

# Seniors Select Book Collection

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### Cooper Named Valedictorian; 11 Win Class Honors



Jones Bow Girl    Hartnett Spoon Man    Nichols Mirror Girl    Land Cane Man    M. Forster Fan Girl    Moyle Pipe Man    Nearing Slipper Girl    Valentine Barrel Man    Ives Class Poet    Bahrenburg Class Donor    A. Forster Class Donor

#### Foyle Chosen Salutatorian For Class Night

Gerald Cooper, senior in science from Morrisville, with a 3.98 All-University average, has been selected class valedictorian for the Baccalaureate-Class Night 7:30 p.m. June 7 in Schwab Auditorium.

James Foyle, senior in education from Kent, Ohio, will be the class salutatorian. He has a 3.94 average.

Cooper is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, junior and senior men's leadership and honor society, and Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity.

The recipients of the senior honors were also announced by Joanne Seaman, Baccalaureate-Class Night chairman.

Men's honors include Robert Bahrenburg, class donor; Joseph Hartnett, spoon man; Samuel Valentine, barrel man; Daniel Land, cane man; and Mike Moyle, pipe orator.

Women's honors include Ann Forster, class donor; Miriam Jones, bow girl; Margaret Forster, fan girl; Barbara Nichols, mirror girl; Sheila Nearing, slipper girl; and Elizabeth Ives, class poet.

These students were selected from 40 candidates by the class by ballot when they obtained their copies of LaVie.

The two class donors will present the gifts to the other recipients of class honors.

The spoon man award was at one time presented to the senior class president because of his outstanding leadership.

The cane man award traditionally has gone to the male senior with outstanding leadership qualities. The barrel man award was presented to an athlete who excelled in leadership and scholarship.

The tradition behind the pipe man award is much older than the other honors, started as a joke by some who thought it was time to "bury the hatchet" of class rivalry and smoke the traditional peace pipe with the incoming senior class.

The bow girl is the top award given to women and is presented to the senior woman with outstanding scholarship.

The slipper and fan-girl awards are given to popular student leaders. The class poet is a student-leader with originality who will present a humorous class poem.

The mirror girl writes the mirror operation and is supposed to look within the mirror on class night to see the past and future of her class revealed there.

A Senator Writes

#### Students Can Come To University's Aid

TO THE EDITOR: The shocking news has just filtered back from Harrisburg that the majority in the General Assembly have decided to put Penn State on its "disaster budget" for the coming biennium. As the Senator elected to represent the district in which Penn State is located, I believe that this represents an unwarranted stunting of education in Pennsylvania.

Proposed studies are simply subterfuge. A statewide committee made a comprehensive report a couple of months ago. Just as the White House conference postponed coming to grips on a national level, so will a 2-year study on the state level.

We know that only 20 per cent of high school graduates go to college in Pennsylvania contrasted with over 30 per cent in other states. We know that the Commonwealth is losing its richest resource when it offers no opportunity for young people with "brains" but whose parents have no money to secure a college education. Pennsylvania has a miserly 80 scholarships; New York has thousands.

The demand on Penn State will double in 10 years but a 2-year study delay will only make the problem for Penn State more acute. The Governor, George M. Leader, indicated that he would be willing to divert as much as \$28 million for this biennium from the Scholarship-Junior College Fund for Higher Education. Herein lie the funds to meet the \$35 million request of President Eric A. Walker.

I do not believe that it is "politics" to promote public education by making college education available to many now not financially able to come to college and neither do I believe it to be "politics" to try to build the State University to care for the demands that the people of the state make upon it.

I doubt if those that ask for delay for study really realized what two years of study may mean to a young person, 18 or 19 years of age, for two years from now these people will be 20 and 21. Those two years mean that a chance for a college education may be denied.

I believe that the 14,000 Penn State students as they return to their homes in every part of the state might exert a tremendous influence on this issue if they really wanted to. Students could make their wishes known to members of the General Assembly back home without the fear of being involved in partisan politics—a fear held rightly or wrongly by some parts of the Penn State family.

I think this is a challenge that you could rightfully place before your student readers.

—Sen. Jo Hays,  
(D.-Centre-Clearfield)

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#### 510 of 1768 Voting Choose \$10,000 Gift for Library

By LIANNE CORDERO

The \$10,000 class gift this year will be a collection of books for the Fred Lewis Pattee Library.

