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Jan. Graduates: Speak Your Mind

The Senior Class Advisory Board deserves praise for its decision to place suggestion boxes at various points on campus so that seniors graduating in January may make suggestions for their senior class gift.

The suggestion boxes will be available until Tuesday when they will be collected by the committee. A ballot will then be drawn up carrying the leading suggestions and seniors will be able to vote on their selections when they pick up their caps and gowns.

The two or three suggestions with the most votes will then be placed on the spring ballot when the rest of the class of 1956 votes.

The action by the advisory committee certainly corrects a long-standing injustice which denied the January graduates a voice in the selection of their class' gift to the University.

January graduates should be sure to take advantage of this opportunity afforded them by their class committee. The money for the senior class gift is accumulated from student fees over a four-year period and thus all should have an active interest in seeing that a suitable gift is selected.

Last year the senior class presented approximately \$10,000 to the University for pews and furnishings for the nave of the Helen Eaken Eisenhower Chapel. Gifts to the chapel were also made by the classes of 1954 and 1953.

Other gift suggestions which were made last year included social television facilities, rebuilding of a recreational lodge, and an endowment fund for the Pattee Library.

The centennial monument has now, of course, lost its timeliness and would not be a suitable gift for this year's class.

The social television gift is of questionable merit since when suggested it was intended primarily to televise events taking place on campus to other central points such as the H&Z Union. This could detract from attendance at athletic events, student theatrical presentations, lectures and other events which depend on admittance fees for their continuance. The Board of Trustees, which must approve the gift, might view the merit of such a project with justifiable doubt.

But funds toward the building of a recreational lodge, more books for Pattee Library, or another gift to the Chapel would all be spent in a worthwhile manner and again deserve consideration by this year's seniors.

And we are sure that the 1956 graduates have many other worthwhile ideas for a gift which would better their Alma Mater.

Let's hear them. The advisory committee has provided the means for ideas to be expressed. It is now up to the seniors to speak their minds. —The Editor

Safety Valve...

What Does the Veteran Really Deserve?

TO THE EDITOR: Some of the main arguments among veterans this semester against talk concerning passage of any restricting rule on campus have been: "I'm a veteran, therefore I shouldn't have to do that"; or "I'm a veteran, therefore I should be allowed to do this."

I cite as examples the veterans' stand on the blanket freshman car ban and the Sunday dress rule in dining halls.

The veteran is attending college on the GI Bill, which he would not have without first having served his country honorably. The GI Bill was passed by Congress because, among other things, the people of the United States wanted to express their appreciation and gratitude to the veteran for his honorable service. The veteran deserves this GI Bill because he has shown himself to be worthy of it. He has worked for it, therefore he deserves it.

There is a joke in the service that a Silver Star and a dime will buy a good cup of coffee. The title, "veteran," and a dime will do exactly the same thing, and nothing more. The veteran will not get anything other than the GI Bill

simply because he is a veteran. Anything he gets other than that is because he has worked for it, therefore he deserves it.

The Veterans Club was re-organized on campus this semester and, although it became somewhat of a political football during recent elections, it is essentially a good organization. It is potentially one of the strongest single independent organizations on campus because all of its members have been through similar lasting experiences and therefore have a stronger common tie than most other organizations. And these veterans not only are older and have a solid common meeting ground which other students do not have, they are more experienced in leadership than most other students because of their military service.

If the veteran wants something, he has an organization available to use as a sounding board, a voice that will be heard: the Veterans Club. He will not get anything simply because he is a veteran, but he will get something if he has worked for it and has earned the right to have it. —Bill Kling

Gazette...

Today
CATHOLIC STUDENTS OPEN HOUSE, 8 p.m., Student Center
LUTHERAN STUDENTS OPEN HOUSE, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Student Center
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetsel Union

SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillel University Hospital
Frederick Blair, Patricia Dolinsky, James Foyle, Claire Ganin, Robert Hanson, Lewis Jones, Elaine Kloures, Richard Moore, Hale Neff, Richard Phelan, Carolyn Quarles, Marilyn Seltzer, and Elaine Shaffer.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I'll say one thing for that NROTC instructor—he very seldom has a discipline problem."

Interpreting the News

More Dissension On Foreign Aid

By J. M. Roberts

Associated Press News Analyst

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's suggestion for a long-term foreign aid program can have only limited meaning in the cold war unless Congress approves it with a unanimity which now appears very doubtful.

Since it would depend upon year-to-year appropriations, recipient nations will not be able to give it complete confidence in the face of possible congressional changes of mind.

They will have before them, however, the record of the Marshall Plan for Europe, set up for four years on the same basis and carried through to completion despite serious opposition in its later stages.

The Marshall Plan represented one of the most unselfish and daring national actions ever taken by any country in an effort to establish an international atmosphere in which it could live comfortably. The current proposal would reverse the policy for an area—the underdeveloped area of the world—which is now threatened even more seriously than was Europe in 1947.

