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"Who's Who?" Who Really Knows the Score?

"Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities"—the question of the week. Just who is who, and why. No one seems to know.

For the second time in less than a year, the annual directory of "outstanding" American college students has developed into a controversy at the University. Last year a dispute arose over the method of selection of University students for inclusion in the publication. Some dissatisfaction over the selection of candidates was voiced.

At last week's All-University Cabinet meeting dean of men Frank J. Simes startled the group when he declined to serve on this year's selection committee.

Simes has explained that his disapproval of the book is based on personal reasons and a reluctance to judge "who is outstanding." But, his statements have brought up many questions about "Who's Who."

Investigation revealed that no one on campus knows too much about the publication. How are quotas for the number of students from a particular institution set? Why are students at each school selected in different ways? What is done with the profits derived from the book? Why is Penn State one of a very few large universities in the country to subscribe?

There are answers to these questions, there must be. But who knows them? And, if we do not know the answers, why do we continue to accept the book as part of campus life?

At the same time as we question the national publication, questions arise as to the value of its local counterpart—"Who's in the News at Penn State."

This booklet is published annually by the men's and women's national professional journalism societies, Sigma Delta Chi and Theta Sigma Phi. But, why?

Again we come down to the basic question raised by Simes. Who is to say which students are outstanding? And, if a student is outstanding, must he have his name and biography printed to prove him so?

Both booklets can make excellent reference sources to find out what a person does in extra-curricular activities. But neither takes into account the little guy who spends all his free time on just one activity, perhaps a small club, but who perhaps contributes more to the University than the student who has a mile-long activities record.

Hat societies honor students for participation in activities, but in turn hat society members give additional service to the University. They work as freshman counselors, they sponsor pep rallies, they are called on often to fill any number of jobs.

What do those honored in "Who's Who" or "Who's in the News" contribute—a set fee to have their name included once they have been selected for the honor. What do they get in return—something to display proudly to parents and friends.

A letter has been sent to the national publishers of "Who's Who." No one on campus knows, maybe the publishers will.

But, until definite answers are known, students should keep the questions in mind. Until answers are known, "Who's Who" should remain a question.

—Ann Leh

Safety Valve...

On Cabinet and Ideals

TO THE EDITOR: In Tuesday's Collegian, Byron Fielding saw fit to mention the type of comment which was forthcoming in regard to his statement before All-University Cabinet.

There seems to be a few things which Mr. Fielding has overlooked. However, rather than drag out, in an inane manner, what obviously was a matter of little importance even to Mr. Fielding, I should like to present some additional thoughts for his considerate opinion.

Ideals are personal things. Likewise, ideals, being untangible, can never be legislated. That Mr. Fielding had ideals, I cannot deny. That he should attempt to force them upon me, I can most certainly resent. Mr. Fielding admitted that he only had observed cabinet once, and that, for some odd twist of his sense of humor, he found it extremely enjoyable. I must admit that, being human, I can enjoy some of the human foibles which do, from time to time, appear on cabinet. Likewise, I have been a party to some of them. Unfortunately, I cannot consider myself as being perfect. Mr. Fielding also mentioned loquacious parliamentarians, taking considerable pains to mention that, in his opinion, ideas which emanate from parliamentarians, for some curious reason, have no absolute validity whatsoever. This seems to be especially true in the British Parliament, for which Mr. Fielding has particular affection.

These are only a few of the comments which Mr. Fielding presented to cabinet. I can respect him for his ideals and for the concern which he feels toward student government. I can disagree with him for feeling that cabinet is obsolete, that ideas have no value because they happen to come from other than approved sources,

On the Third Party

The University Party is dead. Or perhaps the statement could be called an inaccuracy for Penn State's third party never was officially born. But even though the party is no longer in existence, the idea for which it stands remains with us.

The University Party—according to its originators—was founded because of state of campus politics last year and also this year. The party founders, in a prepared statement, came out and referred to discrepancies in the present political system. Whether or not these discrepancies were as the third party described it will not be settled in these columns; the fact remains that students, who felt the present two-party setup was inadequate, got away from the idea of letting the other guy do it and went out and attempted to be something about a situation that they thought needed rectification.

It is a very good sign.

—George Bairey

Safety Valve—

Wants Movie Listings

TO THE EDITOR: To give your otherwise dull rag some utilitarian value, kindly put in some sort of movie listing.

