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Hat Societies: Let's Utilize Potential

Over 100 men representing nearly every extracurricular activity at the University will join hat societies this week. The societies are Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous, senior men's societies; Blue Key and Androcles, junior men's societies; and Druids, sophomore men's society.

The men tapped for these societies have been carefully selected by screening boards of the societies; they are the chosen ones, the so-called "cream of the crop." With all that talent, a natural observation would indicate that the hat societies serve the University many a useful purpose. This is not the case.

Granted, the organizations do a commendable job at the beginning of each academic year with the handling of customs and counselors' meetings, but that is as far as it goes. The rest of the year the societies go through a period of so much wasted motion. This situation should not be allowed to exist year after year. But what is to be done?

Since the societies have a complete membership turnover each year, the problem rests entirely with the incoming members. New members face no holdover obstacles that would hinder their progress. They enter the societies with an open road. Yet the societies fall into the same yearly rut.

Perhaps if societies would step back and look

at their place on campus and then look at the place they could hold, the problem would rectify itself. As individuals society members are the student leaders at the University. They are looked up to, their opinions are respected. But as a chartered group when all knowledge and wisdom should be assimilated for the best end result, it fails more times than not.

Perhaps if members of the societies stopped playing "Big Man on Campus" and started to strive honestly for a better Penn State, the situation would noticeably improve. As it stands now men work hard to gain points for hat societies, but then sit back and rest on past honors while their talent goes to waste.

The potential that is present in each new group that joins a society is enormous. The societies are loaded with top calibre material. But until that potential is fully developed and pooled into a smoothly functioning organization, it is wasted.

With ambitious leadership, the societies could develop this potential and become the type of organizations they should be. With the fresh outlook that is present with each new group there is no reason a society with real intentions of bettering the University could not reach that goal. It is something to strive for.

—George Bairey

Ag Hill's Dairy Exposition Merits Support

Big things are doing up on Ag Hill this week. Visitors to the University barns see students working long hours meticulously combing, trimming, and training cows.

What's going on? The answer is, of course, that Saturday the Dairy Science Club will hold its annual Dairy Exposition at the livestock pavilion.

Many students have long been awaiting this day.

Back on March 18 the 60 entries in the exposition drew lots for animals to show and ever since then they have been putting in long endless hours in preparation for the show.

This week is the week when last minute preparations are taking place, but the average contestant has been working about eight hours a week on his animal for the past six weeks.

The animals will be judged on their response to commands and their general cleanliness and fitness.

The exposition will not consist entirely of

serious competition, however. A coed milking contest and a comedy act have also been scheduled to enliven the proceedings.

The milking contest will be held in two divisions. One section will provide competition for those coeds with no milking experience and another for the "experienced milkmaids" of the campus.

The quality of the exposition is best exemplified, however, by the number of outside visitors it draws to the campus.

Many high school teachers will bring their students to the campus Saturday for the express purpose of visiting the exposition and the open house which will precede it. Other outside groups have also recognized the worth of the show by donating prizes for the winner in the various classes and breeds to be judged.

The exposition has elements of interest to everyone. If so many outside groups can show such a strong interest in the show then certainly it deserves strong student backing.

—Mike Miller

Gazette . . .

Today

- ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Phi Epsilon Pi
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, 7:30 p.m., 105 Walker
- ASSOCIATION OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL, 7 p.m., Atherton Lounge
- CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 3 Sparks
- FROTH CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY CLASS, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie
- GAMMA SIGMA DELTA BANQUET, 6 p.m., Hotel State College
- MANAGEMENT CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 219 Electrical Engineering
- NEWMAN CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING, 7 p.m., Catholic Student Center
- NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center
- PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, 7 p.m., 103 Willard
- PENN STATE GRANGE, 7 p.m., Schwab Auditorium basement

- PERSHING RIFLES, 7 p.m., Armory
- PLAYERS ADVERTISING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., Schwab Auditorium loft
- RADIO GUILD MEETING, 8 p.m., 312 Sparks
- TOWN COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 106 Willard

INFIRMARY

Richard Blank, Brainerd Daniels, Howard Downing, Isaac Evans, Harry Fuehrer, Thomas Glenn, Richard Hacherl, Theodore Herman, Anita Isenberg, Joan Johnston, Jane Mason, Myrtle Mason, Janet McKinley, James McLean, John Pine, Cecelia Poor, Chester Potash, Lee Schore, Firman Shoff, Theodore Simon, Nancy Troland, Russell Werner, and Mary Wilcox.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Starlight will interview men and women Friday and Saturday in Old Main. Meal jobs available at fraternities and campus dining halls.