A total of 1768 seniors voted for one of five suggestions selected by the Senior Class Advisory Board.

- Book collection, 510;
- Funds for the proposed Stone Valley Recreation area, 473;
- Self-service photo-copy machines for the Library, 411;
- Furnishings for the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel, 285;
- Furnishings for the projected School of the Arts building, 89.

University Librarian Ralph W. McComb has suggested that the funds could be used to start a collection of books for "recreational reading" or to purchase rare books, manuscripts or maps. The 1957 class gift will be the first for the Library since the Classes of 1932 and 1935 gave sums of money to be used for the general collection.

When informed that the book collection was selected, McComb said, "I'm very, very happy." He suggested that a meeting of the class officers and members of the gift committee be held with him to designate just how the funds will be used.

McComb added that a plaque will be set up designating the collection as given by the Class of 1957.

The purpose of the "recreational reading" collection, he said would be "to provide for the undergraduate student an opportunity to fill in those gaps missed in formal courses by making available books students would enjoy reading."

"This gift," McComb said, "would be useful again and again to many hundreds of students. We, as a university, are remote from metropolitan areas, and students do not have access to this type of reading."

Originally a room to house such a collection was in the blueprints for the present addition along Curtin Rd. Later the plan had to be discarded for lack of funds.

#### Frosh Math Skills May Be Tested

University Senate members showed by a straw vote last night that they favor a plan to prevent students from graduating who cannot do elementary arithmetic and algebra.

The plan is expected to be up for a final vote at the Senate's regular meeting, June 4.

Under such a plan, applicants for admission would take a test of quantitative skills. If they fail, they will be required to take remedial work at their own expense.

Skills Expected

Some of the skills the plan is expected to include are:

- Use of whole numbers, fractions and decimals; solve simple verbal arithmetic problems; solution of personal and community problems by arithmetic; use of letters to represent numbers; solve simple equations; interpret charts and graphs; use measuring instruments, such as a ruler or scales; and make unit conversions.

This plan is in line with the current thinking in terms of general education.

Criteria Doubted

One difficulty the Senate felt the plan would encounter is a valid cut-off point. Many felt that no criteria exist for determining this accurately.

Others, however, felt that the Davis test, a sampling of over 250 students, has made a start along this line. They felt that with further experimentation a standard or standards could be determined.

If the cut-off established by the Davis test were used in testing freshmen, 16 per cent would fail.

### Cabinet Upholds Lion Party Election

Byron LaVan, former Lion Party clique chairman, failed last night in his attempt to have All-University Cabinet invalidate the party's clique officer elections held Sunday.

Cabinet, after hearing testimony by LaVan and Elections Committee Chairman Peter Fishburn, unanimously voted to declare the elections "legal and proper."

LaVan had charged improper conduct of the elections. "I'm up here (before Cabinet) on a principle," he said, "—honesty in the party. We must keep whatever is left of Lion Party honest..."

After the meeting LaVan made this statement:

"The principle involved is more important than the results. If student government can avoid questionable elections by simple amendments to the Elections Code, then the possibility of corruption with any political organization would be greatly reduced."

In the election William O'Neill, freshman in psychology from Downingtown, defeated Fred Ochroch, sophomore in business administration from Philadelphia, for the office of party clique chairman. Ochroch had been nominated by LaVan.

About 55 students attended Cabinet last night to hear LaVan state his case. They packed into 203

Hetzl Union and overflowed into the hall.

LaVan produced a witness, Harry Kitzinger, junior in arts and letters from Upper Montclair, N.J., who said he had seen a student fill out more than one ballot.

Several Cabinet members asked Kitzinger why he hadn't reported the action to Fishburn at the time he saw it occur. The witness said he didn't want to get himself or others involved at that time.

LaVan also said that because notebook paper was used for the ballots, extras could have been made by tearing ballots in half.

Fishburn then offered to produce the ballots to prove that all were the same size.

#### Regulations to Continue

Normal traffic and parking regulations will remain in effect during final exams, according to the dean of men's office.

Freshmen may not have or operate cars and parking permits will be required for the University parking areas.

#### Collegian Stops Today; Will Resume Sept. 8

Today's issue is the last edition of The Daily Collegian this semester.

The Collegian will resume publication Sunday, Sept. 8 for orientation week. Daily publication will resume Tuesday, Sept. 17.