

Editorial Opinion

You Can Take It With You

Using the theme, "Take Penn State With You After Graduation," a student-led committee will launch an all-out drive next week to pledge graduating seniors to membership in the Alumni Association and the Alumni Fund.

The committee, headed by Thomas Hollander, president of the Class of '58, will use a system of personal contacts to "sell" the association and the fund to seniors. A "kickoff" dinner for the personal contacts—or class agents—for the drive will be held tonight.

This is the first year an attempt has been made to set up a class structure before graduation.

Both this change and the new approach to promoting the Alumni Association and the Alumni Fund merit praise, for active alumni can be of great benefit to the University.

Over the years alumni have served on the board of trustees; they have promoted the University through alumni clubs and through personal contacts; and they have supported the University's athletic, scholastic and recreational activities.

And active alumni have done a great deal for the University financially. Many scholarships and loans are available to students only because of alumni. Their gifts through the Alumni Fund will play a large part in the construction of the Stone Valley Recreational Area.

The graduating seniors who join the Alumni Association also receive benefits in the form of closer communication and identification with the University.

The seniors running the drive for members of the association and the fund will be performing a valuable service for both the University and their fellow future alumni.

AIM Procedure

The proposed directed vote amendment to the Association of Independent Men's constitution—which would prevent the AIM president from voting on All-University Cabinet against the board's wishes—stirred up a heated argument in its first reading before the board Tuesday night. The first reading of the amendment was approved, but only after lengthy debate.

The meeting repeatedly became involved in parliamentary hassles—several times it was not clear just who had the floor. David Detzer, Town Independent Men Council representative, abstained from voting on the amendment because, he said, of the conduct of the board members and of the president. Edward Frymoyer, AIM president, said the disruption of the debate was caused by misuse of parliamentary law.

The heat of the debate shows at least that interest is high on the issue—and interest in student government is certainly to be encouraged. However, parliamentary procedure should not be a hindrance; when used correctly it will inevitably prevent a meeting from getting out of order.

It is unfortunate that the meeting could not have been handled in a manner more amicable to all board members, and that the parliamentary procedure was not used to best advantage.

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Letters

Who's at Fault In Shovel Case?

TO THE EDITOR: It seems to us that your editorial entitled "Great Shovel Robbery" demands some comment. It must be pointed out that there is a clear line between rationality and reason. What is the policy of this newspaper? Is it to present the facts or to rationalize the juvenile actions of students? It seems to us that a newspaper does a disservice to the community if it does the latter.

That the actions of the students in question were manifestations of gross immaturity and disregard of the property rights of others cannot be denied. Any other explanation would be pure rationalization.

Your placing of responsibility on the contractor who left the steam shovel there is an insult to reason. You are saying that the crime committed was not the student's damaging the steam shovel, but the contractor's leaving it there. The fact remains that everyone has a right to the sanctity of his property and laws have been enacted to protect these rights.

These irresponsible youths had no right to violate the contractor's property as they did. It could also be said that to leave one's automobile on the streets is to accept all responsibility for having it stolen or damaged.

Just what is the crime and who are the criminals in this case: the people with property rights or the violators of these rights?

—Robert David Yeager, '58

—Joseph S. Kennedy, graduate student

—Armand R. Minuti, '59

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Collegian editorial did not in any way condone the students' conduct, but noted that the workmen "did not take sufficient precautions to keep the machine from being tampered with." To leave property unprotected is to invite trouble. Therefore, householders lock their doors at night and some cities even make it unlawful to leave a key in an automobile ignition lock.

