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Students Deserve Graduation Exercises

Members of the Centennial graduating class may not get to attend their own graduation exercises.

Such will be the case if foul weather forces cancellation of commencement exercises in Beaver Field on June 11. According to plans announced yesterday by the University administration, the degree ceremony and its keynote address by President Dwight D. Eisenhower will be postponed from hour to hour and will be held outside even if there is mild rain. If it is too bad, however, the proceedings will be broadcast over the radio and candidates for degrees and their guests will listen.

This is not giving the approximately 2000 graduate and undergraduate students a fair deal. They deserve a fitting and formal farewell. An impersonal send-off such as may come about certainly is not a satisfactory climax for many years of academic progress, especially since this will be the last degree for the majority.

It seems odd the University is departing from its old practice of holding the exercises in Recreation Hall in the event of inclement weather. While President Eisenhower could hardly be expected to give his talk twice as has been done in the past, it is still possible to move the ceremonies inside.

Previously, graduates have been split into two groups, one graduating in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each graduate received

four tickets which would admit guests to the exercises. Mathematically, it would seem that even with a single ceremony, each student would receive two tickets, enough for his or her parents.

To our knowledge, the complete absence of person-to-person commencement exercises has never been the case at the University in its 100 years of existence. This degree granting by radio is also seldom done anywhere, and it would be a poor thing to start it here in Centennial Year. About all it would provide would be poor publicity for the University.

If there was any great difficulty involved in scheduling an alternate ceremony in Rec Hall, the request that this be done would not be made. Past experience, however, gives no evidence this is the case, and it is in this light the request for an alternate plan is made.

Speaking for the 2000-odd degree seekers who are looking forward to June 11, it is a small request to ask that arrangements be made so they may attend their own graduation and, if possible, bring their parents. This represents the goal of many years of work and much money, and this, added to the attraction of President Eisenhower, should not be done by remote control.

The University administration must take steps to see that members of the Class of 1955 and graduate students receiving degrees in June may attend their own graduation exercises.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"He's the most sought-after 'rushee' on campus—it's rumored he can cut hair and may even have a barber license."

Library Checkers

It is shameful that the Pattee Library has been forced into placing checkers at its doors to keep students from carrying off magazines and books.

University Librarian Ralph McComb has estimated that about 1000 books are missing from the Library annually. He has said that many of these are taken absentmindedly or because students are too busy to check them out.

But regardless of whether books are carried off accidentally or deliberately, students who do this are hurting the whole library system and consequently themselves.

Admittedly, it may seem a bit picayune to insist that a book be checked out when a student intends to return it within a few days anyway. But few can deny the "forgetting process" that sets in so far as returning the book is concerned, when theoretically no one knows you took the book in the first place.

Those who insist that students have a right to carry periodicals out of the Library will perhaps be enlightened if they stop to think of their own disgust at finding a particular volume missing for several days, when they themselves have assigned reading in it due for a class.

The checking system that the Library has planned will no doubt curb some of the "thefts". It is hoped that those students who have brought about the necessity for this door check will realize the inconvenience they've caused all concerned, and grow up a little in the process.

—Peggy McClain

Halfway Mark

The first half of the Spring semester is over and vacation begins tomorrow.

It's been a fast moving eight weeks, and the period has been full of activity. Citing only a few of the accomplishments—the HUB opened, the bar-2 was eliminated, new wings were started on the Infirmary, the wrestling and gym teams came in second in the NCAA's and two University wrestlers won individual championships, the bulk of the student government compensations were done away with, and the leadership fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa was brought on campus.

The next eight weeks will be even fuller. A new All-University Cabinet will be installed,

On False Alarms

Wolf! Wolf! Such was the cry of the shepherd lad in the oft-repeated fable. Several times when this cry was answered there was no wolf. Finally, there was a wolf and no one heeded the plea for help.

This would not be the case where our friends of the Alpha Fire Co. are concerned. Still, the culprit who turned in an April Fool's Day fire alarm that proved to be false is asking for the same treatment.

At 1 a.m. Friday morning, the local volunteer firemen were called out to battle a blaze in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house on west campus. Within minutes 30 men had arrived on the scene, but there was no fire and no one knew anything about it.

Pranks like this are not funny, and certainly should not be indulged in by students at the University; not saying this alarm was set off by a student. It does not contribute to better relations between the student body and the residents of the borough of State College. This one immature act, if done by a supposedly mature college student, could undo all the good done by the Greek Week work projects.

Also, the danger that comes to mind is that while the fire department is out chasing this false alarm a sincere call for assistance will be turned in and there will be no equipment or men available.

The action of Friday morning was in very poor taste and was dangerous. It is hoped it was not a University student, but if it was we warn against it happening again.

Gazette...

Today
SQUARE DANCE, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., HUB
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Lawrence Cisek, Dorothea Ebert, William Erb, Norman Genkinger, Donald Herskovitz, Charles Kiehl, Nicholas Richards, Donna Stein, Lois Stringer, Joseph Warnick, Donald Harter.

dozens of campus organizations will be undergoing a turnover of officers, and possibly the most time-consuming operation of graduating some 2000 seniors will get underway.

