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## Seniors: Necessity Rather Than Luxury

The senior class, with \$10,000 to spend, is shopping for a class gift.

When graduating seniors obtain copies of LaVie today, tomorrow and Thursday, they will vote for a gift from a choice of five suggestions:

- Collection of book; for the Fred Lewis Pattee library.

- Money toward the Stone Valley recreation project.

- Furnishings for the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel.

- Photo-copy machines for the library.

- Furnishings for the proposed School of Arts Building.

The gift will be financed by an accumulation of a 50-cent general damage fee, tacked on to University tuition each semester. At the end of four years, every senior will have about a \$4 investment in the gift.

The Stone Valley recreation area has been put into the planning stages this year to provide swimming and recreation facilities for administration and faculty members, alumni, and students. The money would be used to help construct a dam for a lake or build cabins or other facilities.

The senior class gift, since it is given by students, should primarily benefit students. A recreation area would be used only by students, at the most about one month out of the year. During the summer it would be fine for faculty members and townspeople, but the class gift should hardly be used for a "resort" for State College.

Furnishings for the Chapel could include an altar that could be lowered through the floor in the Chapel or stained glass windows for the meditation Chapel.

Gifts for the Chapel are always welcomed, but this is one need that would perhaps draw alumni support before many University projects.

The proposed School of the Arts may in the future need and be an excellent recipient of class gifts. Now, however, its realization is distant and a gift designation in any form would

be rather hazy.

A photo-copy machine, a self-service machine that would photograph pages of books and magazines, and a collection of books for the library are the two best suggestions for the senior class gift.

Since a photo-copy machine would cost only \$300, both the machine and book collection would be a valuable contribution to what has been termed a "deficient" library.

The \$10,000 class gift could, for example, provide a book collection of "good entertaining reading for undergraduate students in such fields as art, architecture, travel, contemporary literature and theatre," Ralph W. McComb, University librarian said.

The texts would include current popular Broadway plays, English translations of books by famous European authors, poetry by Edna St. Vincent Millay, H. L. Mencken or Robert Frost, and biographies of great contemporary artists.

The last class gifts to the library were given by the classes of 1932 and 1935, McComb said in December that "if we are going to be the great library we ought to be, the library needs special help."

The library ranks 54th in size out of 107 colleges and universities while the student enrollment places the University among the 12 largest schools in the nation.

Only one and one-half per cent of the University budget goes to the library—placing the library far below the national median of almost four per cent allotted to other collegiate libraries, William L. Werner, professor of American literature, said.

The problem, he said, is not that the University isn't provided with an ample budget, but that "the library is just ignored."

The library has been ignored—particularly by student concern and the aid of class gifts. When the class of '57 makes its selection this week, it should think of necessity rather than luxury, and support the library.

—The Senior Board

## Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT—I'VE HAD VERY POOR ATTENDANCE IN MY CLASSES, TOO!"

### Interpreting the News

## Who Is Correct—Stassen or Radford?

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has put the question whether the United States should be trying for any arms control or disarmament agreement with Russia at this time.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his "peace ambassador," Harold Stassen, have been expressing "cautious optimism" on the possibility of making a beginning.

Stassen says things have begun to look up in just the last month or so.

Privately, some experts on Russia have been saying Stassen had better watch out lest he get in a frame of mind where agreement is sought merely for the sake of agreement.

They remind that there is no let-up in Russia's contest for control of the world—that she will make and keep only such agreements as will promote that aim.

Radford puts it bluntly: "We cannot trust the Russians on this or anything."

This brings out into the open, for direct questioning, the entire concept that if small agreements can be made, they may lead to larger settlements.

This concept has been behind many American approaches to peace for the last 12 years.

It was a corollary of the policy of containment, and of the American effort to "keep the door open" for possible changes in the Russian attitude.

The idea that time, coupled with inside and outside pressure, would produce such changes has been the West's chief basis of hope.

There is a serious question, however, whether even partial agreements may be safely entered into until democratic changes have actually taken place in Russia.

The United States, with typical naivete, adopted a naval limitations agreement with other world powers after World War I. She kept her word. Japan, among others, didn't.

It cannot be proved that the failure to build ships in peacetime was crippling to American diplomacy in 1938-39 and '40, but an argument can be made.

Certainly the "empty hands" psychology developed as a result of the naval conference played a role in later events. For one thing, it contributed to the Japanese belief that they could flout American strength, and so helped precipitate war.

As long as Russia persists in her determination to conquer the

world by cold war, so long will there be a danger of hot war. The patience of her people with their drab life wears thin.

She has never yet buttered a piece of bread for any other country without putting in some arsenic. And that's not just international communism at work. It's Russian, too.

## Fantasy Play To Be Given

"The Dreams that Come," a dramatic fantasy about what happens after death, will be presented by 5 O'Clock Theatre today in the Little Theatre in Old Main.

