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It Happens Every Spring

On several occasions this past week I have been just about to take convenient short cuts across barren grassless paths only to be confronted by clever little signs warning me away.

Seniors must be prompted to say, "Oh, these signs again," for they make their appearance each spring under the joint sponsorship of the landscape division and Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

We never cease marvelling at the obstinance of these groups (especially APhiO who has only tradition to keep them in there pitching) in trying to preserve the few green spots remaining on campus.

As we all can see, there are more and more sidewalks (not to speak of buildings) being built all the time. The green patches are shrinking rapidly.

With the past results of the "keep-off-the-grass" campaigns in mind, we are urging stu-

dents to please confine their wanderings to the asphalt.

We are lucky enough to have one of the nicest looking campuses in the country. We want it to stay that way (natchery). If the more popular short cuts must be made into sidewalks every year, we will soon have a confusing network of walks resembling some kind of hideous puzzle.

Another thing we admire is how they manage to come up with such original sayings on these signs each year (don't they ever get discouraged?). They could erect barbed wire barricades, you know. It may not be as subtle, but you can't beat it for effectiveness.

Let's make Alpha Phi Omega and the landscape division stop short of such measures. And KEEP OFF THE COTTONPICKIN' SOD!

—The Editor

Safety Valve

LA Council's Defense

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to your editorial on the Liberal Arts elections I find it necessary to bring out some of the misreported and unreported facts.

1. I did not defend any actions of council members influencing votes by saying that it is a common practice among all councils. I stated that the only way a council may take charge of its ballot boxes is to have individual council members watch them during voting. I have admitted that it is a poor practice, and steps to correct it in the future have already been taken.

2. A council meeting was never officially scheduled for Wednesday night; in fact, after consulting the officers of the council, I concluded that a meeting when maximum attendance would be insured could not be held until after Easter vacation and Spring Week. The normal night for a council meeting would have been Tuesday, but this meeting was canceled because of conflict with Mr. Leetch's address of the use of the placement service by LA students.

3. A complaint including the names of the accused individuals was not reported to me until after the votes had been counted and released for publication. To clear this up it might be in order to examine the events which occurred last Thursday evening when a joint meeting of the LA Council Elections Committee and the council officers was held.

At this meeting I reported that an anonymous phone caller earlier in the day had reported to

me that another individual, whom he refused to name, would contest the LA elections. The elections committee and officers agreed to that the ballots should be impounded until the nature of the complaint were revealed.

After finally discovering the identity of the complainant I contacted him and was told that he would not reveal the name of the individual he charged with influencing voters while sitting at the polls. In addition, he would not reveal the names of the alleged witnesses to this.

Since the charges had neither been clarified, explained, nor proven, the committee and officers decided that the ballots should be tabulated and the results released to The Daily Collegian for publication.

After the meeting I went to the Collegian office to check the vote tally with the reporter. It was there I actually met the complainant and learned for the first time the name of the individual accused. Since the elections results had already been released, I agreed that the protest could be registered at the next council meeting.

It is indeed quite easy to look back on an event which has already occurred and criticize the handling of it. This is particularly true when all the facts are not known until later.

I feel that the decision to validate the election, in view of the facts known at the time, was the only logical one which would have been made.

The Liberal Arts council will hear the election complaint, and if the council considers the proof valid the members in error will be dropped.

—Robert Nurock
President, Liberal Arts Council

Do the Ads Lie?

TO THE EDITOR: I object to the ads printed by the Collegian over the name of the West End Power Company referring to TVA. The figure in these ads are misleading at best. The true facts are revealed by an exhaustive study by the American Public Power Association which refutes the claims of the private power companies.

First, TVA was created not only to provide cheap electric power, but also for many other vital purposes such as flood control, public recreation, conservation, and development of natural resources. In this way TVA has helped raise a 7-state region from its former poverty to prosperity, and this benefits the whole nation.

The biggest portion of the power generated by the TVA is sold to the Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies of the federal government. No tax is paid on that power, but this does not mean that the private power companies pay more taxes.

'Ugly' Discontent

TO THE EDITOR: It has been brought to our attention, when it was too late of course, that our efforts of constructing for the Ugly Man contest were quite hopeless. That's an entirely wrong approach to winning. It's good for house publicity and house cooperation but that's about all. The real solution is to raise enough money to qualify for the finals.

The seven fraternities who give the most money (and I say fraternities because the other campus vote probably amounts to less than five per cent of the total), get a chance to compete for the trophy. Therefore, a house that is set financially can enter the finals without any effort toward making a float for the Ugly Man parade.

Sure, there is a big reward for winning the parade, 1000 votes or \$10 toward first place. It sounds like a lot of votes, but then consider the fact that the highest raised approximately 10 times that amount. That really shows the small significance of placing in, or even winning the parade.

I have no complaint against the purpose of the whole contest, for all the money brought in goes for worthy causes. But let's make the rules a little more just so that it's worthwhile spending many hours building a float. If the rules are not changed, many fraternities are going to discontinue their parade efforts and simply assess

their members so they will qualify for the finals. The whole thing will then be an auction with the highest bidder getting the trophy. What price glory?