Meanwhile, everyone gets a seven-day breathing spell. Happy Easter.

—P.M.

Tu Hears Nothing On His Return To Red China

Dr. Lien-Yeuh Tu, associate in engineering research at the University and one of the 75 technically trained Chinese students who have been detained in the United States for security reasons, has not received any word from the State Department that he is among the students who have been granted permission to leave the country.

The decision to permit the students to return to China was made in the hope that the 15 airmen and 45 civilians being held in China would be released.

Dr. Tu, who has been in this country for seven years, has a wife and four children in China.

He has certainly anxiously wanted to see my family, but I have not heard any-

Kountz Submits Process Paper

R. Rupert Kountz, professor of sanitary engineering, has presented a paper, "Simplified Dairy Waste Treatment," before the Dairy Manufacturers conference at Madison, Wis.

The process described was developed at the University under a research contract sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The process not only is simple to operate, but installation of the system costs a dairy approximately one-fourth of the amount that the usual treatment plants cost.

Treatment is necessary to prevent stream pollution.

Information from the Department of State or immigration authorities.

'Who's in the News' Available at HUB Desk

Copies of 'Who's in the News' at Penn State' will be available until noon tomorrow at the Hetzel Union desk.

Two copies are being distributed to each person included in the publication. Fraternities and sororities may each pick up a copy.

Fire Alarm Probe

Borough police reported yesterday that the case of the false alarm is still under investigation.

An unidentified person called the Alpha Fire Company about 1 a.m. Friday morning to report that the Phi Delta Theta house was on fire.

However, when firemen reached the scene there was no sign of a fire. Borough officials termed the false alarm a probable April Fool's joke.

Sour Grapes

Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

MODERN-DAY GRADUATIONS—

The announcement by the University administration that an attempt to hold commencement exercises outside at all costs will be made and barring that, the exercises will be conducted by radio starts one to wondering. Is this the trend in modern education?

Penn State may have seen the step toward this rash move

earlier this academic year when classes instructed by television were introduced. Now they have added graduation by radio.

One can see in the future an entire education from kindergarten on without leaving one's bed. No more cold walks to eight o'clock classes. If you want to smoke, go ahead and smoke. If the professor is in poor form, close your eyes and go to sleep. All the comforts of home while earning a college degree.

We can see graduation this spring, however, if the monsoons decide to descend on University Park as they often do. Betty Coed is up in her room on the third floor of Simmons with her mother and sister, of course her father and brother could not come up. President Eisenhower delivers his oration through the static, and at the appropriate time Betty reaches up and flips the tassel on her mortar to the other side. She has been graduated.

ON SQUIRRELS—

Listening to James Hagerty talk the other night to a group of state newspapermen, we realized what a job he has as press secretary to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Every word he said was the President speaking as far as everyone in the room was concerned.

Referring to the squirrels who were recently removed from the White House lawns as unwanted guests, he said they have made no complaints. It seems the Democrats are making more noise now than the squirrels did before their removal. They are not as lucky as Penn State squirrels in having heating tunnels to live in.

Another comment pertained to the President's game of golf. Asked what the gentleman's handicap was he said it varies with the season and the amount of practice. Generally it ranges from the high 70's through the low 80's with an occasional dip down but more often a hump up to the near-90's.

THIRD HANDED—

Parts from an editorial which was reprinted from the Centre Daily Times which printed an editorial which was reprinted from an editorial which was printed in the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin are reprinted below.

The work asks: "Where is University Park?" It points up the background surrounding the setting up of a postal sub-station on the campus and explains the poor progress the institution is making in getting this new name accepted. To quote:

"For if you asked folks where is University Park, Pa., right now we are not sure how many people could tell you. We assume the University hopes the number will grow. In a sense it became the University's obligation to make it grow. It being an agricultural school, expert in the ways of growing things that ought to be easy. We'll see. Meanwhile, the University must accept the public as its student body for the purpose of teaching it just what and where University Park, Pa., is. Wonder how easy the public will learn?"

This excerpt points out the problem that faces the University and its student body. You did not ask for the new name, students, but pass the word while you are home anyhow.

Grad Award Won by Beers

Thomas Beers, eighth semester forestry major, has been named to receive the \$1000 graduate fellowship of the St. Regis Paper Company, of New York.

A national award, it is the only one of its kind given by the company. Beers is the first University student to receive it.

Word that Beers was chosen was released Thursday by Dr. William C. Bramble, head of the School of Forestry.

At the same time Dr. Bramble announced that Beers has just completed arrangements to enter the University's graduate school following his graduation in June.

An honor student, Beers plans to continue his education in forest management. He is recording secretary of the Forestry Society and secretary-treasurer of Xi Sigma Pi, forestry honor fraternity.

Scholarship Blanks

Applications for the scholarship offered by the Cwens, sophomore women's hat society, are due tomorrow in the dean of women's office, 105 Old Main.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:25 _____ Sing On
7:30 _____ Marquee Memories
8:00 _____ Behind the Lectern
8:30 _____ Music of the People
9:00 _____ Informally Yours
9:15 _____ News
9:30 _____ This World of Music
10:30 _____ Thought for the Day