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Earlier Elections Would Be Beneficial

As evidenced by several recent stories in the Daily Collegian, many campus organizations are now looking over the field for their officers and leaders for next year. In some organizations, such as Women's Student Government Association, there seems to be a wealth of candidates. Other organizations are somewhat disturbed by an apparent lack of talent along their particular lines.

In the past few years, this "looking over the field" has been getting earlier and earlier. The reason for this has been the realization on the part of campus leaders that the growth of the College and their own organizations necessitates a more extensive period in which to train their successors.

Many groups have allowed themselves a month in which to train the people who are to take over their jobs. One notable exception to this, however, is All-College Cabinet. This year the All-College elections will be held April 22 and 23, with the inauguration of the winning candidates scheduled for April 27, Honors Day.

The job of All-College president is undoubtedly the toughest one a student at Penn State can undertake. But the man who will assume the job this year will have a scant four weeks in which to confer with his predecessor, and those four weeks will come at a time when the present office-holder would no doubt like and indeed deserves to get a little rest and catch up on his semester's work. The same holds true for the other All-College officers.

It is too late to do anything about the situation this year, but the All-College elections committee should keep it in mind for the future. By holding the elections late in March, the outgoing students would have a whole month in which to instruct and inform their successors before they take office, plus another month after they take office to help them along with any problems which might arise.

In addition, the holding of the elections early would make losing candidates (who are in most cases outstanding students) available to fill other important jobs which need good people to handle them. Also, there is little going on in March with which the campaigning candidates would have to contend. This year's group will be campaigning in the midst of Greek Week and faces competition from a Thespian show, the IFC-Panhel Ball, and houseparty weekend, among other things.

Penn State's student government setup is recognized as one of the best in the country. But because we hold this honor, we should not let ourselves slip into the feeling that the system cannot be improved. There is always room for improvement.

Forum Should Seek Students' Opinions

Tonight Begum Ikramullah, Pakistan stateswoman, will speak to the Community Forum audience in the last of this year's series. Unfortunately, the stateswoman from Pakistan will probably speak to the usual small, but interested, audience which the forum has drawn this year.

Upon examining the speakers that Chairman Elton S. Carter, professor of speech, and his committee have brought to the campus this year, it is difficult to reach any sound conclusion as to why the turnout has been so poor for the forum.

In addition to hearing Miss Ikramullah tonight, forum-goers have heard Marquis Childs, syndicated news columnist; Elsa Lanchester, presented by Paul Gregory, in character sketches; Walter Judd, Republican Congressman from Minnesota; and Hodding Carter, editor of the Greenville, Miss., Times-Democrat. This list certainly is a satisfactory one, particularly when you consider the season tickets' small cost—\$3.

But, apparently students and faculty did not think so and thus have contributed to what appears to be a partial-failure of the forum for the 1952-53 season.

As the forum has worked in the past, it was customary to have a sixth speaker announced later in the season. This season, however, it was impossible to arrange for a "bonus speaker" because of the poor ticket sales which led to a lack of funds.

It is particularly unfortunate that one of the programs which could be so enlightening and entertaining to a large segment of the campus population has to be a failure. We wonder

what will go next. Do literary functions have no place on this campus?

Even the "lightest" of the forum presentations did not get a "full house." We refer to Miss Lanchester. We feel, therefore, that before time, effort, and money are invested into next year's program, student opinion should be sought to determine where the interest lies. If there is no interest (which would be disheartening) it appears that the only solution would be to dissolve the forum.

True, it would not be fair to the interested few, but then again, it isn't fair to bring speakers to the campus and have them face an audience that barely fills half the seats in Schwab Auditorium.

—Mimi Ungar

Safety Valve—Thompson Coeds Happy

TO THE EDITOR: Femininity has made a gain, and the girls in Thompson Hall are pleasantly surprised and very happy. The reason: yesterday the housekeeping department installed long, full-view mirrors in the halls, and Thompson has lost one aspect of being merely a converted men's dormitory. We no longer need feel that we walked in on the heels of the former male occupants.

The girls in Thompson last year began urging for the mirrors, and Mrs. Priscilla Meckley, housekeeper in charge of the West Dorms, carried it through. Needless to say, Thompson coeds appreciate the addition.

—Nancy Gray

Gazette ...