The author of the play is Clark Polak, former student in arts and letters from Philadelphia. The play is directed by Derek Swire, sophomore in arts and letters from Philadelphia.

The cast includes Joseph Servello, junior in art education from Altoona; Bruce Taylor, junior in arts and letters from Oakmont; Floyd Santoro, sophomore in arts and letters from Johnstown; Irene Rothstein, freshman in arts and letters from Elkins Park; Charles Antalosky, sophomore in chemical engineering from Saint Clair; and David Stekol, junior in arts and letters from Glenside.

## IE Prof to Help Install Honorary Group Chapter

Dr. Clifton A. Anderson, professor of industrial engineering, will participate Saturday in the installation of a chapter of Alpha Pi Mu, industrial engineering honorary society, at the University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. Anderson, is the national president of the society.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Simmons Lecture Series
7:55	Sports
8:00	Face to Face
8:30	Sounds in the Night
9:00	News
9:15	Sounds in the Night
9:30	Marquee Memories
10:00	This World of Music
11:30	News; Sign Off

## Safety Valve . . . Those Final Exams!

### "Lines Composed While Sitting In Pattee Library"

Bring the blue books—poise the pens  
Final time is here again  
Mid the many lamentations  
Over these examinations  
I find that after all I've heard  
That students are like types of birds  
There are the ones who flock together  
To question, eye and wonder whether  
Their fellow students studied better  
—Like brooding HENS—each one a fretter  
Some teachers on this next one dote  
In his memory by rote  
He records faithfully every note  
A PARROT—he can only quote  
The student COWBIRD is hard to beat  
As a bird he steals—as a student cheats  
He always takes the proper seat  
Next not to the chaff—but to the wheat  
The PELICAN feathers his own nest  
He's glib—he knows his facts the best  
But do not closely question lest  
He shows what he did not digest  
There is one we recognize  
He thinks, relates and feigns no guise  
He stands alone—and we surmise  
That like an OWL—he is most wise  
But one thing we can all affirm  
Of whatever feather or ectoderm  
You can be sure at end of term  
The EARLY BIRD will get the worm  
—Mimi Cammarata

### "Cram Week"

The period just around Easter  
Is called the mid-semester lull  
And to all but those with ratty minds  
Will be anything but dull.  
It's a time of joyous thinking  
Of what there is around us  
But when we look it'll change to who  
And with men-of care, it must.  
And if this is that lucky and fateful year  
And we open our eyes to observe  
There's a radiant smile that's reflecting  
A sincereness of melting reserve.  
For here is a gorgeous creature  
That you long to hold so close  
To know the softness and fragrance  
And the warmth you love the most.  
And then the lull is over  
Like a change of wind or weather  
Cause now it is the middle of May;  
Exams control why and whether.  
Yes, these are the two suspenseful weeks  
At the end of a firing semester.  
To this is added a parting of paths;  
How can I manage without her?  
For here is that time of patience  
With a quiet prayer for hope  
That our love is undiminished  
When the stage has changed its scope.  
—Rodney Stuart

## Gazette

TODAY  
FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:15 p.m., main lounge, Hetzel Union  
GAMMA SIGMA Pledges, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall  
LAVIE SENIOR BOARD, 6:30 p.m., 412 Old Main  
NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTERS Party, 8 p.m., 430 Beaver Ave.  
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB

WSGA JUDICIAL BOARD, 5 p.m., 203 HUB  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Raymond Abrams, John Bott, Stanley Burd, Patricia Eden, Nancy Himmelreich, Thomas S. Jones, Donald Keffer, Nilda Lopez, George Matsumura, William P. Moore, William Newhouse, Douglas Ramseyer, Sally Stansbury, Cynthia Talbert.

## Chem-Phys Council Imperial Will Head Botany Department To Debate Change Cosmopolitan Club Given \$450 Grant

The Chemistry and Physics Student Council next semester will consider a constitutional amendment providing for the election of at least one physics major to the Council.

At present there is no definite stipulation in the constitution for a physics representative, but there are two provisions for chemistry representatives.

The enrollment in the physics curriculum is larger than that in the chemistry curriculum.

George Imperial, graduate student in fuel technology from the Philippines, has been elected president of the Cosmopolitan Club.

Other officers are Imerio Natos, junior in chemical engineering from Venezuela, vice president; Buntarman Sumantri, sophomore in chemical engineering from Indonesia, secretary; and June Kauffman, freshman in art education from State College, treasurer.

The Stauffer Chemical Company has made a \$450 contribution to the Botany Research Assistance Fund of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology.

A donation of \$100 has been given to the Botany Research Fund by the Grocery Store Products Company to help support the mushroom research work of Dr. Leon R. Kneebone, associate professor of botany, and his colleagues.