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STUDENT COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

At present, a feud is being waged on the Lafayette campus between Student Council and an organization known as Knights of the Round Table. In a recent poll, a majority of only two votes favored the retention of Student Council. The argument was advanced that Student Council had but three functions—to petition for a football week-end, to petition for the Thanksgiving week-end, and to elect what is known as the Pepper prize man.

This situation could be localized and Student Council here could be studied with some interest. At present, the disciplinary powers of student government are vested in Student Board; the setting of dance dates and discussion of issues such as honorary investigations are conducted by Student Union; and the enforcement of freshman customs is in the hands of the Student Tribunal.

Thus, little is left for Student Council to handle. It sets up the code of freshman customs for the coming year, and this fall was successful in effecting a change in the length of time certain books may be taken from the library. A committee has been appointed to take steps toward recognizing political cliques.

It is granted that Student Council has certain values. Politicians must be rewarded for their clique allegiances. Keys, too, are given members; they are very distinguished-looking keys. Occasionally, problems come up which must be decided by a representative group, but such problems arise so seldom that it is to be questioned whether or not such a group is practical.

Government shows a growing tendency to centralize. It might be well to consider the possibility of coordinating functions a bit more closely here. Under the present set up, many are prone to feel that no organization has enough duties to justify its existence.

COMPLAINT HAS BEEN made by the livestock judging team which has just completed a trip that it seems unfair to make members pay their own expenses when they represent the College in one form of student activity. Their dissatisfaction is based chiefly upon the fact that the debating team is subsidized by the student body through levy on each semester's fees.

Such levies are placed on the budget by student vote. The livestock judges have two alternatives. They can attempt to make the student body livestock-conscious enough to vote favorably on the question of adding another item to student fees. If this is impossible, they can make an attempt to have other items which they consider unfair eradicated from the budget.

ONE OF THE MOST pleasing features of Penn State life will take place Thursday night when the annual cantol singing will be held on the front campus. There are all too few such traditions here that bring students really together on a common plane. Nothing is more effective than those few brief moments when all inhibitions are cast aside and sentimentalism, sneered at for the rest of the year, prevails.

THE PRACTICAL SIDE

A recent survey has shown that student enrollment throughout the country has increased some nine per cent over the figures of last year. This means that, despite the current economic unrest and uncertainty, more and more young people are coming to believe that higher education is becoming a more important requisite as preparation for the future.

Many arguments have been advanced to disprove the practical value of college training. Statistics have been prepared which show that a man never gets a fair return from the money which he invests in college. Of course, there is always the answer that the aesthetic value of four years of college cannot be measured in monetary terms.

In contradiction to this is the report of Dr. Clarence E. Clewell, director of the University of Pennsylvania placement service. He says that he has found seventy-six per cent more positions available for graduates. He found more than two hundred additional jobs last year than he had the previous year.

This tends to prove that today employers are turning to colleges to provide the new blood which their businesses warrant. This shows the value of a careful preparation for life work in the field in which one is interested. To be sure, a greater number of openings is appearing for next June's graduate, but competition for them will be increasingly great. Those with the best college records should have the best chance of finding work.

OLD MANIA

Be A 'Collegian' Man And See The World!

It was pretty noisy in the lecture room in the basement of Varsity hall when the four COLLEGIAN men went in, but after they were there awhile it got much, much noisier. Quite a sociable crowd had gathered to receive the representatives of the local press. Pinzy Needles, freshman grid manager, Al Warehime, varsity (think of it, my dear!) football manager, and the whole varsity team, the substitutes, and the freshman team were there. At Mr. Warehime's special request.

There had been a story in the paper, it seems. A nasty story, inferring that the freshman football players didn't like this place so well; that there had been promises; that some of those summer promises weren't panning out so well; and that the frosh griders (How'm I doin', F.W.W.W.?) were pretty griped at the whole works. They were going to leave this dump, they were. Why the hell, they wanted to know (or so the news story inferred), should they waste their valuable young lives here, when they could be making fabulous sums and All-American ratings at some real college? Mr. Higgins was a heel, Mr. Warehime was a heel, and they had their own opinions in regard to Mr. Bezdek. That was the news story.

