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The Council Crisis . . .

When Henry Daniels resigned from Student Council, he said that he did not wish to be a member of such a "defunct organization." Just what brought about such action? Could it have been the final outcome of the "Tournament" mass meeting? (Council did pay the deficit.) Daniels stated that the reason he was against paying it was because from the very beginning he thought the "Tournament Question" was too controversial for Council alone to judge. When it was decided that Council should vote to pay or refuse to pay the deficit, Daniels said he felt that Council erased that promise of taking controversial issues to the student body — so his vote helped pass the bill.

At this point you're probably wondering why the meeting with the students on the "Tournament Question" isn't a front page item this month. That question is easily answered. That meeting was a farce. It was a direct insult to the student body and rates mentioning only in a lowly editorial. Daniels called the meeting. Almost immediately after the date of this meeting was set, Daniels told members of the Collegian staff the reason it was called. Now get this! Daniels said that after Council received the 103 signatures on the petition which asked for a repeal of the tournament payment, it was decided that a meeting should be called. If 103 people did not attend, Council would ignore the petition and its conscience would be clear. The tournament issue would stand as is.

Tuesdays at 12:00 a high percentage of students have classes. 103 students couldn't possibly fit into B-101. So you see the proverbial wool was about to be pulled over our eyes.

It is the opinion of the Collegian, however, that the members of Student Council have great potentialities but they are dormant. Why???? Because they don't have any expressed powers. They have no constitution. So in some ways Council is "defunct." Not losing sight of the accomplishments Council has performed, the fact that it really had no expressed right to perform any of these accomplishments is an inexcusable blunder.

Then too, we believe this Council could really prove to possess these potentialities if and when they have the power to do so. When a constitution is ratified Council will no longer be "defunct."

It is rumored that other members of Council plan to resign very soon. May we ask you not to — no matter what your reasons are? If it be criticism (which you feel is unjust) is a reason, or if you feel your grades are suffering because Council duties tend to be a burden — may we remind you that when you placed yourselves on the ballot for election you must have known what a load you were to be expected to carry. In other words you asked for it. You Council members are big enough to surmount any criticism and if you can secure unity within your ranks you can balance Council activities and school work very nicely.

We put you in office. We want you there. We're behind you all the way. But please — let's not have any more boners.

In Appreciation . . .

On April 10 Mr. J. O. Keller made a trip to the Hazleton Center. This trip was a reply to a student petition requesting Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower to send a campus representative to discuss our problems. We of the Hazleton Center were honored that such a high official of the campus as J. O. Keller, head of extension services, was sent by Dr. Eisenhower to answer our questions. We realize that as head of extension services Mr. Keller is confronted by many daily tasks; therefore, we should be doubly honored that Mr. Keller took time from his work to visit the Hazleton Center, only one of the centers in Penn State's "farm" system.

For complying with our petition and thus showing his interest in the problems of us students, the students of the Hazleton Center thank Mr. Keller.

Spring, A Period For Housecleaning

As the balmy breezes chase away the cold Northeasterly winter blasts, a feeling of lethargy and a yen for easy living affects the college student. He turns his thoughts from his studies to daydreams of a summer spent basking on some Atlantic beach or sunning on the raft of a mountain lake. He exercises his knowledge of physics and calculus on the baseball diamond where he shouts, "Strike three, you're out!" The only book without a layer of dust is his literature book, especially the sections repeating Keats' and Shelley's poetry; for he adheres firmly to the adage, "In Springtime a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love." All others he caches away in an obscure corner.

However, Spring is also the season for ridding attics and closets of superfluous articles accumulated during the winter months. In a tattered dress Mother drags out the winter articles and pins them on the clothesline to air Winter from their fibers. She removes the musty curtains and drapes from their hanging places and replaces them with frilly, ruffled curtains. The furniture is brushed, and flowered slip-covers replaces the dull, drab upholstery. At the end of her housecleaning all Mother receives is the compliment, "How nice the house looks!"