—D. I. McIntyre

that drastic change is the only change, that his ideals are the only ideals. For the moment, it would seem that Mr. Fielding is plunging ahead in the manner of a modern Don Quixote, with his feet planted firmly . . . in mid air.

—Robert Deanis

Gazette...

Today

- AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP, 7 p.m., 105 Agriculture
- ASSOCIATION OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL, 7 p.m., Atherton lounge
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, 7 p.m., 1 Main Engineering
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF SENIOR BOARD, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie
- CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 3 Sparks
- LAVIE EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 418 Old Main
- NEWMAN CLUB CHORAL GROUP, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
- PERSHING RIFLES, 7 p.m., Armory
- PLAYERS' ADVERTISING CREW, 6:45 p.m., Schwab Loft
- PSYCHOLOGY CLUB and PSI CHI, 8 p.m., Temporary Union Building
- RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., Temporary Union Bldg.
- ROD AND COCCUS CLUB OFFICERS, 8 p.m., Patterson Hall
- TOWN AND COMMUTING WOMEN, 8 p.m., Commuters Room—Women's Building
- UCA ASSEMBLY, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

DIAMOND ALKALI COMPANY will visit the campus Oct. 11 to interview January graduates in the fields of Chem-

istry & Chem. Engr.; M.S. candidates in Chemistry & Chem. Engr. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degree in 1955.

GENERAL MOTORS will visit the campus Oct. 12, 13, and 14, to interview January graduates in the fields of ME, EE, IE, Chem. Engr., Metallurgical Engr., Aero. Engr., Chemistry, Physics, Math., L.M.R. and Ind. Ed. for Ind. Management, Foundry Operation, Bus. Admin., and Liberal Arts.

S.K.F. INDUSTRIES, INC. will visit the campus Oct. 12 to interview January graduates in the fields of IE and ME. WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION will visit the campus Oct. 12 and 13 to interview January graduates in the fields of EE, IE, and ME.

GENERAL ELECTRIC will visit the campus Oct. 14 to interview January graduates in the fields of Physics, Aero. Engr., EE, IE, and ME. HASKINS & SELLS (Phila.) will visit the campus Oct. 14 & 15 to interview January graduates in Accounting.

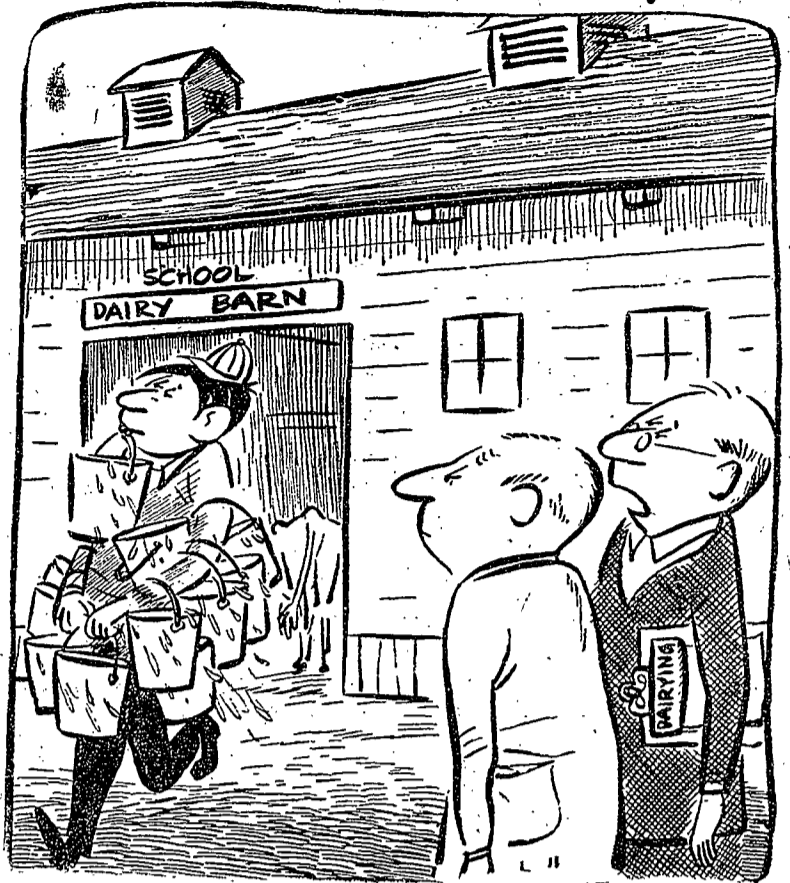
DU PONT will visit the campus Oct. 14 and 15 to interview January graduates in Chem. Engr., Chem., Physics & ME. SOCONY-VACUUM will visit the campus Oct. 15 to interview January graduates in Chem. Engr., ME & Analytical Chemistry; M.S. candidates in Analytical Chemistry who have completed one semester and Ph.D. candidates in Analytical Chemistry who expect to receive their degree in 1955.

