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THE LIQUOR PROBLEM AGAIN

When beer became legal last April, neither college nor borough authorities took any steps to prevent its sale here. It was thought then that the students would be perfectly capable of handling their new liberty in a gentlemanly manner. A responsibility for good conduct was placed upon them with the complete confidence that it would not be disregarded.

Up until very recently, this confidence has been justified. Lately, however, there seems to have been an increase in public drunkenness on the part of students. The rather uncommon sight of students reeling and yelling about the streets and in beer parlors has become quite common on week-end nights. It is certain that this misconduct cannot be attributed to the student body as a whole. Rather, a few students who have little regard for themselves, their fellow students, or their College, are responsible for the present bad situation.

In view of the fact that a restricted minority of the student body is jeopardizing the liberty and good name of the rest of the students, immediate steps must be taken to curb this small group. This is the joint responsibility of two parties: student government and the proprietors of beer parlors.

Student government, particularly Student Board, would be perfectly justified in summoning these chronic offenders before it and punishing them in some manner. Ordinarily it is not the function of a governing group to play policeman, but when a small minority is taking advantage of the confidence placed in the whole student body, then it is necessary for the group to act quickly and effectively. Continued disregard for good conduct cannot be tolerated, and the offenders should rightly be punished.

The fraternities also have a responsibility in the matter. A number of the offenders have been fraternity men. Needless to say, chronic drunkards do not add to the good name of a fraternity. Furthermore, the fraternity, as a recognized social and disciplinary group on the campus, is responsible for the good behavior of its members. The names of first offenders who are fraternity men should be referred by Student Board to the respective fraternities for disciplinary action.

The proprietors of beer parlors are also concerned—for their own good, if for nothing else. There can be no excuse on their part for selling beer to slightly intoxicated persons or for permitting disorderly persons to remain in their parlors. Furthermore, the legality of a good many of their beer sales, especially to underclassmen, might be questioned on the basis that it is unlawful to sell beer to minors. If they do not attempt to curb disorderliness, they cannot expect continued tolerance from College and borough officials.

Before any definite disciplinary steps are taken by authorities, student government and beer parlor proprietors should be given the opportunity to handle the matter themselves. As yet, student government has not proved itself ineffective in handling the situation. And it is much more desirable for student groups to solve the problem if possible than to be reduced to ineffectiveness by outside interference. Forceful intervention by borough police would be particularly unwise at this time, and could only be justified when the student government groups have shown themselves incapable of handling the disorderly minority in their midst.

PENN STATE IS AGAIN honored to act as host to the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Association of College Students this week-end. When the association was organized at the first convention here last spring, Pennsylvania was the third State to attempt to organize its college students. The movement has potentialities as an effective organization in securing the demands of the various student bodies in the State. But aside from this rather remote ideal, the intelligent interchange of ideas on student government, athletics, publications, and other problems of campus interest is always helpful. This is the real worth of the annual convention.

ALTHOUGH THE FINAL decision as to the inter-collegiate soccer championship was somewhat disappointing, the tie is a welcome addition to Penn State's athletic laurels. It points to the obvious—that in some sports Penn State need bow to none. A great deal of credit is due Coach Bill Jeffrey and the team for the fine playing and spirit that characterized the season.

(The fourth of a series of editorials on "An American Youth Movement" will be published in the next issue.)

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

In the last issue of this estimable journal a very raging MANIAC demanded Director Bezdek to explain the significance of the Regen Colts. While we're waiting for his answer we may as well ask a few more:

Dean Warnock: Who was that lady we seen you walking down the street with?

Dean Ray: Did you, or did you not, order a room with private bath in the Women's building?

Director Bezdek: What happened to the violet-ray lamp that's been missing from Rec hall for some time?

Doc Ritener: Did you, or did you not, leave a perfectly good arm lying in the waste-basket?

Mr. Murtorf: Is it true that there is a similarity between your notorious incident with Mr. Hostetter and the Ruth Snyder-Judd Gray case?

Dean Grant: Is it true that you swallowed a bull-frog during your adolescence?

Col. Venable: Are the neighbors really complaining about the resounding reveille that Mrs. Venable toots every morning to get you out of bed?

Joe Miller: Does your infamous conduct of last Saturday night have any correlation with the numerous western movie-thrillers of big, bad, two-gun men? Or, did you really need a new hat?

Mr. Seamans: How much truth is there in the rumor that you were heard ejaculating the word "Damn!" in the men's rest room, third floor, Old Main?

BALLAD
by D. P. S.

"How now!" said Hugo Bezdek, "Come here my good Miss Keller;
 You know how much I'm bothered by those spaces in the cellar.
 So take a letter now, to the morgue in Quaker city,
 (That I didn't think of this before is certainly a pity).
 And order seven corpses of assorted shapes and sizes
 Why give our Phys Ed students only dreary exercises?
 But rather let them cut and slice the liver and the gall;
 'Twill add a scientific touch to Recreation hall."

Oh, where was Bobbie Higgins when the fatal deed was done?
 (Will the football be outmoded by a gory skeleton?)
 And where was Leo Houck, and did he never guess
 That the boxing glove had had its day of valid usefulness?
 ... That the up-to-date procedure in Penn State athletics
 Is slicing up the limp remains of defunct diabetics?

Ah yes, it had been told to them, but they could not decide,
 Because Director Bezdek had said their hands were tied.

