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Nittany-Pollock Merger: One Solution

The merger of Nittany and Pollock Councils into a greater East Dorm Council appears to be a good idea at first glance. But, in the background the old specter of independent apathy toward student government looms over any attempt to reform.

This should not lessen efforts of those concerned with the merger. There are many advantages involved for both the Nittany and Pollock areas. Some have already been listed: both areas use the same recreation facilities and eat in the same dining hall; and Pollock area is shrinking as dormitories are vacated.

A new council would be able to speak with more authority. It could plan social events with greater assurance of a turnout, and activities could be multiplied.

The absorption of duties and activities of Barons by a social committee of the Nittany area, until an East Dorm social committee is established, will increase the benefits of the proposed merger.

But, the merger must not be looked upon as a

panacea for all the troubles and tribulations of Nittany and Pollock. A fundamental problem of definition still remains: whether the "living unit" of the independent men is each dormitory, the immediate few dormitories, the living area, or the entire body of independent men.

Or, should activities be planned on the basis of individuals, rather than living units or areas?

There would be no problem if sufficient interest and enthusiasm existed among independents to guarantee the success of most—if not all—planned activities. Since the overall interest does not exist, some basic unit for planning activities must be decided upon.

The proposed merger seems to be one solution to the problem for the Nittany and Pollock areas; namely to take both areas for the unit of activity. If sufficient interest existed, any such consideration of "unit" would be unnecessary.

Maybe a better approach would be to attempt to remove this lack of interest.

—Len Goodman

CPA: Good Signs

The newly-organized Central Promotion Agency shows promising signs of providing at least two inclusive services to campus organizations and individual students.

First, it will coordinate promotion of campus activities, thereby facilitating full use of available promotion outlets sometimes ignored or sparsely used in the past. It should, through a sort of mass production, be able to lower promotion costs for organizations making use of its facilities.

Second, it will provide experience for students similar to that handled by promotion staffs of advertising agencies. This experience has been lacking among campus activities, although in other fields students have been able to gain experience in such things as advertising sales, acting, newspaper reporting, and stock judging.

Interest in poster-making and other promotion work seems to have fallen off recently, to the extent that organizations have found it necessary to sponsor poster contests when they could not rely upon volunteers for their art staffs.

Printing prices have risen in accordance with other costs, and a means of obtaining discounts through greater buying power is to be welcomed.

Pre-professional experience will be a boon to students interested in promotion, and work of superior quality may be expected of a specialist organization. The Central Promotion Agency has a large void to fill. The interest it draws, and the progress it makes in organizing this semester, will be an indication of its future worth.

—Nancy Ward

Gazette...

Tonight

AMERICAN SLAVONIC ORGANIZATION, 7:45 p.m., Home Economics Living Center.

BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 7 p.m., 206 Agriculture.

CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.

FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor Rec Hall.

NEWS AND VIEWS, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Ec.

NITTANY GROTTO, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS, 7 p.m., 217 Willard.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The following camps will interview prospective counselors. Students may sign up at the Student Employment office: Barree—Feb. 24; Trail's End—Feb. 27; Hiram House—March 2; Conrad Weiser—March 3; Herald Tribune Fresh Air Camps—March 12; Abington YMCA Day Camps—March 16.

On Greek Week

One month from today the 1954 Greek Week, sponsored by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, will be under way. The week runs from March 27 through April 3. The IFC-Panhel sing preliminaries begin March 24.

With this short month to promote the week, it seems proper to try to explain the serious thoughts lying behind the function that are usually forgotten. To fill in the material John Carpenter, co-chairman of the week, explained what was meant by the theme, "Greeks Through the University."

Carpenter seems to be remarkably well informed on this oft-neglected factor, and seems to have given it more thought than in past years. After the usual routine about working for closer cooperation between this faction and that, and for added mutual understanding, he named five specific relationships to be promoted. They are between: the town and the student, the Greek and the independent, fraternity and fraternity, sorority and sorority, fraternity and sorority.

