

Editorial Opinion

Debating the Future

University students will be given a wonderful opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the workings of the federal government through the 24th annual Debater's Congress—an opportunity that they shouldn't pass up.

This is one step, and a big one, in giving college students the chance to become aware of problems that will affect their future and the future of the whole nation.

The 3-day program of Debater's Congress will be patterned after the Congress of the United States. Its purpose is to develop in the minds of students an understanding of the realities of politics and the over-all tools of democracy, discussion, debate and parliamentary procedure.

The program is open to the public, affording every student the opportunity to learn how the legislative body works.

Prominent educators throughout the nation are constantly urging that students be given the chance to acquire a better understanding of the workings of their own government. With this awareness they will be able to better analyze issues which arise within the framework of our democracy and know how to cope with them in a sensible manner.

No conscientious student should pass up this program. The debaters participating should not be the only ones to derive an education from a subject that so concerns every student.

For students have a role to carry out following graduation—that of exercising the rights given them in our democracy. This is a good way to get a preview of the problems they'll have to face, and how Congress faces them.

Credits Without Classes

Taking courses by examination is a handy way to pick up credits without spending class hours at it—but apparently most students have either not heard of the system or have forgotten it, for not many seem to be taking advantage of it.

Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president in charge of student affairs, said yesterday that only a handful of students take courses by exam, and that most of these students have taken the same courses at other schools whose credits are not acceptable at the University.

But the rest of the student body is just neglecting this ideal method of adding credits. The credit by exam program is an excellent opportunity for the student who knows a subject well enough to pass it without all the class time he would spend if he took the course, and also for the student who has enough spare time to devote some to an extra textbook.

Many courses, naturally, can't be taken by exam, for they require lab work, a high amount of class participation or term papers. And a certain number of credits toward a degree must be taken by enrollment in courses on campus.

But these specifications still leave a high degree of latitude for the ambitious student. He could easily look around for a few possible courses and find out if they could be taken by exam; then if he finds they can, he could buy a textbook and study the course material over the summer months or during spare moments in the school year.

The extra credits could make for an easy semester sometime, or perhaps early graduation. The possibility's worth investigating.

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Interpreting

Berlin Conclave Plan Termed West's Victory

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

The Western Allies appear to have won a major victory in their effort to talk the Soviet Union out of a crisis over Berlin this summer.

Nikita Khrushchev, in accepting suggestions for a foreign ministers conference to discuss German issues, may only be zigging back from last week's zag. Then he brought East-West relations to a screaming pitch by his belligerent statements and cavalier treatment of Harold Macmillan.

From the beginning he has insisted that there should be negotiations over his plan to give the Soviet share of control over Berlin to East Germany, including Western power access to Berlin garrisons.

The inference has been that his plan for unilateral junking of the Potsdam agreements would be held in obedience if there were summit negotiations. Now he has agreed for the foreign ministers to start them in April, and let them run for two or three months.

Instead of demanding a 28-nation peace conference, he now asks only that Poland, Czechoslovakia and the two Germanys be represented. A strong hope but not a definitive demand for a subsequent summit conference is expressed, according to first readings of the note.

If the foreign ministers should develop any agreements—which the West considers highly unlikely—there would, of course, be no objections to a summit meeting to put the clincher on them.

That has always been the order of procedure desired by the West. And even if there are objections because of lack of agreement, such a meeting is in the cards anyway.

Gazette

TODAY

- AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB; judicial board, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Blue Yonder Workshop, 7 p.m., 208 Willard
Book Exchange, candidates, 6:30 p.m., 214-215 HUB
Prof. Case Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel
Chemistry-Physics Student Council, 7 p.m., 213 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Circs, staff and candidates meeting, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Dancing Class, 1:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Department of Journalism, 7 p.m., Assembly Room of HUB; 8:15 p.m., Main Lounge of HUB
Leadership Committee, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Newman Club Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
Penn State Sports Car Club, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Riding Club, Greentree Breeding film, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
ROTC Committee, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Scabbard and Blade, 9 p.m., 212 HUB
Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
Wesley Foundation, cabinet meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Kappa Phi, 7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation
Women's Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Schwab Auditorium
WRA Bridge Club, intermediates, 7 p.m., White Hall

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Arnold Bleiweis, Kay Brubaker, Robert Christiano, Betty Jo Cordell, Jack Crosby, Fredrick Fernster, Bertram Herman, Patricia Kampmeier, Gregory Kelley, Barbara Leipsik, Robert Lott, Paul McConnaghey, Louis Meier, Carole Metzger, Gary Montgomery, Barbara Reber, Neal Rhoads, Rafael Santiago, Anita Sheidrake, Samuel Wilson.

