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Senior Class Gift Reform Is Needed

With the article in yesterday's Daily Collegian concerning Pi Gamma Alpha's backing of "The Lineman" as this year's senior class gift, it is evident that the campaign to win the nomination of one gift over another has begun.

Recalling the unpleasantness which arose last year over the class gift, it seems that at least one reform is needed this year—the counting of the ballots cast by seniors for their gift choice by the All-College elections committee, with the results released immediately.

For the past two years, the senior class gift money has been split between two projects. Doubts have been raised that the voting for these gifts was close enough to warrant such a split. The chairman of the gift committee is always open to criticism when the results of the balloting are released. Such criticism would, for the most part, be eliminated if the elections committee were to take charge of actual counting of the votes cast.

The immediate release of the gift choice should be another requirement placed on the group which counts the ballots. Last year, the gift committee refused to make any announcement until the Class Night ceremonies, which were attended by only a small percentage of the senior class. It is very likely that there are still many of the Class of '52 who don't know which gift suggestion finally received their money.

The senior class at its next meeting should take steps to eliminate this source of possible future trouble.

Faculty Evaluations

Through a faculty evaluation plan sponsored by the Liberal Art Student Council, instructors in the School of Liberal Arts will be able to find the answer to the often-asked question—What do students really think of their courses and instructors?

Evaluations from all students, not only sore-heads and apple polishers, will give an instructor accurate criticisms. The questions will concern his attitude and personal classroom habits, and also the general quality of his lectures, text books used, examinations, and the relative merit of his course.

Evaluation forms will be sent to the instructors to be used at their discretion, and the results will be for their personal reference only.

Both students and instructors will benefit from the plan. A new instructor may be unaware that his classroom manner has many faults; an oldtimer may not realize that the methods he's been using for several decades have made his classes sadly out-of-date. The students will be beneficiaries because many instructors will heed this honest criticism and change a boring or disliked class into one that is valuable and interesting.

The faculty evaluation plan, if it succeeds as it should in the School of Liberal Arts, would be a wise College-wide program. It could make poor instructors good, good ones better, and generally increase the worth of the nearly 3000 courses on campus.

—Ann Leh

Lifting of Controls Is Welcome Change

President Eisenhower's recent lifting of federal controls on wages and salaries and the prices of many items has struck panic of a sudden spiraling inflation or an immediate drop into depression in the hearts of many of the nation's people.

How nearly true is this fear? Are there any conclusive grounds for surmising that freed prices will necessarily lead to large economic fluctuation?

First, although the President did not ask Congress for any standby authority to clamp down on controls after they legally expire April 30, it must be remembered that he still retains the authority to reimpose both the wage and price controls until their expiration. He could, and probably would, do this if there were any wild economic repercussions.

This in itself is a comforting safeguard for the American public.

Secondly, some economists expressed belief that prices would rise suddenly at the cost of perhaps a billion dollars to the consumer. This is a caution that should be heeded for future buying, but shows no present actual danger for the following reasons:

1. Consumer surveys have shown that in recent months, prices, especially in the food field, have been falling gradually in spite of government price ceilings. Although these declines have been slight, they show significantly that supply and demand will determine a market whether it is controlled or not.

2. In regard to lifting of wage controls, installment buying has made it so comparatively easy for the consumer to buy the items he wants, that a sudden rush of buying seems improbable.

The fact remains that aside from probable slight fluctuations, the return to a free-market economy of purchasing in a society that is based on a free enterprise system of production can be seen as a welcome and beneficial change.

—Joan Packard

Safety Valve—Wants Photos Returned

Where, oh where, are all the photographs that were submitted to various organizations for contests on campus?

These photographs are handed in at the Student Union Desk in Old Main where they are picked up by the committees or clubs choosing the winners.

After the contests are over, I feel it is the responsibility of these organizations to return the photographs to the sororities, fraternities, or groups sponsoring them.

Those who may be concerned should look into this matter, or in the future no photographs will be submitted.

• Letter cut

—Mona Markley

Gazette...

Thursday, February 12

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

FRENCH CLUB, 7 p.m., 405 Old Main.

HILLEL GOVERNING BOARD, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m., 208 Willard.

JUNIOR HOTELMEN OF AMERICA, 7:30 p.m., Home Economics cafeteria.

MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Beta Theta Pi.

NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 316 Frear.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thompson lounge.

SCABBARD AND BLADE, 7:30 p.m., Phi Gamma Delta.

THETA SIGMA PHI, 6:30 p.m., Grange playroom.