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FIRESIDE SESSION CHAIRMEN NAMED

Lehrman, Everett Appointed To Head Committee for Arranging P. S. C. A. Meetings

H. Albert Lehrman '35 and Ruth B. Everett '35, have been appointed joint chairmen to arrange for the annual series of fraternity, sorority, and town organization fireside sessions. The series, sponsored by the P. S. C. A., will be drawn up as the result of a questionnaire to be sent to all social organizations by the joint student and faculty committee. Groups will be allowed a choice: either by a list of preferred topics, or by naming the faculty members with whom they would prefer to hold their discussions. Thirteen students and faculty members compose the committee in charge of arrangements.

Included on the list are Lehrman and Miss Everett, Jack R. Aldrich '34, John P. Bechtoldt '34, John E. Binns '36, Merret E. Rhien '36 and Edna M. Rosenberger '36, David K. Sloan '36, Jean F. Woodruff '36, and Lewis M. Maurer '37.

Faculty members aiding in making arrangements include Arthur R. Warnock, Dean of Men; Prof. A. Harold Reede, of the department of economics and sociology; Prof. Harold E. Dickson, of the department of architecture; Prof. Ina Padgett, of the home economics department; Robert E. Galbraith, of the department of English composition; and Amos E. Neyhart, of the department of industrial engineering.

FRESHMEN AWARD GIFTS TO JUNIORS

Yearling Class President Presents Watch, Ring to Officers of Class of '35

In observance of an annual custom, members of the freshman class presented the president and secretary of the junior class each with a gift at a short meeting held in the Chemistry amphitheatre at 7:30 o'clock last night.

John M. Stocker '35 was presented with an engraved watch and Robert W. Brown '35 received a ring in behalf of the class. Lee M. Sunday, president of the freshman class, made the presentations.

During the discussion which followed, the class agreed to discontinue tryouts for freshman cheerleaders. Comments on customs and freshmen conduct in the halls were made by members of the class.

Sunday announced plans for a joint meeting and program with the freshmen women to be held in the Spring. A talk by a faculty member will be included on the program, if possible.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

College Board of Trustees Selects J. Franklin Shields President

Officers of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the College were re-elected at a meeting in Harrisburg Tuesday. J. Franklin Shields, Philadelphia, was again chosen president.

Others re-elected were: James G. White, New York City, vice president; President Ralph D. Hetzel, secretary; and G. Murtorf, treasurer.

The trustees re-elected were J. M. McAndrews, Philadelphia; J. Franklin Shields, Philadelphia; Chester J. Tyson, Gardeners; E. S. Bayard, Pittsburgh; John C. Cosgrove, Johnstown; Henry D. Brown, Williamsport; and Vance C. McCormick, Harrisburg.

Reports of committees on the Civil Works projects and possible Public Works loans for buildings and improvements of the campus were also discussed. Degrees to be awarded to mid-year graduates in February were approved at that time.

SIX PROFESSORS TO ATTEND ARCHITECTURAL CONFERENCE

Six members of the faculty of the department of architecture will attend a conference of the southern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Institute of Architects to be held in Harrisburg Tuesday afternoon.

Those making the trip are Prof. Clinton L. Harris, Louis A. Richardson, Prof. James B. Helme, Prof. B. Kenneth Johnston, Prof. Harold A. Dickson, and Prof. David A. Campbell.

Speaking Of Books

"The First to Go Back" by Irina Skariatina.

Here is a vivid contrast of the old and the new Russia by one intimately acquainted with Czarist Russia who has since been enabled to study the new regime. She witnessed the revolution in all its phases and has published one of the most valuable accounts in "A World Can End" and "A World Begins." This recent visit to Russia was an uncondoned tour of schools, factories, museums, churches, Bolshevik meetings. She also went back to her former home and conversed with the people themselves.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

The analysis of the causes of the low scholarship level of the freshmen women, which was printed in last Thursday's COLLEGIAN, probably comes also shows up one of the several defects in our grading and "educational" systems here.

Mr. Morse said, "Professors maintain their standards for grading until the change in the type of student is strikingly evident, and no doubt they are grading these students" (the freshmen, who, he explained, were less carefully chosen for college entrance and are therefore less well prepared) "on the former basis" (on the basis of former freshmen who were selected for college entrance on a higher basis).

We are told in the School of Education that students are graded most fairly when the grades reflect the ranking of each student in comparison with the other members of his class, and that the comparison should not be made with students or classes of former years. Evidently that is just another chunk of "academic knowledge" which we are supposed to copy into our note-books, memorize for blue books, and forget.

No one expects educators to practice everything they preach. It just isn't done. It's too much like work. But certainly a system of fairer grading is not that difficult to establish and use, especially when several systems are well within reach, which, imperfect as they may be, are at least fairer than no system at all. Several professors in the School of Education use more advanced methods of grad-

ing, but the practice extends no farther.

But the grading systems, of course, are just like other principles and methods of teaching; they aren't supposed to apply to the college. The colleges don't believe in all this "method" stuff, and so they give up entirely and go on using the oldest and worst method of them all. They are so steeped in habit and tradition that if there were anyone within the college staffs with ambition enough to overcome the inertia he would either have his mind changed for him, or he would be fired. The money, which might be used to encourage a change or experimentation in college methods, is still spent for trees for the campus and for R. O. T. C.

—E. D. '35

To the Editor:

The recent spectacle of a few drunken and disorderly students at

Duke University SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DURHAM, N. C.

Four terms of eleven weeks are given each year. These may be taken consecutively (M.D. in three years) or three terms may be taken each year (M.D. in four years). The entrance requirements are intelligence, character and at least two years of college work, including the subjects specified for Grade A Medical Schools. Catalogues and application forms may be obtained from the Dean.

WARNING!

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