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Gift Choice, Honors Should Be Released

Balloting for the senior class gift ended yesterday. Perhaps by now, the senior class gift committee has counted the votes and knows which of the five suggested gifts will receive the nod. We think the rest of the student body should be allowed to know, too.

On Monday, however, the chairman of the class gift committee stated that the selection of the gift will not be announced until the Class Night exercises June 8. The same goes for the men's and women's honors—spoon man, barrel man, bow girl, and the rest.

We assume that the reason for withholding the information is to give added glamor and prestige to the Class Night proceedings.

However, the seniors aren't the only ones interested in the results of the recent balloting, and if the current plan is followed, they are the only ones who will be around when the announcements are made.

Part of the prestige of the class honors is having people know about them. If the present policy is followed, there won't be many congratulations for the winners.

But even more important than the release of the winners of the class honors is the announcement of the gift selection. The gift committee must certainly be aware of the great student interest in the gift. The student body has every reason in the world to be interested, since it will be the students who will be affected by the selection.

Announcing the balloting results now would not be setting a precedent. Last year the gift selection was announced at the Senior Ball. The year before, the class honors were announced as soon as the voting was completed.

The last issue of the Daily Collegian for this semester will be published on May 27. We think the gift committee should officially release the gift and class honors before then. The students want to know the results.

Class Standing Affects Draft Status

Sometime ago the Daily Collegian carried an explanative editorial on draft deferment prospects.

Of surprise to many students was the requirement that students now holding academic deferments must reapply for new deferments for next fall and must apply at the Office of the Recorder, basement of Willard Hall, to have SSS Form 109 sent to their draft boards.

This should, for convenience sake, be done before leaving the campus for the summer.

The present II-S classifications which many students now hold must, by law, be reopened by local draft boards next month for review.

To be eligible for a new II-S deferment to continue College in the fall, a student's draft board must be notified on Form 109.

Students who filled out the white application cards for Form 109 at registration will have their draft boards notified of their scholastic status by the College as soon as the standings are available in June.

However, all other students who now hold a scholastic deferment must fill out that card in the registrar's office.

This report must be made each June. Students who had their standing verified last summer must repeat the process this year.

Class II-S deferments are granted at the discretion of local boards and the demand for draftees in a particular board's area will probably indicate how many students with present deferments will be refused extensions.

It can be deduced, however, that current semester class standing will play a big part in the local board decisions.

In any case, students should see that their local boards receive Form 109.

—Jim Gromiller

"This country would not be a land of opportunity, America would not be America, if the people were shackled with government monopolies"—Calvin Coolidge

Alumni Association Beneficial to Cross

Each year about this time the Alumni Association begins its drive for new members among the graduating seniors. Unfortunately, too many students never realize the advantages of belonging to the group. Too often they have to be coaxed to join.

When graduation finally rolls around, the many complaints and dissatisfactions which have irked the students during the years at Penn State somehow seem to fade away. Most students, we are sure, feel some regret when they begin to realize that their school days are over and the grind of getting down to work is only beginning.

"Just what can the Alumni Association offer me?" is the question many students raise. Here are a few of the many benefits:

1. First priority on reserved football tickets.
2. A subscription to the Penn State Alumni News magazine issued seven times a year.
3. The Football Letter, a personalized review of each week's game written by Ridge Riley, executive secretary of the Association.
4. A subscription to the Penn Stater, a quarterly newspaper.

In addition to these things, the Alumni Association sponsors 65 Penn State Alumni Clubs throughout the country which can aid young alumni in becoming acquainted in new communities. It also maintains the only active alumni mailing list.

If seniors join the association on or before Commencement Day they can take advantage of the special price of \$2. After that date the annual fee will be \$3. For those who want to take Penn State with them when they graduate, the Alumni Association offers the opportunity.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I think my advisor is nuts—how could buck teeth, no make up, and a plain cotton dress make me smarter."

Tapping Procedure Could Be Revised

The junior and senior men's hat societies are at present engaged in spring tappings and initiations.

In three of the four societies, the choice of tappees is made from letters of application explaining the applicant's qualifications.

Although this in one light appears as an excellent method of screening the most deserving students, a bit of thought will bring to the surface the fact that some equally deserving students are missed.

The letters of application amount to little more than "Look how good I am" posters, and be it shyness, conservatism, a dislike for the system, or carelessness, or what, there will always be some student who will not apply.

Both junior hat societies, Blue Key and Androcles, and Skull and Bones, senior society, tap through the application method. Parmi Nous is the lone exception.

The applications do give the societies something to go on and make it easier to tabulate an applicant's points-upon-which the choice is, in most cases, made.

The three societies which use the system, however, rely upon it too heavily as a basis for tapping, with the result that there are some deserving students left out.