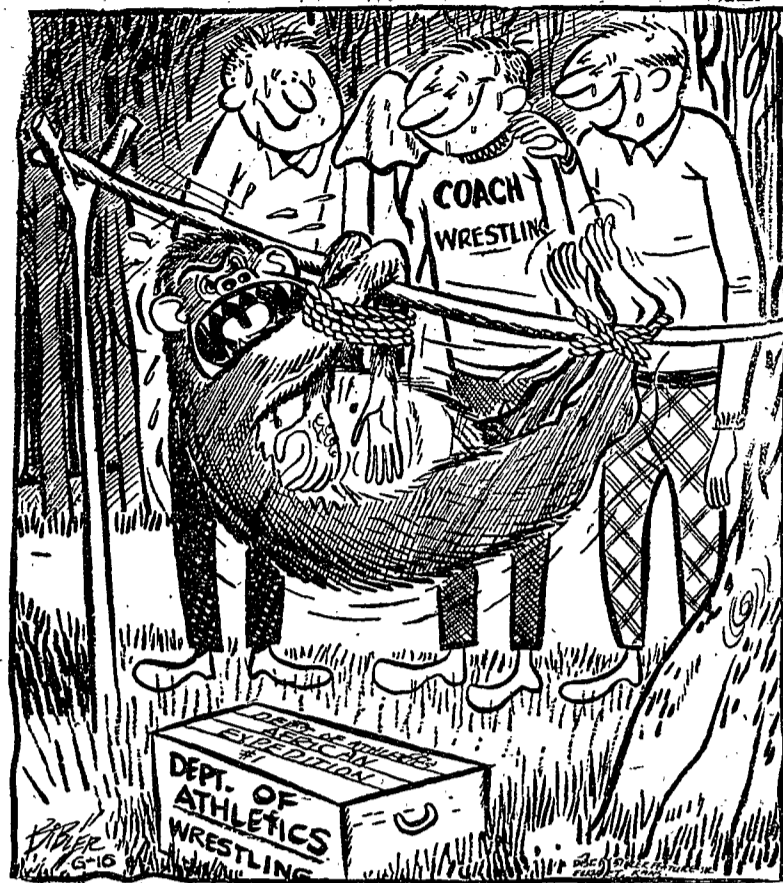
WRA BRIDGE CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall game room.

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

WRA BEGINNERS SWIM CLUB, 6:30-7:15 p.m., White Hall.

WRA SWIMMERS' CLUB, 7:30-8:30 p.m., White Hall.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Now we'll see who takes that old wrestling tourney this season, eh, coach?"

—Sealing Wax and Cabbages—

By ROBERT LANDIS

"To Regis' where I sat so close to him I could dunk my crumplet in his ooling." When I first read that in a column a number of years ago, I decided to become a world famous columnist and be clever. The trouble is now I have a column and there's nobody around with an ooling for me to dunk my crumplets."

The author of the above quotation (I don't remember his name) left me with an impression of columns and columnists I have found

extremely difficult to throw off. Even after a Washington correspondent told me columnists were nothing but sloppy reporters, the illusion persists: an impeccably dressed incompetent prancing in and out of noted night spots writing the most interesting things about the celebrities that meet him. This is not the case, but it is a delightful illusion to have.

All this calls for some sort of an explanation, the fact being that Nancy Luetzel is gone, and I have her job. She was librarian and exchange-editor and had a column called "The Bargain Counter." This job gives me the longest title of anybody on the senior board. You can always tell the importance of a senior boarder by the length of his title. Pellnitz is editor.

However, if it were not for the librarian, the Daily C. would never get to press. The reason for this is simple. I am in charge of the morgue, where they put all the dead stories. The amount of news in each edition of the paper depends upon how much the staff can lift from the files.

One of the duties I am expected to do as E. E. and L. is to write

this column and inform you of what's going on at other colleges. This can be interesting.

The Anatomy department at Ohio State University is running out of corpses. As a result, The Ohio State Lantern is making a happy plea to every "scarlet and grey blooded Ohio State fan" to consider making a "small donation" if he doesn't plan to be around much anymore. What more can you do for "Old State?"

A freshman at Stanford University recently won the debate society prize at that school for edging out five finalists in the annual Western Civilization Panel Discussion. His topic: "Were the cultural, intellectual, and artistic achievements of the Renaissance secondary to its effects on the political and economic life of Medieval Europe?" Good exam question.

Students at the University of Connecticut have been warned by the Department of Hygiene at Harvard against the evils of "No-Doz" tablets. It seems that the wonder drug is partially responsible for the nervous collapse suf-

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