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## Pause to Peer



**CURIOS STUDENTS** Harry Fuehrer, Marilyn Weitz, Henry Ford and Robert Fife pause between classes yesterday to investigate just what workers are doing behind drawn blinds in their remodeling of the Old Main lounge on the second floor. The partitioning of one-third of the lounge to make a new conference room has been completed and the painting will begin today, barring unforeseen holdups, according to the workers.

## Trustees May Get Skating Rink Plans

By NANCY WARD

The University Board of Trustees will receive a proposal for construction of a \$250,000 skating rink at its next meeting, Sherman P. Fogg, associate professor of physical education, said last night. Fogg said Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, will submit the plan for a rink of artificial ice to be built east of Shortlidge road. McCoy was attending a meeting in Pittsburgh and could not be contacted for comment.

Fogg spoke at a meeting of the Outing Club and cited the proposal as an example of the cooperation the club can expect from the school. The meeting was called to merge the Penns Valley Ski Club and the Outing Club to form the Penn State Outing Club. Eighty-five students, faculty, and townspeople attended the meeting.

Previous suggestions for ice skating facilities have included flooding of the hard-surfaced tennis courts near Beaver Field, approved last year by All-College Cabinet but later declared to be unfeasible because of cost at Student Encampment. Freezing of the duck pond located on the Bellefonte road was suggested last year by the Physical Education Student Council but that idea also later was discarded.

Another plan to form an ice rink discussed by the Physical Education Student Council last year was the use of a special freezer. (Continued on page eight)

## Bus Council OKs Newsletter

The School of Business Student Council voted Monday night to sponsor a school newsletter.

A committee was named in charge of the operation of the paper until a staff can be formed. Committee members are Michael Doyle, chairman, Nancy Blaha, Kaye Buterbaugh, and Max Frohwein.

Doyle said any Business school student interested in writing for the paper should contact him.

Evaluation sheets were distributed to 750 Business school students yesterday by professors to learn students' opinions of the Career Day program Oct. 29 and to gather suggestions for future Career Day events.

## Lion Statue Replicas On Sale in Old Main

Nittany Lion statue replicas are on sale for \$7.50 plus tax at the Alumni Association office, 104 Old Main. Replicas are manufactured under supervision of the statue's sculptor, Heinz Warneke. The Alumni Association is the exclusive salesman for the replicas. A 50 cent charge will be made for mailing the statue.

This is the only replica of the statue which has been authorized by Warneke.

## Collegian Will Feature Student Opinion Poll

The first in a series of weekly columns featuring student opinion on questions of the day appears on page two of today's Daily Collegian.

Students will be polled each week on their viewpoints on matters of campuswide, nationwide, or worldwide interest.

Twelve students were polled this week on the question "Will an increase in class cuts occur upon the completion of the new Student Union Building?"

## Shot in Back:

### Bullets Strike Coed, Horse

A coed and her horse were shot yesterday. Neither received serious injuries.

Elizabeth Trend, first semester science major, was horseback riding at the University Stables yesterday afternoon. Suddenly her horse jumped to the side. Miss Trend assumed he had been stung by a bee. Later developments showed it may have been a bullet that hit the horse.

A half hour later she was getting into a car to leave the stables when she felt a sharp sting in the small of her back. This time she thought it was a thrown stone. It wasn't. A .22 calibre bullet had hit her.

Only ill effect reported by Miss Trend is a red welt on her back. The horse was uninjured.

The bullet probably had been fired by pigeon hunters in the nearby woods. Miss Trend said they were probably a mile away, judging from the "clout" she received.

## Finalist to Seek 2d Queen Title

Military Ball queen finalist Julette Eifert, Shillington, is in contention for Military Ball queen honors for the second time.

Miss Eifert was selected queen of the Military Ball at Kutztown State Teacher's College in 1950. Her escort at that time was Jack Guerin, seventh semester arts and letters major, and Army ROTC cadet, who will be her escort to the Military Ball Dec. 11.

Other finalists are Priscilla Gatchell, Arlington, Mass., Nancy Lee Garber, Philadelphia, and Elaine Kloures, and Mary Walker, coeds.

## University Gets 6 Rare Prints

A gift of six rare block prints of Japanese Kabuki actors was formally presented to the University Tuesday by alumna Mrs. George Kramer of Tokyo.

The prints, made from hand-carved wooden blocks by an art adviser in Tokyo, will be placed in custody of the Division of Dramatics of the University, and will be exhibited in the near future in Pattee Library.

Mrs. Kramer, who received her M.A. degree in dramatics in 1938 at the University, said the Kabuki actors represented in the prints usually do not gain fame before the age of 35 or 40, and often perform until they are 85.

The men play feminine roles expertly, and their performances are studied as perfect examples of womanly deportment by geisha girls. (Continued on page eight)

## Senate to Air Class Absences Near Vacations

Absences before and after University vacations will be discussed at today's meeting of the Senate with consideration of recommendations aimed at reducing the number, including one calling for quizzes at class meetings within 24 hours of recesses.

