

Editorial Opinion

Coming Attractions

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Clement Attlee—two of the most prominent persons of our time—will speak at the University this semester.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Attlee are the first two speakers booked in the new University Lecture Series. Contracts haven't been signed yet, but no hitch in plans is expected.

This first news of the Lecture Series comes in the midst of rave notices on the semester's Artists Series presentations. The first three performances of the series were enthusiastically received, and the supply of tickets for this week's program, Roberto Iglesias' Ballet Espanol, was nearly exhausted by yesterday afternoon.

The Lecture Series should receive the same enthusiastic support. The two speakers already lined up plus other names under consideration—including Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Former President Herbert C. Hoover Sr.; Former President Harry S. Truman; Sen. John F. Kennedy, and Walter Reuther, president of the AFL-CIO—promise students a year of intelligent and educational entertainment.

The new Lecture Series should heighten the student body's capacity for appreciating culture—a capacity which, as the Artists Series has shown—can be very much alive.

Swords Into Plowshares

This being United Nations Week, appropriate ceremonies have been planned to celebrate the world peace organization.

Dr. Ervin P. Hexner will speak tonight on "UN Swords into Plowshares." Foreign students will participate this morning in a "Festival of the Nations" televised program to be broadcast over WFBG-TV, Altoona.

The speech and television program with which University Park will mark UN Day represent a refreshing change from the military flag raising in front of Old Main which has characterized the celebration in the past.

Two years ago we said editorially: "We believe it is particularly inappropriate for military forces to conduct a ceremony in honor of an organization dedicated to international peace and understanding."

The International Relations Club, the University Christian Association and the University Committee on International Understanding, sponsors of the annual program, deserve credit for shifting the emphasis of the day.

Martin's Next

The politicians are upon us!

It was learned yesterday that U.S. Sen. Edward Martin (R.-Pa.) will be on campus next Thursday. He will be the third major politician to visit the University in less than a month—Sen. Joseph S. Clark and Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth were here within the last week.

Martin will deliver the second in a series of talks on "Ethics and Public Policy," sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary society, and the University Christian Association. Clark gave the first in the series, and Dilworth visited campus to participate in a conference on "Integration in the North."

The groups that arranged to have these politicians appear on campus should be congratulated. Their visits can prove both educational and enjoyable to the student body.

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Letters

Data Asked On Elections

TO THE EDITOR: In our dorm when girls get together and talk about life, we find we know very little about campus politics and elections. We do know that in the future there will be elections for class officers.

What can we expect when campaigning begins? So we won't be unjustly swayed one way or the other because we are misinformed, we would like a story in the Collegian to explain everything concerning elections.

To my knowledge this is just the thought of a few freshmen with whom I have been in contact, but I know there must be many more freshmen who don't know what to expect at elections. We would certainly appreciate any information you can give us. Thank you!

—Roseanne Johnson, '62

EDITOR'S NOTE: General information on campus politics was provided in Orientation Week editions of The Collegian. More detailed data will be given before elections.

Obelisk Built in '97, Not '15 Years Ago'

TO THE EDITOR: While it is not a matter of grave concern, I note on page 5, issue of Oct. 14 (picture caption) what seems a slight error, historically speaking.

The items says, "since the obelisk's construction 15 years ago." I do not know exactly when it was erected, but I am sure it was in its present position when I began teaching on campus in 1902.

I suspect "75 years ago" would be more accurate, in which case, I suggest a misprint only, rather than a lack of accuracy in historical investigation.

—John H. Frizzell

Chaplain Emeritus EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Frizzell is right—"75 years ago" is much closer to being correct. The obelisk was planned in the 1894-95 school year, and erected in 1897, according to Mrs. Mary Mairs, curator of the Penn State Room of the Fred Lewis Pattee Library, who cites Dr. Wayland S. Dunaway's "History of the Pennsylvania State College."