Just as Mother rids the closets of unwanted sweaters, magazines, baseball bats, footballs, etc., let us, as college students, remove the bad habits we have accumulated the past ten weeks. This year the first pangs of Spring began gnawing at the end of mid-semester exams. If we have spent our time in absorbing knowledge and keeping up with our class assignments, Spring Fever may result in our loosening our belts and consequently weakening our semester grades. On the other hand, if we have just not been able to get started on our studying, the lethargy of Spring may result in our never getting started. Since the month of June appears just around the corner, let us dust off our books and introduce ourselves to their contents. Then when the finals roll around, we can throw away the "no-doz" and say, "We are prepared to fight!"

Faculty Entertains Student Body

The faculty of the Hazleton Center under the chairmanship of Mr. Joseph Fisher gave a party for the students on April 24. A baked ham dinner was served from 7:15 to 9:00. As the students left the dining room they were ushered to room B.101 where the game of Charades was played. At 9:30 the students convened in the lounge where a "community sing" took place. Miss Anna Erlemann lead the group in singing college songs and "old favorites."

At 10:00 the main event was announced. At this time the faculty portrayed a satire on the Student Council. The cast was as follows:

Mr. Carpenter	Pres. Ed. McGee
Mr. Ciletti	Henry Giuliani
Mr. Ward	Henry Daniels
Miss Philips	Jane Margwarth
Mr. Fisher	Joseph Hastings
Mr. Zerbe	Benny Rachilla
Mr. Steele	Bill Deppe
Miss Erlemann	
.....	Mary Lou Gagliardi

"Blind Date" — Queen of ROTC Ball



It was April 20, the night of the Military Ball, which was to be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Altamont. Cadet Sergeant Joseph Hastings called for his date, a Miss Alice Regan. What was she like — this "blind date"? Joe's sister arranged the date and frankly, Joe was a little scared. But then Alice entered to be introduced. Joe stood with eyes like saucers. "Hey, she's beautiful," he thought. The couple said goodnight to Alice's mother, Mrs. Robert Regan, and left.

That ride from the Regan house at 216 Pittston Avenue in Scranton to the Hotel Altamont in Hazleton was a long one indeed, but it served as an excellent means for Alice and Joe to get acquainted. Joe learned that she was a Sophomore at Scranton Central High School; that she was a member of the school glee club; and that she intended to enter a college after graduation in a history curriculum. When they arrived, Joe introduced his date to all of his ROTC buddies. Afterwards they danced.

Just before intermission Joe and Alice sat together and laughed at John Miorelli and "Beaker" Williams in their pantomiming of Helen Traubel and Jimmy Durante, done to the record, "The Song's Gotta Come From The Heart." Alice took interest in and Joe took pride in the crack drill team, which formed intricate formations to a record of Vaughn Monroe's "Sound Off." After the drill team marched off the floor Cadet Captain John Prehatny announced intermission. Alice and Joe walked into the mezzanine of the hotel and chatted with friends.

Soon Art Wendel and his orchestra began to play again, and at 11:30 Miss Erlemann announced that the judges proclaimed Miss Alice Regan "Queen of the Ball." Her escort Joe Hastings was named "King." Queen Alice took her throne; Miss Erlemann set the silver crown upon her head; cameras flashed; the hall rung with applause; and then the orchestra played a waltz. The King and Queen danced alone. They danced around and around. Eyes surveyed their every movement, as Joe silently endorsed "blind-dating."

The Mail . . .

April 2, 1951

Dear Students,

Through the Collegian I would like to thank all the students who aided in making our Women's Club Dance such a success. I greatly appreciate the co-operation of those who served on any committee, regardless of the fact that some of those students are not members of the Women's Organization. (You will recall that the committees for the dance were listed in the last issue of the Collegian.)

I also say "thank you" to the following people who remained after the dance to clean up — Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Miss Erlemann, Betty Perna, Jo Magagna, Jim Gagliardi, Ruth Bones, Charlotte Boddin, and Eddie McGee.

Sincerely yours,

JANE MARGWARTH

(Pres. of the Women's Organization)