

Editorial Opinion

What Price May Day?

The May Day ceremony will go on as usual this year on the lawn in front of Old Main. Coeds will prance through the usual calisthenics and the queen will be crowned surrounded by formally gowned court attendants.

Since the cost of this extravagant affair last year was \$1025.26, the Women's Student Government Association sought to reduce the figure by holding the ceremony in Beaver Field. (This would cut the expense in half since it would require no setting up of bleachers.)

However, Beaver Field has already been reserved for an athletic event, so the May Day performance is thrown once again back on the front lawn.

The cost of \$1025.26 is ridiculous for such an affair, particularly since the number of spectators is limited by the seating arrangement. And since the bleacher cost is necessary again, WSGA will have to do some heavy scrimping in order to reduce the expense.

Since WSGA insists upon holding the ceremony this year, its expense account should not exceed \$500, although this is close to the preposterous cost of the temporary bleachers.

Unless Physical Plant and WSGA can arrive at a more reasonable sum, the whole May Day idea should be forgotten.

This Sounds Familiar

The Eisenhower Administration until recently hasn't shown much alarm over the current recession. Then it started talking about a tax cut. And we really became worried. Things must be even worse than we thought, and we have never been as optimistic as the administration.

Now Eisenhower has asked Congress for \$171.4 million in public works speedup appropriations as government sources disclosed further drop in industrial production will be announced Monday.

So this little recession—which was just what the economy needed to halt runaway inflation—appears to have grown into a big enough recession to get the Eisenhower administration to take "drastic" steps.

Sounds like we have heard these steps somewhere before—"loose money," tax cut, works expenditures. Could it have been Thursday night in Schwab Auditorium?

Proper Order Required

Graduating seniors are now ordering caps and gowns at the Hetzel Union desk according to a schedule set up for each college.

In addition to caps and gowns, at this time announcements, invitations and name card inserts can be ordered.

It is important that each senior check the days allotted to his college. Negligence to make arrangements in the proper order can cause unnecessary confusion—particularly when it involves caps and gowns of all specifications.

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Letters

Tree Suggested For Class Gift

TO THE EDITOR: Lately there has been more and more discussion as to the relative merits of certain suggestions concerning the Senior Class gift.

The pros and cons of the Stone Valley Project have been debated. Class benches and library donations are annual topics which have been gone over time and time again.

No matter which gift is decided upon, I feel that a portion should be set aside for a class tree. A sapling would not make too large a dent in the funds, and could be placed in any one of a number of places on the campus.

It would not only add to the beauty of the grounds, but would also be a growing remembrance for the graduate who comes back years later.

I think it would be a good idea for every graduating class to plant its tree.

—Thom Shiels, '58

Gazette

TODAY
Hillel Perim Carnival, 8-11:30 p.m., Foundation
Players' production, "Boy on the Beach," 8 p.m., Centre Stage
Town Independent Men Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom

TOMORROW
Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab, Dr. Luther Harshbarger, University Chaplain
Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab
Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel
Artists' Series concert by Rise Stevens, 8:30 p.m., Rec Hall
Alpha Lambda Delta pledging ceremonies, 7 p.m., McElwain lounge
Newman Club business meeting, 7 p.m., 207-209 HUB

MONDAY
Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB dining room "A"
Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., room 293, Engineering "A"
Mineral Economics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 121 MI

Students interested in advertising crew for Players' production, "Tonight at 8:30" and "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Schwab

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Richard Armen, Susanne Bishop, Anthony Butto, Edward Cate, Robert Franklin, Charles Gordon, Margery Green, DeLano Hoover, Marilyn King, Michael Koss, Jon Lang, Richard Lewis, Frank Lombardo, Richard Mills, James Nangle, Joseph Rhyder, Madan Singh, William Talbott, Douglas Totten, Carole Zielke.

