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Goodbye to a Friend

When Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower came to the University in January of 1950 he was spontaneously welcomed by thousands of students on the front steps of Old Main.

Last night Prexy was again surprised by the student body in front of Old Main, the symbol of Penn State to students, alumni, and visitors. Although the student body sang, cheered, and presented him with gifts, they, we think, as a whole felt entirely inadequate in attempting to express their respect and appreciation to one of the University's truly paramount figures.

While at the University, Prexy has carried on and advanced the admirable pioneer work in the field of student government done by former President Ralph Dorn Hetzel, who originated All-University Cabinet as it now exists. Prexy's close contact with student leaders and his ever-open office door have created a more effective student governing body. He has always attempted to stimulate, not to direct, through such activities as Student Encampment. This has inspired the University's student government to become second to few, if any, in the nation.

When Prexy first came to the University he not only received a warm welcome from the student body, but was also discussed in praising terms by several of its leaders. For instance, the Leonides president remarked that she was struck most of all by his sincerity. The Panhellenic president said that he has "a terrific sense of humor which makes one feel at ease." Other sentiments were that he would do a lot for the University, and pointed out his qualities of leadership. The general feelings of the student body were summed up in the statement "He's a good Joe."

We know these sentiments are still felt by the students, only they are now inadequate. None has cheered more vehemently at all

sports events than Prexy. His usual seat in the left balcony of Recreation Hall has been religiously occupied making him part of all Rec Hall events.

Prexy is also well known for his daily trip on the cross walk between Old Main and his mansion. The common attire—a top coat, umbrella, and typical hat, and nearly always—a pipe.

The way in which Prexy has held up the social affairs of his office after the heartbreaking death of his wife we feel has warmed the hearts of the students.

Perhaps Prexy will best be remembered by students who do not now know him personally for the All-Faith Chapel which will be a lasting symbol to the memory of his wife, Helen, who was equally intimate with the administration, faculty, students, townspeople, and a powerful driving force behind his many fine achievements.

In speaking of his departure from the University to go to "Hopkins", as he prefers to call it, time and again Prexy has stressed that he is leaving for "personal reasons." These personal reasons—his loneliness, brought about by the death of his wife; to be near his daughter, now attending Swarthmore; to be near his son, who is in New York; and to be near Ike, who is a short drive away; and that he feels he will be able to aid in Johns Hopkins' expanding program—lie behind his departure.

We understand and we wish him well.

And as the door in the President's suite was open for students for the past six years, we know it will always be open to him.

Again we say farewell—to an educator, an administrator, a diplomat, a gentleman, and always, a friend.

—Sue Conklin

Why Not Appointments?

They have suggested socialization of almost everything else . . . why not appointments?

During Thursday night's All-University Cabinet meeting Association of Independent Men President Lash Howes struck out at the present system of appointments.

Howes charged that almost all the names appearing on Thursday night's appointment list were familiar to him. He also stressed that the number of independent men receiving appointments was negligible. Howes held the viewpoint that many lesser known students on campus are just as capable of performing the work of the various committees as the students receiving the appointments.

It is without question that many people receiving Cabinet appointments are active in other areas and well known on campus. However, Howes' position concerning the number of people being capable has not taken into consideration the distinction between being capable and being qualified.

Virtually anyone on campus is physically and mentally capable of doing most of the committee work in student government. However, only a small segment of the student body is qualified through initiative and knowledge of student affairs to do the work most efficiently in the period of time required to do it.

It was pointed out to Howes that relatively few independent men applied to the Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee for committee positions. He replied that ambition seemed to be one of the main considerations in applying for and receiving an appointment. He appeared to feel that ambition was not a major requirement and perhaps a more personal type of invitation could be issued to students not par-

ticularly prone to apply for committee appointments.

With the tremendous amount of work and the large number of appointments involved this idea is clearly unfeasible.

One of the basic ideas in our system of free enterprise is that a person can advance himself to the best of his ability by ambition and work. Howes has de-emphasized this doctrine and substituted the idea of spreading the riches of appointments more equally.

Another Cabinet member questioned the fact that many of the appointments on the same committee were of persons active on the same campus organization. However, the possibility was overlooked that work in a specific organization can make most of the persons in that organization more qualified by experience, knowledge or the structure of the organization to work on a specific committee.

