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Gift Nondisclosure Nothing But Stupid

Just what the senior class gift committee is trying to prove by not releasing the results of the balloting for the gift is beyond us, and beyond any number of students we've talked to concerning the matter.

The policy of refusing to name the gift is without reason and basis. The President's office has stated there is no legitimate reason for withholding the information. Even the chairman of the gift committee himself has said that there is no valid reason for his stand on the matter. But still the news has not been released.

Perhaps the committee is getting some kind of sadistic enjoyment in knowing what the gift is, but in not letting anyone else know. Or, as a good many people may think, is the committee trying to hide the results for some ulterior purpose?

Members of the committee say they want the gift announcement to come as a surprise when the gift is revealed at the Class Night exercises. In addition, they maintain that the gift balloting is strictly a class function and of no interest to others at the College.

When asked if they thought the student body was entitled to know what gift had been chosen, members of the committee said it was not important. Only the seniors are directly concerned, they claimed, and they would find out at Class Night.

We wonder where the alleged intelligence of college seniors could possibly be to make statements like this. Surely even the senior class gift committee must realize the great amount of student interest which has been built up over the gift announcement.

The statement that the result of the gift balloting is of no interest to others at the College can be called nothing else but stupid. It is quite likely that the other students on campus are even more interested than the seniors, since they are the ones who will be benefiting most by the choice.

The Daily Collegian has tried to fulfill its duty to the students by attempting to obtain the results of the balloting. Daily attempts have been made since the voting ended, but these attempts have met with no success. This is the last issue of the Collegian until next fall, and it appears that the majority of students will have to wait until then to find out what the class of 1952 has given to the College.

We hope the senior class gift committee is happy with its stubborn stand.

Fingers Crossed Over Loyalty Bill

No matter what title is used—Pechan Bill, Senate Bill 27, or Loyalty Oath Bill—professors and other employees of the College are discovering that this controversial legislation implies much more than any of the preceding titles suggest.

On Dec. 22 Gov. John Fine signed the bill, which provided that all public-school teachers and public employes as a condition of their employment must sign a loyalty oath to the state and country.

Although the legislation was introduced as Senate Bill 27 by Sen. Albert R. Pechan, Ford City dentist, it is now inappropriate to call it either the Pechan Bill or Senate Bill 27. The proposed legislation was completely rewritten in the House of Representatives, with the original bill stricken out except for several definitions. It grew from 4 to 32 pages.

Nor could it be properly termed the Loyalty Oath Bill. It contained much besides the loyalty oath.

The first effective protest came from colleges and universities. A private hearing was held by the presidents of the University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Temple Uni-

versity, and the Pennsylvania State College. As a result the Bill was amended to exclude college and university teachers from the oath.

In substitution the presidents were to make an annual report on behalf of the colleges and universities to the Governor and the legislature. The report was to "set forth what procedures the institution has adopted to determine whether it has reason to believe that any subversive persons are in its employ and what steps if any have been taken to terminate such employment."

The College is now in the process of complying with this law. Through department heads it will certify its faculty and non-faculty members before Sept. 1 by either of three procedures. The individual must follow one of these procedures: fill out a questionnaire; take the loyalty oath; or produce evidence that he or she has already been cleared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the military intelligence.

Reaction—favorable, neutral, and unfavorable—is beginning to appear. But it will only start to jell in the coming months. And the College is crossing its fingers that it will like the shape of things to come.

—Julie Ibbotson

Watch the News During the Summer

Keep your eyes and ears open this summer for possible momentous news on both the home and foreign scene. Events this summer may well decide the course of news for many summers to come, while the issues will no doubt range from war and politics to sports and television. Nevertheless, don't fall behind world happenings on your summer vacation; be aware of what's going on.

On the home front, of course, the news should center in Chicago; where both major parties will be selecting their respective "chips" of the presidential "timber." "Ike" and Taft will probably assume the spotlight in the Republican race with possible "dark-horses" in Warren and Stassen.

