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A Real Education for the Student Body

In his faculty address earlier this month, President Milton S. Eisenhower urged both faculty and administration to continue the educational process outside the classroom.

The mixer was planned to better acquaint student leaders of the school with the department heads. Fifteen department heads, members of the school student council, and presidents of student organizations in the school were invited.

Of the department heads, only one responded. None of the other 14 even stopped by to pay his compliments. Yet all members of the school council and most of the student organization presidents attended.

This is perhaps a dynamic illustration of the theory that education ends in the classroom. Some department heads probably had good reason for not attending the affair. It is doubtful, however, that 14 were previously engaged. Granted, most of the students attending were

members of the council, sponsor of the affair. Yet, all of them, and other students, did attend.

Many professors frequently remind their students education is a constant process. They encourage outside reading and attendance at panels and discussion programs. Yet, too many of them are unwilling to assume the responsibility of taking part in that constant education.

Some may argue the social hour is not a part of educating a student. But the social hour perhaps more than any type of formal education is one educational aspect that is invaluable. Students live in groups, not in a laboratory. They must associate and live with people, not with textbooks. The social hour, then, is an important factor in any education.

If Penn State is to offer a real education, students must seek it. Equally important if Penn State is to offer a real education is a faculty desire to give a real education. It is not real education when the faculty, as in the incident illustrated, does not care, or does not have time, to meet the student body. And although this is not true most of the time, it is true all too often.

Town Council Election: Illogical and Illegal

Almost everything about last week's election of Town Council members was illogical or illegal.

The election was unconstitutional. The council's constitution—adopted only last spring—clearly outlines the election procedure. It says: "Nominations for representative shall be by petition which must be signed by twenty or more district electors. Petitions shall be submitted to and approved by the AIM Board of Governors election committee."

This procedure was not followed. No petitions were submitted. In fact, in many cases, no balloting was held. In some cases, representatives were chosen by lot. In other instances, a ward representative and his alternate were selected by mutual consent of the few men from the ward who showed up. In still other cases, only one man from a ward appeared. In two wards, not a single voter appeared at the election place.

Chester Cherwinski, president of the council, has said the election had to be held in this manner. He argued the constitution was too cumbersome to be followed. He maintains there would be no Town Council had an attempt been made to follow the constitution.

But, with the election held as it was, there still is no Town Council. The constitution was disregarded. No council was legally elected.

Eighty independent men living in town voted in the election. Approximately 2500 men live in town. Of every 11 men who voted, five were elected. Since the expense of buying and printing the postal cards sent to inform town independents of the election amounted to over \$5, the election cost over 62 cents per voter.

Twenty-three hundred men—those who had addresses listed in the temporary student directory who were not eighth semester seniors—were informed of the oncoming election. Of those informed, 2220 did not vote. That is a majority.

In view of the indifference of the majority, Town Council might better dissolve. What would happen then? One of two things:

Town independents would either miss the council, or they would not miss the council.

If they would miss the council enough, they would act to get it back. This would give the new council the student support it needs to effectively exist.

If town independents would not miss the council, it would mean council had served no purposes, and had no reason for existence. Its disappearance would save a lot of wasted time, a lot of wasted effort, and a lot of wasted money.

—Mike Feinsilber

Worthy Objectives

Fraternities and sororities are giving an indication that they recognize their potentialities as organized groups for pursuing worthwhile objectives.

Phi Kappa Psi and Chi Omega, in completing their recent Korean clothing drive, demonstrated they were motivated by more mature thinking than that ascribed to students who mutilate hotel rooms on football weekends.

The two groups collected and packed more than five tons of blankets, shoes, sweaters and other clothing for destitute survivors of the Korean conflict. The articles will be sent to American Relief for Korea in New York for shipment to the war-torn country.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Aye See Colony of Pi Beta Phi, in planning a touch football game to draw funds for the Campus Chest, have brought to the campus an innovation combined with good purpose.

