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Give May Day Back to the Grade School

Because holidays and celebrations are not the usual topic for controversy they are seldom evaluated and analyzed. And it is unusual that we take an analytical look at the May Day celebration. But we feel justified in our critical study because May Day is an unusual celebration.

One thing that sets it off from other festive occasions is its lack of significance. Encyclopedias don't agree about its origin, they guess at its meaning, and they say nothing about its age.

But obscurity is not reason enough to banish the May Day celebration from the University. There are other reasons, though, that we feel are good enough to put the pageant back in the grade school where its appeal seems to be stronger.

Preparations are time consuming and troublesome.

The pageant is ten weeks away and already women under the leadership of the House of Representatives of the Women's Student Government Association have begun to work.

Dancers and dancing groups have been engaged. Singing groups have been signed up. Old Man's front yard has been booked for May 12.

When the day is near at hand underclasswomen will work long hours on the hemlock chain. Maypole dancers will rehearse—though their dancing probably won't show it, if we can depend on precedent.

Is the time well spent?

May Day is set to be the Saturday afternoon before Mother's Day. The parents who come from all over to visit the campus must be en-

tertained and this outdoor celebration is the most colorful event of the whole weekend. May Day apparently symbolizes the coming of spring, the revival of vegetation, the budding of flowers.

But parents come to the University not only to visit with their children, they come to get to know Penn State. There's very little that's Penn Stish about May Day. May Days are all alike. If parents have seen one they've seen them all.

The Glee Club usually performs during the Mother's Day weekend, we can count on Players for a show, and there are always several athletic contests. So as far as entertainment for the parents, there's usually plenty.

Another defense for the celebration is that it is a functional one. One of its purposes is to bestow honor on outstanding senior women by letting them carry the Honor Arch down the green.

Is this any way to honor our truly outstanding women? Is this the type of reward they expect for their service to the University?

If we must have a formal welcoming of spring, (which, incidentally will have arrived three weeks before our May Day) why doesn't WSGA design its own celebration—one not so childish as age-old incipid May Day, one not so reminiscent of the grade school pageant. Haven't we got something more significant to celebrate than the revival of vegetation? Is there nothing better to do than crown a queen?

May Day has not stood up so well under our critical eye. We think we could do without her. She should be replaced.

—Jackie Hudgins

Party Candidates: Names or Personalities?

It's no secret that quite some time has elapsed since steering committees and clique officers first began discussing candidates for the March 21 and 22 elections.

Tomorrow night members of the two campus political parties will gather in 10 and 121 Sparks for the purpose of setting forth preliminary nominations for the slates they will present before the student body in less than three weeks.

And it is also no secret that tomorrow night's nominations are little more than a matter of formality. It would be difficult to say just how long it has been since the 1956 candidates have Ok'd their availability and begun "campaigning" for March 21 and 22. Of course there could be slight alternates in the slates tomorrow night and next Sunday, when final selections are named. But since the All-University Elections Committee set up the "I-F-I-F-I" plan its been pretty clear—to those who make it their business to be concerned—who is going to run where.

This procedure—since it is all an integral part of political turmoil—can't really be condemned.

Among the host of names which will be heard tomorrow night and next week will be the nine All-University, Senior Class, and Junior Class officers for the 1956-57 school year.

Penn State student government is fortunate in having such a large student body to pick from, for within the masses there is certain to always be a sufficient volume of individual competence and leadership ability.

It is not our fear that the sophomores and juniors to whom we have just referred will not have their names voiced tomorrow night. No doubt they will, be it for reasons of novelty or political enthusiasm.

Rather, it is our fear that personalities, rather than names, will be brought up with an excess of enthusiasm, and perhaps, that too much attention will be directed to the name rather than the person himself.

Tomorrow night and next Sunday eyes and ears must be open and heads must be clear. What has been discussed and has taken place the past few months between clique personnel and prospective candidates must be thrown out

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- Today
- ANGEL FLIGHT Drill Team, 3 p.m., Armory Floor
 - NEWMAN CLUB TV and Scrabble Party, 8 p.m., Student Center
 - NEWMAN CLUB Grad Student Meeting, 8:30 p.m., old Church basement
 - TOWN WOMEN, FRESHMEN, 2 p.m., Commuters' room, Woman's Building
- Tomorrow
- ADVANCED FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP, 3 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - FOLK DANCE SESSION, 2 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - "IDEAS OF GOOD AND EVIL IN GREAT LITERATURE," 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - CAMPUS PARTY Steering Committee, 2 p.m., 108 Willard
 - LA VIE 1957 Senior Board, 7:30 p.m., 412 Old Main
- Monday
- NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION, 7 p.m., Student Center
 - PROSPECTOR General Staff, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries

The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service. Interested students should sign up in advance at 112 Old Main.

