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Letters

A STUDENT SPEAKS OUT!

To the Editor: It is unfortunate that the new student lounge is being badly abused. By abuse I mean not only physical damage to the building but also social abuse.

In the Fall Term, the student body was joyous when told that the old library would be turned into an all-purpose student lounge. The students imagined that it would be used as a study lounge, a place to play cards, a lounge where one could relax and enjoy the company of fellow students, a social center on week-ends and the hub of student activity.

At first the lounge showed great promise of fulfilling these desires. Students were using the lounge for a quiet place to study, the fireplace came into use during the Winter Carnival and continued in use during the week. Students played cards on the balcony and singing was commonly heard in the afternoon. And then the abuses began.

First came the branding of initials on the mantel. Then came the restriction on the use of the fireplace due to irresponsible students leaving the flue to the chimney open, and finally the defacing and destruction of the building and its contents. Several sections of balcony railing have

Manuscripts for Icarus

Manuscripts for the student publication *Icarus*, are still being accepted for consideration. Anyone with poetry or prose who would like to have his work considered for publication should contact either Mr. A. G. Wilcox, assistant professor of English, or Dave Craley, president of the Literary Club.

been kicked out and initials carved and written on the walls, ceiling and beams.

The student lounge has now become nothing more than a rum-pus room for immature, irresponsible children. Students have been seen climbing the bookshelves to reach the balcony and, in the process, knocking off parts of the balcony railing, participating in snowball battles inside the building and general childlike horse-play; not to mention the use of the building as a passion pit for open display of affection. What would the administration from State or your parents have to say about this if they walked in on this kind of activity.

When the building was designated as a student lounge there was a question as to its need raised by the administration on the main campus and I'm sure that the Behrend administration is now pondering their decision to let the building be used. The activities of only a few irresponsible students may lead to strong restrictions or possible closing of the lounge that many students worked hard to obtain.

This letter is written in the light of the possible consequences that might take place if the privileges of the lounge continue to be abused. For if this abuse continues there is no doubt that the administration will take action on the uses of our new student lounge.

Gene Wood '65

WANTED

One brave, fearless, ingenious, hard-hitting, never-say-no student to fill the position of Advertising Manager on the *Nittany Cub*. Any one interested please contact either Bob Ropelewski or Paula Harris.

CHANGING VALUES IN A CHANGING WORLD

You are on your own! For most of you, this college experience is the first extended break from the ties of home, church and community. Very probably most of you are glad for this chance to be on your own, to carve out your own life.

It's interesting to note that students react to this sudden freedom in many ways: from beards and beatniks to book-worms. However you have reacted and whether or not you have articulated it or not, the odds are that you are trying to fulfill a fundamental need: self-discovery. What we all need to find is a meaning or purpose which can become a motivating force in our lives.

Often there is a tendency among college students to reject the ideas and values of home, church and community. They have come to you second-hand while you want only first-hand experience and knowledge. If this is true of you then here are a couple of suggestions:

Don't arbitrarily reject the teachings of home and church. They were given you out of life's

experience and have stood the test of time. Give them the benefit of a doubt and trust in their worth.

At the same time be curious, be willing to think and investigate. This is a necessity for our modern world, particularly in the religious realm. Quite frankly, often the faith you were given as a youngster will not stand up unless re-approached with mature understanding. For example—the account of the creation of the world as given in Genesis may hinder your faith if you think Christianity demands that it be accepted literally. You should realize, instead, through study as adults, that scholars agree that the creation account is not meant to describe how the world was created but to indicate that it is the result of the work of a personal, benevolent God.

If you have worries about finding your place in life or doubts about your religious faith, just remember that you can trust while you seek. Remember also that your own pastor or the campus chaplain will be most happy to counsel with you if you so desire. You may contact the chaplain through Mr. Lane or Mr. Kochel.

Traffic Violations

In the past few weeks many complaints have been heard as to the paying of traffic violations. The misconceptions and the strength of the complaints deems clarification of traffic policy necessary.

The fiscal policy of the traffic fines is of primary consideration. The money taken in on fines does not, as many students believe, go to the administration or into the administrators' pockets. The money goes to the Student Activities Fund under the direction of the Student Government. It is a considerable source of income for student activities. In the 1960-61 school year \$154 was collected and this year \$134 has already been paid to the S.G.A.

Students are questioning the need for a parking fee and fines imposed. The paved, lower lot cost \$28,000 to surface. Student parking fees are paying for the

privilege of parking on pavement and not in a muddy field, on the average of \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year. At this rate it will take 10 to 15 years to pay for the present parking lot.

Fines are imposed to enforce the traffic regulations and the purchase of parking stickers. Fines are necessary for obstructing traffic violators and/or making these violators pay for their breach of the regulations. Many students have parked their cars in the lots without the necessary parking stickers. Others have devised methods whereby they use old stickers again or switch the stickers from car to car. This practice is unfair to those students who abide by the rules.

According to Mr. T. E. Campbell, there are 180 students who pay for the privilege of parking on campus, with an additional 25 students in car pools. Yet, on walking through the parking lots, one can find perhaps 20 to 30 student automobiles parked illegally under the existing regulations. These are the students who complain when they get caught.