The proposals were drawn up by the Senate special committee on vacation absences, headed by Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, professor of political science, and were first submitted to the Senate in June, 1952. Nothing was done at that time and the Senate was asked to re-study them prior to this month's meeting.

One reason for the delay was so the Registrar's office could compile reports from instructors concerning vacation absences with special interest in how many were with valid excuses. These have been tabulated and show 19.1 per cent missed classes in the 24-hour period prior to Easter vacation, 1953, and 8.6 per cent following.

### 5132 Absent

Statistics compiled reveal that of 26,804 students enrolled in classes during the 24 hours before vacation, there were 3177 unexcused absentees and 1955 excused absentees. In the 24 hours after the Easter recess, 2172 unexcused absentees and 327 excused absentees were reported of the 29,192 scheduled for classes.

The worst record was in the School of Liberal Arts with 24.7 per cent of 9878 enrolled absent including 1491 unexcused. Following vacation the School of Education was high with 10.7 per cent of 2990 absent.

In addition to the report which was compiled, the committee on vacation absences made the recommendation that each school adopt a school-wide policy of giving quizzes in the last class meeting within a 24-hour period before the vacation.

### Tests Would Count

Tests, the plan states, would normally cover only a relatively small part of the course so as not to be a penalty to those who do attend class. They would be expected, however, to carry enough weight in the final course grade to make it advisable for the students to be there.

Other proposals included having the President or Provost of the University request the deans of the schools to call to the attention of those under them the need for the cooperation of the classroom teachers in reducing vacation absences. They would be expected to meet all their classes and urge their students to do likewise.

Also suggested was that the Student Government Association assume the responsibility of securing student cooperation in maintaining good class attendance by what was termed "appropriate channels."

Committee members, in making (Continued on page eight)

## Social Club Seeks OK By Senate

A petition to form a social club with the intention that it would eventually become a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi, national professional and social architectural fraternity, was received yesterday by the Senate committee on student affairs.

Dr. Henry S. Brunner, chairman of the committee, reported the groups asked to be chartered as the Vitruvius Architectural Society for the two year probationary period required by the University. The petition was referred to the organization control subcommittee for study, he said, and added that the group will make recommendations to the student affairs committee in the future.

Robert Gladys, ninth semester architectural engineer and spokesman for the petitioning body, said the social club would be chartered for the benefit of fine arts and architecture students who would make up 80 per cent of the membership. There is a need to unite students in this field which is unique in its classes and assignments, he said.

The student affairs committee also authorized the publication of a Liberal Arts student council magazine. Co-editors of the publication will be Jane Reber and Norma Vollmer and Charles H. Brown, associate professor of journalism, will be the adviser.

In other action, the charter of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps drill team was approved by the committee. The group is headed by Wayne Kanouse, the student commander, and will be advised by Jack C. Overstreet, WOJG, USAF, and George E. McGowen, M/Sgt., USAF.

A proposal by All-College Cabinet that the social affairs subcommittee handle cases of group violations of University rules was discussed but no decision was reached. Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs and secretary of the student affairs committee, said this does not mean the proposal is being ignored but that it is felt further study is necessary before action is taken.

## Photo-Engravers Spurn Arbitration

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—AFL Photo-Engravers spurned arbitration again today, but slashed in half their demands on New York's strikebound daily newspapers. They offered to settle for a \$7.50 a week wage-benefits package.

Said strike leader Dennis M. Burke of the reduced demands:

"If they accept this offer, the papers will be rolling tomorrow. But if they reject our offer, the onus will be on them."

A meeting with the publishers was set for tonight.

As the strike of all major New York dailies moved into its fifth day, the lack of newspaper advertising began to bite into Christmas sales in the city's big stores,

bulging to the seams with holiday wares.

"Most retailers admitted... That unless the strike ended today they would be in real trouble," reported Women's Wear Daily, the Bible of the retail sales industry.

By a secret vote, the striking photo-engravers turned down arbitration of the strike 289-47. They had rejected arbitration once before—last week on the eve of Saturday's walkout, but by a far smaller margin.

Remarked William Mapel, president of the Publishers Association when informed of the new vote:

"It is difficult to believe it." Although balloting was secret, the union meeting was open to the press, a somewhat unusual concession.

The strikers rode roughshod over fervent pleas for arbitration from several sources—the federal

government, their own top union official and Mayor-Elect Robert F. Wagner.

Edward J. Volz, international president of the photo-engravers union, pleaded with 35 strikers at the mass meeting that preceded their vote.

"I see nothing to lose by going to arbitration. It is my sincere recommendation to you that you give very careful consideration to the proposition before you," he said.

Groans and a murmur of protest from the floor greeted this remark. But a thunder of applause broke out when Burke, president of the striking Local 1, told the mass meeting:

"Your committee is not recommending its arbitration to you." From Washington, Federal Mediation Director Whitley P. McCoy, speaking for the federal government, had urged the photo-engravers to submit to arbitration.

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