Gazette

TODAY

- BX candidates, 6:30 p.m., HUB Auditorium
Cabinet, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Christian Science, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
Cwens, 8:30 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
Department of Architecture, 7:30-9:30 p.m., HUB Auditorium
Engineering and Architecture Faculty, 8:10 p.m., 110 EE
Evergreen Chain Rehearsal, 2:00 p.m., HUB ballroom
Folk Festival, 8:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
FTA, 7:30 p.m., 209 HUB
Home Management Extension, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 218 HUB
LA Coffee Hour, 9:15-10:30 a.m., main lounge, HUB
LA Faculty, 4:10 p.m., 121 Sparks
Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center
Marriage Series: "Beginnings of Marriage," 7:30 p.m., Chapel lounge
"Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Schwab
Roman Catholic Mass, 4:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Traffic Officers Training Course, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 211, 215, 216 HUB
WRA Tennis Club, 6:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
Ushers for May Day: Chimes, Androcles, Blue Key, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Dorothy Ammerman, Darlene Anderson, Mark Baker, Patrick Botz, Raymond Boyer, Elizabeth Coffman, Robert Dallas, Richard Dill, James Durkin, Bruce Epple, John Fuller, Ann Handen, Gaye Lenker, Louis Lopreato, Betty McAllister, Stuart Monro, Barbara Morrow, Morton Needle, Juan Perez, Agnes Rollins, Clemens Schonebeck, Charles Semlin, Patricia Shenler, Deborah Smith, Marilyn Trimble, Dale Tuttle, Bruce Weiner, Brenda Vogel, William Nelson.

Job Interviews

Swift & Co: May 13: Jun & Aug Agricultural grads: in Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Floriculture, for sales only. Twin Specialty Oil Co: May 9: Jun & Aug grads: LA, Bus Adm, ME, EE, IE, Ch.E, Chem, Metal or any student interested in industrial sales. Insurance Co. of North America: May 23: LA, Bus Adm. F. W. Woolworth: May 12: Jun & Aug grads: Bus Adm, Econ, Bus Mgt, LA (males only).

Sorauf Receives \$8600 Study Grant

Dr. Frank Sorauf, assistant professor of political science, has been awarded a grant of \$8600 by the National Social Science Research Council to support his study of the recruitment of political leadership in Pennsylvania. The aim of Dr. Sorauf's research is to understand the processes by which political leaders and candidates are chosen. He will travel extensively throughout the state, interviewing political leaders and others interested in politics.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I understand they call you 'Hot Lips'."

Take It or Leave It

Spring Shakes Up The Halls of Ivy

by Pat Evans

Spring, usually heralded by the chirping of birds and the return of grass, is greeted on university campuses by "rowbottoms" (Penn), panty raids (found at all true institutions of learning), and borrowed steam shovels (no comment necessary.)

Twelve University of Pennsylvania students were arrested last month for taking part in a rowbottom, highlighted by bonfires, firecracker explosions, blockading of streets and just plain rioting.

According to the Daily Pennsylvanian, rowbottoms were a cherished tradition during the rollicking 1920's. We quote:

"Usually begun with chants from Fraternity Row, the cry would spread to the dorms, where it was taken up by their restless inhabitants. Row bottom! Rowbottom! Rowbottom! would reverberate through the streets of West Philadelphia and the bedlam would be on."

Evidently the tradition has continued through the years... The result of Penn's latest disturbance was four student suspensions and 11 conduct probations. Obviously, however, this is not an answer to Penn State's apathy problems.

Spring also has its effects in staid old England. Coeds at St. Hilda's College, Oxford University, were conducting a "Necking Strike" until balmy weather broke over the campus and broke down their resistance.

The 2-day stand was designed to force college men into a campaign for nuclear disarmament. When the strike broke, a coed leader remarked, "The girls simply like men more than they fear the H-bomb."

We seriously doubt whether such a strike could ever get

started here no matter what the issue.

However, a certain student from a western school might toss his weight behind a permanent halt to necking. Here's part of a letter he wrote to the Rocky Mountain Collegian, Fort Collins, Colo.:

"Periodically throughout the school year one hears talk about how this or that organization is going to curtain indiscriminate necking on campus or in front of the residences.

"Despite all this fervor, nothing is ever done to halt this shameless display of public immorality which is so evident on this campus. For college students to flaunt their lack of a Christian heritage in parked cars, on street corners and even in the Student Union, is to behave in a manner so inconsiderate as to be almost unpardonable.

"Aside from endangering society by spreading diseases, this disgusting behavior may lead to a tearing down of the nation's entire structure of decency."

ROWBOTTOM!

WDFM Programs

Thursday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, Contemporary Concepts; 7:50, State News and National Sports; 8, Guest D-J; 8:30, Showcase; 9, Romance News; 9:15, Finch Lectures or Special Events; 10, News; 10:05, Chamber Concert. *Also carried on WMAJ.

