

Editorial Opinion

Parents and Penn State

Parents from all over the state will be on campus this weekend to visit their offspring, to take a look at their sons' and daughters' environment, to check up on health and financial statuses, to celebrate Mother's Day and perhaps to view May Day events.

We believe it is good for parents occasionally to catch a glimpse of the college world their children live in. For each student's elders have contributed much toward that student's being here—probably in money and most certainly in fostering a desire to secure advanced education.

Many parents have contributed not only to the education of their sons and daughters as individuals but also through giving their support to the University. This kind of support benefits not only a parent's own offspring, but also that student's classmates and the students of later years.

Through a Parents' Fund begun this year by the University, at least \$8000 has been raised for the Stone Valley Recreational Area. The Fund, established as part of the Penn State Fund, is a previously untapped source for raising the money the University so badly needs.

But we believe merely to ask parents for this added financial support is not satisfactory. We believe the University needs parents' interest as much as it needs their money.

We suggested establishment of a Parents' Association earlier this year. Such an organization would not tend to limit parents' contributions to the University to one field and it would materially help communications between the University and parents. We believe an association would pay off in public relations as well as in dollars and cents.

Such an organization once existed, but died out. Admittedly, a number of problems would be encountered in reviving the idea.

But we believe an association would mutually aid the parents and the University. We wonder what the parents think.

Pivot Time

The spring issue of Pivot, campus poetry magazine, will be on sale Monday and Tuesday. The magazine, issued by the Poetry Workshop, contains poems by students, faculty members, and staff members.

One of the highlights of this issue of Pivot will be the poems of Matthew Robinson, editor, who recently won the Samuel Barsky Memorial Award for poetry. The issue will also contain a preface by its adviser, Joseph Grucci, explaining the aims and objectives of the Workshop.

Pivot is certainly deserving of student support. The publication has gained a reputation for fine modern poetry. It is also self-sustaining, something very unusual for a magazine publishing nothing but poetry.

Pivot serves a two-fold purpose—it gives young writers a chance to see their work published, and students an opportunity to read original creative work by members of the University community.

But the magazine must depend on student support for its existence. If it does not sell, it cannot continue. Students should realize the need for such a creative magazine at the University—and also the excellence of the publication itself—and see that no copies remain unsold.

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Gazette

TODAY
Catholic Confessions, 4 p.m., 7 p.m., Church
Catholic Mass, 6:30 a.m., Chapel
Club Hubanna, 9 p.m., HUB Ballroom
Delta Mu Alpha, registration, 10 a.m., HUB
Interlandia Folk Festival, 8 p.m., Jr. High School
May Day Celebration, 3:30 p.m., Front Campus or Rec Hall
Music Lecture, Dr. Hans Nathan, 11 a.m., HUB Auditorium
Newman Club Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center
Pennsylvania Association for Student Teachers, 11 a.m., 218 HUB
Players' production, "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Schwab
Players' production, "Tonight At 8:30," 8 p.m., Center Stage
School of the Arts lecture, Bernard S. Myers, 8 p.m., HUB Auditorium
Varsity Track, Michigan, 1 p.m., Beaver Field

TOMORROW
"American Art" lecture, 4 p.m., HUB
Bible Fellowship, 2 p.m., 209 HUB
Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab
Encampment, 8 p.m., 213 HUB
Eastern Orthodox Service, 10 a.m., Chapel
Exhibition of Student art work, 2 p.m., Alpha Rho Chi
Glee Club Concert, 3 p.m., Schwab
Indie Encampment, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., 212 HUB
Music lecture, 1:30 p.m., 214, 215, 216, HUB
Newman Club, 7 p.m., 214, 215, 216, HUB
Pennsylvania Assn. for Student Teachers, 9 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Protestant Service, 9 a.m., Chapel
Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab
School of Arts reception, 2 p.m., HUB
Spring Week, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Tri-Service Drill Meet, 1:45 p.m., Old Main Lawn
USF Briefing session for Housing Survey, 8 p.m., Wesley Foundation
USF Installation of Officers and Cabinet, 10:45 a.m., Wesley Foundation
WUS, 3 p.m., 217 HUB
WDFM "Jeanne D'Arc au Bueher" 10 p.m.
Woman's Residence Halls Open House, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., 217 and 212 HUB
Armed Forces, 8 a.m., Card Room, Main Lobby HUB
Alumni Memberships, 8 a.m., HUB
Big Little Sister, 8:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Card Room HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
"Contemporary Church Music" lecture, 8 p.m., Chapel
Delta Theta Sigma, 9:15 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
DOC Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 213 HUB
Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 203 Enk. "A"
Extempore Speaking Contest, 7:30 p.m., 316 Sparks
Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, Dining room "A" HUB
Home Management, 1:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Leonides, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Mortar Board, 8:30 p.m., 215 HUB
"Penn State: Men and Ideas," 9:50 a.m., Channel 10
Tribunal, 6 p.m., 216 HUB

May Day—

(Continued from page one) seats and fifteen cents for general admission.