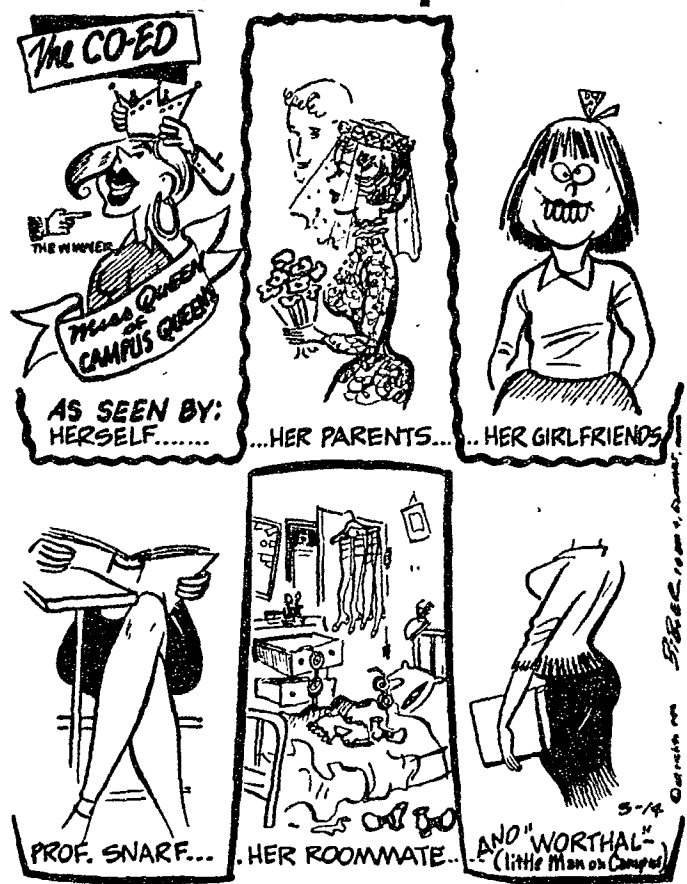
Lion Predicts Milder Weather

The Nittany Lion seemed in good spirits as he pondered over the weather map in making today's forecast. One of the reasons for his joy was that he outguessed the Weather Bureau in predicting snow for yesterday and last night. The Weather Bureau foresaw only partly cloudy skies.

The other reason for the Lion's good spirits is partly cloudy skies and higher temperatures expected today.

His forecast calls for partly cloudy and a little warmer today with a high temperature of 44 degrees. Tonight is expected to be clear and cold with an overnight low of 25 degrees. Cloudy weather is expected tomorrow with rain beginning during the day and continuing tomorrow night.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Take It or Leave It
Machine Madness
In Nittany Valley
by Pat Evans

Penn State may be far removed from areas of civilization, but its isolation has not prevented the age of mechanization from breaking through the mountain barriers to Nittany Valley.

Those insidious devices known as machines exert a tremendous influence over student life.

From the time the student enrolls in the University to the day he leaves—either with or without a diploma, IBM monsters keep track of his status. If a monster's heart skips a beat, some unsuspecting individual loses his identity as a student.

But in the normal course of daily existence, it's the less imposing machines—the seemingly innocuous ones—which add a touch of suspense to routine affairs.

Take the simple task of doing laundry, for example. In residence halls this feat is accomplished with the aid of three machines, any one of which is quite likely to be uncooperative.

First, there's the washing machine, a square white block which eats quarters at the rate of one per washer-load. Except for the particularly hungry machines, that is. They quit as soon as their contents are thoroughly wet, and nothing short of another quarter will make them begin swishing again.

The extractor, a barrel-like, waist-high affair, operates without charge. Its primary means of sabotage is swallowing socks.

But the laundry room's worst offenders are the dryers. They were made so that the drying

temperature can be regulated, but evidently they don't know they can be so controlled. The available temperatures are two: freezing, or sizzling. Clothes may be chilled or cooked merely by tossing them into the dryer's mouth and supplying a dime as added incentive.

Next on the list of mechanical trouble-makers are the vending machines that won't vend, and there are many of them around. Those in the HUB usually conform to the desires of the students, but the members of Waring Hall's family of machines are of a more stubborn nature.

Try for a grilled ham and cheese sandwich sometime; it's the surest way to wind up with spiced luncheon meat. And the mechanical inhabitants of dormitory recreation rooms delight in dispensing white milk when you've requested chocolate, or ice cream sandwiches instead of fudge bars. What's more, they persistently refuse to emit cheese crackers.

The University's machines obviously are not going to change their ways. There's just one solution: students should be offered a course in coping with the evils of their mechanized environment.