Wednesday, March 4

- CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 3 Sparks.
- COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL Sophomore Board, 7:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
- GENERAL AGRICULTURE CLUB, 7 p.m., 210 Agriculture.
- NEWMAN CLUB, 7:45 p.m., 107 Willard.
- PERSHING RIFLES, 7 p.m., Armory, class A uniform, rifles.
- PHOTOGRAPHERS, staff and candidates, 8 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
- RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., 317 Willard.
- WRA BOWLING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall alleys.
- WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall dance room.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Morton Farber, Larry Fornicola, Shirley Gable, Charles Gauntt, Edward Haag, Marilyn Johnson, Janice Karp, Charles Lahr, Carol Lee, Sandra Naylor, Phyllis Pollock, Anne Rebholz, Doris Riebman, Anne Roess, Isabelle Schade, Jane Schroppe, James Smith, Richard Stuckey, John Syzdek, Geraldine Tubis, Elizabeth Ward, Arlene Weingarten, Charles Yarbrough, Bernard Yormak.

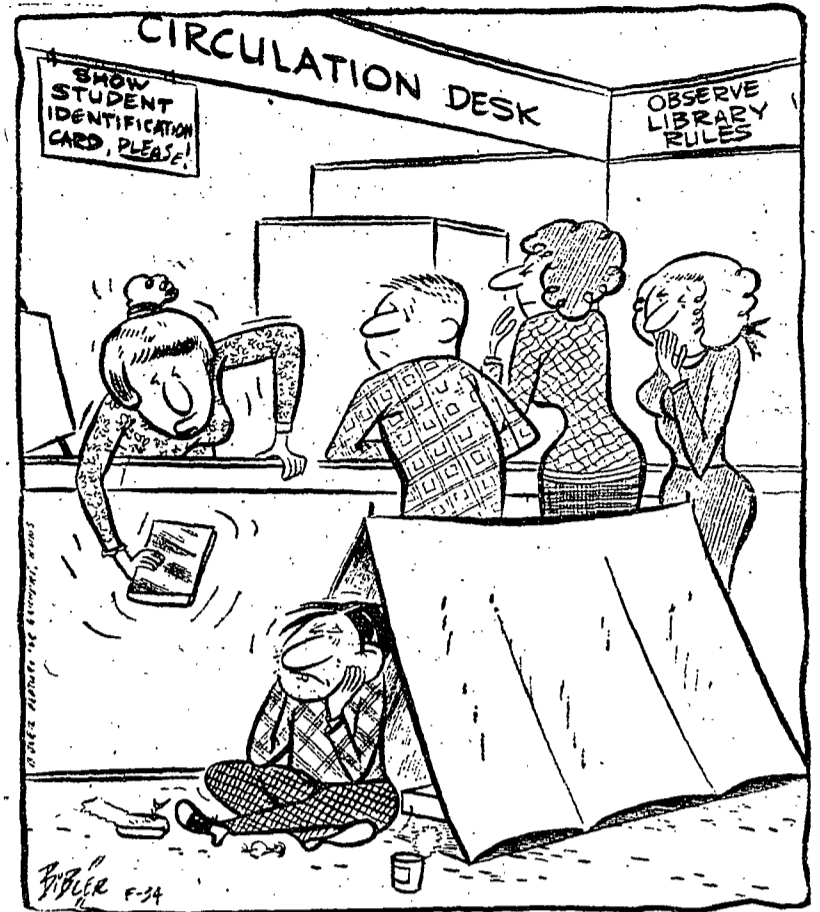
COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- Complete lists of visiting representatives are available at the College Placement Office in 212 Old Main. Interviews can be arranged and information secured at the office.
- Kimberly Clark Corporation will interview B.S. candidates in Phys., Chem., Accounting, Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E., March 9.
- Touche, Niven Bailey & Smart will interview Accounting majors, March 9.
- Hercules Powder Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., Chem., E.E. and M.E., March 9.
- Dow Chemical Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Phys., Chem. Eng., I.E., M.E., and Metallurgy, March 9.
- Sears, Roebuck & Company will interview June graduates interested in a career with Sears, March 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- Burroughs Adding Machine Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E. and Physics, March 11.
- U.S. Steel Company will interview graduates interested in Industrial Sales, March 11.
- National Tube will interview Commerce and Economics and Accounting majors, March 11.
- Chicago Bridge & Iron will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., March 11.
- Metropolitan Edison Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., March 13.
- National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Mathematics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Physics, Chem. E., E.E., M.E., Aero. E., C.C. and Arch. E., March 13.
- Hamilton Watch Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., Physics and Metallurgy, March 13.
- Goodyear Aircraft Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Aero. E., E.E., C.E., I.E., and Physics March 12 and 13.
- Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chemistry, C.E., I.E., E.E., M.E. and Chem. Eng., March 12 and 13.
- Goodyear Atomic Corporation will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics, Chemistry, Chem. E., E.E., M.E., I.E., and C.E. March 12 and 13.
- Parke, Davis & Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Bacteriology, Zoology and Entomology and Chemistry March 12.
- National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Mathematics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Physics, Chem. E., E.E., M.E., Aero. E., C.E. and Arch. E., March 13.
- Hamilton Watch Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., Physics and Metallurgy, March 13.
- Factory Mutual Engineering Division will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., Chem. E., M.E., and I.E., March 16.
- Rohm & Haas Co. will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chemistry, Physics, C.E., and M.E., March 16.
- Rohm & Haas Co. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Commerce & Economics, C.E., and Chemistry for sales, March 16.
- International Latex Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Commerce and Economics, Accounting, C.E., I.E. and M.E., March 16.
- Pennsylvania Railroad will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Mech. E. and E.E., March 16.
- General Electric Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Accounting and Commerce & Economics, March 16 and 17.
- Worthington Corp. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Physics, C.E., Chem. E., E.E., I.E., M.E. and Sanitary Eng., March 16.
- Rohm & Haas Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem., Phys., Chem. and Mechanical Eng., B.S. candidates in Commerce and Economics, March 16.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Couple without children wanted for summer job near State College.
- Camp Cherokee, Pa., will interview March 6.
- Hiram House Camp and Camp Cleveland will interview March 9.
- Camp Conrad Weiser, Pa., will interview March 10.
- Trail's End Camp, Pa., will interview March 14.
- Boys wanted to work for meals on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, for the rest of the semester.
- Licensed beauty operator wanted for full or part-time job.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Here's th' book you requested, sir—it just came in."