Cabinet has long been concerned about making student government more effective by drawing more students into activities. This is a laudable idea and it is to be hoped that more Penn State students will undertake to actively participate in student government.

On the other hand, only a certain percentage of the student body can be expected to take part. Many students have no inclination or interest to take part in student government. Many students do not have the time to donate to activities due to difficulties in their academic field.

It would seem that Cabinet should primarily concern itself that the work to be done gets done well. There is plenty of work available on this campus for anyone willing to work and ambitious enough to start at the bottom.

—Becky Zahm

Rip Down Old Dorms

With the construction of four dorms and a cafeteria on the east side of campus, the University is obviously expecting to admit a few thousand more students within the next two years.

But why build new dorms and fill them with newcomers when we have students now living in dorms that are becoming unfit to live in and are smearing the beauty of our campus.

I refer to the Nittany and Pollock dorms. If you have ever had the occasion to take visitors around campus you have probably heard words similar to, "What are these? They look like army barracks."

Many men complain about how tough it is to study and even to move around comfortably in their small "boxed-in" rooms.

Besides these male dorms, we also have McAllister, Women's Building, and Grange—the former two in need of repairs and remodeling, and the latter two representing another problem and inconvenience—the lack of a cafeteria.

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- Today: INTERLANDIA FOLK DANCES, 7:30 p.m., Hetzel Union Ballroom
 - Tomorrow: HILLEL HOUR TRYOUTS, 8:00 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - Tuesday: FROTH EDITORIAL STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth Office
- University Hospital
Stephen Brown, Niels Buesseni, Robert Cingel, John Colwell, David Ferraro, Harry Frowen, Nancy Hansgen, Donald McGrew, Judson Voberg.

Many coeds miss meals rather than brave stormy and cold weather.

When the new dorms are ready for use, coeds living in Thompson should be transferred there, and the men from Nittany and Pollock should be housed in Thompson.

What about Nittany and Pollock? Tear them down and use the area for a large, modern dorm for male students. Only then can the University afford to admit more students and have housing facilities available for them.

—Lil Junas

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



Interpreting the News

Suez Road Blocks Seen As Technical

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Last minute hitches at the London Suez conference, particularly the reactions of France, Pakistan and Japan, seem to be largely technical and subject to solution.

The whole business of forming a users' association, however, is just a step in establishing the Allied position, and a nondecisive step at that. Differences among even the agreeing nations carry portents of trouble in administration as well as in principle. The margin of unity over disunity, if any, is small.

FMA to Meet Monday Night

The Fraternity Marketing Association will meet at 8 p.m. Monday and will hear a report by its officers covering last year's operations.

Harold W. Perkins, assistant dean of men and adviser to the group, said FMA will also make a decision concerning distribution of dividends. Checks will be issued in accordance with the amount of participation of each fraternity.

The group will discuss its relationship with approved vendors, and will discuss discounts allowed by the vendors to member fraternities.

A letter to be sent to the Interfraternity Council and to the Association of Fraternity Counselors will also be discussed. Presidents of both organizations have been invited to attend the meeting.

Call for Candidates Issued by WDFM

Students interested in joining the staff of campus radio station WDFM will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 307 Sparks.

Candidates are particularly needed for the music library, announcing, special events, news, and sports staffs.

Musical groups, comedians, singers or other entertainers may receive an audition for "Hubzapoppin," student musical show broadcast over WDFM at 8 tonight from the Hetzel Union auditorium. Audition times may be obtained at 307 Sparks.

County Young GOP's Elect Fegert to Post

Edward Fegert, senior in liberal arts from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been elected chairman of the Centre County Young Republicans Executive Board.

Fegert, who is president of the University Young Republican Club, is taking the position which was vacated by David Scott. Scott was appointed executive secretary of the state Young Republicans in Harrisburg.

5 Members Chosen For Chapel Choir

Five new members have been chosen to join Chapel Choir. They are Carol Young, soprano; James Leitzel and Joseph Burns, tenors; Corinne Hayzel, alto; and William Bassett, bass.

Tryouts for Hillel Hour

Hillel Hour tryouts will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hillel Foundation.