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Freshmen Need More Vim-Vigor

The class of 1956 is having its first and last chance of the year, aside from customs, to show what it can really do. So far it hasn't responded very well. A freshman weekend planned for May 1 and 2 is to include a talent show Friday night and a dance in Rec Hall Saturday night.

The talent show is to be composed of freshman talent and there is no lack of that. Yet, thus far, only a few acts have signed up to try out. Posters in prominent places and articles in the Daily Collegian have called for students possessing any talent from juggling to snake charming. So, poor publicity cannot be used as an excuse for the apathy shown by the class.

Perhaps the freshman talents don't run to the extremes mentioned, but some can still sign up at the Student Union desk in Old Main or take part in a dancing or singing chorus, or other acts. No one expects to find multitudes of fugitive Broadway stars at Penn State, but students with average talent can do a good job when they put their minds to it. They must have, however, the spirit and interest, which are apparently lacking.

This is a direct about-face from customs, during which the members of the class were complimented on their spirit. This is their first chance since then to work as a group and accomplish something. But what has happened to the enthusiastic dink and bow-yearers who cheered so loudly at football games? It is one thing to make a lot of noise—it is another to get down to business and prove real worth.

The way the class takes over and does its job now would seem to be an indication of how active it will be in remaining years. But, the future doesn't look too bright.

It stands to reason that the freshmen don't want to be known as a do-nothing class and that they do want freshman weekend to be a success. The only way to eliminate the unfavorable impression made so far is for the class to actively respond to the call for talent.

It is hoped, also, that more freshmen will attend the next class meeting, to be held Tuesday. This is the only chance committee chairmen of the weekend will have to submit plans to a representative section of the class for approval. It is evident that too many people have fallen into the habit of letting the other person do the job. This attitude must change if the freshman weekend is to be a success.

—Ann Lederman

Debate Convention Fine Movement

The Penn State men's debate team has been host to 13 Pennsylvania colleges at the 18th annual Pennsylvania State Debaters Convention since Thursday night.

The convention, which ends today, has been one devoting itself to the discussion of national defense and fair employment practices. When the convention ends with a model Congress session at 9 a.m. today, the delegates will have approved one bill on each of these subjects.

Each committee meeting yesterday was for the purpose of drawing up a bill on one of the two subjects. The model Congress session today, where two final bills will be approved, is open to all students.

We are sure that the clear thinking and time that have gone into committee discussions on the subjects will produce some concrete decisions by the end of the session today.

Much work has been put into the convention by the Penn State men's team. We would like to congratulate them on the fine job done in bringing representatives from other college campuses to Penn State for the purpose of doing sound and constructive thinking on important issues facing this country. If we had more of such activities, perhaps the college youth of today would be better equipped to stand on firm ground in a "shaky" world.

—Mimi Ungar

Safety Valve—Shifflett Clarification

TO THE EDITOR: Before the Shifflett "Movement" goes any farther, and involves more innocent people, I take this time to ask those people who are still pushing me for the candidacy of All-College president to stop. I don't believe there are very many—I hope there are none—who are still in favor of the idea.

It all started innocently enough from discussing the various possible candidates for the positions. Some of the people considered me. I was fool enough to listen to them and even more of a fool to contact others to get their ideas on it. That was wrong. Had I previously looked into it and placed Penn State above what can be looked at as personal gain, I would not have given this thing another thought. I didn't, and now I hope that I may have the chance to redeem myself.

When people that have been close friends to me for long periods of time, people who have trusted my judgment no longer do so, one can realize just how rotten this thing has become. Misquotes like "This is the time to have a good Fraternity-Independent fight!" have no place in the minds of even the most radical of radicals. That quote is just one of many that I have been accused of spreading.

Again I say I am sorry that I was the cause of this trouble, that I caused so many people to become implicated. I urge those who would still try something like this to really stop and think of what they are doing.

I am not, nor will I be any part of anything that would be detrimental to the relationship that exists now between the different organizations here at Penn State.

—William Shifflett

Gazette

Saturday, March 14, 1953

BRIDGE CLUB, 7 p.m., TUB.
WRA SWIMMING PLUNGE HOURS, 7:30-9 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 1953

HONOR SOCIETY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., 241 Sparks.

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.

Armstrong Cork Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., C.E., Arch. E., Liberal Arts, Commerce & Economics, Accounting, Journalism, B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem. and Chem. E., Ph.D. candidates in Physics and Chemistry, March 17 and 18.

Procter & Gamble Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in C.E., E.E., M.E., I.E., and Chem. Eng., March 17.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in C.E., Physics, M.E., Aero E., E.E., and Chem. Eng., March 17.

Pricewaterhouse & Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Accounting, March 18.

Republic Flow Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., March 18.

American Cyanamid Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chemistry and Chem. E., March 18 and 19.

Factory Mutual Engineering Division will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., Chem. E., M.E., and I.E., March 18.

American Cyanamid Co. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., Ag. Ed., Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, March 18 and 19.

Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Commerce & Economics and Liberal Arts for Sales for employment with General Fireproofing Co., March 19.

Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., Ch. E., I.E. and Fuel Technology, Also L.A. and C.E. for Sales for employment with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, March 19.

Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Zoology and Pre-Med for Sales for employment with Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., March 19.

Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. E., C.E. and San. E. for Sales; Also C.E. for construction for employment with Eimco Corp., March 19.

North American Aviation, Los Angeles division, will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics, Arch. E., C.E., E.E., Aero E., and M.E., March 19.

Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview juniors for summer work with Johnson and Johnson in marketing, March 19.

