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Student Government Has Long History

The meeting of All-College Cabinet tonight will climax the activities of the first Student Government Day at Penn State. One of the highlights of the evening will be a talk by President Milton S. Eisenhower explaining how student government can work with the College administration toward a better Penn State.

The Freshman Customs Board has stated that the length of customs might, in part, be determined by the attendance of freshmen at the meeting. Judging from the spirit the current freshman class has shown since its appearance on campus, we aren't worried about a large crowd at the meeting.

But we hope that the people who attend aren't there only because they hope the customs period will be shortened by their turnout. We don't claim that the meeting will be one of the most interesting affairs that one could attend. Such legislative sessions seldom are. But we do feel that there is something of value available for the frosh, and for every student for that matter. All too many students are unaware of how their student government operates. Tonight would be an excellent opportunity for them to find out.

The first form of student government on campus was set up under the administration of President Edwin E. Sparks, eighth President of the College. It took the form of a Student Council which was supplemented in 1913 by the Student Tribunal. During President Sparks' 12-year tenure of office, student government made many advances at Penn State.



Sparks

The government of women students was first under the care of the faculty, but late in 1915 the Women's Student Government Association was formed. While the system of student government served its purpose well under the plan of separate governing bodies for men and women, the rapid increase in the enrollment during President Ralph Dorn Hetzel's administration (1926-1947) led to attempts to improve the system.

It was in March 1939, after a complete revision of the constitution of Men's Student Government, that All-College Cabinet was formed. This body brought together the separate governments of men and women students, the various school councils, fraternity and independent men's and women's organizations, and many activities groups.

Under the guidance and with the help of President Hetzel, the Penn State All-College Cabinet became one of the best known and most respected student governments in the country. It is also chiefly through his efforts that the Daily Collegian is free of censorship and direction from the administration. It is no wonder that he was eventually awarded the title of "Prexy."

Penn State now has another "Prexy"—a man just as interested in the operation of student government as Prexy Hetzel was. His very interest in such a group should prove to the student body that All-College Cabinet is important to it. We hope to see Schwab Auditorium filled tonight—filled with students from all classes interested in student government.



Hetzel

Students, Hands Off Posters and Signs

With October fast approaching, campus groups are getting the semester's activities underway. Soon posters, signs, and pictures announcing Players or Thespians productions, Chimes, Cwens, or student council dances, proms, forum lectures, and concerts will go up on bulletin boards all over campus.

And approximately half of all the posters which go up will be taken down—stolen. Not by hardened criminals, but by souvenir-seeking students.

What these students don't seem to realize is that a lot of hard work has gone into making these pieces of cardboard with the fancy lettering and the glittering paint and pictures.

The posters are put up by the advertising staffs of these groups and, as such, are the property of a campus organization.

This problem has a solution. This one suggestion might solve the problem for students who have a mania for souvenirs. Might they better wait and go to the dance or the play whose advertising they admire so much, then keep the dance program, or the program and ticket stubs from the play to decorate and adorn their rooms?

Every organization on campus which does any advertising and promotion work would join in thanks to the intelligent students who can follow, as well as read, signs of "Do not touch."

—Helen Luyben

Safety Valve—

A Change in Traditions

TO THE EDITOR: After witnessing last Saturday's football game between Penn State and Temple and the razing of the goal posts that followed, I could not help but think how the goal post tradition has changed. It used to be that goal posts were torn down by the visiting fans when their team emerged victorious, and it was up to the home followers to protect their goal posts, practically at any cost. It was considered humiliating to have your goal posts demolished by your opponent's fans especially after they had conquered your team on the field.

As we saw last Saturday, only a relatively small proportion of the thousands of Penn State students in the stands committed this dishonor against their team, their school, and themselves. The majority of the students here at Penn State, I know, would like to see the goal posts still standing after each game.

Surely, it should not be necessary for the loyal Penn Staters to form a cordon around the goal posts to protect them from the few who do not care what kind of name is tagged onto their school.

—Jack Durbin

Gazette...

Thursday, September 25

ALPHA KAPPA PSI, Sigma Phi Sigma, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION meeting, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB discussion group, rectory basement, 7:15 p.m.