Gazette

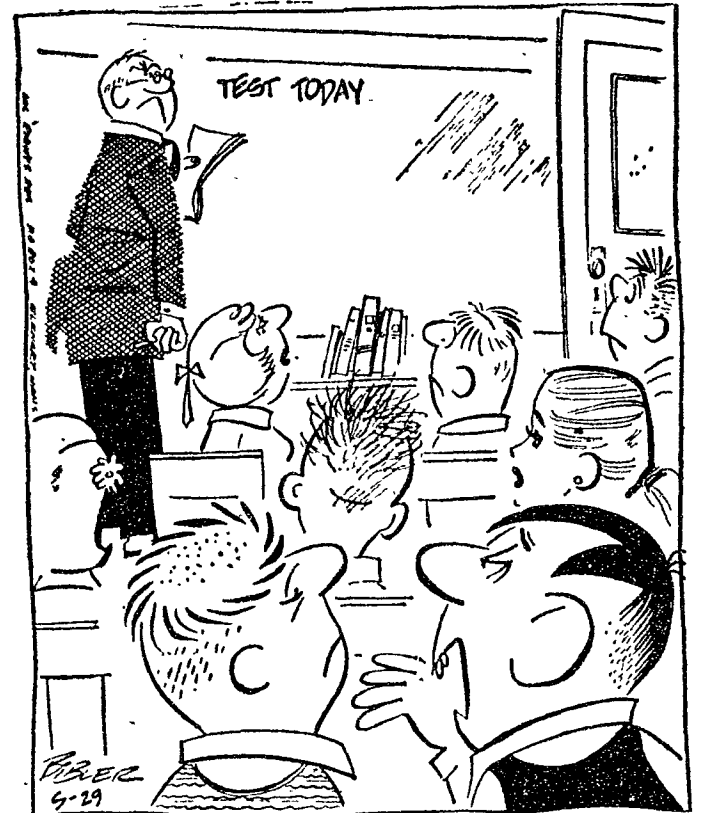
TODAY

- Air Force Glee Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
All-University Cabinet, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
American Rocket Society, "Radio: The Eyes of Space," 105 Mechanical Engineering
Chimes, 4 p.m., 212 HUB
Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
CPA, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Dancing Class, 4:15 p.m., HUB ballroom
Freshman Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Hetzel Union Board, 10 a.m. 218 HUB
Hillel, Lecture, "Introduction to Judaism," 7 p.m.; Discussion, "The Nature of Religion," 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
Housing Committee, 5:15 p.m., 122 McElwain
Inter-College Council Board, 9 p.m., 215 HUB
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Newcomers Club, 8:15 p.m., 217 HUB
Newman Club, fraternities and sororities, 6:45 p.m., 212 HUB
News and Views staff, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Ec
Philosophy Club, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
UCA Freshman Council, 6:45 p.m., 213 HUB
UCA Interfoundation Committee, 6:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation
UCA, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
WRA Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
WRA Tennis Instruction, 8 p.m., White Hall

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Barbara Bell, Peter Cowar, Ann Cypher, Mary Davenport, Marlin Ebert, William Eckel, Michael Fullerton, Ronald Gray, Edmund Hirst, Marjorie Kapelson, Patricia Kern, Linda Lane, Harriet Millken, Alan Nath, John Orr, Delphine Patton, John Rapchak, Blaine Ritts, Robert Schimmel, Russell A. Stevenson, David Wilkins, Julia Calderon.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"He's the most even tempered member of the whole faculty—he's ALWAYS in a bad mood."

Take It or Leave It

Midnight Insanity—Dorm Fire Drills

by Pat Evans

The clanging alarm of a fire drill sent hundreds of coeds scurrying out of their residence halls Tuesday night.

These periodic nuisances are required by state law. They're held once a month in all the dormitories. Tuesday night was the girls' turn to parade outside, and only the coeds in Irvin Hall escaped the fate.

The drills began at 10:30 p.m., a reasonable hour to be up and around. But by the time the campus patrolmen in charge reached Simmons and McElwain the clock hands had reached midnight—time for all good girls to be in bed.

And many coed were in bed, sound asleep when the gong went off. They crawled groggily from under the covers and struggled wearily into bathrobes and coats as they mumbled unkind things about those responsible for the disturbance.

Procedure for fire drills requires closing the window, pulling up the shade, closing the closet door, turning on the overhead light and leaving the room—fast!

All this just can't be performed speedily when one has been forced to jump from slumber into the reality of regulations. And then there's the problem of finding something to wear for the march outside.

Midnight has been described as the "witching hour," and

the scenes around the girls' dorms Tuesday night indicated that the witches were out.

Such an array of pincurled heads, pajama legs hanging beneath coats and coeds with that natural "unmade-up" look could be found only during a fire drill.

A few unfortunates had been showering or shampooing when the alarm began to ring. Still wet, they pulled on some clothes and joined their dorm mates outside. Some dripping heads were still liberally laced with soapsuds.

One coed was enjoying a midnight phone conversation. When she heard the signal for the drill she explained the situation to the party on the other end of the line, put the phone down, and filed outside. She returned to the phone booth after the drill and resumed her conversation.

Yes, fire drills are a nuisance. But one nice thing about the one Tuesday night—there won't be another drill for a month.

