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## Honors Day Still Deserves Support

Despite the fact that Penn State's national championship teams will not be honored at Monday's Honors Day program, it is still an event which deserves student support and interest.

Among those to be honored are five of the College's outstanding alumni, men who have gone far in the world since their graduation from State. Their achievement should be an inspiration to those students who are still here, particularly those who will soon be graduated. Since the College does not award honorary degrees, the Distinguished Alumnus awards which these men will receive are the highest honor Penn State can confer.

Last year, only about 500 students and faculty members attended the program, and the impressive list of alumni honored included perhaps the greatest engineer of tunnel construction in the world and one of the most esteemed consulting mining engineers in the country. The year before last, the alumni presented with the award were just as impressive, and the attendance was just as poor.

In addition to the distinguished alumni, awards will also be made to outstanding students in scholarship and the inauguration of the new All-College officers will take place.

Some discussion has arisen over the nature of Honors Day. Many feel that the program should be made more inclusive—that type of program which would extend honors into the realm of student activities. The idea evolved because of the outstanding showing of this year's wrestling, gymnastics, and women's debate teams.

The idea of a College "Recognition Day" is one which should be investigated further. Perhaps the Honors Day committee is correct in insisting that under the present conception of Honors Day, the recognition of the teams in question is out of order. But for this year at least, students should get behind the Honors Day program as it is.

"The more a man looks at a thing, the less he can see it, and the more a man learns a thing, the less he knows."  
—Chesterton

## Safety Valve— Urges Honoring Champs

TO THE EDITOR: Last week the Daily Collegian carried an editorial which advocated that the champion athletic teams and the women's debate squad—all national champs—should be properly honored at the Honors Day ceremonies to be held on Monday evening. All-College Cabinet also recommended that the Honors Day committee look into the possibility of recognizing these teams at some time during the program. Since that time, we have heard nothing about going through with such an excellent suggestion except that the administration may not be in favor of it.

It seems that if Honors Day is to hold interest for the student body in general—and I think this is the desire of the administration—that the honoring of these groups is more than in order. These are groups who have brought more publicity to the college in the past semester than any other person or group that will be honored at Honors Day. These are persons, who although they are participating in an extra-curricular activity, are carrying Penn State with them.

In addition, the excellence that they have shown in their fields represents, in a very real sense, an accomplishment along the lines of education. Although physical strength is important in wrestling and gymnastics, a certain amount of knowledge of the rules as well as skill in performance go along with the work toward a championship. Regarding the women's debate squad, there is certainly a rather clear-cut argument. Debating is an art—it requires not only knowledge of the facts, but also a skill in presentation.

With these points in mind, I would like to agree with the Daily Collegian and urge that the administration speed up an answer to the Collegian's suggestion. For those students who are deeply concerned with this suggestion, a statement from the administration is definitely in order.

—Name withheld

Ed. Note: While admitting that the wrestling, gymnastics, and women's debate teams had made outstanding records during the year, members of the Honors Day committee did not feel that the Honors Day program was the appropriate place to recognize this achievement. "It is not," in the words of Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, "an attempt to honor everyone who has won an honor of some kind—it is specifically for three things: student government inauguration, the presentation of highest scholastic honors awarded to students, and the honoring of alumni achievement." In addition, Mr. Kenworthy pointed out that the teams had received trophies and national publicity. "Is it not fitting," he added, "that those winning scholastic honors and alumni awards for achievement have a program where they hold the spotlight and have a brief moment on the stage without having the scene stolen by more popular, but no more important matters."

## Gazette...

April 24, 1953

INTER-VARSITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP.  
7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Robert Dankanyin, Terry Friedman, Marvin Goldberg, Sidney Goldblatt, John Harapas, Aron Hoffman, Howard Kalodner, Ronald Krauss, G. Wayne McKallip, Shirley Mendelsohn, Richard Patterson, Mary E. Pettigout, James G. Seton, Jordan Smith, Abing R. Sorriatmadja, Linford P. Stine, Daniel Van Sickle and Paul Wilson.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Boys to work on farm for room and board.  
Boys wanted for waiters and dishwashers.  
Students' wives for evening counter work.  
Tuscorora Inn in the Poconos will interview men and women, Monday, April 27.

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Chigger bites."

## Strictly from -- Ungar

This is my first last on the Penn State campus. And although it will be a pleasure to have afternoons from 4 to 7 now free, fading away from the Daily Collegian isn't as easy for reporters as it is for old soldiers.

In this, my last column, I am even breaking away from the conventional editorial "we" to express some closing thoughts. Although I have attempted to make

this column interesting and readable throughout the semester, (the six or seven times it appeared) I am sure that some persons have not only disagreed with the title, but they have also disagreed with the content.

But, today, I believe that what I have to say should concern all Penn Staters—whether indoctrinated with the Penn State spirit or merely just happy, apathetic bystanders.

The trials and tribulations of the undergraduate always appear to be so big, so crucial. And, at times, there is a tendency to over-rate these problems. Just to mention a few, I would point to the dispensary excuse problem, the severity of tests, the unfairness of WSGA and its hours for women, and the drinking question.

Those students who get involved in activities (and I include myself in this group) have a tendency to really get involved. As

a closing thought, I should like to say that there's nothing like it. Although activities tend to get you down, the friends and experience gained from actively participating at Penn State cannot be overlooked. No matter what your interest may be, I firmly believe that this campus provides such a diversified program of extra-curricular activities that one can never really be dissatisfied with the setup. But, one problem that deserves serious study is a better spreading out of the number of persons participating in the various activities.

Also to be given more careful attention, I feel, are student-faculty relations. Penn State is a huge campus, where there are hundreds of fascinating persons roaming the streets. Yet, I feel that Staters "miss the boat" a little bit in that there are too few opportunities for students and faculty to get to know one another.

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