

# WUS to Search For Favorite Prof

The search for Penn State's "best liked professor" will be conducted by the World University Service Committee during the third annual Professor Snarf Contest.

Professor Snarf, who represents the students' ideal all-around professor, will be chosen by penny vote during the week of April 8 to 9.

# SGA Bill Opposed By Soph Board

The Sophomore Advisory Board went on record Sunday as opposing the SGA bill that would prevent Assemblymen from switching parties while in office.

In a short debate Duane Alexander, president of the sophomore class, said that he was opposed to the bill on the grounds that a party's platform and ideals may change after the Assemblyman's election and he should therefore be permitted to change his affiliation.

In other business, Robert Harrison, chairman of the scholarship committee, reported that it would be feasible for the sophomore class to set up a scholarship to be awarded by the Senate Committee on Scholarships.

A long debate followed Harrison's report on the issue of whether or not the class would financially be able to start such a scholarship after the expenditures for the combined Sophomore-Freshman dance set for April 8.

It was further noted that the future of the scholarship as a continuing project would be doubtful as class boards change hands each year. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Other suggestions for a class project included the raising of funds to complete the purchase of a new suit for the Nittany Lion, beginning a new Penn State tradition such as blue and white banners for the victory line at football games, and the resumption of efforts to establish a book store on the campus.

No final decision was reached by the board and discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.

# Gibson Paper To End Series

The Rev. Sam N. Gibson, executive director of the University Christian Association, will present the last paper in the current UCA series at 8 tonight in the Eisenhower Chapel.

The "Problem of Religious Language: Myth and History" will be the subject of the paper.

The discussants of the paper, who will raise questions about it and present a critical evaluation, will be Dr. Jerry Stannard, instructor of philosophy, and Dr. Helen Adolf, professor of German. The floor will also be opened for general comment and questions.

Dr. Robert Stone, chairman of the Division of Biological Sciences, will serve as chairman for the meeting.

Gibson received his bachelor of science degree in architecture from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his bachelor of divinity and STM degrees from Yale University Divinity School.

## Words to Watch

# Honor System Aids Students—Zelko

By JERRIE MARKOS  
(This is the second in a series of articles in which distinguished members of the faculty and staff comment on issues of the day. Today's guests are Dr. Howard P. Zelko, professor of speech and Dr. James J. Fritz, associate professor of chemistry. This week's question is "Does the honor system belong at Penn State?")

Dr. Zelko: Yes, the philosophy of the honor system is good for young people who are developing and training for their life's work.

To answer in the affirmative on this question one must be somewhat of an idealist, he said. "I, personally, don't believe in too strong or too close a supervision of people in general, whether it be of a superior over worker or teacher over student."

A teacher should be a leader not a boss, a stimulator and guide not a director, he said.

Zelko said he thought the chances of any unfortunate circumstances (cheating) would be less likely under a system of honor in which a student is not being watched by a limited number of proctors but by every other person in the room.

However, he said he believed people were basically honest. He cited the American credit system society as evidence of this. He said that an honor system would boost the morale of the faculty which the student body deserves.

Zelko concluded by saying that

a working honor system should make some positive difference in the standards of the students and would indicate the presence of the independence college students should possess.

Dr. Fritz: "On the one hand, I don't think the police system of proctoring belongs here or anywhere. On the other, honor systems as I have seen or heard about don't have much appeal because they put the student in the same position as the professor and less justifiably so."

A proctoring system, he said, indicates a distrust of students and makes cheating fair game. As he sees it, Fritz said, an honor system doesn't emphasize honorable virtue as intended but places a premium on group

loyalty over personal loyalty and personal virtue.

He said it wouldn't be hard to start an honor system but the only foreseeable advantage would be one hour less work for the faculty.

Fritz said he thought it more important to stress the positive virtues of seriousness of purpose rather than the half and half virtue of "proper" exam behavior. He said he didn't feel the advantages of an honor system outweighed the disadvantages and he could feel no strong convictions for advocating it.

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Each college student council will nominate one candidate as the representative from its school, except the Physical Education council which will have two candidates, a man and a woman. From these ten nominees, the students will choose their favorite professor.

Professor Snarf will be announced at the TIM-Leonides Las Vegas night on April 9 in the Hetzel Union ballroom. At this time, he will be presented with an 8-inch gold cup engraved "To Professor Snarf."

Pictures of the candidates will be displayed in all the colleges, on the closed circuit television, and in the Athletic Store window where the trophy will also be shown.

The World University Service Committee, which is composed of American and international students, holds this contest annually as its only means of raising revenue for its projects.

The proceeds from this contest will be used to help buy educational facilities and materials for student abroad, and to establish scholarships for needy students overseas.

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