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Don't Amputate Spring Week, Dr. Cabinet

Recommendations which would slice a good portion of the fun right out of Spring Week will come up on the floor of tonight's All-University Cabinet meeting.

We hope Cabinet does not do as it is advised, and does retain the Mad Hatters, He Man, and Ugly Man events. Joseph Barnett, Spring Week chairman, will recommend their untimely death.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to lighten the load on students. To do this, Barnett will recommend that the Ugly Man contest be held at a different time and that the Mad Hatters and He Man contests be dropped.

The effect would not be to lighten the load. It would merely put more emphasis on the remaining events, particularly the Carnival.

Spring Week at Penn State is the campus' silly season. It is true, as Barnett asserts in his report, that not much school work gets done during this time.

But to hold the Ugly Man contest any other time would merely spread the silliness over a longer period and would result in less school work being done. This is undesirable.

To kill the Mad Hatters event would be to end the one aspect of Spring Week in which most students can actually participate instead of merely observe. This would be a mistake.

Independent students, for example, do not build floats, are not Ugly Man contestants, and are represented at the Carnival by one sole booth. But the Mad Hatters event is one in which individuals, not groups, participate. This is the event in which independents can participate. Why kill their role in Spring Week?

The He Man contest, likewise, has earned its place in Spring Week activities. There's no good reason to end it.

If these three events are ripped from Spring Week, the Carnival will gain its former importance and all that has been accomplished to end this will be wasted effort.

With Carnival the one important point-mak-

ing event, its undesirable elements—keen competition with resulting lowering of standards—will inevitably result. And this would lead to the ultimate death of Carnival and Spring Week itself. There are good reasons why this should not happen.

Spring Week is a noisy, rollicking, very un-academic time. But we think its existence can be justified. It comes during the long hard haul between Spring recess and the end of the school year. It comes about the same time Spring Fever hits the student. So the time and energy it consumes would be wasted anyway—but over a longer period.

Barnett's recommendations, if adopted, would remove from Spring Week its uniqueness as a University event and would cut from the many to the few the number of students who actually participate in it. There are all too few occasions at Penn State in which a lot of students can be participants, not merely on-lookers.

Cabinet would be doing the students a dis-service by endorsing Barnett's plans tonight. It would most definitely not be reflecting the opinion of the students.

—The Editor

One More Birthday

Happy birthday!

To the child it marks a year's growth. To the adolescent it means a bit more prestige.

But to the adult a birthday is a day of realization and evaluation. No longer must he get taller or cut more teeth. Parents and guardians will not have to watch over him, and if he makes a mistake it is his own. No one else will take the blame.

The University's 100th birthday is not merely a mark of physical growth, nor is it just one more year of prestige.

The University, as an adult institution now has more important things to do than erect shiny new buildings and polish its medals.

If the Centennial year is to serve as a year of realization and evaluation, the University must look back over the past year, not for physical growth, but for educational progress.

The University is responsible for upholding its academic standards and turning out useful citizens.

But if some of its graduates turn out to be not so useful, the University suffers, its maturity is questioned, and a hundred years of growth are a mockery to the principles for which the institution was established.

The first part of the Centennial celebration has been centered about the theme, "Penn State through the past 100 years."

The student Centennial committee has chosen "Penn State through the next 100 years" as the theme to be followed when student return in the fall.

"Here's what we've done in the past 100 years" is not nearly so hard to say as "Here's what we're going to do in the next 100 years."

"Happy birthday" is a challenge to an adult—and so to a University.

—Jackie Hudgins

Safety Valve...

But Mr. Dennis...

In regard to Mr. Dennis' vehement commentary on the current crisis in student government's fight for so-called progress, I feel he has erred in some of his conclusions.

First, the past Elections Committee had very little time in which to survey the proposed amendment to the Elections Code, and even less to call a meeting of the members, whom it was difficult enough to reach by telephone. Therefore, the 'poll' taken of those members whom it was possible to contact was the only means of getting the group's views.

Secondly, had Mr. Famous resigned (at a time when his successor had already been named, and he was all but out of office anyway), it would merely have left the job undone, and

no one to give a report to Cabinet on Sunday night, even to explain the resignation and the committee's feelings.

Certainly Mr. Famous cannot be rightfully accused of being arbitrary in reporting that the Elections Committee voted, 5-3 against the proposed amendment. He was merely fulfilling his duty of reporting accurately the results of the committee's voting, and not making an arbitrary decision without support.

Finally, since Cabinet has debated long and loud, and now decided to inform the present Elections Committee that it no longer desires the amendment to be passed, the program, if continued as planned, will still have ample opportunity to show its worth in training future student government officers.

—Has Simm

Grab a Link...

With the simple toss of a tassel from left to right the class of 1955 will become alumni of the Pennsylvania State University on June 11.

