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State Legislature Plays New Game

Not too long ago the Pennsylvania General Assembly was setting a new low in bill passage. Everyone was waiting for sales tax and budget action. Now that the sales tax has been subdued, the House of Representatives has turned to a new game.

This new game is a strange one: passing bills without a quorum. Section four of article three of the Pennsylvania Constitution says "no bill shall become a law, unless . . . a majority of the members elected to each House be recorded thereon as voting in its favor." This indicates a quorum is needed for House bill passage.

Thursday the House advanced a series of bills with 102 of 207 members present—three shy of the required number. It was the second time within a week this had been done. Last week, with only 69 members present, the House passed eight bills. House leaders have claimed this is nothing unusual.

Newspapermen checked the House roll to determine the number of absentees; they were told by minority leader Hiram Andrews "the traditional practices of this House are not subject to veto by the press or any portion of the press." Last week similar action was

defended as doing business on a "consent" basis.

It is hard to decide just who "consented." Certainly those absent, merely by their absence, were not consenting to bill passage. Such minority legislation, however, may be one of the many unusual things legislatures do.

Minority leader Andrews' statement that practices of the house are not subject to press veto is a strange one. Certainly in trying to point out a quorum was not present, the press was not trying to veto anything. And surely the press, if anyone, has the right to inquire into what appears in direct conflict with the Constitution.

Andrews indicated, the Philadelphia Inquirer said, the House intends to carry on its business in accordance "with traditions set by Thomas Jefferson."

It may be that the House did business on the basis that no one objected to a quorum not being present. This seems a fair enough way to do business. But it is rather unfair for Andrews to make the statement he did about the press. And it is rather unfair for him to assume the press and the citizenry have no right to question legislative procedure, especially since the legislature is—or should be—working in the citizens' interests.

Safety Valve—Activity Point System Has Flaws

TO THE EDITOR: We note with interest that discussion of a point quota system to regulate campus activity responsibilities has been revived by women's student government.

Although based upon the notion that it would spread the opportunities available among a greater proportion of the student body and promote a more rounded campus life for everyone, serious flaws would develop in application.

First of all, only a certain portion of the student body becomes sufficiently interested in activities and stays with them long enough to exhibit qualities of leadership. Of those who do remain, only a certain few have the interest and ability to handle the responsibilities required of officers.

Then too, one student can successfully handle a heavy academic schedule and a large number of activities as well; another student will bog down under a normal academic load bare of all activities.

A point system, which we felt was a dead issue long ago, is unworkable: it would require deserving students to decline offices they have worked for or resign from less significant offices, merely because they have reached an inflexible quota of points.

Since elections and appointments are made at varying times and for differing terms, it is apparent that organizations would be faced with serious turnover problems, be they the Daily Collegian, a fraternity, or the least important club on campus, whichever that might be.

There is adequate opportunity for any student with leadership and administrative qualities to advance to the sundry offices and positions on campus. It is asking too much if organizations would be forced to place persons without necessary experience or demonstrated qualities of leadership, in positions of authority.

—Jim Gromiller

Gazette . . .

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COLLEGIAN PICNIC, bus leaves at 2 p.m. from the Daily Collegian Office.

College Hospital

Judith Cornfield, Robert Creighton, Joseph Gower, Glenn Grove, William Hafley, Judie Kohn, Benjamin Kreider, Lee Kummer, Ralph Laudenslayer, Robert T. Miller, Walter Pimbley, Willie Reudenbach, Alan Schriesheim, Wendell Toland, Russell Wasser, and Wayne Wolfkeil.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Students from Philadelphia area wanted for summer jobs in selling.

Men wanted for meal serving jobs on and off campus next fall.

Men wanted for garden and lawn, housework, and odd jobs.

Men wanted for production work near Lancaster. Full time summer work.

Boy or girl with medical lab experience wanted for latter part of July, beginning of August.

Boys or girls wanted for two jobs in State College consisting of lab work and x-ray.

Pottstown Community Camp will interview men and women May 19.

Boy with car wanted for farm work near State College during summer.

Coronation Events Thrill 'Miss State'

By HELEN LUYBEN

When Elizabeth is crowned Queen of England next month she can't possibly be more thrilled than Madeleine Sharp was Monday evening.

Miss Sharp is still floating on a pink cloud, she says, and can't believe the First Lady of the United States actually crowned her Miss Penn State.

I don't remember half of what happened at the coronation ceremony," she said. "I didn't know it would be such a big thing. And I never dreamed the merchants gave such lovely prizes. I got a huge five-layer cake—which is all gone, incidentally. My favorite gift, I think, is a rhinestone necklace."

Miss Penn State was quite impressed with Mrs. Eisenhower. "She's wonderful and has such poise and confidence," the 21 year old beauty queen said. "She congratulated me and said about ten words to me, but I was so excited I can't remember what they were."

The eighth semester speech major thinks being chosen Miss Penn State is the biggest thing that's happened to her since she's been on campus. "I've been a finalist in about 15 contests but this is the first time I've ever been chosen

queen," she said. "I think I'd like to write John Wayne and Mrs. Eisenhower, too, to thank them both."

