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## AIM Running Apathy Contest?

Pollock Council and Town Independent Men are apparently battling it out to see which group can become the most inactive.

At its last four meetings TIM has been unable to attract more than ten men.

Pollock Council, likewise, was forced to cancel its last meeting because it lacked a quorum.

Although the Pollock Council meeting wasn't held at the most convenient time—Saturday afternoon—a very important matter was to be discussed by the council. The council had asked Robert Dennis, president of the Association of Independent Men, to come to the session to explain and answer questions about the new AIM constitution, which must be ratified by all the councils before it becomes effective.

One would think such a meeting would at least attract a quorum when a matter as important as the new constitution, which affects the entire independent male student body, is to be discussed. When not even a quorum can be accounted for, the worth of a council is questioned.

Although this is the first time this semester Pollock Council has lacked a quorum, it has come very close at other times. Student government is belittled and ridiculed when five minutes before a council meeting, a group must try to find enough students to constitute a quorum, as has occurred at previous meetings of the council.

Both Pollock Council and TIM represent a large portion of the independent students on campus and both are capable of good work. But they seem to be slowly deteriorating. The officers of both councils are capable student leaders but they lack support.

Pollock Council and TIM have again scheduled meetings for this week. TIM will meet tonight and Pollock will meet tomorrow night. Members of both councils should seriously consider the ineffectiveness of a council when it is unable to draw a quorum.

If worse comes to worse both councils may find themselves on the outside looking in at future AIM meetings.

—Don Barlett

## What Is Being Done to Save Campus Chest?

Campus Chest still flounders on the brink of destruction and little seems to be being done to save it.

This is one of those trying times for the combined charities organization at Penn State. It is the spring doldrums where the coordinators of the 1954-55 drive have put their books to rest and the ones who are to run next year's program are not yet appointed. So, there is no one to care for Campus Chest.

Donations to the year's drive, completed in November, came to only some \$4500, a far cry from the hoped-for total of some \$7200. Also, this came from a student body of nearly 12,000. This failure to make the goal is a trend that started three years ago and has gone from bad to worse.

## Keep It Square

Campus political parties go into their second day of campaigns this morning. And Elections Committee has one more student political group than last campaign to keep an eye on.

So far, through the first day, all has seemed fair and square. We hope this is a good omen. We urge the parties to keep up standards. We urge the committee to do the same.

—Peggy McClain

## Safety Valve—

### Where Are Beards?

TO THE EDITOR: Bearded men never die. They never appeared anyway. That is the position of the Centennial Beard Contest. With all the clamoring for beards and Penn State coeds encouraging it, Penn State manhood has failed.

There have been only 35 entries. Where have all these beards gone? Just another case of "student apathy" on campus.

—Al Jordan

## Indies Don't Care

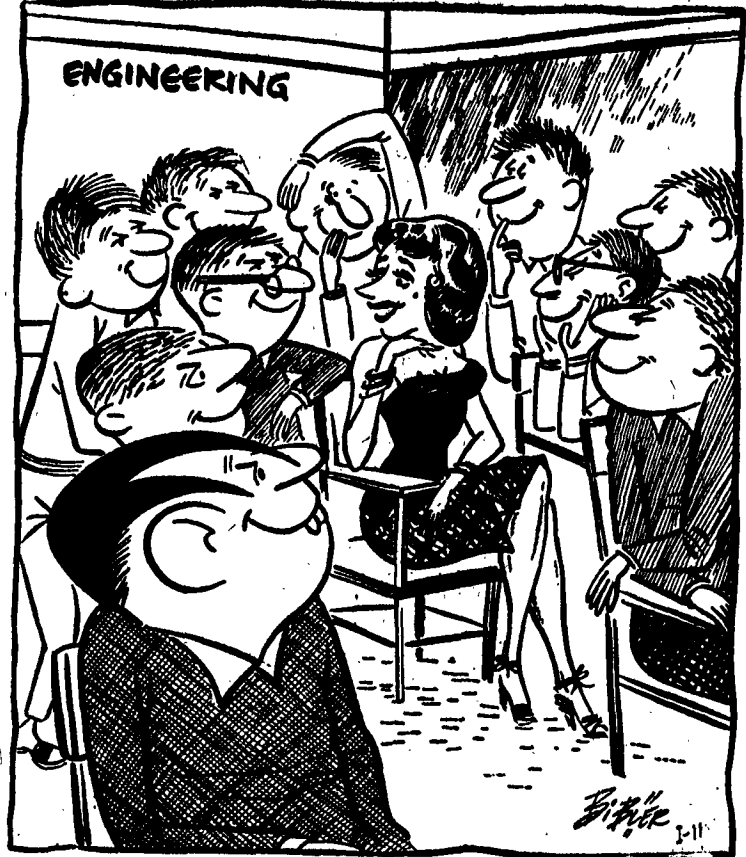
TO THE EDITOR: Why all the commotion concerning the independents' lack of interest in the student government? We have no worries about dating codes or housemothers; we don't care which athletic hero is All-University president.

