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Ugly Man Contest: Beauty in the Beasts

Shades of Halloween. Yesterday the campus was over-run with headless monsters, evil looking ghouls, one-eyed sorcerers, and a slinky redhead straight from a Charles Adams cartoon.

Students need not have feared these denizens of haunted houses. For underneath the costumes beamed hearts of gold. These choice "uglies" were lending a helping hand to Alpha Phi Omega, national service honor society, in raising funds for needy organizations through the annual Ugly Man contest.

Congratulations are in order, not only to these horrors and the organizations they represent, but also to the sponsor of the contest, Alpha Phi Omega. For a tremendous show of school spirit was observed in the contest, a spirit that has not been witnessed at the University for a long time.

In previous years, the contest was merely a fund-raising drive for the Campus Chest. Fraternities put a minimum of time and effort in the contest because they were busy with their plans for the other Spring Week activities. And since the Campus Chest held a week-long drive in the fall, few persons saw any point in contributing twice to the fund.

Also in previous contest, the sponsors of the affair made public daily the contributions of each organization entered in the contest. This only prompted fraternities to "assess" the members of their house for more money, resulting in buying their way into the winners circle.

Players and Thespians: Pat on the Back

The mass entertainment of students, even in moderate groups, is practically non-existent at the University.

This is nothing to complain about. The student body doesn't seek mass entertainment and has never been known to moan the sparceness of such entertainment.

Everyone we know, including ourselves, seeks relief from work and tedium with small, often very small groups of persons who provide what is sought—more often than not, unconsciously.

Excluding this type of diversion and the highly individualized types, like reading or building model ships, students are left with these forms of mass entertainment: moving pictures, radio, television, sports events, concerts, and lectures.

When speaking of entertainment we are only speaking of that entertainment provided by students for students. This excludes almost everything we have mentioned: movies, radio, and television (the only true mass entertainment media we have), most concerts, most big dances, and lectures.

The sports events (which rapidly decrease in attendance from fall to spring) admittedly are mainly student-provided but also largely encompass elements of money-profit and University prestige.

Groups like the Blue Band, Concert Blue Band, Chapel Choir, and the Glee Club occasionally offer concerts but are seldom heard

The committee used foresight and imagination in planning the contest this year. By revamping the usual routine, an entirely new spirit was seen and felt around the campus.

That this was no ordinary fund raising campaign could be witnessed by the Ugly Man parade Tuesday. A lot of time and originality was put into the individual demonstrations for a campaign whose only reward was a key-trophy. And, we must admit, the coeds certainly added an extra touch to the proceedings.

The results of the "new look" to the contest can best be observed by comparing the first day proceeds of the contest with the first day proceeds of last year's contest. Through the merry antics of these Greek "beauties", more than twice as much money was donated than at last year's drive.

The contributors seemed to give their donations as a show of appreciation for the contenders rather than with the hope of past years that their fraternity would make the headlines because it had given the most money.

It's too bad that all of the entries can't receive a trophy for their efforts. For, by their antics, they have contributed immensely towards that "old University spirit" which seems to have been lost lately, and also shown that students can collect money for a serious affair as a fund drive while having fun at the same time.

—Roger Alexander

by the mass public.

The only true form of student-provided mass entertainment consistently found on campus is that put on by the dramatic groups, Players and Thespians.

We salute them.

Here are two groups of students that perhaps work harder than most other groups on campus. They continually plan, rehearse, and put on a range of shows. Many Players and Thespians members also participate in Five O'Clock Theatre productions and special performances.

Appreciation from the majority of students is almost non-appreciation. The organizations make little if any profit. The oft-heard "sweat and tears" are their backbone.

And what do these student players and thespians get? It isn't power, a "big-name-on-campus," commensation, or too much of an ego-boost.

Primarily, we imagine, it is the practical experience received in acting, constructing scenery, wiring and all the other major jobs that go into building up a show. We cannot and do not think this is done purely for student entertainment. We do hope and believe that this feeling is in part always present.

Recalling Players' present production of "The Lady's Not for Burning," we offer our gratitude and wish continued luck and skill in offering productions to Players and Thespians—surely, two unique groups on campus.

—Ted Serrill

Safety Valve

Beaver Dam Project: It's Worth Cabinet's \$5000

TO THE EDITOR: Why should the All-University Cabinet give \$5000 to the Beaver Dam project? Last Thursday night the Cabinet voiced approval on the following recommendations: "That the All-University Cabinet earmark the sum of \$5000 to the proposed Beaver Dam project to be released at such time that the proper administrative committee is set up."

Beaver Dam is in the same general area as Whipple's Dam; however, it is four miles closer to campus than Whipple's Dam. The lake and adjacent property are owned by the University and initial development of the area has been started by the Penn State Outing Club. An Adirondack Shelter and stone fireplace have been constructed, and the area is the focal point for numerous trails which have been marked by the Outing Club. The sheltered location of the lake at the base of Tussey Mountain has made it an ideal locale for ice skating. At one time Beaver Dam boasted of excellent trout fishing. But the area has been allowed to run down and is now in an undeveloped state. Its possibilities for a Penn State Recreational area are great. Students and faculty alike could enjoy outdoor recreation here.

Twelve thousand dollars is needed to repair the dam, enlarge the lake, and construct a beach. If Cabinet legislates \$5000, where would the remaining \$7000 come from? The three most likely sources are: \$9500 from this year's Senior Class Gift, \$28,000 from the Senior classes of 1948, 1949, and 1950 which was never used, and \$6000-\$8000 in insurance money from a University ski lodge which burned some years ago.

