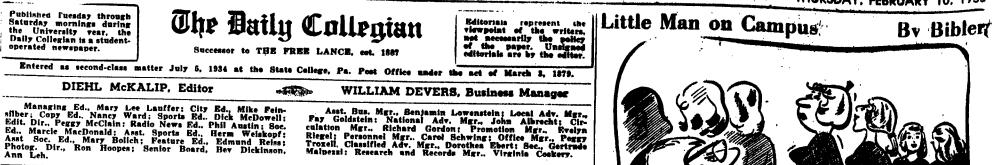
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## **Let's Keep Athletes Out of Politics**

With spring elections just around the corner-they are usually scheduled for late in March----the three campus political parties are busy looking for candidates. And, they can't find them.

them. The party workers have been scurrying about looking for qualified and interested students to be candidates for the nine positions available this spring: the three officers of both the junior and senior classes and the all-University offi-cers. With three parties, which must by rule run full slates, looking, this means 27 nominees must be found must be found.

As noted above these candidates can not be found; there seems to be a lack of students with student government experience who are will statent government experience who are willing to run in the all-campus campaigns. This is causing the parties to turn for possible candidates who have made their names in other fields, and the chief sources are the athletic teams.

If nominees in the spring elections are taken from the athletic arenas rather than the poli-tical arena, it will not be the first time. Perioditical arena, it will not be the first time. Periodi-cally, campus offices have been filled with athletes. Often, also, these students have done fine jobs; their leadership in sports seemed to carry over to leadership in student affair. We feel this is in general a very poor policy, however. Both student government and ath-letics at the University this Centennial year are too "big-time" to be combined. Penn State student government has had the

good fortune to be blessed with good leaders good fortune to be biessed with good leaders who could combine both athletics and student affairs in the past. That is, most of the time. And, this year for example, two All-University officers, President Jesse Arnelle and Secretary-Treasurer Robert Homan, are also captains in their respective sports and are doing creditable is both positions

jobs in both positions. In future years, as in some of those past, this envious condition might not exist, however. It

envious condition might not exist, however. It may just be the individual, if elected, would not be able to handle both jobs. He might easily win the election on his athletic popularity while having no student leadership ability. To go back to the "big-time" element, we must note that it is today hard to serve both masters at the University. The programs of intercollegiate sports competition and student government at a school with an enrollment of 12,000 students are both too demanding to be pursued at the same time by the same people. It appears to us that today's student has a rough time participating in both athletics and student government—and carrying an academic load too. We also feel there is too great a chance of poor student leaders being elected on their sports reputation.

sports reputation.

This is the year of decision; student govern-ment must go elsewhere than to the athletic fields for leaders. We demand that in a desperate grab for candidates, which seem in short supply this spring, the parties do not turn to athletic heros.

# "Where do you buy your leotards, Miss?" Marcie Beaucoup By MARCIE MacDONALD Curiosity got the best of two senior dieticians we know; they

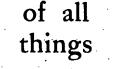
have taken steps toward enlisting in the Army. They say they'd like to find out what Army life is like.

That's one answer to the problem of what to do when the inevitable graduation day comes and the man-behind-the-pen-behindthe-checkbook turns us out into the cold, cruel world.

It seems like more and more students hereabouts are putting off the day of reckoning by wheedling just a few hundred more from their chancellors of the exchequer for an extended trip to Europe. But then what are we going to do?

a revolution in Marcie MacDonaid, whereby retirement would begin at birth and end at sixty-five. If still alive at this age, we would all dash out to the placement service and sign up for inter-views. This great mind said 44

views. This great mind said that such a system could be financed by transferring the billions spent on defense to a great big old social security fund, to which workers (those past 65) would contribute much in the same way as is now done. And what about defense? It's



#### By MIKE FEINSILBER

What would student govern-ment do with itself if—just for once—it quit revising, rewriting, or drawing up brand new con-stitutions?

transferring the billions spent on defense to a great big old social security fund, to which workers (those past 65) would contribute much in the same way as is now done. And what about defense? It is obvious, after our loafer friend explained, that with all men of fighting age in retirement, we would have no armed forces: A brave step forward in the dis-armament of the entire world, doors' in presumably smokey

### Is There Honor Among University Students?

In the oft-mentioned honor system, the school has the honor and the students have the system.