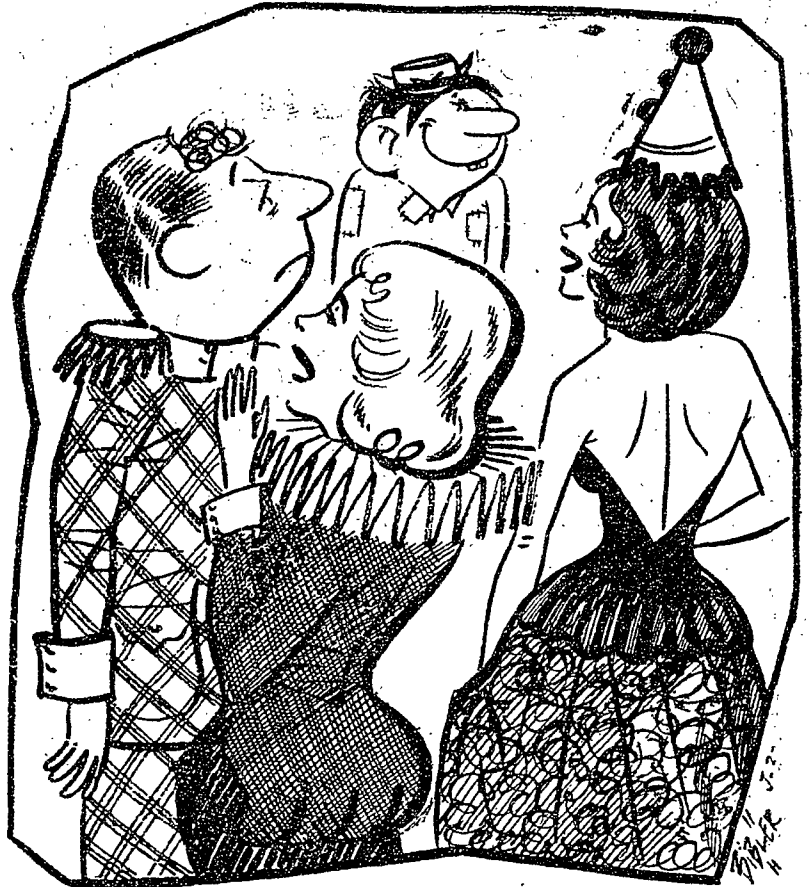
The transition of hell weeks to help weeks is another indication that fraternities are growing up. The constructive work done by pledges in nearby institutions is certain to bring more favorable comment to social organizations.

Fraternities and sororities, because they are well organized, should be capable of handling projects of an extensive and worthwhile nature. Perhaps the sentiment of Greek Week is showing a year-round expression at last.

—Nancy Ward

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Good thing we're going to a Halloween party—Worthal's blind date thinks he's wearing a mask."

Constitution Revision

Danger to Liberties Seen in Revision

By R. WALLACE BREWSTER, Head of the Department of Political Science

(This is the first in a series of faculty guest columns)

Despite the many persuasive reasons which can be given for amending our constitution in Pennsylvania, I find it difficult to agree with those who support the calling of a constitutional convention. There are negative factors which seem to outweigh the possible gains to be realized from such a step.

We, as a people are now going through a period of unrest and self-doubt which in some quarters seems almost to reach hysterical proportions. The underlying principles of what we call the American way of life, that is the free way, are being questioned from many sides. Some of this opposition comes from those who admire the totalitarian philosophies of communism and fascism. Others who are in the opposition consider themselves to be the enemies of communism. The totalitarians fight the free way because they know that their philosophies cannot be implemented in a liberal society. The zealots attack the underpinnings of freedom because they actually distrust the ability of a free democratic society to remain free on the terms of its own principles which leads them, in effect, to advocate the saving of freedom by destroying it through erosion.