MCDONNELL AIRCRAFT CORPORATION will visit the campus Oct. 18 & 19 to interview January graduates in Aero. Engr., CE, EE, ME, Math., Physics, IE, & Arch. Engr.; M.S. candidates in Aero. Engr., EE, CE, ME, & Math. who have completed one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Aero Engr., EE, CE, ME & Math. who expect to receive their degree in 1955.

DU PONT will visit the campus Oct. 19, 20 & 21 to interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Engr., Chem., Physics, ME, Ceramics & Metallurgy.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I've never had a student work so hard to pull down a '3'."

Sorority Rushing

Adam's Other Rib

By PEGGY McCLAIN

Formal sorority rushing is over, and both new and old Greeks are heartily unanimous in their opinion that this was one of the best rushing seasons the campus has seen in years.

And now that sororities have shown themselves and the University what excellent harmony and results they can produce, and rushees have proved their maturity and social graciousness, it's time that Panhellenic Council and its administrative advisers begin to reconstruct an incompetent rushing system.

Although specific complaints against sorority governing bodies are relatively few in number, they are extremely pertinent. Last week's glaring error in the incorrect ribboning of two rushees was understandable, but nevertheless could have been avoided.

It might easily be the predecessor to similar unintentional errors, or it could very well be the climax of a past series of undiscovered, and by all means unintentional mistakes in matching sorority-rushee preferential lists.

The error does not in any way reflect maliciousness or deliberate action to juggle rushees among sororities. On the contrary, the two sororities concerned are to be commended on the graciousness and subtlety with which they remedied the matter. The dean's office, too, is to be thanked for its cooperation in settling the affair.

But the mix-up is one of several indications that sorority rushing programs should be governed by Panhellenic Council and its national advisers exclusively.

Indeed this is perhaps a fine time to revamp the entire rushing program and insert one more relative to selection of friends and life-long associates, and not so much like an auction block where one must examine, select, and bid for a prize package within the short space of two weeks.

Panhellenic Council on this campus has for the past few years been almost fearfully reluctant to make any changes in its set-up. Last year, and semesters before that, it balked at throwing out the rotational presidency system and inserting a plan by which sororities would be governed by those persons thought most capable and efficient by a voting majority. The proposed system of open elections was immediately tabooed as being unfair and subject to sorority bloc voting. In modern language, this can be interpreted as too democratic, thought-pro-

voking, and possibly just too much work for the council to incorporate.

Through this year's new council and its officers, although they were of course elected in more or less alphabetical order, maybe there is still a chance for some mature and realistic innovations. Perhaps council could investigate a new rushing system: one that exists over a long-range time span, possibly for an entire semester; one that is less concentrated and superficial than the present series of stilted formal teas and receptions; one that allows sororities to thoroughly rush and get acquainted with women they may someday have as "sisters"; one that allows rushees to talk to sorority women and learn just what each sorority offers them besides a list of chapters, a national reputation, and a scrap book full of newspaper clippings.

Perhaps council could even inaugurate such a rebellious plan as allowing rushees to receive all the bids they are offered, and not merely the one they have chosen themselves (usually) after such a rigid rushing program that the women hardly know which qualifications go with which sorority.

Neither council nor the administration needs to be afraid of such a program. College women are "big girls" now. They run WSGA, WRA, student councils, and campus publications; they counsel other students, they hold jobs, and collect various assorted honors at the University.

They read newspapers; they write thousand-word term papers; they exist hundreds of miles from their families; and the majority of them can even cook, sew, and make their own beds. They're quite capable of selecting their own sororities, if given a fair and decent chance.

Panhel and its administrative advisers with a little initiative could do beautiful things for Penn State sororities. If they so desired they could set fine examples. (Continued on page five)

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:30	Standby
8:00	Prexy's Speech
8:30	Broadway in Review
8:45	Call Card
9:00	House Party
9:15	News
9:30	Light Classical Jukebox
10:30	Siga Off