So goes the old saying. Despite many attempts by schools throughout the country, the honor system seems to have survived in very few of them. Often the school is afraid to try putting the students on their own, and more often, when an honor system is tried, the stu-dents spoil it by taking advantage of it. Currently at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute the Class of 1958 now freshmen are warking

Currently at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute the Class of 1958, now freshmen, are working on a plan which they are asking the school to try during their three remaining years. Simply, the plan is to have a board hold closed hearing on any student who is alleged to have cheated on two different occasions. The proceedings, which are hearings rather than trials, amass evidence which is turned over to the administration and then the Board over to the administration and then the Board of Trustees. The honor board has no power to expel a man.

The proposed system would not apply to the use of fraternity files, old examinations, or papers as reference material. Nor would it cover any school work except tests, quizzes, and exams. When a man has completed a test he will state on the paper that he has neither given nor received any assistance during that

#### Safety Valve-Woman's Warpaint --

TO THE EDITOR: On reading the recent article in the Daily Collegian (Tuesday) making the beard growing contest an official Centennial activity, we were astounded to find that the women, who compose a large part of the Uni-versity, have been neglected in these Centennial activities.

Since this is a coed university and the sup-port of all activities should be shared by both sexes, we propose that if there is a no-shaving rule for men students, there should be a no-cosmetics rule for women students. We sincerely believe the women of this university will maintain their beauty regardless of whether or not they wear cosmetics and will at the same time they wear cosmetics and will at the same time be able to participate in the anniversary cele-bration with the men. Since the women have been a part of this school almost as long as men, we do not think the Centennial activities, such as the beard growing contest, etc., should be restricted to men students. The women should be given the chance to display some of their enthusiasm for chance to display some of their enthusiasm for Penn State's 100th anniversary, and therefore should be encouraged to discard their powder and paint for the Centennial celebration. —Tedd Hamsler Don Chalmers

exam and to that statement he will sign his name.

name. This last part of the plan, the signature which will verify the integrity of the student, is the key. Any elaborate plan for getting the signa-ture, apprehending offenders, or holding hear-ings and meting out punishments, will be just so much paper if the honor is not there. Actually, the question we would like to raise, for the lebenty-lebenth time, is: would the honor system work at Penn State? The immediate reaction is no. Most students think the University is too large, and, there-

The immediate reaction is no. Most students think the University is too large, and, there-fore, students could get away with inurder under this plan with the large classes. It seems to us that anyone thinking thus is forgetting the essential part of the plan—honor. The functioning of the honor system does not

hinge on size of the school, type of school, or class of school; it involves the honor of the students. And, we believe students can have

just as much honor at one school as another. No matter how you look at it, the honor sys-tem is theoretically an admirable thing. Looking into it, however, has made us think our initial statement was backwards. The school should supply the system and the students the honor. Would it work at Penn State?

# **Politics: Open Field**

Campus politics take on a more formal aspect this weekend when two of the three parties, Lion and Campus, hold their first clique meetings of the semester Sunday night. State party hasn't as yet announced its first meeting, but we assume it too will join in the schedule

we assume it too that your shortly. Sunday night is as good as any for student to get in on the campus political scene. Closed mouthed as the parties have been the part month or so concerning new policies, constitu-tions and the like, they seem to be embarkin on somewhat changed about programs. In the on somewhat changed-about programs. In the first place, they are going to have to behave themselves this semester—they're under the University Senate's wing, which group admit tedly packs a sounder wallop than All-University Cobinet has even working versity Cabinet has ever ventured. The parties, and those potential party mem bers now looking over the picture, have a fer other points to their advantage. The additio of the new party—the Campus—indirectl might benefit campus politics quite a bit. Th more parties the more comparison for good might benefit campus politics quite a bit. The more parties— the more competition for good candidate slates and platforms. And normally competition produces quality. On the othe hand, the fact that the new party administra-tion is made up primarily of post-Lion or State party members might lead to some degree o friction and possible mudslinging. In the long run, however, this year's campaign will depend on the attitudes of the entire clique memberships. And now is the time for student memberships. And now is the time for studen to make up cliques to their likings. Lion part will be electing a new clique chairman Sunda night and State party needs a new vice cliqu chairman. Campus party must elect an entir slate of All-University clique offices and with in the next few weeks, the student body ca Students interested in politics have no excuse this semester that they "couldn't brea into the groups." -Peggy McClain

#### Gazette...

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