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## Spring Week Also Needs Senate Support

Although Penn State is now covered with the white mantle of winter, many student groups have begun work on the University annual tradition, Spring Week, to be held the second week in May.

Spring Week, a student-run and student-enjoyed activity, includes such events as a two-night carnival with games and booths operated by independent and fraternity and sorority groups, the coronation of Miss Penn State, the Ugly Man contest, and the Mad Hatters' Parade.

In addition to being a traditional University function, and serving to bring student groups together in mutual work, Spring Week fulfills one other very valuable purpose—it lends support to the Penn State Student Scholarship fund. This fund, entirely supported by student money, provides valuable financial aid for other students who need money to continue their education. This year and last the fund gave a number of \$25 and \$50 stipends to help students. But the fund is just beginning and must be expanded in order to offer more service.

The money accumulated from Spring Carnival is the major way to expand this scholarship fund. In addition, it is a painless way for students to donate money to help fellow students in their education. This aspect of Spring Week

makes it a most laudable activity. In view of this, it is extremely difficult to understand why some faculty and administration groups—and particularly the University Senate—take actions which oppose the week.

Earlier in the semester the Senate, acting through its committee on student affairs, informed Spring Week workers that the week's activities would have to be cut to a few days. Such action would, of course, make it nearly impossible to hold Spring Week without eliminating some of the activities in it, which consequently would mean taking away the chance for more money for the Penn State Student Scholarship fund. Fortunately, the Senate committee changed its mind when the situation was re-explained.

New Senate activity has again threatened to limit Spring Week and the scholarship fund by disallowing late permissions for coeds during the week. This would naturally have the effect of dulling the week and subtracting from the capital income from the week.

It is to be hoped that this limitation will not materialize, and that the Senate committee, in its meeting tomorrow, will keep the student and the traditions of the University in mind, giving its whole-hearted support to Spring Week, and its many worthwhile aspects.

—Marshall O. Donley

## A Timeworn Theory That Doesn't Apply

Two Constitutional amendments that would give 18-year olds the right to vote have been introduced to the U.S. Congress. Such action already has the apparent support of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This is merely an extension of the timeworn theory, "old enough to fight, old enough to vote." This theory looks nice and sounds nice, but it is unsound.

Looking at the idea from a rather narrow point of view, it at first seems desirable to extend the voting right to those defending our nation. It seems only right that those fighting for national security should be given the right to elect the representatives that sent them to war. But the problem goes much deeper than that.

There is no relation between the right to vote and the compulsion to fight. Some age must be set for military service. If the United States was in dire need of military manpower, that minimum could possibly go as low as 16 years of age. Certainly, few 16-year olds have the ability to cast an intelligent ballot.

Actually, no equitable limit can be set for minimum voting age. Some could be intelligent voters at 16, others would never be able to cast an intelligent ballot. But some criterion must be set; age seems the most feasible.

If we set an age minimum, then, it should be the age normally recognized as the age of majority. This, generally, is 21. In most legal matters, the individual cannot be held account-

able until he reaches that age. The voting age should be parallel.

The kind of mind needed to fight is not the kind needed to vote. A man capable of the most fierce fighting may be incapable of the most simple reasoning. And many of those in the military service are there due to compulsion, or at least their presence there is not completely voluntary.

Extending the vote right to 18-year olds cannot stop with soldiers. The right must similarly go to those not fighting, and those who will never be able to fight. The lack of absentee voting provisions in the several states would seriously curtail an 18-year vote provision. Students in Pennsylvania, most of them between 18 and 21, would not be able to vote even if such a provision were in effect.

A Constitutional amendment is required to lower the vote limit to 18 because the power to determine voting age minimum rests with each state. It is questionable whether it is good to give the federal government the power to determine the minimum voting age. This seems a power that might best remain with the states.

But far beyond all of these considerations stands the basic fallacy in the "old enough to fight, old enough to vote" theory. There can never be a connection between reasonable fighting age and reasonable voting age. Reasonable fighting age is determined by need of manpower and threat to survival. Reasonable voting age is determined by mental ability. It is idealistic to hold to this timeworn theory. It is realistic to see that it does not apply.

—Joe Stennett

## Safety Valve—Questions Saturday Classes

TO THE EDITOR: I have been noting the various comments and editorials on this issue of Saturday classes in your newspaper and would like to join in expressing an opinion . . .

That an occasional Saturday scheduling in some classes might be necessary I have no doubt, and as we are all here for the business of education we should, perhaps, not complain too loudly . . . But an over-all policy of Saturday classes on the part of the administration without at least some offer of compensation, I believe, is unnecessary . . . If we must have Saturday classes as a regular diet, why not shorten the school year . . . (by counting) half a day of classes . . . as an entire day? . . .

But those of us who want to or have to have jobs on Saturdays would be prevented from doing so with any arrangement of extended Saturday classes as an over-all policy . . .

Also, I would like to have a good explanation

why the final exam schedule is spread out over such a long period of time . . . Surely with efficient scheduling within each college, the modern automatic checking machines for certain types of exams, and diligent work on the part of the faculty, this exam period would be considerably shortened . . .