The charges are that independents are apathetic and "living in a void" (Miss McClain's editorial—March 19). Our answer?—So what?

—John A. Healy

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I don't know why I take this class with ALL boys—I just don't know the first thing about trains."

## A Dreary Day's

# Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

### RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY—

This is a fine way for Spring to start at University Park. Coupled with the fine layer of snow which greeted early-risers Friday, it makes one wonder what the future holds.

Biggest worry this Centennial Year is how the weather will be for Commencement Day, June 11. Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director

of student affairs and coordinator of the event, has been thumbing almanacs, but to no avail; it is impossible to assure a good day.

There are more factors to staging the affair this year since President Dwight D. Eisenhower is to be the speaker. Before rain has merely moved the exercises into Recreation Hall in two sections and the speaker has given his talk twice. You do not do that with the president of the United States, however.

### IN THE WIND—

Speaking of commencement, rumor has it the University might give its first honorary degree in over a quarter century this June. More later, but the probable recipient seems obvious; if he accepts.

### THIS IS PENN STATE—

Following is the description of a college in Sinclair Lewis' "Arrowsmith." Might it fit Penn State with a bit of revision?

"It is not a snobbish richman's college, devoted to leisurely nonsense. It is the property of the people of the state, and what they want—or what they are told they want—is a mill to turn out men and women who will lead moral lives, play bridge, drive good cars, be enterprising in business, and occasionally mention books, though they are not expected to have time to read any of them. It is a Ford Motor Factory, and if its products rattle a little, they are beautifully standardized with perfectly interchangeable parts."

### MILITARY SECRETS—

More boarding house gossip has it that Col. Daniel F. Riva, head of the Air Force ROTC, is in the process of making some sweeping changes in the set-up of his department. The talker said they will even "affect the whole community."

(These gossipers fall into a class that is easy to dislike. They start something and then, remembering it was told them in confidence, clam up and leave the listener in suspense.)

Probably it involves something startling like drafting all AFROTC cadets into the sky-watchers department of civilian defense or building a jet field in front of Old Main.

### Complimentary Tickets

Complimentary tickets for members of Thespians and the cast and crews of "Finian's Rainbow" will be available at the Hetzel Union desk tomorrow, Thursday and Friday.

## TIM to Hold Special Meeting Tonight in Willard

Town Independent Men will hold a special meeting at 7:30 tonight in 103 Willard. The meetings are conducted in an informal session, and any town independent man may attend. After attending two meetings, a town independent man automatically becomes a member of TIM.

The special meeting has been called as a result of the forced cancellation of last week's meeting. On the agenda for the meeting is the discussion of TIM's annual Spring Dance to be held April 7 in the Hetzel Union Building.

TIM president Donald Weidner has urged all town independents to attend.

## Former Professor Dies in Florida

Dr. Oliver P. Medsger, professor of nature education at the University from 1927 to 1937, died Feb. 27 at his home in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Medsger, noted naturalist, author, and lecturer, was born in Jacob's Creek and lived in Orlando for 12 years. He was graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1898. Dr. Medsger was head of the science department in Jersey City High School for 12 years prior to coming to the University.

He received the John Burroughs medal for his writings on nature study and was author of Nature Rambles, Through Field and Woodland, and Edible Wild Plants, the latter used by the Armed Forces.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, and a brother.

### Cwens Will Meet Tonight

Cwens, sophomore women's hat society, will meet at 8 tonight in the WSGA room in White Hall.

## Tonight on WDFM

7:25	91.1 MEGACYCLES	Sign On
7:30		Paris Star Time
8:00		Behind the Lectern
8:00		Informally Yours
9:15		News
9:30		This World of Music
10:30		Thought for the Day

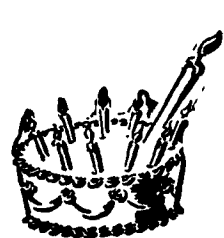
# Freshman Centennial Dance

MARCH 26 9-12 p.m.

## at the HUB

MUSIC BY  
THE MELODY MEN

FREE TICKETS FOR FRESHMEN ONLY  
AVAILABLE AT STUDENT UNION DESK



LET'S HELP PENN STATE CELEBRATE!!