

EDITORIAL

Dr. Grimm: HELLO!

by Lee Nell

In last week's paper, I wrote an editorial concerning the new posts in Student Affairs. Having raised what I thought were some relevant questions, I went to see Dr. Grimm for some answers. He did not, and this may surprise some of you, throw me out of his office but, rather, devoted a good part of the afternoon to a discussion of the Student Affairs Office. The following is a report of that meeting:

Dr. Grimm started by explaining that the office of Student Affairs includes not only Residence Halls and activities, but also the Counseling Center, Placement Office, Financial Aid, Health Services and Student Activities Office. From this we went to my first question: Do we need two new people in Student Affairs? Dr. Grimm explained that Mr. South was going to need some help with recreation and social activities next year. Regarding the residence position, Dr. Grimm's view is that this new staff member would serve several purposes. First, she would be responsible for coordinating residence programs between Meade Heights and the dorms. Second, she would work on programs for the University Apartments and expand to services for off-campus students. And third, she can, hopefully, provide some new ideas for those programs. I asked Dr. Grimm if the possible advantage of new ideas would outweigh the benefits of having someone in that position with the knowledge of our problems. To this he remarked that what we

need is a mix of the two. He noted that any new member will necessarily have to "learn the area" (my words) from Pat and Steve. And after expressing the feeling that "supervisor" was not quite the right word, Dr. Grimm said, "Certainly no new person is going to come in here with a bull whip and say, 'All right, Murphy, into that corner.'"

My second editorial question was about the affect this new position would have on the effectiveness of Miss Murphy, Mr. Millman and the students. Dr. Grimm responded to this by saying that, while he was still going to oversee the operation, the new position would relieve him of some of his responsibilities. In the same line, he anticipates that the new staff member will free Pat and Steve to deal more directly with the students. In effect, then, the organization would remain much the same as it is now. Dr. Grimm pointed out that we are an expanding school (2100 next year), and that next year might have been too late to expand Student Affairs to meet student needs.

As to the involvement of students in Student Affairs, Dr. Grimm noted the Student Committee involved in the recruitment of the new staff members. I join him in commending Ann Topper, Gary Gold, Jack Powell, Karen Johnson and LuAnn Barenson for the many hours of work they have put into this task. They have screened over 100 applications for the position and will have met, talked and lived with six "finalists" before the

choice is made. One feature, at Dr. Grimm's insistence, of the candidates' visits here is that the candidate meet with students and only students (although not only the committee students) in an evening session.

A further responsibility of this committee will be to provide suggestions to the reorganization of Student Affairs. Dr. Grimm notes, "I've told them, 'Tell me what's wrong and I will change it.'" Although they've been busy with the nearly-completed task of recruitment, Dr. Grimm hopes to start looking at other areas of Student Affairs very soon.

One of the SGA-appointed student committee members expressed concern to me that in writing that editorial, I had destroyed any confidence which students might have had with any new member of Student Affairs, particularly the "pretty blonde chick" to whom I referred. It is a point well taken, but I hope it is not the case. I must point out that any such person will have had very little to do with this as it now stands. Concern was also expressed that I had re-opened the Nittany Screw affair. It was then pointed out that the position was open for women and that Miss Murphy had not applied for the post.

When I wrote the editorial I was aware of most of this. My intention, though, was not to re-open the case but to express concern that Pat and Steve were going to lose some effectiveness, and that Student Affairs was going to have even less student input. Dr. Grimm feels that the effect of these new positions will be quite the opposite. (He was also very explicit in burying any rumors that Pat Murphy was to be disposed of after all.) So, for any misconceptions about the editorial or my intentions, I apologize but take full responsibility—the thoughts expressed were mine.

In trying to find the answers, I came up with this report. It is as fair as I know how to be. And anyone who is now concerned about this, or is not convinced that the solutions are valid, or wants to offer suggestions, can put the heat on that student committee or on SGA. Talk to Student Affairs personnel or write a letter to the paper. We are going to do our best to close the communication gap which has developed with Student Affairs. But to really do the job, Student Affairs has got to know how you feel. A bit of watchful waiting may be necessary, but involvement is imperative. So bitch, suggest, listen, write or complain. It's your move.

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COME TOGETHER

by Kati LaMonaca

Spring term is the time for students to come out of hibernation and get together with their fellow-students for fun and games, and the Social Committee hopes to get this fanfare on the move.

After Barry Kimmel's short-notice resignation Bill Ducassoux and I decided to try and carry on where Barry left off. Everyone will agree that Barry did a damn good job while he was in office, but there was a purpose to Barry's resignation. Barry realized that, as a senior, he would be completing his job in June and the new seniors would be left without the experience of running the committee. Events do not take place by the flash of a wand. Numerous steps are taken everytime an event is scheduled, to see that every detail is taken care of. The product may appear simple, but the methods are laborious. Often we hear criticisms that stem from our concerned, yet uninvolved colleagues. These criticisms are

by no means rejected, but of interest to us, since it is you who we are trying to please. What we would like is direct contact with you, maybe a short visit in which you could give us your criticisms and suggestions.

