

Editorial Opinion

Beginning of an Era

The students have launched their new government with an overwhelming vote of confidence.

By a vote of 2158 to 382, the students accepted the proposed Student Government Association constitution.

Amid the joy of victory celebrations, the candidates elected to office in the spring balloting must soberly reflect upon the tremendous responsibilities their fellow students have placed on them.

Not only have the students given them their trust for the administration of student affairs for the next year, but they also have presented them with a mandate to start a new era of student government.

Theirs will be the responsibility of giving Penn State students a new chance to effectively administer their own affairs and make their voices heard clearly. They will be the leaders who shape the powers and responsibilities of student government for years to come.

The Ladies and the UN

The Daughters of the American Revolution have done it again.

An Associated Press report last night said the 186,000-member "patriotic" society has reaffirmed its stand against U.S. participation in the United Nations.

Not only that, but the DAR also is critical of the UN Children's Fund.

We sympathize with the DAR. We realize that not all children in the world can be associated with rock-ribbed, 100 per cent American ideals. Nor, for that matter, can all UN delegates.

We are sure that, were the U.S. government run by some of these super-patriotic ladies, they would rule with iron hands—and heads to match.

Revised Version

Another old Penn State tradition may be in for a "new look."

While Mother Nature has been dressing up the campus, the Women's Student Government Association has been busy dressing up its annual May Day ceremony.

The childish fiasco which has dominated the Mother's Day weekend in previous years is scheduled to give way to something with a little more dignity. And the ceremony will not continue to dominate the weekend—since many other events of parental interest are planned.

WSGA has attempted to answer attacks on May Day by taking a survey of parents attending it and remodeling the ceremony in line with their findings.

If the May Day ceremony is the kind of thing parents want to see when they visit their adult children at college, more power to them—and all the more credit to WSGA for establishing an improved version of the event.

But, despite all worthwhile efforts by WSGA, we cannot promise that any version of May Day will not cause sober adults to chuckle and strong men to cry.

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Letters

Prof Pleads Plight of Grass

TO THE EDITOR: The new building construction as well as recently added parking strips have considerably reduced the extent of the campus lawns. In spite of the posts and chains put up at strategic points, each day, between classes, mighty armies of undergraduates produce new paths.

Mostly this is the result of carelessness on the part of a few, who unwittingly become leaders of the mass movements based on the axiom "a straight line is the shortest distance between two points." It is apparently not appreciated that the effect on the lawns is worse in the winter and spring.

The new fashion of tennis shoes improves the situation somewhat. The writer finds that his occasional deprecative admonitions, which, as he explains, are based on a regard for our beautiful campus based on 30 years residence, are kindly received. He doesn't even receive looks indicating he is taken for an escapee from the nearest "boobie hatch." This indicates the intent is good.

Possibly the sophomore class could start a system of placing members at strategic points to take over the self imposed role of the writer.

—John G. Aston, Professor of organic chemistry

Chorus Members Hit Non-Coverage

TO THE EDITOR: Women's Chorus cannot understand why The Daily Collegian did not print a story about our concert given April 12. We asked about it twice, and were told that the article would be printed. This is a University function, and as such should have been publicized by the University newspaper.

The Centre Daily Times, I am proud to say, did a wonderful job of publicizing our concert. The only disadvantage to this was that most students at the University do not have access to the Times.

Thanks for your support. —Han Johns, '60 Doris McClure, '60

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Collegian, while it can make no promises to publicize the events of any group, does try to cover all news of importance. News of the concert should have been published and was "in type," but was inadvertently left out of the paper.

Gazette

TODAY Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 211 Boucko Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB Interlandia Folk and Square Dance, 7:30 p.m., White Lighting Seminar, 9 a.m., 212-213 HUB Reading Festival, 9 a.m.-noon, 1-3:30 p.m., HUB assembly room Sabbath Eve Service, 8 p.m., Hallett

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Louise Bedelka, Albert Blackhurst, Challen Bonar, Julia Calderon, Constance Daly, Jack Henderson, John Jeffries, Thomas Kushner, Donald Kopanoff, Raymond Koper, Aiden MacHatten, Jerry McMurdy, John Melchior, Phyllis Nohelty, Elizabeth Mong Harold Petersen, Ronald Smith, Elizabeth Summers, Judith Todd, Evelyn Wilson.

Eng Prof to Present Paper in Germany

Dr. A. W. Russman, professor of engineering research, will travel to Germany in June to present a paper to the Internal Combustion Engine Congress in Wiesbaden.

"Diesel Exhaust Blowdown Energy" is the topic of the paper authored by Dr. Russman and William A. Pullman, a former engineering research assistant here.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE. A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: PIES, ALE, FREEZE, ENGINEER, RITUAL, AGITATOR, ACACIA, LESSON, ARCH, ART, MAGNET, ALEE, OKAI, ACTUARY, REBA, BOY, RIMPLE, BESTIAL, BERATES, SPOILT, BUD, DUST, ROSTRUM, CASTE, UMP, LISPER, NAT, KEGS, LIGNUM, CLINIC, OPERATE, ATONER, TOLERATOR, SARELY, PEN, MORE.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bible



"Nice of you boys next door to wash our windows—we hadn't even noticed they were getting dirty."

No More Queens? Let's Hope Not by bob thompson

Did you ever feel like a king or queen without a kingdom? We know one person who feels that way. She's the National Plowing Queen. (Actually, the correct phraseology is National Queen of the Furrow.)

She's without a kingdom (or is it queendom?) because the Department of Agriculture decided not to continue the National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition. The department has been spending too much on subsidies we guess. This thing is directly connected to the University, since the queen of the National Plowing Contest this year is Daunna Doebler, a junior in art education.

The government probably never guessed the furor it evoked when it discontinued the plowing contest. Imagine the frustrated farmers who are sitting around with rusty plows, waiting for a chance to plow straight furrow.



Then there are the hundreds of would-be beauty queens who no longer have the chance to vie for the title of Queen of the Furrow. Maybe these girls can enter some other queen contest, like the national Flying Farmer Queen, or the Queen of the National Hog Caller's Association. (This last queen, we are told, doesn't have to be a good

looker, all she has to do is speak pig latin.)

This Queen of the Furrow may have the longest reign in history. Can't you imagine her hobbling back on crutches at the age of 96 to crown her successor? Maybe the queen might be lucky enough to crown her successor before then if the Agriculture Department decides it can afford to sponsor the contest.

What's going to happen if some other queen sponsoring groups feel that they can't afford their contests? The entire future generation of young ladies will have to turn to something else to gain fame, fortune and the like.

What's more, evidently Froth is feeling that it too can get along without feminine beauty to decorate its pages. This month's edition has no Froth Girl. This is like a football game without any cheerleaders!

And this epidemic of lack of queens could spread even farther. What would happen if they decided to do away with the Junior Prom, the Freshman, or the Sophomore, or Homecoming Queens?

And if Linus Pauling had his way, they would do away with Civil Defense Queens, too!

Boy oh Boy. Life sure is going to be dull.

