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For Best Results 'Do It Yourself'

Now that a new semester is approaching it seems like as good a time as any to complain about the scholastic advisor system.

There is a regulation that states students must confer with their advisors at least 24 hours prior to registration. But for all the good some advisors do the student might just as well see him after he registers.

Advisors are faculty members in a student's major field who are supposedly well enough acquainted with requirements and outside electives to help the student choose the most advantageous courses.

But this is not always the case. Too often the advisor is a rubber stamp. He will approve any schedule just so long as his advisee has not signed up for two classes the same hour. This haphazard scheduling does not allow the student to make the best of this eight semesters of study and sometimes it prevents him from graduating at the end of four years.

These problems exist but it is not certain who is to blame. An advisor who does not know what the requirements for graduation

are for each of his students may be held accountable, but the student himself is not blameless. For even though his college provides him with an advisor he should not allow all the responsibility rest with him. If he is not sufficiently interested in his college career to see that he graduates on time his advisor cannot be expected to be.

A lot of advisors consider it an extra chore to work with undecided and sometimes mixed-up students and it is easy to see why they do a poor job. It is also apparent that these same indifferent faculty members can not be paid to take a personal interest in each of their students. But they are obligated to keep up with department and college changes in required courses and check to see what substitutions can be made.

The administration is working to improve the whole area of scholastic advising and it is certainly a field that needs looking into. But in the meantime we suggest that you students not rely on faculty advice and 'do it yourself'.

—Jackie Hudgins

Members Remember

Memorable things have always happened at Penn State. But recently it seems that more of them have been worth remembering or so it would appear from Alumni Association statistics.

For years only about one third of the University's graduates joined the association but in the past two years the enrollment has come close to the fifty per cent mark.

January graduates will have until Commencement Day to get rate reductions on membership in the organization whose dual purpose is service to the University and its alumni.

For a first-year membership fee of \$2 the association offers alumni seven issues of the Alumni News, the Football Letter and official

Gazette...

Today
ROWLING PARTY, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Student Center
MIXED SWIM (couples only), 7 p.m., Glennland Pool
SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillel
University Hospital

James Addis, Dorothy Applegate, Sidney Brindley, Donald Devorris, George Fish, Joseph Fox, Gail Gilman, Stanford Glick, Joseph Gordesky, Marcia Greifer, Albert Jacks, Barbara Leonard, William Meyer, Willard McGaffick, Ward Muller, Roderick Perry, Charles Slanicka, Harry Trout, and Sally Winnet.

ties with over 60 alumni district clubs all over the country.

During the past three years the Alumni Fund has contributed to furnishings for the Hetzel Union Building, freshman scholarships, research, the library, and the All-Faith Chapel.

The tangible reminders provided by the Alumni Association will always be helpful in bringing back those moments you want to remember.

—J.H.

U.S. May Call Red Bluff

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst
Instead of raising once again the specter of nuclear warfare, the United States might score a decisive success in the cold war by calling the Communist bluff.

The Soviet Union has retained the propaganda advantage in this argument. The position stated by Communist Boss Krushchev in India is this: Lacking agreement to end nuclear weapons tests, the Russians are forced to continue experimentation. But the Soviet Union, he says, stands for outlawing such weapons.

The American reply, as illuminated by various statements indicate that the United States was prepared to use nuclear weapons in Asia. In the second place, they serve notice that the United States will continue to test nuclear weapons.

Both these statements are likely to resurrect the basic fears of the Asians which were so apparent two years ago when the secretary of state was speaking in terms of "massive retaliation."

Moreover, the secretary has been quoted as indicating that the United States is willing, as a means of deterring the Soviet Union, to bring the world to the brink of war and take the long chance that the world would not be pushed over that precipice. This is likely to do little to calm the fears of the Asians and other people who dread the prospect. Soviet propagandists likely will seize upon the statements.

The "wake-up-America" statement endorsed by the President and the secretary of state is likely to be welcomed throughout the United States as a courageous assessment of the condition of the country in the cold war.

It might have been followed up most effectively by a frontal assault on Soviet propaganda. A strong statement that the United States not only opposed nuclear warfare but was prepared under safeguards to end experimentation with atomic weapons would have an electrifying effect on world opinion.

Up to now the Soviet Union's horror of nuclear weapons has been a matter of words alone. When the chips are down, Mos-

cow is likely to be found in a poor position to follow up the words with action. If the United States were to say: "We are against experimentation with nuclear weapons and here is how we propose to stop it," a set of conditions could be laid down which could be most embarrassing to the Kremlin. The realist knows the U.S.S.R. is not going to throw open to inspection its position in nuclear weapons, and the stalemate is likely to persist.

The world has been waiting for American action. The welcome accorded President Eisenhower's "open skies" proposal at the Geneva summit conference, and the temporary embarrassment it evidently caused the Kremlin, could have served as guideposts for the direction of U.S. policy.

