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UNDESIRABLE PUBLICITY

Publicity for the College that is as silly as it is unwelcome appeared in a Pittsburgh evening newspaper Wednesday night. Based on an article appearing in the current issue of the Old Main Bell in which the athletic policy of a supposedly fictitious college is satirized, the newspaper story does not hesitate to brand the article as outbreak of the "smoldering feud between Penn State College undergraduates and Director Hugo Bezdek and his Penn State athletic policy" and concludes with the statement, "Undergraduate sentiment has run strongly, indicating a general strike if drastic action is taken against the author of the article or the editors of the magazine."

That such statements are a deliberate attempt to "color" news is quite obvious to any student on the campus. There may be a "smoldering feud," but it is so slight that it cannot truthfully be played up as something ready to burst at a moment's notice, and to inform the general public that a general strike is impending should drastic action be taken is certainly gross exaggeration. In the first place, there has been no indication that "drastic action" is planned by administrators, and student sentiment toward a general strike has been kept very quiet if it exists.

There is no objection to criticism of the present athletic policy. Certainly it is the right of the student to express his own opinions and unquestionably those of others as was done in the Bell article. The objection, however, is to the false interpretation given the criticism such as appeared in the Pittsburgh newspaper. Certainly the newspaper's interpretation does not reflect the situation on the campus, an impression that will be gained by an outsider who reads the story. The College as a unit gains nothing by such publicity, nor do the critics of the present athletic policy profit to any great extent from it.

It's likely that the newspaper is not so much at fault as are those from whom the newspaper got the article. The interpretation presented in the newspaper story is a natural one, if the facts attending the article's publication are not known, and it's questionable whether they were to the writer of this newspaper article. Potentially the article had the power to incite the students to serious thought on the question, but whether it did is another question.

AN EDITORIAL IN the last issue explained the new plan for managerial elections in which the three first assistants are supposed to submit lists of three men to succeed them. It was then suggested that the election of new first assistants by the elections board would be merely a matter of approval of three men selected unanimously by the three outgoing junior managers. Evidently, this is not the case. In the recent soccer elections, the three first assistants submitted identical lists of the three candidates whom they wished to see elected as the new first assistants. But from his unanimous recommendation of three men, only one was approved by the election board. The other two finally elected were of fraternity affiliations which have given rise to rumors of "politics." It may be that there are good reasons for the final selections. But if the unanimous recommendations by the three first assistants continue to be disregarded, unfair managerial elections will not be cleaned up very much.

LAST YEAR A STUDENT committee spent a great deal of time studying the academic situation here at the College and making recommendations as to desirable changes. The committee held meetings regularly, discussed a good many aspects of the various school curricula, and then finally made its report. But aside from a few points which were included in a general report on curricula and courses of study, nothing else has been published. Some rather startling recommendations were made by the committee, according to reliable reports. Perhaps this is the reason it has been withheld from publication. But the committee was composed of representative students commissioned officially to make the investigation and report. In view of this, certainly the students as a whole are entitled to know something about the recommendations and conclusions which their own committee made. Publications of the main points of the report, at least, would not be amiss.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Hear ye, hear ye. Borough court will now convene with a case in re "Milly Co-op" Rose vs. Bucky Taylor.

Whereas: the defendant, Miss Rose, the party of the first part, appeared in court and was willing to defend herself against the charge of peddling phonograph records around town, and

Whereas: the plaintiff, Mr. Taylor, the party of the second part, did not appear at the designated hearing after formally bringing charge against the aforesaid defendant, and

Whereas: several influential persons decided to testify for the defendant, and back same, to wit, Dean Ray, and

Whereas: the defendant had already received counsel from one Mr. Tanner so that the aforementioned defendant literally swamped Burgess Ledzrer with a barrage of legal technicalities, and

Whereas: the aforesaid Burgess couldn't see the "sense in the whole business." The case was dismissed.

A card addressed to former Lion Mr. George Delp, baseball captain who managed to graduate around 1928 or 1929, was received over to the Sigma Nu lodge yesterday. It came from the library. The card read, "Dear Mr. Delp: You are charged with Bagley's 'Introduction to Teaching,' a reserve book, which circulates for two-hour periods. There are many calls for this book. Will you please return it? There is also a fine of fifty cents and ten cents per hour since Dec. 2, 1:36 P. M."

