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2,000 SMART GUYS

AS ONE OF THE organizations cooperating with the Student Peace Action Council, we have always encouraged and supported its activities. We dislike to criticize an organization with such noble motives, but after attending the meeting held Monday night we feel that censure is necessary.

Held for the purpose of showing students why compulsory ROTC should be abolished on this campus, how this can be accomplished, and why it would promote peace, Monday's meeting was attended by sixty people, most of them members of the Council itself.

It required little thought to show that a meeting of this sort will accomplish little. Information must reach more than sixty people if it is to be effective.

What was the reason for this lax attendance? Why didn't Penn State's five thousand other students go to this meeting? What was wrong?

The first fault was in the choice of subject. No one can expect the student body to be interested in a subject which affects only about half its members. Instead of holding a meeting on compulsory ROTC the Council should have selected some topic of general interest such as: "What Am I Getting Out of College?" "Lombardo vs. Goodman," or "Resolved: That the Country is a Better Place to Live than the City." Of course these things don't have much to do with peace action, but the important thing is to arouse student interest.

The time selected for the meeting was ill chosen. Jean Harlow and Robert Taylor were appearing at the local cinema and students could scarcely be expected to pass up such cultural opportunity to hear an address on something so unimportant as keeping this country out of war. The Council should have considered this and timed its meeting accordingly.

It is also possible that many students did not know about the speech. Of course there was a long article in this paper about it and signs were displayed down town and on the campus, but this was scarcely enough advance publicity. A sound truck, signs painted on the sidewalks, sandwich-sign men, and a sky writer should all have been used. No one can be expected to go to something that he doesn't know about.

Finally, a more prominent speaker should have been engaged. While the Reverend Rockel presented his talk well, enough, few students had heard of him. They weren't interested. If some outstanding man of letters like Lloyd C. Douglas or a great philosopher like Will Durant had been scheduled there would have been a much larger audience. Commander Byrd and Mrs. Roosevelt are interested in peace. Why didn't the Council get one of them?

The motives of the Peace Actioners here was good enough, but they certainly were unable to handle Monday's meeting in the proper manner.

One other thing that was beyond their control perhaps had a little to do with the failure. Two thousand ROTC conscripts know that it's smarter to spend 200 hours finding out how to fight than two hours learning how to abolish their course and help to prevent a war.

ELECTORATE INTEREST?

While on the subject of mass meetings it seems like a good idea to mention the one Monday night. For years there has been the complaint by students that campus politicians are a bunch of grafters who are out to get what they can and who, once elections are over, never give a damn about the students who elected them. Monday night every party with candidates in this election will tell students just what they and their men propose to do if they are elected. There will probably be a short period for discussion.

If you are sufficiently interested in the way student government is going to be run next year, if you would like to see a cooperative book store, a system of free hospitalization, a blanket activity fee, or any of the many changes advocated by the various cliques in their platforms, then attend Monday's meeting and find out how and why they propose to carry out their promises.

If you're not interested at least have the good grace next year not to criticize student government. Officers will be just as interested in reform and improvement as the electorate—no more so.

CAMPUSEER

Charge of the Frat Brigade

Half a pint, half a pint
Half a pint onward.
Onto the floor they went
Many a dollar spent
Honorable intentions meant
I. F. Ball's 50 hundred.
Dates to the right of them
Co-eds to the left of them
Fate in front of them
The chaperones wondered.
Theirs not to reason why
Theirs but to down their rye
And so amid the hue and cry
Mr. Breene blundered.

Swan Song:

At long last the time has come when we give out job of filling up this space to the board which will be elected Sunday night and we do so with mixed emotions. However, tradition has it that the Campuseer devote his last column to giving advice to the oncoming or new Campy in order that the line may not be marred so here it is . . .

First of all, always spell SEX with capital letters even though you are against it . . . Don't worry too much about the world going to hell and every Wednesday night lay aside your Marx and get down Benchley or Thurber . . . Of course there will be some who will accuse you of adolescent ignorance if you write about such trivial things as the vigorous competition Al McIntyre is getting for Barbara Bowes around the Student Union office, when you should be considering the ramifications of the Spanish civil war . . . but then at least you will have some readers.