The Democratic convention will probably be the most heated, with southern Democrats threatening to bolt the party again if FEPC is stressed. Russell, however, their spokesman and presidential hopeful, has declared his intention of staying in the party. Yet, no candidate is expected to win an easy nomination.

With Truman vowing to campaign for the Fair Deal, a Fair Deal which would include FEPC, and with further rumors that the Dixiecrats may even join forces with the Republicans, predictions concerning the Democratic convention are becoming more and more difficult to make.

Look for further stirrings concerning Russian strategy in Germany this summer in addition to Korean news. The situation precipitated as a result of a proposed plan for German unification has become unusually tense. East Germany has massed an army, and has even threatened another Korea if West Germany should unite its forces with those of Western Europe.

Watch for rulings by the Supreme Court, with regard to the "inherent" powers claimed by President Truman in his seizure of the steel industry. Keep posted on new national issues and even the affairs of your immediate community.

As a college man or woman, be also the well-informed citizen.

—Leonard Goodman

Flashcard System Will Add Color

At long last it appears that Penn State may soon join the many schools which employ flashcard systems at its football games. With registration now going on for the preferential seating section, a successful system seems near to becoming a reality.

Previous attempts to establish a flashcard system have had disappointing results, chiefly because of an unwillingness on the part of students to cooperate with the cheerleaders in putting the system across. The current plan hopes to remedy the situation by giving students who have a desire to cooperate a chance to do so. As an added incentive, good seats have been chosen for the section.

Since the section to be used for the preferential seating arrangement commandeers a section normally set aside for seniors, seniors will be given the first chance at the seats. If not enough seniors sign up, juniors, then sophomores will be given an opportunity to take part in the program.

Plans are being made to allow groups of students to sit together if they so desire, and a plan is being devised whereby students who do not cooperate in the use of flashcards will have their special AA books exchanged for regular ones. Under the present plans, the special passbooks will be issued next fall.

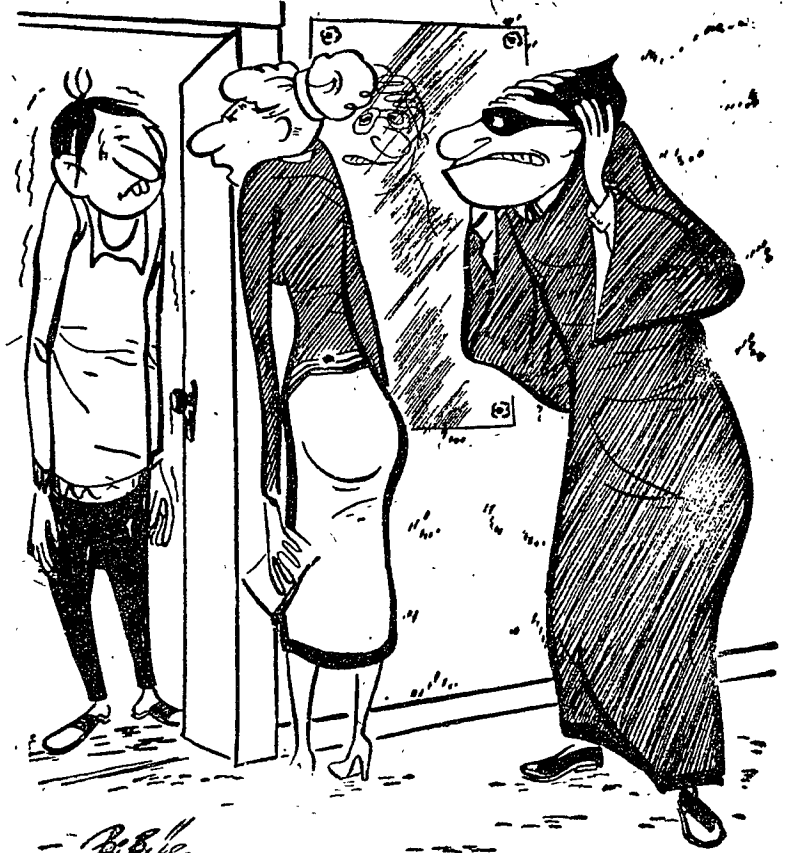
A successful flashcard system can do much to add color and spirit to Penn State's home football games. The system has worked successfully at other colleges and universities. There is no good reason why it can't work at Penn State as well.