The Osier Cage

By BARRY FEIN



A lot of people first run into the word, "roommate" in a grade school spelling quiz. Others, however, have their first intercourse with this creature of the two m's upon matriculation at the College.

Now, you must certainly know what a roommate is like. Why, even after only one semester in college, you are already acclimated to the vagaries of living with one. Think for a moment. Here is a person to whom you're not married—yet you sleep with him, eat with him, pal around with him, fight with him, and, in general, live with him. (Of course, if you're a coed you may substitute the word "her.")

Anyway, it usually works out so that your roommate is your direct opposite. If you like to keep the shades up and the windows open and breathe in plenty of that fresh State College air—you can be sure that your roommate will be a New Yorker, who, if he were hit by a ray of sunshine, would be killed.

So what happens? You open the window before you go to your 8 o'clock. Your roommate closes it before he goes, coughing and choking from the air, to his 9 o'clock.

You come back to the room and are overcome by the hot air which smashes through the door into your face.

"Why, that so-and-so!" you exclaim. "He closed the blankety-blank window again!"

With violence, you open the window. When your roommate comes in for lunch there is a short-to-do over the window. After you give in to his desire to close it (merely so you can get to lunch on time), you walk out into the fresh air, wondering how he can stand it.

Of course, some fraternities have dormitory sleeping arrangements, so this problem is magnified many times; instead of having only one roommate you have many.

Here, the case is just a little different. That is, the windows are always wide open. The polar bears of the room, though in the minority, have convinced all and sundry that they could never exist without "just a little air at night."

So what happens? Comes morning, and you find a small mountain of snow on the foot of your bed. Blinking hurriedly, you discover that those really aren't midgets skiing down the slopes but your frozen toes, which have been uncovered all night, instead.

But this is a little off the sub-

ject. One roommate is plenty without having a whole roomful. Let's add to our list the roommate who just doesn't like classical music. Every night there is a race to see who gets to the radio first. (Of course, it's only your radio!) What could be more disconcerting when one wants to hear Bach's "The Art of the Fugue" than to hear all the verses of "Wabash Cannonball" or "I Never Knew God Made Honky Tonk Angels?"

This problem is strained to the bursting point when you each have a radio. Between the movements of Beethoven's "String Quartet No. 14" on your radio cut the overtones of Station WCKY, Cincinnati, advertising 500 live baby chicks, C.O.D., for only \$3.98.

By this time, the baby chicks don't seem too bad. The music you've been hearing sounds like the result of a truckload of live ducks smashing into a truckload of empty milk cans.

Then there is the roommate who insists on keeping his half of the room looking like the aftermath of a raid by Allied fighter bombers on a Red ammunition dump.

This is embarrassing when others come to visit. You must make SOME illusion to the fact that your desk is on THIS side of the room, and that the heaps of junk growing like a malignant tumor really belong to your roommate.

But even this is better than the roommate who rushes home every night to tell you about his latest girl.

"This is it!" he shouts breathlessly, as he crashes through the doorway. "No kidding, she's short, with nice short hair!"

Stunned, you can only mutter, "But yesterday you told me you liked Janet because she's tall and has nice long hair!"

"But that was yesterday," he retorts, undaunted. "This is IT. This is the one I'm gonna marry. Wait till you see..."

At least you can be thankful that he's not the type of roommate who always borrows things. He walks to class in the morning wearing your coat and tie, carrying your old notebook, and wearing your fraternity pin because he's pinned (to one of your old girls!) and "you never wear the thing, anyway."

Razor blades, toothpaste, Scotch
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