Mr. Alexander inferred a valid point in his Tuesday editorial . . . That the above sources might not be available. It is possible that no other group will contribute. Should Cabinet wait until other groups formally pledge their money, or should it take the lead? I feel that the Cabinet should exercise its leadership in this case rather than to fear failure.

This project has been carefully studied for over three years by Mr. Fred M. Coombs, head of the University's Recreation Department, and the entire proposal is the result of careful study by him, the Recreation Department, and many interested students. Cabinet will not be acting

TO THE EDITOR: We feel like questioning Mr. Alexander's judgment, but that would achieve little. Perhaps he should take time out from blistering the keys on his typewriter to explore more thoroughly the perplexing problems about which he writes.

Mr. Alexander calls the Beaver Dam project a "sinking project." It does seem a shame that we are located in a valley as beautiful as this and have never taken the time to explore (as Cabinet has) the benefits which it has to offer. Instead we are content to utilize our natural resources in any manner which best suits us as individuals. This is the way our country was partially ruined years ago.

Cabinet deserves a vote of confidence for displaying the initiative, foresight, and intelligence shown in their appropriation of \$5000 toward the Beaver Dam project.

Mr. Alexander erroneously stated that an inexperienced group passed the motion for the Beaver Dam project. A large majority of the Cabinet is still composed of experienced Cabinet members; furthermore, the new members have been campus leaders and are not incapable of making wise decisions as he implies. They represent student factions and have had responsible positions before their new Cabinet posts.

A glaring example of misinformation is presented in Alexander's editorial through his implication that the project will benefit largely those groups connected with athletics. This is, of course, ridiculous. The policy-making committee for Beaver Dam would come (on an equal representation basis) from all interested colleges of the University. It would be this committee's responsibility to prevent any monopolization of facilities by any one group.

Cabinet has chosen to test the faith we have placed in them by election. Let's support them in this worthwhile project.

—Gordon McCartney
—Bill Seckinger
—John Zerbe

foolishly Thursday night if it appropriates \$5000 for a University recreational area.

—Bruce J. Lieske

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



'Round the Rim

Massacre On the Mall

By BECKY ZAHM

With politics and elections a thing of the past, it seems that the politicians overlooked something in their platforms. The target of all the campaign ballyhoo was the Man on the Mall. But they completely neglected the Mass on the Mall.

The Mass on the Mall, and everywhere else on campus, is a potential threat to life and limb. Penn State sidewalks, it would seem, were not constructed to hold the multi-thousands who throng to classes between ten-of-and-the-hour in the morning and the-hour-and-ten-after in the afternoon.

That the majority arrive in class at all—many unscathed—is a tribute to the agility and ingenuity of the Penn State student.

This hazard decidedly increases on ROTC days. The threat can best be categorized by the various ROTC branches.

The Army and Navy lads are included in my mildly dangerous division as they appear to travel solo or in pairs. But when the Air Force appears—beware! Why the junior bird men have to travel four abreast at all times is a bigger question in this gal's mind than what happens to the BX profits.

Every Thursday they descend on campus sidewalks like a moving stone wall . . . Upon occasion I've attempted to plow through the brigade, but after ruefully nursing bruises and sprains I'll wave a white flag. Whoever immortalized "Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Corps" wasn't just fooling.

Now this will probably draw a loud howl from the boys in Air Force blue who'll relate how they help sweet old ladies across the street and pat little children on the head. But you'll notice an absence of old ladies and small fry on campus trails. Why? They're smart. When they want to take a stroll they stick to off-campus sidewalks. It's a lot safer.

This Mass on the Mall problem also indirectly creates many other campus problems. For example the parking problem. Why does everyone want to drive to class? That's easy. They're afraid to walk! And they talk about a scholarship problem—I'm inclined to think that more students are jostled out of school than flunk out. This is probably the reason the Infirmary's often overcrowded.

After five semesters I've hit on my own solution to this problem. Unfortunately, it won't work for the entire campus.

This solution can be best illustrated by describing a hypothetical class. It's 11 a.m. and I leisurely leave McElwain for my 11 o'clock class in flower arranging. That, my friends, is the secret. By leaving for class at the approximate time classes are commencing I avoid the Mass on the Mall.

I'll admit that this method involves a certain amount of discomfort upon arriving at class. Professors, it seems, are

3 Nominated To Presidency Of WH Council

Three students received preliminary nominations for president of the West Halls Council at a meeting Tuesday night.

They are Richard Frantz, junior in dairy science from Allentown; John Shramko, electrical engineering from Clairton, and Daniel Thailmer, freshman in chemical engineering from Pittsburgh.

Elections at Next Meeting

Nominations will again be open, and elections will be held Tuesday night. A member of the Association of Independent Men's elections committee will be present to supervise the elections.

An AIM elections committee member was present at Tuesday night's meeting to explain the requirements for eligibility.

Membership Considered

Consideration of membership on the council was discussed at the meeting. In accordance with the West Halls Council constitution, two consecutive unexcused absences from meetings without sending an alternate is reason for removal.

Four members of the council will be called before the council's executive committee to answer for this violation. If found guilty, the next succeeding officer of their units will become council representative.

Suspension--

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also reviewed a Tribunal recommendation.

Tribunal also heard the case of Thomas Emerick, senior in business administration from Johnstown, who was found guilty of drunken driving in February. The subcommittee on discipline decided to adjourn until today to make a decision on the Tribunal recommendation for Emerick.

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not inclined to view this too kindly. But it does insure that I'll be around 44 years from now to pick up my Social Security checks.

How to cope with the Air Force. Simple — just don't schedule Thursday classes. It may be the coward's way out . . . but it's worth it.