Borrow a slide-rule and figure it out. If the book was taken out on Dec. 2, Mr. Delp can keep the book until early tomorrow morning and still not pay much over thirty dollars. That's figuring that the library meant Dec. 2, 1933. However, if they meant Dec. 2, 1928, the year George graduated—well, rather than figure it out, we'd just suggest that Mr. Delp join Mr. Insull in Greece.

DRIBBLING

Will the person who swiped the nude from the Self-Portrait Exhibition in the library please return it to Mr. Lewis? Personally, we can't discover the motive in the theft... the nude taken was not a facade view, the figure had its back turned... Why do Prof. Ferguson and family always enter their home by the rear door? The "Gable" girls know all the S. A. E. songs... maybe the brothers won't sing so loud in the showers any more... The T. N. E.'s roller-skating to Boalsburg before the sun rises... Good reports come to us on the Choral Club presentation the other night... the Dean won't have to say "Look at the Mess—iah made"... Doc Champlin takes a few minutes off to observe Co-ed phenomena—from the lobby of Carnegie's building... Marrie Xmas...

AROUND THE CORNER

ON GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

There's no other happiness known to college students quite comparable with going home for Christmas. It is, of course, an unforgettable experience to go away to college, to leave the home town with its settled and too familiar habits, its intimate acquaintances who incline to look upon you as the child you once were, its maternal and paternal solitudes. And what joy to be in college, with the long-meditated opportunity to get an education in your grasp, to look after your own affairs, and to swim with the flowing tide of cosmopolitan young folk, with all its optimism, novel contacts, sports, excitements, badges, rituals, argot, and meetings, its carefree independence and jollity. But as Christmas approaches, and the house or restaurant fare grows familiar and flat, and the novelty of college courses and diversions wears thin, then the heart begins to warm with thoughts of fire-side plenty and cheer, and of the companionable town of your youth, where you know everybody and everywhere. Well may you rejoice, you who are going home for the Christmas holidays, who are about to return for a few days to the best friends you'll ever know. You going home for Christmas? ...

You are going home to be refreshed, to get a change. See that you get it. Have you studied faithfully so far, done your academic duty, justified the love lavished on you and the money spent on you, often at the cost of privations, by your parents? Then don't so much as glance at a "school book" after you get home. Loaf, skate, drive, dance, play, sing, sleep, and read for pure pleasure. Do but don't overdo. Come back refreshed, encouraged, resolute.

And in either case see to it that you have a talk with yourself in the peace and sincerity of your old Rome. Discover again the best and noblest aims of your real self, and calculate how, when you get back to Madison, you will pursue them more faithfully, more loyally, as befits a good man or a good woman.

You are going home for Christmas. Sound the loud timore! Do I hear someone say, "But I can't get home this time?" Well, courage, my friend. There are quite a few of us who live in Madison, that will have to stay here too, never again to climb aboard the special and go home from college for Christmas.

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'Collegian' Letter Box

To the Editor: I read with interest the letter written by "A Scarab" and the editorial comment, with both of which I am heartily in accord, for it happens I know both sides of the story. The complainant was honest and justified in his wail about lack of support. The Scarab "Beaux Arts Ball" is easily the outstanding social function at Penn State, the most colorful and elaborate, the only costume party. It should be a perennial success, and it is, except financially. It has never made expenses. Last year about eighty bucks in the hole, and this year about the same. The customer gets more for his money at this dance than at any other dance here. This year, dancing from 10 till 2, at \$2.00 per, and all-College by request. This same party almost anywhere else, strictly closed, would have cost from seven to fifteen dollars per. So you can't blame the boys who worked night and day for weeks to make this dance possible, if they complain about having to dig down in their old man's jeans for more cash to make up the deficit. And when they call Penn State an old cow college, you can't say it's just plain bull.

were strangely enough not paupers. They could have bought admission as easily as any who paid to attend. They had the wherewithal to get drunk. They were mostly fraternity men, belonging to an old and honored fraternity. Their actions were entirely inexcusable. I am told that this condition exists at all college dances. I invite comment. Do the student and faculty of Penn State approve this condition, and if not, how can it be improved? Whose business is it to correct it? It certainly is not fair to the boys who work so hard to stage the party, to have their work ruined by some irresponsible drunken whelps who are unworthy of the privilege of attending Penn State.

—Another Scarab

- PLAYERS ELECTIONS (Honorary Dramatic Society)
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