Job Interviews

Companies interviewing March 31:
California Texas Oil: BS in PNG, Chem E, CE, EE, ME
John Wasmaker: BS in LA, Bus Ad, Psy, or anyone interested in retailing
Insurance Co. of North America: BS in LA, Bus Ad, Psy or anyone interested in insurance
Food Mach. & Chem Corp: BS in Chem, Chem E; also Ag students for sales
The Higbee Co: BS in Bus Ad, Home Ec, Econ, LA
Lybrand Ross Bros. & Montgomery: BS MS in Acctg
Rike Kumlir Co: BS in Bus Ad, LA, Home Ec
Westinghouse Electric Corp: BS in EE, ME, IE, Chem E, Phys, Metal, Acctg, Bus Ad; Mkg, Econ, Fin.

Companies interviewing for summer employment:
Janaky & Bailey, Jr. in EE
O Hommel Co: Jr. in Cer
CAMP INTERVIEWS
Philadelphia YMCA Camps, March 20.

Campus Seeks--

(Continued from page one) participation in their government. With these amendments we remove the apathetic student's crutch—"What can I do about it?"—and make it his responsibility to express himself if he's dissatisfied.

The amendments were drawn up by Thalimer and the party's platform committee and these persons have planned to get the petition ready in time for Cabinet's Thursday night meeting. Thalimer said he expects the amendments to be put on the ballot with the All-University Spring elections.

Asked whether this was a political move, Thalimer had this to say:

"Yes, it's a political move, inasmuch as getting a platform accomplished is a political move. We're just trying to show that we intend to get the platform planks as stated accomplished as soon and as efficiently as possible. There was no reason for the candidates to wait until the end of the elections to attempt this, since the machinery already existed in the present Cabinet constitution."

Leonides Officer Installation

New officers of Leonides Council will be sworn in at a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in 203 Hetzel Union.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Did your draft board give you an extension on your educational deferment."

To State, with Love The 'Social Game'—A Crying Shame

By Larry Jacobson

Having spent the flower of my flaming youth at this isolated haven, I feel qualified to make the observation that Penn State doesn't have anything resembling a normal social situation—or atmosphere.

We enter a fairy-tale social game the minute we pass through the gates on College Avenue. And as an argument, I offer these facts:

Where, I ask you, could anyone go on four consecutive Saturday night dates... attend some type of scheduled event... and not spend a cent? At Penn State, that's where. By merely having his matric card punched, a student could have gotten into athletic events four weekends running during last month... and the coeds wouldn't have had the chance to estimate his Dunn and Bradstreet rating.



And thanks to fraternities, it's possible for you to ignore your dates without their cognizance. After all, if your date is a lemon, you're not dependent upon her (him) for conversation or company. You can get lost in the coal room, or just mingle with the crowd. Things like movies, etc., offer a large chance to ignore your date. All you have to do is pretend you're engrossed in the Joings on.

Another University first is the "Big Brother" atmosphere. Penn State may be impersonal in many ways, but not on the social scale. Just try indulging in a little of what comes nat-

urally... there's nothing like having an audience... and cars are cold in the winter. This lack of privacy reaches a peak in the dorms. It's not the other people, as much as the feeling that there's a house-mother staring in your back and saying, "we don't do those things around here!"

I like the way housemothers use the collective form "we." And then there are these abnormal situations that always keep popping up:

- 1. Going on a date and bumping into five or six other coeds you're dating. This makes you take gas.
2. Doubling with your best buddy who happens to be dating what used to be your best girl. (What's worse is if you still like the girl.)
3. This is the classic. You walk into the fraternity with some girl who turned down a fraternity brother BEFORE you asked her out. He says "I thought you were going home this weekend?" While she stammers for an answer, it's best to crawl under a convenient couch.

Finally, we have the University's answer to Walter Winchell: the "grape vine." Nowhere does this propaganda organ work as efficiently as at Penn State. It's our answer to Dunn and Bradstreet, "Who's (Continued on page five)

