

Editorial Opinion

What Price Honor?

About 400 students were invited last week to have their names appear in "Who's in the News at Penn State."

According to the form letters distributed, the publication, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, "is an annual publication which includes the men and women in the news limelight of The Pennsylvania State University."

The name of each student appearing in the booklet is accompanied by a short activities sketch. The booklet is distributed to all leading newspapers in the state.

In the past, "Who's in the News at Penn State" has been quite controversial. Its value has been questioned because it does not contain a complete list of outstanding students—for one, last year, the All-University president.

The reason the listing has not been complete is because there is a charge of \$2.50 for each student to have his name appear. Many students, regardless of activity status, are not willing to pay it.

The publication is a money-making project of Sigma Delta Chi. The form letter states that "it must be noted here that Sigma Delta Chi does make a small profit in this undertaking, and that the entire profit is deposited into the fraternity's treasury for use in achieving the purposes of the fraternity."

The profit last year was about \$300, according to the publication adviser. This year the profit will probably be less since the number of names was cut from 500 to 400. Without this profit, however, Sigma Delta Chi claims that it would not publish the booklet but would find another means of filling its treasury.

The \$2.50 fee is the root of all the trouble. But Sigma Delta Chi cannot be blamed for charging it if the profit is obtainable. Any campus group likes to make money.

On the other hand, however, the opposition—which comes chiefly from seniors—claims that it is an insult to be congratulated for being outstanding and then asked to pay \$2.50. Many say it isn't worth it, refuse to pay, and as a result the whole list is thrown out of whack. Then the booklet defeats its purpose because it is not a true compilation.

Sigma Delta Chi two weeks ago took a survey of 100 persons eligible for the publication and only about 10 percent said it should be discontinued.

"Who's in the News at Penn State" will appear this year. But its continuance in the future will depend upon its reception this month. If students feel that it is not worth while, they should make themselves heard.

More Than Just a Tea

Women students will be given an opportunity to talk informally with faculty members at a tea tonight in the Hetzel Union main lounge. The tea, to be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., is sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association.

At a large university such as Penn State, it is difficult to meet and talk with faculty members outside classrooms. It is not impossible, but it certainly is more difficult than at a small college.

Women students—and all students for that matter—would be foolish to pass up an opportunity to obtain one of the main advantages of a small college.

Those who do not complain are never pitied—Jane Austin

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Safety Valve

Cards Wanted For 2d Student

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to the "Christmas-Present-for-Larry" committee for helping to cheer up an injured Penn State student.

We would like to bring to the attention of the student body that another of their fellow students, Thomas Serafin, senior in industrial engineering, incurred an injury similar to Larry's while employed during summer vacation. Tom has been hospitalized since August.

For anyone wanting to include Tom on their Christmas card mailing list, his address is:

Thomas Serafin
Ward 3A
St. Francis Hospital
Pittsburgh, Penna.

We are sure he will welcome your cards.

—Robert Repp, '58
—Russell Richardson, '59
—Charles Erzen, '59

Movie Manners Called 'Disgraceful'

TO THE EDITOR: The conduct at the 8:30 p.m. showing of "The Glenn Miller Story" in the HUB auditorium was completely disgraceful to the Pennsylvania State University.

If necessary the auditorium should be patrolled at future movies to protect the innocent, mature viewers. The individuals displaying such actions as booing, hissing, and others not fit to mention, should realize that they are now in college, not with the old "gang" in grade school.

Knowing such conditions prevail, we are not proud to say that we are Penn State students.

—Richard Kruppa, Robert Berger, James Blevins, Lawrence Freimauer, '61

Gazette

TODAY
Academic Year Institute for High School Teachers of Science, 4:30 p.m., 110 Osmond
American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 7 p.m., 206 Ag Eng
Computer Applications Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 209 Willard
Delta Nu Alpha, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Gamma Theta Upsilon, 7:30 p.m., 203 Willard
Industrial Ed. Society, 8 p.m., Tau Kappa Epsilon
Leadership Training, 7:30 p.m., 119 Osmond
Newman Club Lecture, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center
Newman Club Choir, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory
Neu Bavarian Schubplattler, dancers, 7:30 p.m., I White
Philosophy Club, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Wesley Foundation, Kappa Phi, 7 p.m.

TONIGHT ON WDFM
6:45: Sign on and news; 7:00: Telephone Bandstand; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Jazz Panorama; 9:00: Local, National and World News; 9:15: At Your Service; 9:30: Music of the People; 10:00: News; 10:05: Virtuoso; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

4 Chosen to Head WH Decorations

Four West Halls Council members have been appointed to be in charge of Christmas tree decorations in McKee, Hamilton, Irvin and Waring lounges.

They are Harry John, freshman in pre-medicine from Philadelphia, McKee; Robert Gorniak, senior in electrical engineering from Scranton, Hamilton; Chester Rosenthal, freshman in aeronautical engineering from Trenton, N.J., Irvin; and William Whitlatch, freshman in architecture from Lyndhurst, Waring.

David Wilkinson, freshman in chemical engineering from Sharon Hill, has been appointed permanent recreation chairman.

Valence Lecture Film Will Be Shown Today

Linus Pauling, professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, will be featured in a film "Three Lectures on Valence" to be shown at 3:10 p.m. today in 110 Osmond.

The film was prepared under a grant from the National Science Foundation for use in its 1957 Institute Program.

Schubplattler Rehearsal

Rehearsal will be held at 7:30 tonight in White Building for the Neu Bavarian Schubplattler members who will participate in the dance at Baltimore this weekend.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"It's all right Dean Wilson—we're showing a movie."

Ready or Not

Pushballs 'n ROTC This Is Progress?

By Marian Beatty

Parents dismiss it as the eternal cry of flaming youth, and begin musing on flames which they ignited, or at least fanned.

Kid brothers and sisters dismiss it as not worth noting and turn up the volume on "Jailhouse Rock."

But college students, undaunted, continue fighting valiantly for causes vitally important to them.

This fall it's voluntary ROTC. Forty years ago it was the frosh-soph "scrap." Back in those days it was the custom to have a series of contests pitting against each other a select few from each class.

There was a cinder scrap and a cross-country scrap, but the controversy centered around the pushball scrap. This fracas involved a 6-foot rubber ball and two 5-man teams.

Hostilities began when a judge tossed the ball into the air and ran for cover. They ceased when one team had pushed the ball over its opponent's goal-line.

A small but extremely vocal band of students opposed the scrap, calling it a hazard to life and limb. An equally determined opposing force claimed that the scrap "developed the distinctly masculine traits of aggressiveness and desire for conquest."

The scrap was held, and its proponents later announced smugly that with very few exceptions there had been no injuries—anyway, not serious ones.

So the scraps continued, at least during that season, and stu-

dents turned their attention to more mundane matters.

Don Quixote-fashion, they attacked final exams and 4 o'clock classes. Their objection to finals was most unexpected, coming in 1922 when the administration cut the length of exams from four to two hours.

Students screamed in loud protest. Professors would neglect to cover the quantity of material covered in the exam, they predicted, and the result would be mental and physical exhaustion as well as scholastic chaos.

Reaction to 4 o'clocks was closer to what would be expected. Students hated them. And the reaction of administrative officials was equally predictable. They liked them.

Apparently undiscouraged, student leaders of 1931 turned their attention to the question that has embattled students in 1957. The student councils ran a popularity poll on compulsory ROTC, and found it anything but wildly successful.

The Trustees, on hearing the results, reduced the amount of compulsory drill and offered sub-

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