Members of the class need not end what will prove to be one of the finest and richest experiences of their lives—undergraduate days at Penn State.

For with the simple exchange of two dollars, they can join the 12,000-member strong Alumni Association.

There are good, practical reasons to join the association and there are good soft, sentimental reasons too.

The Alumni Association can point to services—the chance for new alumni to get acquainted with their counterparts in strange cities through membership in one of the nearly 70 alumni clubs across the nation; the chance to get first bid on choice football seats; the Penn Stater, a quarterly newspaper, which keeps alums informed about University affairs; the Penn State Alumni News, a magazine, and the Football Letter, written for the relishment of the Monday morning quarterback; the class reunions, held in June on the campus, and the files on the alumni.

Or the undergraduate-about-to-turn-graduate can reason along this line:

For four years, I have been taking from Penn State. I have learned and I have grown through my association with it. Now, I can give to it. Now, I can help others.

This, the Alumni Association does. In the annual Alumni Fund's first two years, 1953 and 1954, more than \$300,000 was contributed to projects such as contributions to the Hetzel Union Building, the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel, freshman scholarships, research, library acquisitions, and other campus needs.

Hard-headed or tear-stained, the about-to-be alum can figure it two ways. Either way, it makes sense to join the Alumni Association and keep alive a rich association with Penn State.

—The Editor

Gazette...

Today
BIBLE STUDIES, 7 p.m., green lounge, Atherton
SCROLLS, 8 p.m., Grange playground
STUDENT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB
STUDENT HANDBOOK BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., 208 Willard

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Allen R. Brenner, Lois Korona, Eugenia Loeber, Alice Noble, Robert Petrovsky, Kenneth Ringle, Nelson Seidel, Raymond Stewart.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Remember how they used to follow us before these darn full skirts came in style?"

Interpreting the News

Dull Campaign Finally Ended

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The British elections today wind up a campaign which has been dull, with a Conservative victory generally expected from the start. The Conservatives exercised the majority prerogative of picking its own time for the vote. They chose a period of prosperity rather than gamble that prosperity would last until the normal time for next year.

They chose a period when the Labor party was going through a serious internal upheaval, due to the conflict between the Attlee moderates and the Bevanite left wingers.

They also chose a time when they could display regard for public confidence by seeking its approval of Anthony Eden's succession to Winston Churchill as prime minister.

They are gambling a year of their present term in office against a five-year extension.

Important issues in the campaign have been few and not well defined.

Eden knocked the critical props from under the Laborites so far as international affairs were concerned when he obtained United States agreement to a top-level Big Four conference on European settlements.

Many Laborites had depended upon criticism of the Anglo-American atom bomb program and the rearmament of Germany to appeal to the great mass of peace sentiment in the country. But the majority of the party, for the sake of national security, went along with the Conservatives in Parliament for manufacture of the atom bomb and ratification of the Paris accords, foreclosing the matters as campaign issues.

Labor is also handicapped by the fact that all the dire things they predicted in the 1951 elections, if the Conservatives won, have not happened. The Conservatives contended that they had no intention of turning the clock back on the welfare state, but that they would give it better management and not let it go overboard at the expense of the general economy. That, they said, would produce prosperity. Whether it was produced or not, prosperity arrived.

Correction

Freshman women will have 8:15 p.m. permissions for the first four weeks of the fall semester, and not 8:30 p.m. permissions as was reported in yesterday's Daily Collegian

4 Journ Students Win Cash Prizes In IAMA Contest

Four advertising students in journalism have been awarded prizes in the Interstate Advertising Managers Association contest.

Jack Sweger, junior from Harrisburg, received first prize of \$25. Second prize of \$15 was awarded to Richard Fleming, January graduate from State College. Robert Bair, junior from York, was presented with third prize of \$5; and Elizabeth Means, senior from Brookville, won fourth prize of \$5.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Jack Muse, senior from Mt. Lebanon, and Joyce Savage, junior from Philadelphia.

The contest was based on excellence in the preparation of an advertising campaign or a series of advertisements for a local newspaper advertiser.

Judges were eight advertising managers from newspapers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey

Eng Council Votes \$200 to W3YA

W3YA, the University's amateur radio station has been allotted \$200 by the Engineering Student Council. The money will be used by the station for research to investigate the feasibility of using a vertical antenna. The vertical antenna would give the station more power.

The money was given as a donation, since amateur radio stations are forbidden by federal law to accept remuneration for research on project work.

Tonight on WDEM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:21 Sign On
7:25 AP News
7:30 Broadway in Review
7:45 As You Believe
8:00 Concert Cameos
8:30 Just Out
8:50 UN Story
9:00 News
9:15 Music You Want
9:30 Sign Off