"Men, such as they are, very naturally seek money or power; and power because it is as good as money"—R. W. Emerson

"Progress needs the brakeman, but the brakeman should not spend all his time putting on the brakes"—Elbert Hubbard

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Stop in Worthal, the dean will see you now."

Spices of Life

By GINGER OPCZENSKI

When you reach out sleepily for your Daily Collegian every morning, do you ever wonder how it got there? Believe us, sometimes the staff wonders too.

The whole thing begins with the advertising staff soliciting advertisements and setting them up on the eight available pages. (Today's 16 page issue is, of course, not the usual thing.) The space

left is for news, and the process which the filling of this part involves is most fascinating.

The magic hour is 4 p.m., for that's when the editorial staff swings into action and the real fun begins.

A visit to the Daily Collegian office at that time will reveal the steady drone of some 20 typewriters topped by the voices of up to 50 people writing stories and headlines, calling on one of the five phones for news information, and copy-reading both local and wire news.

Including all departments—sports, society, news, wire, and editorial page—the staff fills about 400 inches of space daily. That's a lot of copy to write, copyread, write heads for, and reread on proof. In addition, though you may sometimes doubt it, every name appearing in the paper is checked with the student directory.

News stories are assigned by the news editor, and sports and society editors. Editorials may be written by any member of the staff wishing to do so, and columns, like this, are written by senior boarders. Sports and society editors do all reading and make-up for their individual pages, and these same functions are carried out by junior boarders for the remainder of the news.

The Daily Collegian, like any newspaper, is plagued by many mistakes, some of which it is responsible for. But it, like any other paper, makes repeated attempts to cut down on them.

Every story is read first by the copyreader, then by the copy editor. After the story is sent to the Centre Daily Times print shop, it is set up on proof and read two more times by staff members. A fifth check of the stories is made when a mat is pressed for the final stage, the rolling of the presses.

Now the junior boarder acting as night editor "makes-up" the pages as they will appear the next day. From the measurements he has listed of the size each story should be, he made up a miniature outline, locating all stories in a neat little space. The stories are never exactly the same size they were supposed to be, and the night editor must rearrange stories, cut others, and

add filler to fill in the empty spaces.

Some nights everything runs short, and a panicky feeling clutches at your heart when you think of the possibility of a big white space in the middle of a page. But something always turns up, and the paper is filled.

The one o'clock permissions all women acting as night editor are granted usually interrupt the operation about here, and the men on issue that night carry on until the wee hours of the morning.

But through the gracious consent of the Dean of Women, we were allowed to stay one morning until the bitter end. We had to work very hard to keep our eyes propped open and to keep from slinking into a chair and falling asleep, but we lasted 'till the first papers came off the presses.

It was about 3 a.m. But at this point, another staff, circulation, goes into action. All male candidates for this staff go through a period in which they wake up in the middle of the night to pick up the newly-printed Collegians and carry them to the many distribution points. One of those places is the one from which you just picked up this copy.

Dean to Select 6 For Dorm Posts

Ten students have been chosen for interviews to determine who will fill the six assistant dormitory counselor positions for next year according to Frank J. Simes director of resident counseling.

These students will be called to the Dean of Men's office, 109 Old Main, for interviews this week. The men will be selected before the end of the week.

Half of the six assistant counselors will live in McKee Hall and the other half in three of the Nittany Dorms. Each group will be under the supervision of a graduate counselor.

The Dismal Swamp is a lonely morass of almost unbroken wilderness standing in the center of the eastern seaboard of the United States.