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Wanna Buy a Lantern?

The Fall issue of the Lantern, literary magazine, will appear Monday for student consumption, and it is hoped fervently that it will be consumed.

This issue, the first of the year for the semi-annual magazine, represents another try by students to establish a literary publication which students will support.

There have been tries in past years. These have all failed after varying lengths of time. Some only had a life of a semester or of a year before folding. Others kept limping along hopefully for years before dying out. It has seemed that a literary magazine had no place at Penn State.

The current edition of Lantern is an outgrowth of the now-defunct Liberal Arts Lantern, which was strictly a publication of the Liberal Arts Student Council. The magazine continued into this year with the same name but under All-University auspices.

Last year the LA Lantern turned out two pretty good looking issues full of original short stories and poems written for the most part by students (some were written by graduate students and faculty members.)

However, the magazine for all its good looks was still beset with many troubles. It had a hard time getting enough stories and other material to fill a substantial number of pages. Also it was short on staff members and couldn't get students to come out for the staff. The result was that both issues of this magazine just barely made it to press.

This year there has been a lot of talk about increasing the cultural atmosphere around campus. We agree that this should be done. We have even given our support to such a crude method of instilling culture as a mandatory increase in student fees.

The negative response we received from the students (it was only a few letters) showed that

many other students definitely disliked the idea of a raise in fees.

We favored the uplift of culture at Penn State but it seemed very apparent that there are a great many phases to this word "culture" and that the transition to more culture had to come more smoothly to be effective and lasting.

One good way to help this change along is to firmly entrench a good literary magazine on campus. It should not be a big glamorous publication which will hit the streets with a smash as if it is something new and different.

Lantern and its predecessors represent an institution which have been trying in vain for years to become part of the Penn State scene. It is a necessary part. Therefore, this literary magazine will help the "Culture Crusade" immensely and might even become the focal point of the whole movement.

Lantern is something which has been and is merely trying to stay. This year a great many campus groups are contributing cold cash to see that it does stay. Out of the hands of the Liberal Arts student council it has become the University's baby.

The staff of the Lantern, anxious also to make the magazine stick, has gone all out to round would-be literary talent and has even gone as far as publishing more copies than ever before.

This is an optimistic note on which to start a year of publication. This appears to be a very important trial which Lantern faces. If the students turn their backs on an effort which is All-University sponsored, so to speak, it looks bad for any venture into publishing a literary magazine.

If Lantern fails this year, there will probably be others which will try in subsequent years. However, let's not give them a chance. Let's have a campus literary magazine.

The Editor

Who Dropped The Ball?

Every year we see an abundance of fine ideas and suggestions brought forth. But most of them are never carried out.

Many hours of hard work from either students or faculty are poured into each recommendation. Most of these become wasted hours. The greatest waste is not in the hours lost but in the valuable ideas lost.

Many of the suggestions represent a realistic analysis of a situation. Often the suggestions are never accepted because certain individuals or groups are unwilling to accept change even though the suggested change might more adequately meet the present situation.

We feel that it is very bad for red tape and reactionary individuals to hold up or dispense with new ideas merely because they are not willing to accept change.

The new drinking rule suggested by Women's Student Government Association has been stashed away and no action has been taken. If the rule went into effect women students over 21 would be allowed to drink. At present no women are allowed to drink.

The WSGA recommendation is excellent and should be passed. We feel that if those concerned would evaluate the situation realistically the suggested regulation would be put into effect.

What did happen to the WSGA recommendation?

The faculty in the College of Education has been quite weak in meeting the educational needs of the students. We are looking at the present situation for student teachers. During the eight weeks that they are on campus and in the education block they receive almost no education at all. These students pay tuition and room and board for this period. What do these students get for their money? Very little we think.

Several suggestions have been made to the faculty concerning the ed block. So far none of the ideas or recommendations have been accepted. We suggest that if the faculty prefers not to accept these suggestions it finds some better way to meet the present deplorable situation.

The Centennial Convocation which was held during the fall of 1955 brought forth numerous worthwhile ideas. At the final meeting it was suggested and strongly recommended that more meetings be held to further the discussions which had been started. Very little has been done in the area since then.

It would not only be worthwhile for the work to be continued, it is almost a necessity for the University. Many of the questions brought up at these meetings are problems which the University must face in the future or is facing at present.

A more recent problem is the calendar situation. Each year the student body procrastinates on this matter. Then about two or three months beforehand it asks the administration to make a major revision in the calendar. We suggest that All-University Cabinet mend its ways and start working right now for a change in the dates for Christmas vacation for next year.

A great many important issues are finding their way to the deadletter file. We hope more responsibility will be shown and that many people will become more open to change.