—George Sellers
Bruce Walsh
Janet Ours

—Walter Scott

Students and Government

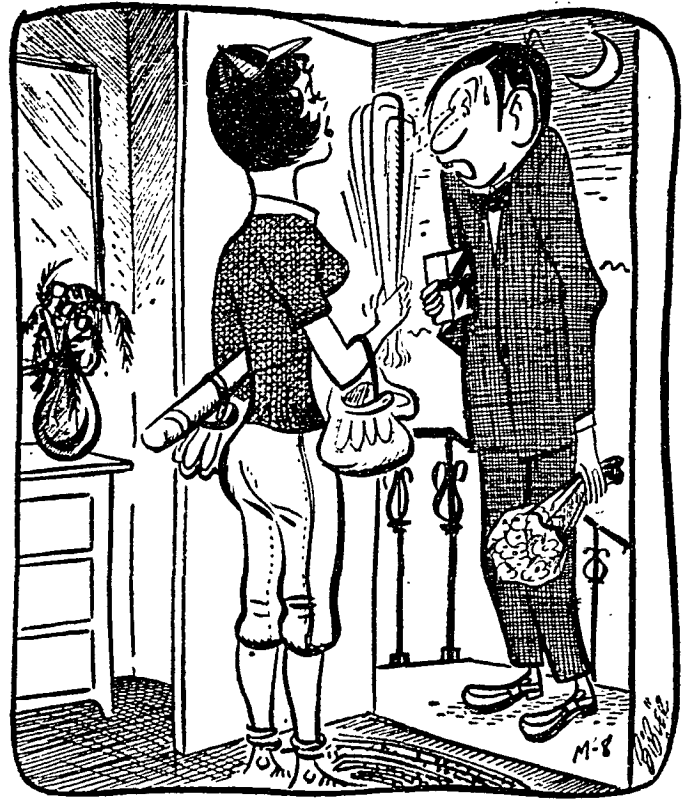
TO THE EDITOR: As of this date (April 11) only eight students have applied for the Junior Class Advisory Board. Why? Why are the same students who loudly complained of lack of voice in student government now suddenly silent when an opportunity to be heard is present? Student government is only as strong as the students themselves make it.

Advisory boards carry to their representatives on Cabinet constructive suggestions, thus allowing Cabinet to receive a cross-sectional view of student opinion. They are not political plums; not fragments of a spoils system. Contrary to belief, advisory board membership does not require affiliation with a political party. Instead an attempt is made to obtain a cross-section of a particular class.

We hope that more students, knowing these facts, will take advantage of this opportunity to participate in bringing closer the goals of student government.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"But—when I said 'play ball with me tonite'— I had something else in mind."

Water Conservation Campaign Opens

By RICHARD L. GRAVES

HARRISBURG, April 12 (AP)—The state government this week opened a long-range campaign to conserve the Commonwealth's water resources.

The latest action was introduction in the Senate of a bill setting up a state Water and Mineral Resources Conservation

Board with sweeping power to investigate any water shortage or irrigation problem and recommend immediate emergency action by the governor.

The measure, introduced by Sen. John T. Van Sant (R-Lehigh), would provide a cornerstone on which to build future water conservation programs.

Task Force Study
Van Sant was chairman of a Joint State Government Commission task force investigating water problems. The new bill establishing the commission is a result of the task force study.

The measure outlines the purpose of the conservation board to initiate a program or research and planning, as well as coordinate the activities of local, state and federal agencies on economic utilization and conservation of water.

The board would also carry out a similar function on other mineral resources.

The state now uses 11 billion gallons of water a day. The rate is comparatively steady through the year, with industry using about 90 per cent of the total.

Water Supply Uneven
However, the average daily water supply available is 90 billion gallons—but is unevenly distributed through the year, with most of it running off in spring months.

One of the prime assignments of the advisory board would be to initiate research into water use problems, including pollution, irrigation, mining and mine drainage, water table questions and related subjects.

Another objective of the board would be to tackle geological and topographical surveys of surface, subsurface and other waters in specific areas where problems of conservation, supply or distribution have come up or may come up in the future.

As the bill now stands the board would be set up this way: Chairman ex officio will be the secretary of internal affairs, without a vote; THE DEANS OF THE PENN STATE AGRICULTURE AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES SCHOOLS, the University of Pennsylvania medical school and the Pittsburgh University School of Public Health. Four other members would be designated by the governor.

Other Duties
Other duties of the board would be to:

Develop a coordinated program of conservation and regulation of

the waters and other natural resources of the Commonwealth.

Coordinate state agencies in the development of conservation projects or programs.

Hire qualified people to do research on various conservation problems.

Recommend to the governor before each Legislature enactment of legislation needed to carry out programs of conservation, development or regulation of water resources.

A companion bill introduced by Van Sant would require approval by the Health Department of plans for construction of housing developments. The plans would have to show proposed sewerage facilities, which would have to meet department standards.

Freshmen Women To Hold Coed Tea

"Spring Flowers" will be the theme of the annual Coed Tea to be given by freshmen women from 2:30 to 4:30 tomorrow in Ather-ton lounge.

The purpose of the tea is to promote friendship between freshmen and upperclass women.

A "Spring Fashion" show will be presented featuring the clothes a typical coed would wear in a week. The models, all freshman women, will show outfits ranging from Bermuda shorts to formals. The fashion show will be presented twice, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Eileen Loehr, co-chairman of the entertainment committee, will narrate.

This Weekend On WDFM

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Today	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Hi Fi Open House
9:00	News
9:15	Campus Beat
1:00	News
1:05	Sign Off
Tomorrow	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Ballet Theatre
8:00	The Third Program
11:30	Sign Off
Monday	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	For People Only
7:55	Sports
8:00	Showcase
8:30	Guest Disc Jockey
9:00	News
9:15	First Freedom
9:30	Greek Quiz
10:00	Symphonic Notebook
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off