Scholarship Fund Awards 4 Grants

The Penn State Student Scholarship Fund has awarded four scholarships worth \$50 each. Recipients are Sara Fague, fourth semester recreation major; Charles Kiehl, sixth semester forestry major; David Marquis, sixth semester forestry major; and Robert Osborne, sixth semester mechanical engineering major. The recipients were chosen on a basis of scholarship, character, need, extra-curricular activities, and jobs held to finance their education.

WDFM to Begin Program Series

Station WDFM will present the first in a series of programs sponsored by the speech and hearing clinic at 7:30 tonight. Eugene T. McDonald, clinic director, will discuss the clinic's vocational rehabilitation program. The program will be produced by Emily Snyder, eighth semester arts and letters major.

Sagebrush is a bushy plant which is known for its sweet odor and bitter taste.

Advertising Honorary Elects New Officers

Frederich Schmidt, sixth semester journalism major, has been elected president of Alpha Delta Sigma, men's professional advertising fraternity. Other officers elected were Edmund Stashak, sixth semester journalism major, vice president; and Randell Washburn, sixth semester journalism major, secretary-treasurer.

Sealing Wax is used for sealing letters and documents and for taking the impressions of seals.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"How's about delivering your speech at the level of th' college freshman, Senator?, then perhaps some of th' professors would enjoy it."

Hear, Hear,

of all things . . .

By MIKE FEINSILBER

I don't listen to radio very much these days, and I manage to avoid television with happy regularity. But the other day, due to circumstances in no way under my control, I happened to be exposed to a late disc jockey show emanating from WMAJ. (A radio station which, if it can be believed, broadcasts from both Bellefonte and State College at the same time—a notable feat.)

Groovology 54 is the show. It features popular music—excuse me, popular tunes—and small talk from a man who chooses to call himself the "Old Prof." The talk, as I said, is small and sometimes it is smaller than other times. But it is always very much audible. A bit too much, I might add.

To the old prof, students—real people, it appears—send postal cards requesting certain tunes be played, dedicated to other presumably real people. That is the way man woos woman in 1954, and considering the fact that the University turns off telephoning at 10 p.m., I suppose it is a method.

You see, it is a singular honor for a coed to have a tune requested by a male companion. I haven't taken many sociology courses; I can't explain why.

The old prof is just too glad to oblige in this romantic undertaking. He reads the postal card aloud—on the air—and then obligingly plays the song—spins the platter. That is, generally he spins the platter. Sometimes—roughly 36.4 per cent of the time—the platter, alas, cannot be found. I don't know why, but they have a terrible time keeping track of their platters around WMAJ. Often it's all for the better.

Strikes me that the librarian around WMAJ must be a rather sloppy individual to misplace all these records. Maybe, though, he has musical taste and, quite understandably, hides a great many of the records.

At any rate, a substitution is made and the old prof somewhat apologetically spins "You've Got Three Eyes But I'm Indiscriminate" in place of "When We Grow Old Let's Pool Our Social Security." It all turns out okay; the sentiment, you see, is the same.

The small talk and music are broken more than occasionally by commercials. These are aimed—or

hurled—at the students. They come, apparently, at the rate of about one every 30 seconds. They should be making WMAJ very prosperous indeed, and I wouldn't be surprised if it should one of these days emanate from Millheim as well as from State College and Bellefonte.

The persons who write commercials for WMAJ no doubt are avid believers in the theory that if you find something good, stick to it. The commercials, if not good, are stuck to with faithful regularity. The listener can become friendly with the old things and hum along as they are spied if he likes.

Round about midnight the last platter is spun, someone comes on with the news, and its all wrapped up neatly with a little ceremony.

Someone told me that WDFM, the campus radio station, also spins disks. Could be. Anybody else hear this? Anybody hear WDFM?

Council Alters Selection Plan

The Agriculture Student Council has changed the method of apportioning representatives to council.

Under the reapportionment plan, each club will be represented by its president and one representative for each 25 club members.

The council also voted to change the date for council elections from the spring to the fall semester.

New council officers installed are George Williams, fourth semester animal husbandry major, president; Fred Seipt, fourth semester dairy husbandry major, secretary; and John Sink, fourth semester animal husbandry major, treasurer.

Tonight on WDFM

- 4:00 — Baseball—Penn State vs. Rutgers
- 7:30 — Speech and Hearing Clinic Series
- 8:00 — Spotlight on State
- 8:30 — Women's Angle
- 9:00 — Les Brown Show
- 9:15 — News
- 9:30 — Masterworks Hour
- 10:30 — Sign Off

GET READY FOR SPRING WEEK!

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