Moore Products Co. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in I.E., March 19.

Arthur Anderson will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Accounting, March 19.

The Women's Army Corps will interview June and summer B.S. candidates interested in the WACS, March 20.

Joy Manufacturing Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Accounting, M.E., E.E., I.E. and Mining Eng., March 20.

Equitable Gas Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in P.N.G., C.E., E.E., M.E. and Commerce & Economics, March 20.

Beacon Laboratories, The Texas Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chemistry and M.E., March 20.

Arma Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E. and M.E., March 20.

Lukens Steel Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., M.E. and Metal, March 20.

Shenango Penn Mold Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates interested in Foundry work, March 20.

Westinghouse Airbrake Co. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., March 23.

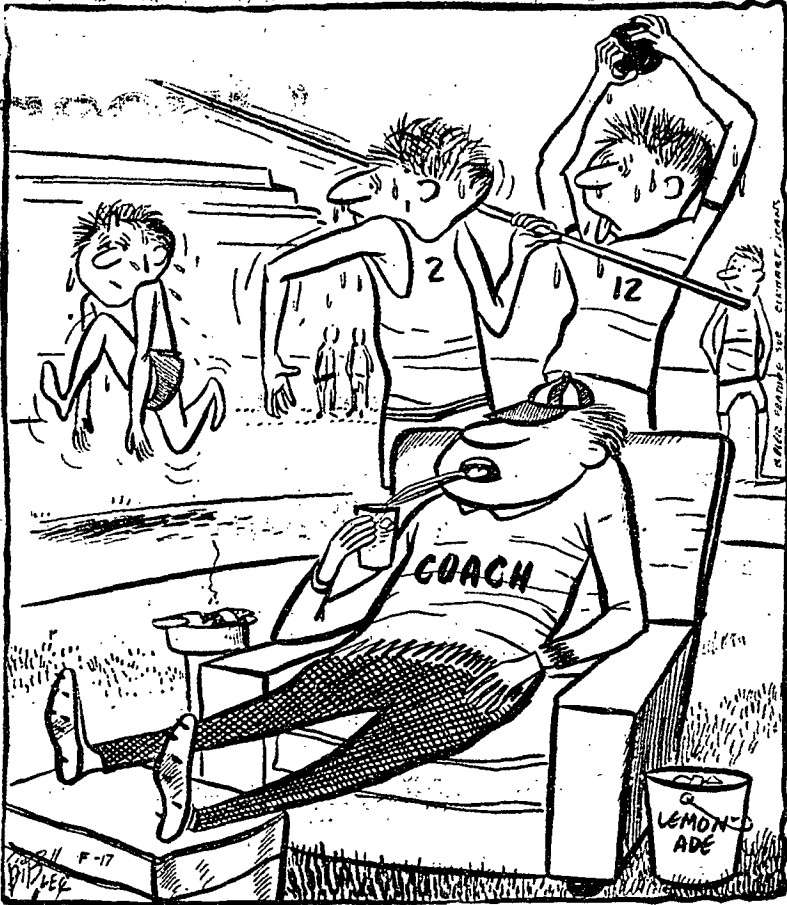
Chese Aircraft Co. Inc. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Aero. E., C.E., E.E., I.E. and M.E., March 23.

Glenn L. Martin Co. will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics., M.E., E.E., C.E., and Aero E., March 23 and 24.

The Ebasco Services, Inc. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E. and C.E., March 23.

Metropolitan Edison Co. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Ag. Eng. and Ag. Ed. Also juniors for summer work in E.E., M.E. and C.E., March 13.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Shot that Putt—throw that—get th' lead out, this ain't no six day bike race ya' know."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Does College Waste Too Much Time?

By DAVE JONES

Every freshman entering college soon realizes that in most of his elementary or survey courses he is merely repeating much of his high school work. This overlap of studies, long a problem of educators, has once more been brought to light in a recent survey published by Harvard University Press.

The 142-page survey report, "General Education in School and College," may well have a tremendous influence on the future of American education. Three preparatory schools—Andover, Exeter, and Lawrenceville—and three universities—Yale, Harvard, and Princeton—participated in the study.

A student wastes much time upon entering college, and too often the colleges fail to make many students care about their education, the survey showed.

Students complained of repeating studies in many fields, especially history, English, and the sciences. Most of them took American history in high school and repeated the same material in college. This is also true for English literature and composition.

The repetition was most striking, however, in the sciences. Of 344 students surveyed, 209 took chemistry, physics, or biology in college. Of that number, about half took in college the elementary course in the same science they had taken in school.

A double damage results in this repetition, the report said. The student loses time, and he loses interest and momentum.

As a result of its studies, the committee reached one important conclusion: A way should be opened for qualified students to complete the conventional eight years of high school and college in seven. Under such a plan, only qualified students of superior intellectual ability would be permitted to participate.

Accordingly, schools and colleges would have to give candidates a chance to move ahead in basic studies, recognize "college work" in high school toward graduation, and allow substitution of more advanced courses for general education courses.

Such a seven year plan would be received with varied reactions at Penn State. Some students here, particularly engineers who enroll in advanced ROTC, now find it almost impossible to finish college in four years. Many of them attend five years. On the other hand, coeds taking a full schedule of 18 credits each semester may graduate in seven semesters. This is a strange and confusing inequity.

Prof Co-Authors Book

Dr. James Gemmel, professor of business education, has co-authored a book, "Principles of Economics," published by D. C. Heath and Co. The book was written with Howard L. Balsley, professor of economics at Washington and Lee University. The book is now being used as a basic college text describing the economy and its development.