building, 7 p.m.
RADIO GUILD members and candidates, 304 Sparks, 7 p.m.
TRIBUNAL, 201 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA HOCKEY, Holmes Field, 4 p.m.
WRA WOMEN'S RIFLE TEAM, 3 White Hall, 7 p.m.
AT THE MOVIES
CATHAUM: Streetcar Named Desire
STATE: Anne of the Indies
NITTANY: Blue Angel