The program should—nay must—not stop here. It must not be just a week, but it must start there and grow and grow and grow. To quote Carpenter, "We must, for example, stop being nice to townspeople for only one week in the year."

He said the scope of the theme had been broadened this year. Fraternities and sororities are not to concentrate on one group, but by "Greeks Through the University" the committee hopes to start an infectious cycle of give and take among University and community citizens, he said.

Well, an amiable objective has been set. We do not expect 100 per cent success, but we hope fraternities and sororities will adopt these aims. In fact, each citizen of the University and/or community might take this theme and purpose as a personal challenge.

—Diehl McKalip

PLACEMENT SERVICE

ARMSTRONG CORK CO. will interview graduating seniors in Journalism, Bus. Adm., Eco., Liberal Arts, Chem (organic preferred) and Physics, Arch E, ChE, CE, IE, M&E on Mar. 9 and 10.

PROCTOR & GAMBLE CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME, Chem, and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 9 and 10.

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, ME, IE, ChE, Ceramics, Metal, Chem., Phys.; M.S. candidates in EE, ME, ChE, Ceramics, Metal, Chem., Phys. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in EE, Metal, Chem., and Phys. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, on March 5.

THE TEXAS CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, EE, ME, and PNG on March 8.

CURTIS-WRIGHT CORP. (Propeller & Electronics Div.) will interview graduating seniors in Metal., Aero E, EE & ME on March 10.

MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, EE & ME, Chem on March 10 and 11.

TRUSCON STEEL DIV. will interview graduating seniors in Arch. Eng. and CE on March 10.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I'm afraid Worthal has flunked his quiz."

Student Survey

Below 50% Favor Voting Age Change

By ROY WILLIAMS

Less than 50 per cent of 413 students contacted in a Daily Collegian poll favor granting the right to vote in national elections to 18-year-olds.

Two hundred and five people said "yes" to the question, 196 said "no," and 12 had no opinion.

Opinions of those not in favor of changing the present law, which sets the voting age at 21, revolved around these reasons: immaturity, lack of experience, and irresponsible attitude of most 18-year-olds.

'Not Sure of Selves'

Adolph Seidensticker, second semester chemical engineering major said, "I do not think 18-year-old citizens, even freshmen in college, would use the privilege and responsibility of selecting their leaders wisely. They are not even sure of themselves, so how are they expected to make political decisions wisely? It takes mental aptitude to vote wisely."

Many students against changing the present voting age said 18-year-olds would be vulnerable not only to the influence of their parents in election choices and opinions, but also persuasion methods used by political parties.

Fight and Vote

The most popular reason given in favor of lowering the voting age was that the person old enough to serve his country in the Armed Forces should be permitted to elect those who make the laws that sent him.

June Koziar, second semester arts and letters major, said, "Many people argue about fighting connected with voting. A fighter needs physical strength and the ability to take orders. A voter doesn't need physical strength; the ability to take orders is essentially undesirable."

Students backing the new vot-

ing age consistently said teenagers are much more mature and educated than teenagers during the time when the voting age was established. They explained an interest has been aroused among teenagers by an intensified high school educational program about governmental fundamentals and purposes.

Duncan Williams, second semester hotel administration major, said, "The young people of today are aware of more facts than their elders' may believe. These elders, although properly educated, are like the proverbial 'old dogs that cannot be taught new tricks,' whereas the 18-year-old is at the age when political education by the high schools makes its greatest and most lasting impression."

'Too Immature'

Those against the 18-year-old vote believed experience and interest gathered between the ages of 18 and 21 overshadowed the factor of improved education about government.

Celeste McDermott, sixth semester education major, said, (Continued on page five)

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

7:25	Sign on
7:30	Adventures in Research
7:45	Guest Star
8:00	Record Preview
8:15	Lest We Forget
8:30	Hamburger Stand
9:00	Semi-pops
9:15	Campus News
9:30	Ballet Theater
10:30	Sign off

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