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Seniors' Gift-Shopping: Three Good Ideas

The senior class, with some \$9500 jingling in its pockets, is shopping about for a class gift. Its choice has been narrowed to five suggestions: furnishings for the All-Faith Chapel, a recreational cabin for students, a Centennial monument, library books, and social television.

Of the five, two of the ideas are, at best, questionable. The other three would be useful, serviceable additions to the Penn State scene.

Selection of social television, we fear, would be a mistake. We doubt if the gift would be accepted by the University Board of Trustees.

The television idea is to place sets in the Nittany-Pollock area, the Hetzel Union Building, and Waring Hall. Campus activities would then be telecast to these places.

A host of objections to the idea can be raised. Why would students sit in the HUB watching an event taking place in Recreation Hall when they could see it live? Would groups, such as Players, be willing to give performances to a free television audience when it would be sacrificing its paying audience? We doubt it.

And we doubt if distinguished lecturers would be willing to come to the University to speak to a television camera without a live audience.

The trustees have found it necessary to turn down gifts in the past because they simply weren't practical. This action causes problems. The class, or a small portion of it, must reselect a gift at one of its annual reunions or else leave the ultimate choice up to an outside group.

Either situation would be less satisfactory to the members of the class of 1955 than would be their own selection of their gift. Therefore, it would be wise to reject the unacceptable social television scheme.

Our doubts about a Centennial monument are not as logically based. We simply doubt the

sense in building one more nice-to-look-at-but-that's-all monument, particularly since there are three remaining worthwhile selections.

Until a few years ago, the University had a recreational lodge in the mountains. Several campus groups still maintain cabins and they are well used. One more, for the use of any group, would be a worthy gift.

The University Library's shelves, compared to the shelves of other schools of comparable size, are all but bare. The suggestion to turn the \$9500 into books makes good sense.

This gift would aid the educational process at Penn State, and, ultimately, education is our purpose in being here and the University's reason for existence.

The final suggestion, to give furnishings for the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel, is also a good one. The gift would complete the first unit of the meditation chapel.

It, in itself, would be an appropriate Centennial year monument and a student tribute to the late Mrs. Eisenhower.

We hope the senior class selects one of the three purposeful suggestions and chooses to ignore both the suggestion which, we feel sure, would not be acceptable to the University and the suggestion which would be meaningless and functionless in a short time.

We hope even more, however, that each member of the class has a voice in the final gift selection. They will be missing a chance to say what they want to do for Penn State if they let others make their selection by not casting their ballots when picking up their copies of the 1955 LaVie.

The senior who votes will have something to point to with pride as an alumnus.

—The Editor

Safety Valve...

Sour Grapes: An Example

TO THE EDITOR: Echoing the recent sentiments of the editorial director of the Daily Collegian, I would like to reaffirm that "sour grapes are out of season."

The particular sour grapes that I refer to are the attempts by Robert Dennis to vent his anger over Cabinet's action eliminating the compulsory Leadership "Grooming" Program by attacking the Elections Committee Chairman, Ernest Famous.

Since this program was one of his pet projects, I can understand the process of ego involvement that prompted Mr. Dennis' outburst when Cabinet realized the evils of such a program, but an attack on Mr. Famous seems unjustified.

All amendments to the Elections Code must be passed by the Elections Committee and then Cabinet, and the Elections Committee had a

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Eleanor Brenner, Mary Brown, Arthur Clnaser, Eugenia Loeber, Edward Mayer, Mack Moyer, James Munroe, Alice Noble, Robert Petosky, Frances Rennie, Kenneth Ringle, Nelson Seidel, Joan Smith, Ray Stewart.

perfect legal right to turn down the first recommendation. This amendment procedure was passed by Cabinet, and next year it could be changed to provide for the initiation of amendments by either Cabinet or the Elections Committee. But under the present circumstances, Mr. Famous' action was correct in every detail.

Having suffered a number of legislative defeats on Cabinet at the hands of Mr. Dennis and his bloc, I hope I have learned to absorb defeat, even though I never accept it as being final. If I have learned nothing else at Penn State the last four years, I hope I have learned that lesson: and I hope in later life Mr. Dennis learns it too.

—Ben Sinclair

Pershing Rifles Elects

Joseph Bors, junior in industrial engineering from Binghamton, N.Y., has been elected commanding officer of Pershing Rifles, Company B-5.

Other officers are Gordon Fee, junior in physics from Canonsburg, executive officer, and William Collier, junior in education from Willow Grove, adjutant.

Graduates May Attend Long Island Picnic

June graduates may attend a picnic at Jones Beach, Long Island (parking area 6), N.Y. on July 17. The picnic will be sponsored by University graduates from the New York City metropolitan area.