Well, as we started to say, it was quite a party, there in the basement of Varsity hall. The idea, you see, was to show all the lousy journalists that Mr. Higgins was not a heel, that Mr. Warehime was a swell gent, and that Mr. Bezdek was an ace among aces. The way there to be shown was by speeches. All the varsity men would give their own opinion of the coach, etc. All the substitutes would sit in mute agreement (as substitutes always sit) and all the freshmen would gently deny that any of them were dissatisfied.

"Jeez," the COLLEGIAN men stuttered, "and they say there's no subsidization here!"

Mr. Morrison sat down. Mr. Warehime got up. He'd been thinking, fast. "That eight hundred bucks, of course, you fellows from the paper realize, was just loans, that's all, just loans."

Mr. Mikelonis took the floor, and demanded what the hell. The coach was a nice guy. We had a bunch of fine fellows on the team, and next year we ought to be better, if things got better. Anyhow, what the hell was it the business of the paper, butting in and all.

After the varsity had had its say, the Managers started firmly after their second point. They would now prove, by the very simple method of asking the frosh, whether any freshmen were dissatisfied. They asked them, one after the other, "Are you satisfied, have you gotten everything you were promised?" All the freshmen meekly mumbled, "Uh, huh." That is, nearly all. One guy declared that he was going away—he had a better offer. (That was all right, though, Needles pointed out. A guy had to look after his own best interests, didn't he?)

Then two nery freshmen players nearly wrecked the whole works. Right in the middle of Warehime's optimistic speech; "So, you can see, you four guys from the paper, that everything is o. k., and that you hadn't any basis for that story about the eight freshmen," two frosh shouted, "You know damn well they had a basis for that story." It was o. k., though, the managers didn't have very good ears—they didn't hear the cry of the first year plugs.

After all the points had been proven, the meeting broke up into little battles. One almost stopped being verbal with a Mr. Barth's thundered "If I had my way, I'd blacklist every issue of your damn paper the rest of the year!" as he clenched his giant paws. The COLLEGIAN man was lucky though, he didn't want to get popped. "Lissen, pal," he said, "I don't even know who you are, but this is the . . ."

He didn't get any farther. Mr. Barth had collapsed limply against the wall. Gosh, darn, here was a senior who didn't know who he, the varsity guard, was. Such stupidity!

After awhile, all the Lackawanna County brain trust left, and soon the journalists did too. Everyone had had a nice time. There wasn't any more noise in the long basement room. Noise was no longer needed. The football men had proven their points: Mr. Higgins was not a heel, but just the man to be coach; Mr. Warehime was a nice fellow, too; and Mr. Bezdek had his elbow ever guarded by the symbol of pure athletics.

Pretty soon the janitor came around and cleaned up all the chalk people had been throwing around. —THE MANIAC

Lewis Seeks Aid from Obituaries To Build Book Stock in Library

Librarian Plans To Send Extra Volumes on to C.C.C. Camps, Prisons

Sauntering into the reserve-book room at the Library the other day, we noticed a battery of co-ed employees busily going through a huge stack of Pennsylvania newspapers. Each worker manned an impressive pair of shears. With regular editorial inquisitiveness, we asked the frowning group what they were doing.

"We are clipping obituaries," one of them muttered. Our next logical question was "Why?" but the women only shrugged their shoulders. They didn't know why. We investigated and found that Willard P. Lewis, College Librarian, is having them clip these obituaries in an effort to build up one of the strongest collections of Pennsylvania books, pamphlets, and manuscripts in the State.

Librarian Lewis has assigned several FERA workers to a trial project in which their work consists entirely of checking death notices in a long list of papers. The Librarian has found that when a major change occurs within a family circle, the family will very likely want to dispose of the personal effects of the deceased. Many of the books now lying idly on the shelves in homes throughout the state would, when assembled, render significant service to student and scholar, the Librarian believes.

By contacting homes at a time when changes occur, it is possible to enhance the Library's facilities for service in a manner difficult to surpass. Where duplicate material is obtained, the Librarian proposes to transmit it to CCC camps, transient camps, and prison libraries.

The Library will be grateful for Pennsylvania items or books of fiction, travel, biography, general literature, science or art. They may be sent express collect and either will be added to the Library's own stacks or distributed to camps and prisons.