This distrust of our ancient principles, as laid down in the Declaration of Independence and in our federal and state constitutions, has serious implications. It leads to agitation for the abolition of constitutional protections against self incrimination, for the control of speech and press through censorship and licensing, and for extensive restrictions upon the right of association and assemblage. Those who distrust freedom distrust government officials, teachers, preachers and others who influence opinion. They insist that these citizens must carry the taint of subversion until they prove themselves to be innocent. All this creates a climate of opinion in which the

Bill of Rights is put upon the defensive.

If we now meddle with the fundamental law of the Commonwealth through a comprehensive revision, we run the risk of damaging some of the basic constitutional provisions upon which our society rests. Then, too, with the heightened economic group consciousness of various segments of production, such as industry, labor and agriculture, a temptation would be created to seize upon a constitutional convention as an opportunity to write special favors into the document. It is doubtful if the advantages to be secured by a sweeping overhaul of the constitution could outweigh these disadvantages.

It is hard to avoid the feeling that some of the sentiment, at least, in favor of a convention is more than an inarticulate dissatisfaction with our politics. We must keep in mind that some "reforms" have been put in our constitution, such as the one a quarter century ago allowing the legislature to permit local option votes on a city manager system of government, but which neither the Republican or Democratic parties while in legislative control have implemented by statute. We cannot improve our political responsibility merely by changing clauses in the constitution.

Even if we fail to call a constitutional convention, this does not necessarily mean stagnation. The channel of formal amendment remains open. Although the process is admittedly rigid and difficult, there is no reason why we Pennsylvanians cannot, for example separately amend our constitution to permit

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Gazette...

- Today WRA BRIDGE CLUB, 7 p.m., White-Hall Play-room. WRA FROSH BOWLING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall Alleys. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT Waiters and kitchen help for fraternities. COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main. SHELL OIL will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem and Chem. Eng. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 29-30. PROVIDENT MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. OF PHILA. will interview Jan. graduates in Bus. Ad. and Arts & Letters on Oct. 30. CELANESE CORP. OF AMERICA will interview Jan. graduates in Ch.E., IE, ME, Chem., and Labor-Management Relations on Oct. 30. WEST PENN POWER CO. will interview Jan. graduates in EE and ME on Oct. 30. ELECTRO METALLURGICAL CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Business Administration, Chem., Phys., Metal., Chem. Engr., EE, IE, ME, and Min. prep. Engr. on Nov. 3. WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE will interview Jan. graduates in ME on Nov. 3.

- MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Accounting, Bus. Mngt., IE, and ME on Nov. 2. BURROUGHS CORPORATION will interview Jan. graduates in Accounting and Business Administration on Nov. 2. GLENN L. MARTIN CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Aero. E., CE, EE, ME, M.S. candidates in Aero. E., CE, EE, and ME who have completed at least one semester, and Ph.D. candidates in Aero. E., CE, EE, and ME expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 2. SQUARE D CO. will interview Jan. graduates in EE, IE, and ME on Nov. 2 and 3. SHELL OIL CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Chem. CE, EE, Ch.E., IE, ME, Mining, and Petroleum Engineering M.S. in Chem., CE, EE, Ch.E., IE, ME, Mining, and Petroleum Engineering on Nov. 2 and 3. DUREZ PLASTICS & CHEMICALS, INC. will interview Jan. graduates in ME, Ch.E., EE, and Chem. Ph.D. candidates in ME, Ch.E., EE, & Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, and M.S. candidates in ME, Ch.E., EE, or Chem. who have completed at least one semester on Nov. 3. GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Chem., Phys., Metal., Ch.E., IE, Aero.E., Arch.E., CE, IE, ME, on Nov. 5. CONTINENTAL OIL CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Petroleum Production Engineering on Nov. 5 and 6. PAUL E. WILLIAMS, Ph.D., will interview Jan. B.S. candidates in Bus. Mngt., Eco., Marketing, Pre-Med., Science, Ch.E., EE, IE, ME, and Arts and Letters on Nov. 5. I-T-E CIRCUIT BREAKER CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE and ME on Nov. 5.

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