

University Lacks Official Flag Despite 50 Years of Searching

By JEFF POLLACK

In spite of many attempts to get one, the University—unlike most large schools—has never had an official school flag.

Three times since the turn of the century—in 1907, 1931 and 1946—attempts by students to obtain one have failed.

The closest the University has come to having an official flag was in 1946 when the All-College Cabinet held a flag-designing contest.

A simple flag of blue and white with the Nittany Lion across it was chosen as the best by the members of the art faculty.

In June 1946, the flag committee sent the sketch to President Ralph Dorn Hetzel, who also was Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The Board decided the idea needed more thought and returned the drawing to Cabinet.

A second attempt was made by the Cabinet in December 1946. They returned the sketch affirming the students desire for the flag and re-endorsing the design.

The board refused to accept the design.

With hope of an All-College flag gone the Cabinet moved to have the flag accepted as an athletic one. Wilmer E. Kenworthy, administrative assistant to the President, replied for President Hetzel that the matter need not go before the Board of Trustees and the idea could be carried out.

The understanding was that the flag could only be displayed at New Beaver Field, the Recreation Building and athletic events.

An attempt to obtain a flag also was made in 1931 when David Weidner, '31, chairman of the flag committee, announced that members of the Department of Architecture would be encouraged to submit designs for a popular vote by the student body.

The plans were subject to the approval of the officials of the Department of Architecture and although instructors in the department seemed willing to support the project, and several designs were suggested, the plan died.

Charles W. Stoddart, then Dean

of the School of the Liberal Arts, suggested a begonia bush be used to symbolize the spirit of cordiality prevailing at the College.

Other suggestions included combinations of the Keystone emblem, Mt. Nittany, the initials "P.S." and the Nittany Lion. The University Seal held great popularity among the students but was disregarded because it would appear "muddy" when reproduced in miniature.

In 1907 the Lemon, a publica-

tion of the time, campaigned for a flag. In its second article on the flag, the question was asked, "Do you think Penn State is big enough and great enough to have a splendid college banner . . . ?"

Among the slogans that appeared in this issue was, "Penn State's Banner of White and Blue—'Twill Soon be Unfurled."

Evidence pointed to a campaign for an All-College flag. The outcome however, was that the Cadet Corps received a new flag.

Medical Club To Type Blood

The Rod and Coccus Club will hold its annual blood typing project from 7 to 9 tonight in 205 Paterson.

Barbara Underwood, secretary, said in past years as many as 200 students have come to have their blood typed. "Most of the participants were couples," she said.

The price of blood typing is 25 cents and the price of determining the Rh factor is 25 cents.

The proceeds from the project go to the Rod and Coccus textbook scholarship fund. The \$25 scholarship is given once a year to one member of the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

This year's winners are Phoebe Trumbauer, senior in medical technology from Lansdale; Ruth Ott, junior in medical technology from Westfield, N.J., and Dorothea Harms, sophomore in medical technology from Reading.

Engagements Schneider-Levine

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schneider of Washington, N.J., have announced the engagement of their daughter Janet to Howard L. Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levine of Spring Valley, N.Y.

Miss Schneider is a senior in secondary education. She is first vice president of Sigma Delta Tau sorority.

Levine was graduated from the University in 1956 in pre-medicine. He was a member of Phi Sigma Delta fraternity. He was also a member of Androcles, junior men's hat society; Chemistry-Physics Student Council; and Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic honorary society.

At present, he is a sophomore at the State of New York College of Medicine at Syracuse, N.Y.

Outing Club to Meet

The ski division of the Outing Club will hold a meeting at 7 tonight in 241 Recreation Hall for persons interested in a ski trip at Christmas.

Many 'Celebrities' Enroll at University

By PAT O'NEILL

Attention autograph collectors:

You no longer have to travel to distant places to collect signatures of famous names. Just take a look around you.

Most students are unaware of the many famous names in history, politics, entertainment and literature that are found in class rolls at the University.

Don't be surprised if you find yourself sitting next to Adam, Achilles, Alexander, Solomon, David or Burke.

Sitting next to Bacon or Raleigh might be a help in English literature, and history students might be comforted by the fact that Churchill, Drake, Newton and Franklin attend the University.

And of course the campus wouldn't be complete without Penn.

Washington, Jackson, Monroe, Johnson, Wilson, Adams and Harrison are just a few of the famous political names that appear in the student directory.

Names from the entertainment field are well represented. These include the names of famous actors and actresses such as Reynolds, Fisher, Cooper, Crawford, Taylor, Hayward, Grant, Turner, Powell and Kerr.

The University has its share of Monroes and Mansfields too.

A Gable would complete the picture, but our Gable spells his name Gabel.

In the student directory you

may come across such famous authors as Roberts, Faulkner, O'Neill, Whitman, Holmes and Pyle.

The student directories are on sale in the basement of Willard, at the Book Exchange and at State College bookstores for 50 cents.

Seventeen ROTC Men Attend Army Convention

Seventeen Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets have returned from the third annual convention of the Association of the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C.

The men viewed exhibits of new atomic equipment and weapons and attended a reception in honor of the Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker and Chief-of-Staff Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor.

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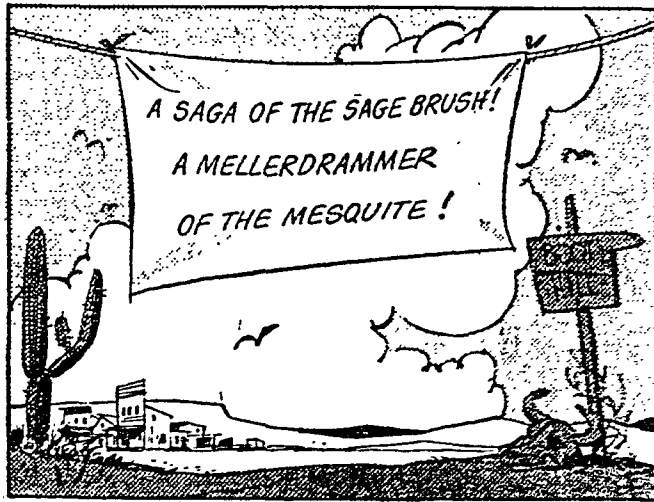
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