The first May Queen, Mildred Ride Dunlap, said of the event that "to the best of my recollections, May Day was the result of the desires of Dean Lovejoy, Mrs. Edwin E. Sparks, wife of the former University president, and her daughter, Ethel. Dean Lovejoy had always had a great ambition for Penn State women to have everything fine and cultural that any girl's college had."

She described the costumes as the Grecian type, of pastel colored cheesecloth, made by the girls themselves. Each group of girls presented a dance, arranged by Ethel Sparks.

The name of the queen was withheld by The Daily Collegian because it was supposed to be a secret until she appeared.

May Day was discontinued until 1921 because of the outbreak of World War I and was then continued until World War II. Since then it has become an annual event and the highlight of Mother's Weekend on campus.

As far as records show, May Day has been a function of the Women's Student Government Association.

Open house in the women's dormitories as well as many fraternities will be held this weekend. Dormitories will be open from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. Teas and breakfasts have been planned by many sororities and independent dormitory units.

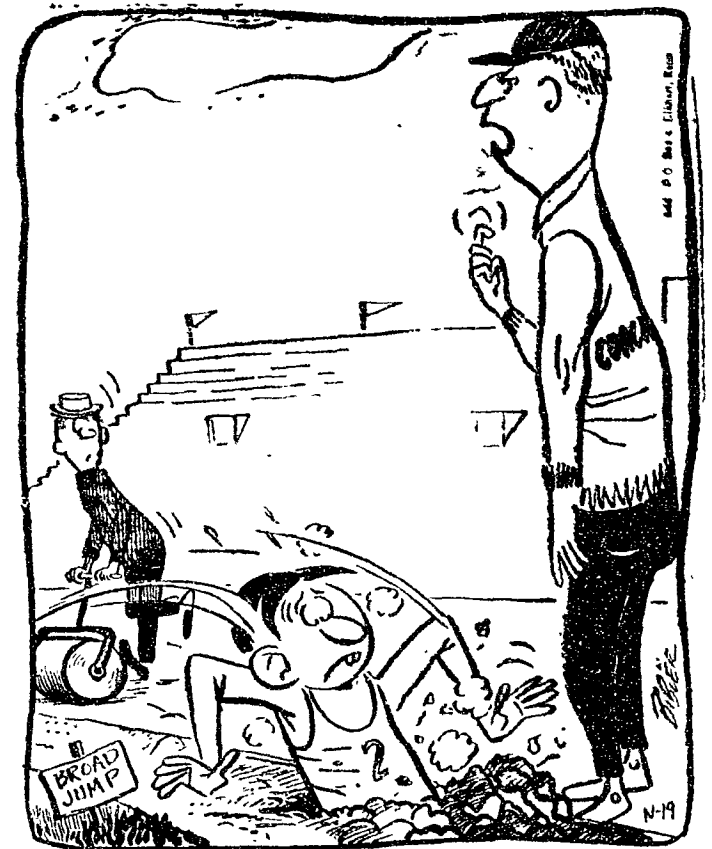
State College Cited For Development

State College has been awarded an honorable mention citation in a community development contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce.

The contest entry was a scrapbook showing projects of the borough during the past year. The entry was compiled by the State College Area Chamber of Commerce, but the projects were not all chamber projects.

The 1957 entry was in three divisions—economic development, civic improvement and transportation.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Hey, Mac—over here with that sod-packer."

Italy Summit Bid Aids Bargaining

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

The Western Big Three's suggestion that Italy might take part in a summit conference does more than pave the way for bargaining on the Soviet demand for numerical parity between Communist and non-Communist participants.

It is, probably even more directly, a result of strains within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization itself.

In UN disarmament discussions the Soviet Union has made a strong play for increasing the size of the subcommittee to give her a more even break.

In preliminary discussions of a summit meeting, she has demanded that Poland and Czechoslovakia be permitted to join her in meeting the United States, Britain and France.

The United States, using some persuasion in the British case, got her partners to reject this. The United States takes the public position that the makeup of all conferences should depend upon the direct interest of the countries involved and their abilities to make an important contribution.

There is recognition, however, that this position may have to be compromised later if there is to be a conference. The mention of Italy now lays the groundwork for bargaining on that point.

The situation within NATO, however, demanded something on its own. Indeed, the Soviet suggestion itself is believed to have been based at least in part on the hope of making trouble for the Big Three.

At the last meeting of the

NATO Council it became evident that Italy and some of the smaller nations were worried by the tripower domination of disarmament discussions and by the big power ability to break off negotiations with the Soviet Union without too much consideration for others.

Italy has been doing some behind-the-scenes agitating about it for a long time. For one thing, she thinks a badly disorganized France receives a ranking above Italy in international affairs which is not warranted by the actual difference in power.

West Germany, Belgium and some of the other smaller nations subscribe to the general theory that NATO must not be run by the Big Three, although admitting that a high order of French statesmanship has done much for Europe's postwar unity.

This and other developments at Copenhagen have two major facets.

Whoever represents the West at a summit conference will be representing NATO. And by launching a peace offensive of its own, with various suggestions for concrete action, NATO has assumed more of the political importance which its military role has been overshadowing.