But the way matters stand now, much of world opinion unjustly blames the United States for a state of affairs which causes people everywhere to live in dread of a catastrophic war.

The U.S.S.R. says it is for peace and prohibition of nuclear weapons. So far nobody seems to have thought of asking them bluntly to prove it.

Wilson to Give Paper At AIEE Meeting in N.Y.

Dr. Warren E. Wilson, professor of engineering education, will deliver a paper, "The Engineering Science Curriculum at the Pennsylvania State University" at the general meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York, N.Y. on Feb. 1.

French to Head Study

Dr. Cyrus E. French, professor of animal nutrition, will leave next week for Pakistan to head a team making a study of the nutrition problems in the armed forces of that country. He will return in April.

Faculty Club Elects Steering Committee

Five faculty members were elected to the steering committee of the Faculty Luncheon Club for the Spring semester.

They are Merwin W. Humphrey, professor of forestry; Dr. Robert T. Oliver, professor and head of the department of speech; Leland S. Rhodes, professor emeritus of civil engineering; Dr. Margaret B. Matson, assistant professor of sociology; and Dr. Beatrix L. Hagen, associate professor of mathematics.

Co-ed Swim Scheduled

A co-ed swim, to be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Glennland pool, will be open to couples only.

ACE Invites White To Ed Conference

Dr. Marsh W. White, professor of physics, has been invited by the American Council on Education to participate in a conference in Washington, D.C., next week.

The conference will consider problems facing colleges and universities as a result of increasing enrollments and difficulties connected with maintaining teaching staffs of high quality.

Ag Short Courses Open

Two short courses in dairy farming and livestock farming will be given by the College of Agriculture from Feb. 1 to 29. Applications should be submitted to the Director of Short Courses, College of Agriculture.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"No — No! Th' next one—that one's full o' beer!"

—the cobbler's bench

Make Mine Money!

By DON SHOEMAKER

Over Christmas vacation I indulged in a rare pastime — watching television. This is unusual for two reasons: first of all the average television show just doesn't appeal to me and second, while I'm busy playing the part of a student, time for such things is limited.

But over the holidays, between working on several term papers, I found myself with some time on my hands.

And, having nothing better to do, I sat in front of a television set.

The most significant thing I noticed was that despite all the crying over the national debt someone seems to have a lot of money these days.

And it seems everyone is trying to give it away.

In the course of one program alone, I saw well over \$40,000 and a couple of Cadillacs change hands.

And to top it off, during the next half-hour, a lucky couple won \$100 a week for the next year, and a chance to win \$100 a week for life as long as they keep answering questions.

These two programs aren't the only ones running the race.

The one which claims to have the biggest jackpot gives away \$100,000. Another, in an effort to keep up with the mob, has upped its ante to \$25,000.

One show, which claims to be the grand-daddy of them all, claims to have given away over \$5 million during the years it has been on the air.

Even the non-quiz shows are getting into the giveaway act. A show that is primarily musical has arranged to give away new cars to four lucky contestants every year for the rest of their lives.

This race, which appears destined to allow mankind to retire for life, must have some social significance. I'm not quite sure what it is, but I'm sure it's significant.

Maybe it shows that people are becoming mercenary. After all, I remember only a few years ago when people answered questions for a top prize of only \$64 on the popular quiz show of the day. And then there were the Quiz Kids, who did it for practically nothing.

The ironic thing about the situation is that a contestant who wins the big money won't ever see more than half of it.

I've done research on it. Say a person correctly answers "The \$64,000 Question." Now assuming he is married and has a couple of kids he will get only about \$25,000—under half. Taxes take the rest.

Makes one wonder if the whole struggle is worth it. After all, what's a paltry \$25,000 these days?

I should be so lucky.

Orchestra To Present Winter Concert

The University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Theodore Karhan, will present its annual winter concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in Schwab Auditorium.

Music of different European countries by well-known composers will be represented.

The program will include: Carnival Overture (Dvorak), Symphony No. 5 "Reformation" (Mendelssohn), Eight Russian Folk Songs (Liadov), Prelude and Liebestod from Tristan and Isolde (Wagner), and Espana Rhapsody (Chabrier).

Admission is free.

Twelve Initiated Into Honorary

Nine students and three professors from the school of journalism have been initiated into the Penn State chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, national scholastic honorary fraternity.

Undergraduate charter members are Susan Brown, James Jacoby, Martha Heim, Charles Pennell, Mona Signorino, Mary Ann Spranca, Nancy Snyder, Marilyn Aubitz, and Betty Smith.

Faculty charter members are Donald W. Davis, professor of journalism and head of the advertising department; Charles H. Brown, associate professor of journalism; and Guido H. Stempel, instructor of journalism. Stempel was named adviser of the chapter.

Paintings on Exhibition

Seventeen oil paintings by Jean Osborn of State College will continue to be exhibited in the Hetzel Union Building until Feb. 3.

Head studies, still lifes, and interiors are included in the exhibition.

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
10:30 Sign Off