The ability of the nation to accept the Russian challenge for domination of Asia and Africa was apparent in the President's discussion of the final situation. He said the United States government, after nearly a generation of deficit financing, would be on a pay-as-you-go basis within the next six months.

And that takes into consideration the anticipated increases in foreign aid, military preparedness, and domestic social services such as health, security, schools and roads.

The President did not hold out any definite promise of being able to do all this and reduce taxes, too, although he was obviously hopeful that could come after a start on reduction of the national debt. And there he may run into a snag with Congress, where Democrats and Republicans alike would prefer to put off expenditures, especially in such an unpopular field as foreign aid, in favor of a tax-cutting appeal to the voters this year.

Why is foreign aid unpopular, in the face of the successful record of the Marshall Plan?

There are many reasons. No amount of argument will convince some people that reliable allies can be bought.

There is, indeed, no certainty that the economic ties the international experts wish to forge will prove strong enough to thwart the Communists. It's just something to try in the face of Russia's adoption of the method already introduced by the United States.

The prospect of a long-term need for continued expenditures of this type leads to a certain feeling of futility. If it's never going to end, some people ask, and if

there is no certainty of definitive victory in the foreseeable future, and if there is uncertainty about the value of the underdeveloped nations as allies even if they are won, why not hoard American strength and depend upon a policy of massive retaliation for security?

That's isolationism, already proved by World War II to be the weakest reed upon which a nation ever leaned. To revert to it would be to abdicate the nation's international leadership, and to renounce the hope of ever establishing the world atmosphere in which Americans wish to live.

Profs to Attend Health Confab

Three faculty members from the University will participate in the National Conference of College Health Education in Washington, D.C., January 8 to 13.

Dr. Miriam E. Lowenberg, head of the department of foods and nutrition, will be a representative for the American Home Economics Association. She has been assigned to the discussion group on "Interrelationships—College, College Health Program, Community."

Marie Haidt, professor of physical education, and Arthur F. Davis, professor of physical education, will represent the College of Physical Education.

Miss Haidt will take part in discussions concerning required courses in physical education, and Davis will participate in the teacher-training program discussion group.

LaVie Proof Deadline

Frederick Romig, editor of LaVie, requests that seniors in liberal arts, mineral industries, and physical education who still have the proofs for their LaVie pictures return them to the Penn State Photo Shop by noon Saturday.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

7:15 Sign On
7:20 News and Sports
7:30 Just For Two
8:30 News Roundup
9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
10:35 Sign Off

Commissioner Suggests Meet

MADRID, Spain, Jan. 5 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Rafael Garcia Valino, high commissioner for Spanish Morocco was quoted today as saying conference between Spain, France and Morocco is a necessary step before Moroccans can obtain their independence.

The commissioner's statement, published today, was made to the newspaper ABC.

Garcia Valino is to confer this month with AndreDubois, resident general of French Morocco. Garcia Valino was quoted last month as saying Spain plans local government soon for her Moroccan protectorate, but full independence is still a long way off.

Plant Science Club

Samuel P. Bayard, associate professor of English composition, will speak at the Plant Science Club meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday in room 111 Plant Industries.

"The Anglo-American Folk Song" will be the topic of Bayard's talk, which will include tape recordings of authentic folk songs.

Students entering the University have their pick of 60 curriculums offered by ten different colleges.

Guided Missiles To Be Installed

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Jan. 5 (AP)—The United States Army plans to install its Nike super-sonic anti-aircraft guided missiles in Western Europe, it was announced today.

Army headquarters here said survey of sites for the radar-controlled weapons would begin immediately. The announcement described the plan as "a significant step strengthening the over-all European air defense system."

The Nike rockets "intercept and destroy enemy air targets regardless of evasive action," the Army said.

Nike units are stationed around American cities and strategic targets but have not been sent overseas. The Nike, a large rocket, is named after the Greek goddess of victory. The Army claims it has proved highly effective against modern jet aircraft in tests in the United States.

28 Students Withdraw

Twenty students on campus and eight at the centers withdrew from the University between Oct. 6 and Dec. 12.

The following reasons were given for withdrawing: illness 5, financial 1, personal 16, scholastic 4, transferring 1, and other 1.

Attorney Sets Up Scholarship Fund

A scholarship to be known as The Delta Upsilon Scholarship Fund, has been established by Charles D. Prutzman, New York attorney.

The scholarships will be awarded to male students having satisfactory academic averages who are in need of financial assistance, with members of Delta Upsilon fraternity having priority.

The scholarship fund was established as a part of the reorganization of the Charles D. Prutzman Lion Fund which Prutzman, a 1918 graduate, established in 1946 to aid members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Flood Film Entered For Academy Award

BOSTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—An Army Engineers' documentary film on the New England floods of last August has been entered for Academy award consideration.

The film shows pictures of communities once inundated were saved by preventive works constructed by the Corps of Engineers.

The documentary is titled "Operation Noah," based on the comment after the August floods that "this was the worst deluge since the time of Noah."