—Sue Conklin

Gazette

Today
LANTERN CIRCULATION STAFF: 7 p.m. tomorrow. 209 HUB
PENN STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB: 7 p.m. Monday. 214 HUB
SOPHOMORE CLASS ADVISORY BOARD: 2 p.m. tomorrow. 212-213 HUB

Army Association To Meet Tuesday

The Association of the United States Army will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of Carnegie Hall.

Lt. Col. Kenneth R. Welton will speak on "Military Functions in NATO and SEATO."

A film entitled "This is Your Army" will be shown.

Sophomores and advanced Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets may attend.

The uniform will be class "A."

The first weekly publication at the University began in 1904.

Japanese Girls Bought For Brothels in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Police report 300 girls from Japan's famine-stricken Hokkaido Island have been sold to Tokyo brothels this year.

They are looking for brokers from brothels who canvass farms and villages impoverished by crop failures.

The brokers give parents money as advance wages for what they call "jobs in tow."

Correction: Wrong Station

The campus amateur radio station, W3YA, will make the broadcasts in the case of a wartime or peacetime emergency, not WDFM, as was erroneously reported in yesterday's paper.

Ag Group to Air Test Exemptions

The Agriculture Student Council will discuss final examination exemptions for eighth semester seniors at its meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 212 Hetzel Union.

Plans will also be discussed for a high school student recruitment program, which will be conducted by students in the college over the semester vacation.

The coffee hour and bulletin board committees will present reports.

Ronald Henderson, senior in agriculture education from St. Clairsville, who was elected parliamentarian at the last meeting, will be formally installed.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"I'd like some of you to think of this term paper due Saturday as a 'Do-It-Yourself' project."

'Round the Rim

'57 Comes With Dames Diamonds and Thorns

By BECKY ZAHM

1957 rolled in with quieter celebrations than in past years, predictions for almost everything and another list of the twelve best dressed females.

The best dressed list contained the perennials such as the Duchess of Windsor and Mrs. William Paley, wife of the president of CBS. Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly of Philadelphia, also was included.

In fact she made the top three. Only one flaw—this year the top twelve emerged as the top 14 due to two ties.

Along with predictions for the new year came a flood of resolutions. The most notable campus-wise are those compiled by the anonymous Clyde Klutz, self-proclaimed burgess of University Park.

The resolutions were liberally scattered on mall benches and such when the students returned from an extended holiday. Literally, that is.

Some of the more humorous and less offensive are as follows:

1. We will replace the Old Main chimes with the song "Home for the Holidays." Splendid suggestion! With approximately 344 shopping days remaining until next Christmas perhaps the powers-that-be could arrange for the students to spend a reasonable portion of them at home.

3. We will all serve as justices of the Penn State Supreme Court. Would you like to be Queen for a Day? Or as Shakespeare said, "Much Ado About Nothing."

10. We will help Lion's Paw run the University. Tsk, tsk, Mr. Klutz. Things are bad enough. Too many cooks spoil the broth... even more.

15. We will hire someone to remove all those stickers on the campus. We don't need fewer stickers; we need more doors.

17. We will try to get student discounts from Guy Mills. Good try.

While some of Klutz's resolutions are on the borderline it would seem that in many cases he simply calls a spade a spade.

Switching the suit to diamonds—it appears the scads of coeds returned from vacation sporting a girl's best friend on the fourth finger left hand. If the ratio was bad it's even worse now. Many engagements were termed The Big Surprise.

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Seems that like Froth Editor Ron Caserella has joined up with the Daily Collegian as a cartoonist.

While on the subject of Collegian it may be a thankless task, but working in the news

room is usually worth a laugh a minute. Yesterday one of our budding junior boarders asked, "Which way does the tower of Pisa lean, left or right?"

Along with the coming in of the New Years comes the need for new calendars. All last year nary a calendar could be found around Collegian. This year it happened that almost everyone trudged back from vacation with a calendar. With everything from the Esquire girl variety to the country scene type you can't escape seeing calendars in any direction.

Widow's Will Provides Grants To University

The University has been named one of four Pennsylvania colleges at which scholarships will be offered in the will of a widowed recluse who died Christmas day, according to the Associated Press.

Mrs. Mary A. Fox of Lock Haven specified in her will that the Mary Ann Fox Foundation be established and pay the tuition at the University, Lycoming College, Bucknell, or Lock Haven State Teachers College for "deserving boys and girls" from either Clinton or Lycoming County.

Mrs. Fox has left a \$154,000 estate for scholarships at one of the four colleges.

Continued interest from the funds would pay the tuition of four students at one time, an attorney estimated yesterday. He said the \$154,000 figure, based on an initial inventory, included \$55,000 in real estate and \$85,000 in securities.

Mrs. Fox directed that the students be selected by a committee composed of the presidents of the four institutions and the public school superintendents from the two counties by August of each year.

The Jordan Fertility Plots, oldest of their kind in the country, were laid out in 1881 to test the effect of various fertilizers upon crops.