Perhaps some system of nomination along with the personal qualification application would be more effective in insuring that membership in Penn State's hat societies will go to those who are most deserving.

—J. G.

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, May 21
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.

DEAN OF MEN'S COFFEE HOUR, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

PENN STATE GRANGE meeting, 100 Horticulture, 7 p.m.

RIDING CLUB meeting, 217 Willard, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Gelda Antokolitz, Constance Belli, Jack Brougher, Semih Cayli, Anne Dinardo, Evalyn Horwin, Janet Kebbe, Jack Kirkpatrick, Karl Thomas, Lois Walken, Jerome Webster, Ronald Zwięganbaum.

AT THE MOVIES
CATHAUM: Mutiny 2:07, 4:01, 5:55, 7:49, 9:43
NITTANY: Magnificent Obsession 7:08, 9:26
STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Teen Age, plus Youth Aflame

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Man to work for part of rent of downtown apartment. No children.
Clerking 20-30 hours per week during summer.
Boy for lunch counter work 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily.
Work for room and board for summer or for summer and fall.

Boys for work on College farms Wednesday and/or Thursday.
Opportunity for foreign student to work in western section of country. Housework, Room, board, transportation, and good salary offered.
Agricultural instructor to work in camp in Penna.
Counselor in wild life, outdoor sports, conservation, to work in State College area camp.
Couple for local summer employment.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Peck Hotel System representative will interview June graduates in Accounting and Hotel Administration May 22.

"Every man is born with the faculty of reason and the faculty of speech, but why should he be able to speak before he has anything to say?"—Benjamin Whichcote

It's A Lu-Loux

By BETTIE LOUX



Anyone who has ever thought it might be intriguing to sit in on testimony during a Congressional investigation would have found the Association of Independent Men Board of Governor's meeting Saturday an interesting, if not relaxing, way to spend an afternoon. Somehow the grilling and persistent question, "Have you been tapped by a secret campus organization?" sounded quite similar to the

"Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist party?" proceedings.

We had the disturbing feeling that a wrong answer might result in a tar and feathering, if not a lynching, in front of Old Main.

The answers in general were as evasive as might be expected in such circumstances, and those "testifying" had an advantage over the suspected Reds in that there was no danger of contempt of court or a perjury trial awaiting them.

It was inevitable, therefore, that, just as in a suspensive play, there would have to be an occasional bit of comic relief as an outlet for pentup tension.

This was quite aptly provided, the board and spectators felt, by the candidate for the AIM presidency who, after making his qualification speech, turned around and added, "The only other organization I belong to is Spelunkers—cave explorers."

Then there was the fellow who had come as an alternate for a delegate from the Nittany dorm area. All seemed fine until it was discovered that the substitute lived in Pollock Circle, and therefore was deemed ineligible to represent the interests of the neighboring settlement. "But I was an alternate last week for Town Council!" the surprised delegate cried out.

The only thing missing in the Armed Forces Parade the other day was the CODET—"Coeds Organized for Drill and Emergency Training," a group somewhat equivalent to ROTC which was quite up-and-coming during the fall of 1942. According to The Co-Edition, a bi-weekly women's publication which lasted at the College from September 1937 to May 1943, over 215 coeds began taking instruction in marching and military courtesy at the Armory one hour a week that fall under the command of Col. Edward Ardery, then professor of military science and tactics.

The Co-Edition calls Colonel Ardery a "charming man, very impressive, and patient." "Under his command," the story runs,

"the girls will be able to compete with the ROTC boys who have had an equal amount of training, IF NOT OUTDO THEM."

In another story about the CODET from the same issue, (three columns were devoted to the group) we find that the fatherly colonel "thinks it is just as easy to work with the girls as with the boys. The girls' response in all cases was purely voluntary. They are going into it as a voluntary position, where in many cases the boys do not understand the idea of ROTC, and take it because they feel they have to."

The story concludes with the statement that "The girls have been very earnest in tackling the problems."

The Co-Edition, before its untimely end, managed to come up with some admirable crusades and straight-from-the-shoulder editorials. A regular feature was a good conduct message before each big weekend.

According to an editorial which claimed (in bold type), "We know what a drag our house-party men are when they waste a good time drinking—they either fall asleep on a perfectly good weekend or become boisterous enough to embarrass us," their reasons for abstaining were not because it might lead to their dismissal from college or because of any moral issue involved.

Trust it to a fashion-conscious woman, this was The Co-Edition's reason: "Why should we drink when it ruins the good appearance we are striving to make with new formals and clever outfits?"

Registrar's Office

Gives to Mander Fund

Employees in the Registrar's office have made a \$20 contribution to the Mander fund sponsored by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The money collected in the fund will be used for the family of Joseph E. Mander Sr., who was drowned in an attempt to save the life of a seven-year-old boy in the Schuylkill river.