

Editorial Opinion

Ex-Rebels Return

The conservative, conforming—and to some students, maybe even dull—breed has returned to campus.

Few have probably read Camus or Jean Paul Sartre. Some are members of the Chamber of Commerce, and even the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Many prefer Lawrence Welk to Dave Brubeck. And to top all this off, many even frown upon the "beat generation."

But all Penn State students will join us in welcoming back the alumni. It's their weekend. And a big weekend it is for them.

It's a chance for them to be, yes, college boys again. They dig out their fraternity pins, flasks, mugs. Some may even have read Camus to prep for the weekend. It's a chance to be rebels again. There are few chances for them to be rebels in the "outside world."

There is little need to remind anyone how important the alumni are. If the University is to meet its space-age challenge to grow and expand, to meet its obligation to the Commonwealth and its students, Penn State is going to need the support of every last alumni.

The University is now lobbying in Harrisburg for state funds for the next biennium. President Eric A. Walker is reportedly asking close to \$40 million — if not a little more. And this is October 1958, not October 1957. The shock of Sputnik I has substantially subsided.

Alumni, through their local Harrisburg representatives, can do much to see that Penn State gets the funds it needs to meet the crisis in higher education.

Alumni themselves have donated more than a million dollars to the Alumni Fund in the comparatively few years it has been operating.

But the University and the student body aren't welcoming back the alumni for seemingly-selfish, financial reasons.

The fact of the matter is that a university is judged by its alumni. And if Penn State is to obtain greatness, it will need the help, the support, the understanding, and, yes, the greatness of its alumni.

Why do alumni return for Homecoming? Is it just for the football game? We think not. After all, they could watch a game on television from their secure easy chairs. Or they could listen to the Nittany Lions on the radio.

Do they come here because of the beautiful fall ride through the hills of Pennsylvania? We doubt it. The countryside may be beautiful, but the roads . . .

The reason is plainly love. It must be love. And Penn State is fortunate.

Class of '92

There might not have been a Homecoming today if it had not been for a non-conformist.

This man defied the established traditions of his time to launch a new and startling venture. The difficulties he encountered were almost overwhelming, but he overcame them.

Had it not been for him, there might have been no Pennsylvania State University. As a matter of fact, there might have been no Pennsylvania.

Four hundred sixty-six years ago tomorrow Christopher Columbus discovered America.

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Interpreting

French System Involves Risks

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst France's new parliamentary election system, putting the emphasis on the individual candidate and eliminating proportional representation for party lists, is being widely hailed because it will cut a lot of ground from under the Communists.

Political philosophers, however, already alert to the inherent danger of strongman rule under the new constitution, cannot help but wonder about the future when a cabinet alone controls the election machinery.

France became a muddled and indecisive political entity under the proportional system during the past 22 years. The proportional system tended to take direct control of Parliament members from the voters and give it to party leaders.

Since indecisiveness has produced so many ills, the new system has been generally welcomed as contributing to the stability for which the new constitution is designed.

But it combines with the new constitutional weighting of political power in favor of the executive as against parliament.

With a precedent established for changing the electoral system to meet circumstances instead of having it embodied in the political institutions, only the conscience of future executives will guard against exploitation of the electorate.