Lt. Williams on Leave

Lieut. Lyman O. Williams, assistant professor of military science and tactics, left Friday on a short leave of absence prior to sailing on a tour of foreign service to Panama on December 15. Lieutenant Williams will be stationed at Fort Davis while in Panama.

Col. Rothrock Blames College for Bonfires

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bers of the Board didn't seem to believe that I would do it and that Governor Fisher would send the National Guard here. But he got up and stated that he would certainly send the militia in here to protect the property owners of this town and to back me up any time I asked for aid. "Luckily, that has never had to occur, but I haven't any doubt but what it will occur if things keep on as they have in the past several years. The burgess takes an oath when he takes office that he will enforce every law and ordinance of this Commonwealth and borough, and he has that responsibility to fulfill," the Colonel emphasized.

"I think every real man here wants to be proud of State. I know I did when I was an undergraduate here and I know I do now. But if Penn State gets the reputation of being the abode of a bunch of rowdies, I certainly won't be proud to say I am a State man," Colonel Rothrock declared vigorously. "I think to hit the nub of the whole business the best plan would be to let the College weed out some of these no-goods that are here," the Colonel concluded.

3 Will Attend Meeting Of American Foresters

Prof. John A. Ferguson, Dr. J. Lee Deen, and Dr. Eldred R. Martell, of the department of forestry, will attend a meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Washington, D. C., December 28, 29, 30. "The Policy of the C. C. C. Camps", "The Lumber Code", and "Forestry in the New Deal" are among the subjects to be discussed.

Glass '35, Jackson '35, Langan '37 in Hospital

Ten students have been admitted to the College infirmary since December 1, three of whom still remain as patients. They are Henry Glass '35, Vaughn R. Jackson '35, and Thomas A. Langan '37.

Those who have been discharged are Mary E. Freeman '35, Albert P. Mikelonis '35, Joseph W. Bielicki '36, John W. Grosskettler '36, William J. Miller '36, Robert N. Stanton '36, and John M. Mason, special student.

Cwen Carnival Delayed

The Cwen Penny Carnival has been postponed until January 9.

Letter Box

To the Editor: What do you think of this? I clipped it from a Bellefonte paper.

"The Bellefonte High School football team won its Thanksgiving tilt with State College, at State College, in a hair-raising, thrilling game; score, 14-to-13.

"Sometime ago mention was made of the near-riot at State College as a result of an attempted bonfire demonstration by College students when the mayor of State College called upon the State Police to quell the dangerous (?) elements. The student body was up in arms and still is.

"As a glorified contrast, after the Bellefonte High School victory, the students built an immense bonfire right on the public square here and practically the entire population was out to help the students celebrate.

"Did the Bellefonte mayor object? He most emphatically did not! He was there by the fire to help celebrate, and it is reported, that he joined in the school songs and threw an occasional log on the fire."

J. C. H.

Lichty Selected Head Of Dance Committee

Panhellenic Council selected Claire M. Lichty '35 as chairman of the Panhellenic dance, to be held sometime in January. Other members of the committee are Martha J. Bring '35, Wilma E. Heineman '35, and Selena A. Wunderlich '36.

During the meeting on Thursday the Council decided that in order to inform the freshmen about fraternities and rushing, an upperclassman would be sent to each of the downtown and campus dormitories to speak on these subjects.

Tanger Believes New Platform Necessary For Republican Party

Political Scientist Says Future Campaigns Will Center About New Deal

When questioned as to the possibility of the Republican party dying out entirely as a result of the recent Democratic landslide, Dr. Jacob Tanger, of the department of history and political science, remarked that it is quite doubtful as to the actual party extinction, but that Republicanism, as it stands today, will not enter into the political battle in the future. Rather, an entirely new platform will be adopted by the party.

"Future party battles will be fought out in the New Deal program," Dr. Tanger added. "The Republicans will have to find some manner in which to squeeze into this present day program, thereby adopting a conservative policy. We can't hope, however, to restore the order that prevailed under Harding," Dr. Tanger continued.

Democratic principles, themselves, have undergone radical changes, as a result of the new economic and social order that has forced itself upon them. It is only evident that Republican principles will shape themselves as well.

"To evolutionary socialists, this recent Democratic landslide should be very encouraging, as evidence is shown that the government is gradually taking hold of, operating, and managing more things," responded Dr. Tanger to the question of whether the Socialists have gained anything as a result of this past election.

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