Miss Penn State is 5 feet 4½ inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes, a wide smile and a charming southern accent. Complimented on the good pictures of her that appeared in papers throughout the state, Miss Sharp said, "They're the first good pictures I've ever had taken. I guess it's because they weren't posed."

Miss Sharp's mother and father came from their home in Herndon, Va., for the Mother's Day weekend and then decided to stay and wait for the results of the contest.

"Mother and Daddy were thrilled to death," Miss Sharp said, "to have their pictures taken by

Hortshorne to Give Final LA Lecture

Prof. Charles Hortshorne of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Chicago will give the final Liberal Arts lecture of the year at 8 p.m. Monday in 121 Sparks.

Hortshorne will speak on the topic "Science, Religion and Metaphysics in the 20th Century." The lecturer is also author of "The Divine Relativity," "Man's Vision of God," and "Reality, a Social Process."

The LA Lecture series will continue next spring with four lecturers chosen by a Liberal Arts faculty committee.

Alumni Institute

"The American Way—What Is It?" will be the theme for the third annual Alumni Institute to be held June 11-13 at the College.

newspaper photographers and newsreel cameramen."

As Miss Penn State she's had a busy week and finds it difficult to study. Tuesday she rode on a float in the Spring Week parade—until she was rained out. Wednesday she crowned Penn State's Ugly Man, Robert Sherman.

Last night, escorted by Jay Murphy, Miss Sharp reigned at the Senior Ball in a ballerina length gown of light green net trimmed with white lace.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Well, they don't wear hearing aids in my classes, and they insist on sitting at the back of the room."

Glancing Around

By DICK RAU

Leaving our raincoat at home, I optimistically trotted over to see the Spring Carnival Thursday night with only a light jacket.

After reading Thursday morning's Daily Collegian, I came to the conclusion that the Spring Week committee had control over everything except a few shows, Dean of Men Frank J. Simes, and the weather.

The only remnants lying around after the carnival closed were a few scattered paper cups and a slowly melting pile of cracked ice. The ice seemed slightly incongruous with the prevailing spring climate and the climate of some of the shows.

Except for a few individualists, the general theme of the carnival revolved about sex with some undertones and overtones of sex.

Not all of the shows were based on sex. There were intellectual attractions, such as the ferris wheel, dropping one's fellow man in water, dropping water on one's fellow man, and throwing gobs of sticky, multi-colored stuff at one's fellow man. One's fellow man had a hard two days.

My trust in biology took a bit of a beating with a visit to the Christine booth. The show was a takeoff on recently publicized stories of one of nature's indecisions. The signs and barkers posted outside the booth said I was about to see the enactment of the rarest bit of surgical manipulation yet performed. Following the dictates of a morbid curiosity, I went in, along with the rest of the mob.

Indications that the College's humor magazine, Froth, is gradually going to pot began to appear when the new editor mentioned proudly that the magazine's adviser had not "cut one word." Further evidence of the publication's gradual downfall was seen at its carnival booth. It was clean—almost intellectual.

I was somewhat suspicious of the young "women" that cavorted about in front of one of the booths. Perhaps it was the muscular, hairy arms that didn't gain my confidence.

Not all of the interest in the carnival was provided by the shows in themselves, but rather in the performers. Example: the performance put on Thursday night by the outgoing head of the Interfraternity Council Board of Control. He might have had some control over the fraternities this year, but his attire Thursday night was a little beyond his control.

The problem revolved about a garment worn rather high on the torso, not normally by men. It appeared that the sway of the performer was not coordinated very well with the movement of the garment. He went from side to side. The garment kept falling

down. He kept pulling it up. He fought valiantly, but lost.

The rains came and helped some float free of the carnival, but the strong swimmers remained.

Ag Hill Flash-- Dandy, Dandy Dandelions

The biggest thing to come to Ag Hill yesterday was an awful big dandelion, 25½ inches long, growing, logically enough, in the shade of the Horticulture Building. A Daily Collegian reporter wildly clutched it and rushed it back to write a story.

The dandelion's stem may be a new record length. We don't know, record measurements have gone to seed. At any rate, the stem was called "exceptionally long" by Bernard Pollack, instructor of plant breeding.

Leaves of taraxacum officinale (still dandelion to us) were normal size. Nevertheless, dandelions are growing in prominence every day. Seed catalogs offer breeds developed for their large leaves. These may be cooked as a delicacy.

Gardners, however, find them one of the most stubborn of all weeds. Which all goes to prove a weed, indeed, can be a feed.

Rain Fails to Deter 'Paradise' Fishermen

A driving rain failed to dampen the spirits of anglers who turned out yesterday for the 20th annual opening of Fishermen's Paradise, Bellefonte, the Associated Press reported.

A half-hour after the opening whistle 1500 fishermen had registered with more waiting to enter. The crowd threatened the all-time opening day record of 2053 set in 1947.

Pike to Speak Monday

Dr. Ruth L. Pike, associate professor of foods and nutrition, will speak on radio isotopes in research at the Monday noon meeting of the Faculty Luncheon Club.

Hat Societies' Banquet

The Parmi Nous-Skull and Bones banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Boalsburg fire house, instead of Monday as formerly announced.