Interested persons should write the Stewarts at 18 Grove Street,

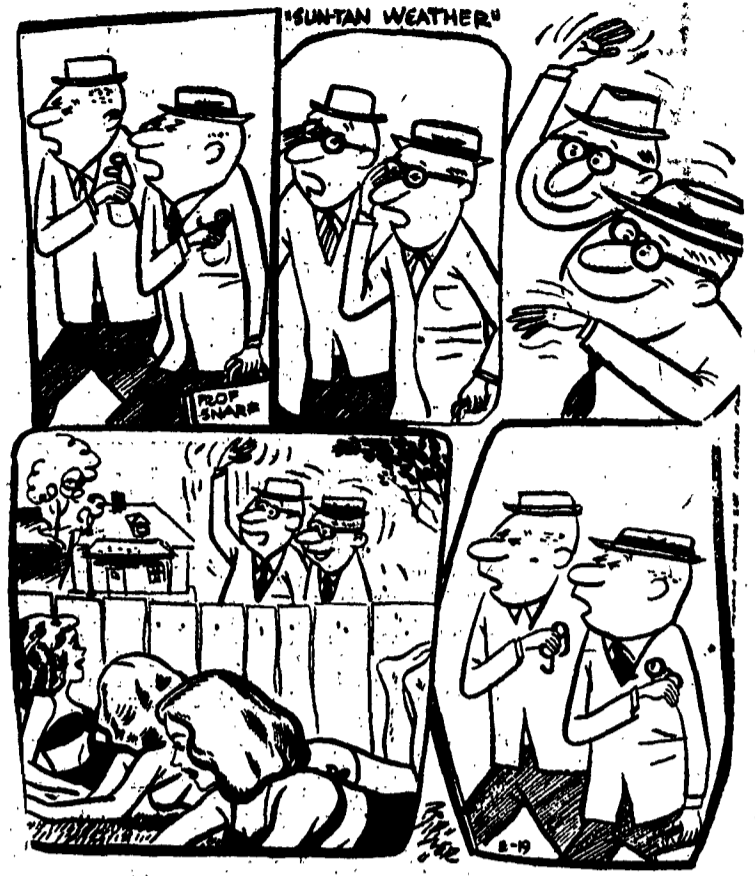
'Plots' to Have 75th Anniversary Celebration

The Jordan Fertility plots will have a four day seventy-fifth anniversary this summer when the Northeast Branch of the American Society of Agronomy holds its convention at the University from July 25-28.

New York, N.Y., or phone CHelsea 2-7190.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Freshmen to Have Friendly Orientation

The centennial freshman customs next fall will be administered to orient freshmen to University life in a friendly way, Tony Cline, retiring co-chairman, explained to the Joint Freshman Customs Board last night.

All classes will be expected to enforce customs during the two-week period. Men's and Women's Hat Societies will not participate in the enforcement, but will act as "friends of the freshmen" to protect them from overhazing.

Cline recommended that next year dinks be worn at all intercollegiate games during the fall, customs dress be worn in all dining halls during customs period, and the reasons for the Customs Program should be placed in the Orientation Week Guide.

Soph Identification
Cline also suggested that the sophomore class wear an identifying mark, and a contest be sponsored by Hat Society Council for the "official" freshman class cheer." If the latter suggestion is carried through, he said, the cheerleaders would adopt it and teach it to the freshmen before the first football game.

Dinks will be identical to last year's, blue with a white University seal. They will be available to freshmen at the Book Exchange by presenting a matriculation card.

No Dating Regulation
There will be no customs dating regulations. Dating is under the jurisdiction of the Women's Student Government Association, and a rule stating that freshman women must sign in by 8:15 on week nights during the first four

weeks will be put into effect.

According to Herbert Black and Margaret Boyd, Board co-chairmen, several changes are being made in the customs regulations, and will be announced later.

Other members of the Customs Board are Carol Ruff, Mary Lockwood, Kathrine Dickson, George Wills, Edgar Palmer, and Harry Oxman.

Prexy to Tour Europe For Summer Vacation
President Milton S. Eisenhower, with his daughter Ruth, will tour Europe on an unofficial visit this summer.

They will leave New York June 24 and arrive back there Aug. 14. Much of their traveling will be by automobile. They will visit England, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany, and France. President Eisenhower will be back in his office on or about Aug. 20.

Tonight on WDFM

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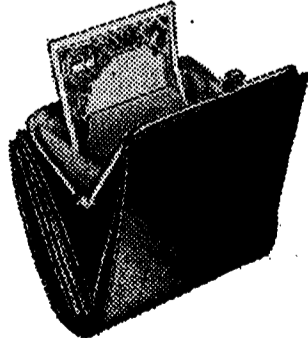
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