Gazette

TODAY

AIM Alumni Reception, 4 p.m., HUB main lounge

AIM-Leonides Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom

Alumni Council, 10 a.m., HUB assembly room

Coffee Hour for Alumni, 9:30 a.m., Home Economics Living Center

Football, vs. Marquette, 1:30 p.m., Beaver Field

Freshman Football, vs. West Virginia, 10 a.m., Beaver Field

Hot Show, 9 a.m., Stock Judging Pavilion

Open House, 10 a.m., Ritenour Health Center

"Players," "The Druid Circle," 8 p.m., Center Stage

Soccer, vs. Syracuse, 10 a.m., Beaver Field

Thespians, "Entertainment, U.S.A.," 7:30 p.m., Schwab Auditorium

SUNDAY

Campus Party, 3 p.m., 213 HUB

Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Auditorium

Columbus Day Program, 7:30 p.m., Extension Conference Center

Danish National Orchestra, 8 p.m., Recreation Hall

Hot Show, 9 a.m., Stock Judging Pavilion

Hillel-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 1:45 p.m., 212 HUB

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 1:45 p.m., 212 HUB

Newman Club, 7 p.m., 215 HUB

Protestant Service, 9 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel

Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab Auditorium

School of the Arts Tea, 3 p.m., HUB main lounge

Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

Swedborjan Services, 10:30 a.m., 212 HUB

Thespians, 7 p.m., 218 HUB

MONDAY

Alpha Phi Omega, 8 p.m., 214, 215, 216 HUB

Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB

College of Liberal Arts, 2:15 p.m., 216 HUB

Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 213 Engineering A

Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, Dining Room A, HUB

Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:45 p.m., HUB assembly room

Hillel Folk Dance Committee, 6:45 p.m., Hillel

Hat Society Council, 7 p.m., 215 HUB

IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

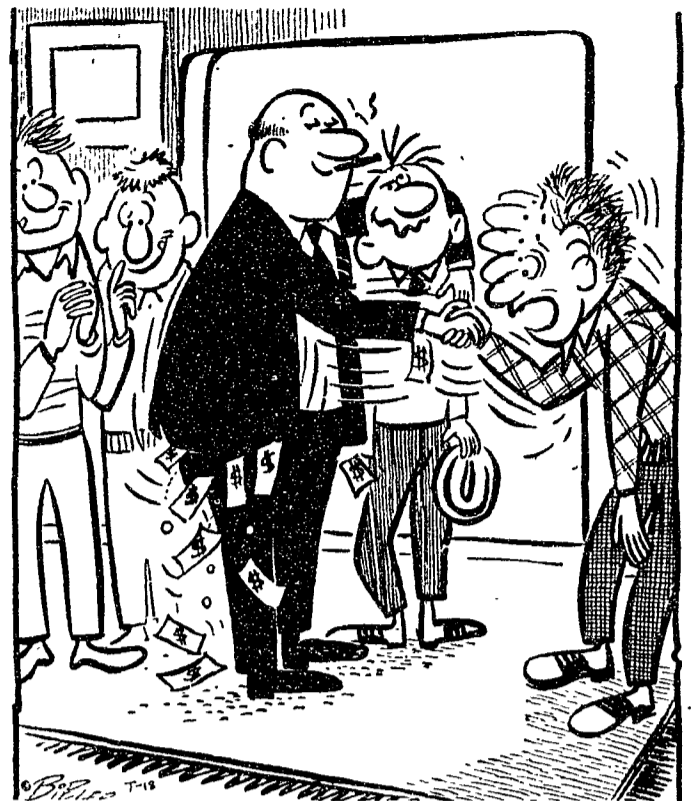
Junior Prom Queen Committee, 7 p.m., 203 HUB

Leonides Council, 6:30 p.m., 216 HUB

Science Institute for Teachers, 8 p.m., 217, 218 HUB

Vesper Service, 4:15 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Sorry, 'Brother Hammond, we just don't have room er—however, if this boy is as good as you say—"

et cetera

State Symbol Seen Scruffy, Shoddy

by Dave Fineman

The Lion is scruffy and shoddy.

That is, his suit is that way.

It's too bad, too, because the Lion is the symbol of Penn State.

Take a look at him while you're watching the first

half of today's football game, and then try to tell me you're proud of the way he looks.

His head is so raggedy that it scratches him when he puts it on.

And his tail—well, his tail, hanging limp and lifeless, is one of the most raggedy things of all. It hardly even looks like a tail from the King of Beasts.

Take a look at his mane. It looks like pittyrusformalvalie has set in (you know, the dandruff germ).

And the armpits. They're not even made of lion skin.

They're made of rabbit fur. The suit got so worn down there that repairs had to be made with rabbit skin

(which is, after all, decidedly more available in Pennsylvania than lion skin would be.)

The gloves the Lion wears are not even regulation lion skin. They're just plain gloves—and rumor has it that they're kid or sheepskin.

Which all makes the Lion a kind of animal kingdom composite.

But there's something you can do about it.

A new lion suit will cost about \$1000. But it won't be any ordinary lion suit. It will be of genuine lion skin and a clever device in the headpiece will allow the student inside to

manipulate the mouth and eyes.

Now, hatmen and hatwomen are going to circulate in the student seating sections today. And they're going to ask you to shell out 25 cents or so.

But make sure you have a quarter in change with you, since they don't want you to give any more than that. You see, it's supposed to be a general student project and if anyone gives more than 25 or 50 cents, it won't be.

The Lion, as the football team's best friend, certainly deserves better. Here's what team captain Steve Garban had to say about it:

"Every university has something symbolic of tradition and spirit; here at Penn State we have the Nittany Lion.

"I feel every student should feel obligated to back this . . . raising of funds for a new lion uniform."

Don't let a hatman or hatwoman pass you by today without letting you help get the Lion a new suit.

Reunion Planned

For Collegian Alums

Alumni who were members of The Daily Collegian news staff are invited to a reunion at 10 a.m. today in the Collegian office.

The reunion will be combined with a journalism alumni coffee hour.