OMICRON NU meeting, Home Economics Building living center, 7:30 p.m.

PENN STATE HELLENIC SOCIETY mixer, TUB, 7:30 p.m.

WINDCREST mass meeting, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE CLUB, White Hall game room, 7 p.m.

WRA HOCKEY CLUB, Holmes Field, 4 p.m.

WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 2 White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

WRA SWIMMERS CLUB, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.; beginners, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

General Motors Corp. will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., Phys., Math., Metal., and Com. and Econ. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 7 and 8.

Mass. Institute of Technology will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., Phys., and Applied Math.

Secony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in M.E. and C.E. and January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Eng.

Timken Roller Bearing Co. will interview B.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., C.E., and Mining Eng. Wednesday, Oct. 8.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Readers for blind students.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Poor Freda—You should'a been here yesterday when he lectured on Joan of Arc."

The Political Scene

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

This is the first in a series of interpretive political articles designed to inform the College student about the coming election, Nov. 4, and the issues and personalities surrounding it. The series is intended as a concise unbiased discussion of vital facts on a subject we feel should be stimulating and important to Penn Staters.

Your comments—in the form of letters to the Daily Collegian—are welcomed and the opinions stressed therein may be used in the articles.

The national political elections this year may well be of great importance, not only in determining the future of the United States, but also, because of international overtones, the future of the world. In addition, many of America's potential and present enemies will be watching to see democracy in action.

The leaders in some of these countries are all too glad to tell their people about any failure in the American system. It has become an American duty to take democracy more seriously. November's election can demonstrate how mature the United States has become—how well the citizens can handle international issues.

And, in another sense, the coming elections could point the way to a trend in American politics. It may determine what the public opinion is on a large number of issues which have been discussed by the candidates of both parties—issues such as government spending, aggressive foreign policies, big-business government, and more.

The Republicans have contended since the 1948 election, in which President Harry S. Truman scored an unusual and unexpected victory, that the American voter was misled—he had not really voted for what he wanted. He had been swayed, they maintain, by smaller issues and political doggerly rather than by the larger issues previously mentioned.

However, it is fairly obvious that many of the problems of these larger issues would not change under a Republican administration. Democrats have constantly pointed out that the platform adopted by the Republicans would not lead to any great changes anyway. They are just

engaging in "me-tooism," the Democrats say.

In many respects, this charge—that the Republicans have "we can do it better" policy—is accurate, for the Republican platform as adopted at the national convention does not show much change from the present administration except on one issue—foreign policy. And the foreign policy stand of the Republican Party is in itself a paradox, confused not only in meaning but perplexing in that the two leaders of the Republican Party are divided on it.

Dwight Eisenhower, the party's standard-bearer, and Senator Robert Taft, the "old guard" leader of the party, have not agreed on a unanimous policy for the party. They have merely, as the press has pointed out, "agreed to disagree." This has, of course, left both of them open to Democratic criticism on the issue.

One of the soundest ideas the Republicans have offered the people in the election so far—and, incidentally, one of the few positive suggestions—is that Dwight Eisenhower is the type of man needed to lead a world power in times such as these. They have pointed out that our government is expected to show great leadership in today's world, and that to do so, we

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The
TAVERN
Thursday, Sept. 25
SPAGHETTI with MEAT SAUCE
SEAFOOD PLATTER
CALVES LIVER with ONIONS
GRILLED
SMOKED HAM STEAK
PRIME SIRLOIN STEAKS
DINNER 5-7:30 p.m.

NOTICE Payment of Fees

Registration for Fall Semester 1952 will be completed by payment of fees on October 2 and 3, 1952.

ALL FEES, including ROOM AND BOARD CHARGES, will be due on these dates. World War II veterans whose remaining entitlement is insufficient to carry them beyond the semester's mid-point should note that they will be required to pay their entire semester's fees. Those veterans who have not been certified by the Veteran's Administration will also be required to pay fees.

All Korean veterans will be required to pay fees.

Fees will be collected in Room 6, Willard Hall on October 2 and 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARTY?

Stock up at...
CANDY CANE
9:30 - 10 p.m. — daily
Sunday afternoon
Between the Movies