Right now we have plans for Tuesday night dances, Thursday night movies, Friday night record hops, a night for home movies of the campus, a carnival, and a rock festival. The rock festival is already underway through the ingenious direction of Howie Weitz and Mike Beckner. More ideas are welcome! Help in carrying out these events is also needed. If you're interested! If you're concerned! why not come to a meeting at 812B Weaver Avenue on Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. If you can't make it, but you'd like to join us, call 944-6020 and leave your name or talk to Bill or me and let us know you're interested. Above all, if you can't join us, give us your support by coming out to the events. Help us get all of us together!

Letters To The Editor:

Fertilitists,

This letter concerns itself with, until now, the highly successful Fertility Day of April 20. The students who I worked with, those of Wrisberg and Church Halls, worked hard on Tuesday. The whole day went well, things were accomplished, and all had a good time.

The Stud's organization finished their day by positioning a large rock in their work area, as a tribute to their efforts. On the night of April 21, however, some small minded individuals saw fit to steal this rock, for some unknown reason. Stealing the rock was probably the most work these Fertilitists did all week.

It baffles me how a rock could upset anyone to such a degree. Also, it sours my attitude toward any further improvements. If improvements are destroyed 24 hours after they are completed, why bother trying to improve?

R.D.H.

Some of you who read this, probably consider planting a rock childish; but, those who were there and worked to brighten up the area, don't think so.

The childish move was taking the rock.

Non Ambulat in Tenebris

by Gary Wetterhall

Last week I was dragged to the Annual Dauphin County Young Republicans Installation Banquet by a politically-minded friend. I anticipated a miserably boring evening and in the best Republican tradition I was not disappointed. As it turned out the young Republicans were not so young—they ranged in age from 30-70 years and impressed me as a group of overdressed wind-up mannequins. The dinner was ghastly; the entertainment was a mutilation of music from the 40's and to top it all the drawing for door prizes was fixed. What price, friendship?

There was a bright spot in this frightening evening though, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with one of the finest and most dedicated men I have met for some time. His name is George W. Smith, and he is a Republican candidate for the Dauphin County Commissioner in the May 18 Primary. Mr. Smith has young, progressive ideas for Dauphin County. Unfortunately he made the mistake of speaking out against the corruption and injustice that he saw in the county's ancient political structure. The result: a complete boycott by the Republican machine in Dauphin County. Mr. Smith is running against almost impossible odds. He doesn't have 50,000 dollars in party money and all but his closest "friends" in the political arena have forsaken him. What this man needs is SUPPORT! George Smith will work for us and with us in Dauphin County but first we must help him get elected. Give YOUR VOTE, send YOUR CONTRIBUTION and most important volunteer YOUR TIME for a Friend in government.

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**THE COLUMN
The Screw Tightens**

by Terry K. Wimmer

Two weeks ago, ON CAMPUS, the newsletter published by the Department of Public Information at University Park contained a statement endorsed by President Oswald which read: "In considering the role of students in academic affairs, the University Council is guided by one overriding principle; namely, that individuals who are directly affected by decisions should have the opportunity to participate appropriately in making those decisions...Moreover, while recognizing that the faculty should provide leadership, student involvement should move towards full and direct participation in academic affairs." Since the new provost will be responsible to the President on the academic affairs of Capitol Campus, one can assume that the students will play a "full and direct" role in the selection of the provost...or will we?

The President has already stated that he would like to have the new provost selected and functioning by September 1, although December seems a more likely date. This means that a major portion of the work will be done over the summer. Where then does this leave the students? We have already denied a seat on the search committee, and most of us will not be on campus during the summer months. How will we be able to play this "full and direct" role that the University Council and President has designated for us?

I posed the above question to Dr. William L. Lewis, Chairman of the Faculty Council and one of those who will be considered for the search committee. He commented that it is the sincere desire of the President to have students fully involved in the selection process and that the students could establish a sub-committee whose function would be to conduct hearings on the prospective candidates, etc. Without a seat on the search committee and most of us not being here during the summer, will our voices be heard? The recommendations of the faculty will be well represented since it will have four seats on the committee. Are we to place faith in the sincerity of those who state that we will have a voice and that it will be heard? A Divisional head (who will remain nameless) told me that if one examines the situation realistically, it is highly improbable that students will play a direct role in the selection process. Our only comfort is that there are a few in the Academic structure who are being honest with us.

What can we do? I am hoping to see the President this week to interview him for this paper on the questions I have posed. I may get some answers. As for the rest of us...the screw tightens.

Charles L. Marcarelli
Chairman, Fertility Day
Dear Chas:

I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and congratulations for the fantastic job that you and everyone connected with Fertility Day 1971 have done... Thank you once again.

Peacefully,
Lee Levan, President

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