- PHILADELPHIA YMCA - March 7
- CAMP WOODLANDS - March 10
- CAMP LAKELAND - March 10
- CRADLE REEF CAMP - March 14-15
- CAMP MENATOMA - March 14-15
- CAMP CONRAD WEISER - March 14-15
- CAMP CARANDOWANNA - March 21

Ether Brotzman, James Ferraro, Eugene Jani, Frederick Kerr, Elaine Kloures, John Leisig, Vincent Lukach, Robert McKenzie, Meredith Miller, Harold Miterman, Sidney Nodland, Raymond Sands, Lawrence Wert, and Donald Ziegler.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"OK, OK, Henley—other students have had to face required courses, ya know."

In Footsteps of the Russians:

Eyes Are on Dulles In Critical Asia

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

Secretary John Foster Dulles is moving into an extremely volatile area where political concepts balance on knife blades. In some places his standing isn't too good.

Every word he says will be measured carefully. It will be one of the most difficult trips he has ever undertaken.

Not that there is any great trouble in the Southeast Asia treaty organization, a meeting of which is the immediate cause of the trip.

An indication of what faces him in India, however, is contained in the Times of India's reaction to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's decision to seek another term.

The Times, generally considered a mouthpiece of the Nehru government, welcomed the decision and referred to the former possibility that his illness would knock him out as a "calamity."

"It is a measure of India's confidence in his policy that many here refuse to identify him with Dulles' procolonial statement on Goa."

Dulles has explained that it was just an expression, used in a joint statement during a visit of the Portuguese foreign minister some time ago, and that he was not taking sides in the Goa dispute. That statement referred to Goa, claimed by India, as a Portuguese province. Thursday, not being specific, he acknowledged that relations with India had been clouded by "superficial irritations."

The Indian government, however, has clung to its umbrage even beyond reason, indicating it probably wants some American concession before it permits the air to be cleared.

This has created an atmosphere which could produce public demonstrations against Dulles when he visits the country. That would cause great rejoicing among the Communists, whose Russian leaders were recently greeted with great public acclaim, in which the government was a prime mover at least to the extent of closing the schools so the children could get out and cheer.

Dulles will also face a delicate situation in Pakistan, where increasing tolerance for Soviet activity has been displayed since the visit of Bulganin and Khrushchev.

The fundamental trouble between India and the United States is the supply of American arms to Pakistan under both SEATO and a bilateral mutual aid agreement, while Pakistan and India keep an uneasy military truce over possession of Kashmir.

All reports from Indonesia indicate a considerable trend to-

ward communism there. Yet the United States was a strong factor in arranging the settlement which produced East Indian independence from the Dutch. The secretary's reception there will be interesting to watch.

Missing Millions Makes Mailman Most Miserable

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—A mailman's lot is not a happy one.

Here he is, toting the heaviest mailbag in history, delivering everything from light bulbs to toothpaste, and yet some customers keep complaining service isn't what it used to be.

Jerome J. Keating, vice president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, claims the mailman is convinced there is but one solution: More carriers.

And so he has been trying to get the Senate to put back the \$10,880,000 that the House cut from a post office bill. He is glad to note that the Eisenhower administration sees eye to eye with him on this.

"We are in hearty agreement," he said heartily.

Faculty Luncheon Club

Dr. Gilford G. Quarles, director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory and professor of engineering research, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club meeting at noon Monday in the Hetzel Union Building. Dr. Quarles' topic will be "Sponsored Research."

This Weekend On WDFM

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7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Music Marathon
9:00	Hi Fi Open House
10:30	Sign Off
Tomorrow	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Third Program
10:30	Sign Off
Monday	
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Music My Friend
8:15	As You Believe
8:30	Showcase
9:00	Agriculture News
9:15	News
9:20	This World of Music
10:30	Sign Off