. . . why not concentrate some effort on the construction of some new classroom buildings? Perhaps this is more necessary than a Student Union building, and would satisfy a more immediate need.

Letter cut Editor's note—Some borough merchants can give jobs to more students throughout the week with the Saturday class plan. One purpose of Saturday classes is to acquire new class buildings. One such building has just been approved by the state.

## Gazette . . .

Today  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 110 EE.  
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard.  
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian office.  
COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian office.  
DELTA SIGMA PI, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Chi Rho.  
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 317 Willard.

Tomorrow  
GRANGE, 7:30 p.m., 100 Horticulture.  
MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Nu.  
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Camp Delwood in the Poconos will interview

students who are interested in counselors' positions on Feb. 16. Interested students may sign up for appointment at the employment office.

Camp Ken-Mont and Ken-Wood, Kent, Conn., will interview men and women on Feb. 12.

PLACEMENT SERVICE  
LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY representatives will visit the campus Jan. 13 to interview Ph.D. candidates in Physics, Math, Chem. (Inorganic or Physical) and Metal, expecting to receive their degrees in 1954. M.S. candidates in Phys., Math., Chem. (Inorganic or Physical) and Metal, who have completed at least one semester, and graduates in the above fields who wish to consider summer work.  
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO. will visit the campus on Jan. 14 to interview Jan. graduates for positions as trainee in life insurance sales. Also, trainee position for cashier in Johnstown—must be exempt from draft.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Ya shoulda seen th' look on th' director's face when Floyd started playin' his piccolo."

## WIRE AND WIRELESS

# The Roundup

By BILL JOST

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—There are times when the news of a period should be reviewed for its importance, causes, and possible future significance. And as good a time as another to do this is the end of a semester. The University's fall semester ends this month, and this is the last week of classes—an appropriate time.

The big news of the semester, the College's becoming in name, in addition to fact, The Pennsylvania State University. It started Oct. 22 when the trustees left out their well-kept secret; they have been investigating the possibility and have decided to change the College to the University. The change was approved by the Centre County Court Nov. 13. Students, faculty, administration, alumni, and probably almost everybody approved of the change—one which should have been made a long time ago.

But the borough merchants haven't quite caught up with the change. They are still offering for sale "College" souvenirs. Maybe new shipments haven't arrived, or maybe the college stuff must be sold first. But we do think that students would be much more inclined to buy articles marked for the school they are attending.

Other news items a little bit tied together are the \$2.7 million GSA appropriation for infirmary wings and a new classroom and office building, and the Saturday class program which goes into effect next semester.

The Saturday class plan has been under consideration since the summer and was announced near the beginning of the semester. At that time it met no student opposition, but some students did come up with remarks after the new timetables with the Saturday schedules came out.

One reason given for regular Saturday classes is that they will indicate the University is using its facilities to the fullest possible extent and will enable the school to get new construction funds more easily. So far it has worked to the tune of \$2.7 million, or was that just a coincidence?

Conduct has been a really big newsmaker this semester, and most of it has been a shady sort of bad or good conduct, not quite white and not quite black.

Just before Christmas, Nittany Dorm 43 went all out in the Association of Independent Men's decoration contest. They won first prize of \$17.50 for their elaborate decoration. Then the dorm went out and bought \$17.50 worth of beer and held a party. Naturally, this was contrary to University regulations and, as happens in all good detective stories, they were caught.

Now the situation has taken an-

other odd twist. The 34 students of Dorm 43 have been sentenced to give a pint of blood to the Red Cross. Then came the roar: all kinds of people went on record as being opposed to forcing the residents to give their pint of blood. So far it seems that no one has bothered to see if they were willing to donate. Prediction for next semester: Most of the 34 will gladly donate the blood and the others will be willing to help with another activity, such as Spring Week.

Down at Philadelphia during Penn weekend, student conduct was terrible. Or was it? The vice president of the Bellevue-Stratford wrote a letter condemning student conduct with no qualifications whatsoever. Another hotel said that they had no trouble and would very much like to have Penn State students back again next year.

Out in Pittsburgh, things were still different. There were no complaints. A suggestion to Philadelphia hotels: don't try to make a mint by filling your establishment with thousands of students, but just take a hundred or two, spread them around, and have a headacheless night.

(a 40-second fanfare.)

And Station WDFM went on the air, FM at 91.1 megacycles, on Dec. 6. They started off with a cut-down version of what will eventually be their broadcasting schedule. At the present time, and since they started broadcasting, WDFM has been on from 7:25 to 10:30 p.m. nightly, except for special events. The station broadcast directly from Recreation Hall an interview with bandleader Ray Anthony, playing for the Military Ball. They also presented a better-than-professional program of the Chapel Choir's Christmas candlelight service.

In order to program for the students, WDFM sent questionnaires to student leaders asking them to return the views of those they represent. The radio (Continued on page five)

## Tonight on WDFM

- 7:25 Sign on Prevue
- 7:30 Informally Yours
- 7:45 UN Report
- 8:00 Record Prevue
- 8:15 Call Card
- 8:30 Tops in Pops
- 9:00 Semi-Pops
- 9:15 News
- 9:30 Special Broadcasts
- 10:30 Sign off