We refer you to George Ritter, the Mr. Arbuthnot of high school witticisms, if your supply of stock phrases run out . . . And Arnie of the Crm is always good for a few gags, especially the "are-that-way-about-each-other" stories . . . If Doc Dengler is back next year you had better take one of his courses for some light professorial wise-cracks . . . and the same goes for S. K. Stevens . . . Don't make the mistake of filling up the selected ranks of the Stinker Club too early as we did . . . not until a few days ago did we discover that Bob McQuiston, ex-boxing manager, should have been president of that organization all the time . . . Several girls who will bear watching next year and who should furnish plenty of copy are Mary L. Hickey, Georgia Powers, Jane Gruber, and Elizabeth Panebaker . . . Prof. Galbraith was neglected this year and he always has some funny class room gags . . . if you like class room gags . . . You might keep an eye on this Prof. Gardner-Bell ping-pong feud . . . and Dorm Doings is becoming more daring each issue . . . You also might inform Mary Taylor that George Sisson can't cook for I'm sure it would be appreciated . . .

You also might check up and learn the name of that R. O. T. C. sergeant who is wearing his chevrons upside-down . . . Another story we heard was about a guy by the name of Bratton, sigmanu, who wrote home to his father asking for more money because he was going to take up horse-back riding . . . and his father replied in a letter, "Fine, I'll send you a horse" . . . Of course there are times you'll be disappointed such as seeing that Prof. F. P. Knoll, D. H., got two dollars from the Philly Inquirer's Personal Grievances column for writing in, "Can anything be done about the self styled expert who sits behind me at basketball games and delivers advice to each player from the beginning to the end of the game?" . . . And always remember that this colymun got volyume, and it's usually filling up the last ten lines that gets you in trouble . . . —Phil

Vagabond Voyages
Tramp Trips . . .

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Phi Kappa Tau Leads
In Fraternity Rating

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women maintained their superiority over the unaffiliated group, increasing their figure from 1.70 to 1.72, while the non-fraternity women boosted their mark from 1.46 to 1.58.

MEN'S FRATERNITIES

1. Phi Kappa Tau	1.71
2. Alpha Zeta	1.64
3. Delta Theta Sigma	1.64
4. Acacia	1.46
5. Alpha Chi Sigma	1.46
6. Phi Sigma Delta	1.45
7. Pi Epsilon Pi	1.41
8. Phi Gamma Delta	1.41
9. Sigma Pi	1.39
10. Alpha Gamma Rho	1.37
11. Sigma Phi Alpha	1.37
12. Alpha Chi Rho	1.34
13. Phi Lambda Theta	1.33
14. Beaver House	1.31
15. Beta Sigma Rho	1.31
16. Tau Kappa Epsilon	1.31
17. Beta Theta Pi	1.30
18. Associated Commons Club	1.29
19. Delta Tau Delta	1.29
20. Phi Sigma Kappa	1.29
21. Pi Kappa Alpha	1.28
22. Phi Mu Delta	1.28
23. Theta Chi	1.27
24. Triangle	1.27
25. Phi Delta Theta	1.26
26. Sigma Tau Phi	1.26
27. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1.23
28. Phi Kappa Psi	1.21
29. Alpha Phi Delta	1.20
30. Kappa Sigma	1.20
31. Beta Kappa	1.19
32. Theta Upsilon Omega	1.19
33. Pi Kappa Phi	1.18
34. Sigma Nu	1.15
35. Chi Phi	1.12
36. Phi Kappa Sigma	1.12
37. Tau Phi Delta	1.11
38. Sigma Phi Epsilon	1.10
39. Theta Kappa Phi	1.10
40. Alpha Sigma Phi	1.08
41. Sigma Chi	1.08
42. Sigma Phi Sigma	1.07
43. Tau Sigma Phi	1.06
44. Delta Chi	1.06
45. Alpha Tau Omega	1.00
46. Lambda Chi Alpha	1.00
47. Theta Nu Epsilon	.98
48. Delta Upsilon	.96
49. Delta Sigma Phi	.94
50. Kappa Delta Rho	.94
51. Theta Xi	.94
52. Alpha Kappa Pi	.88
53. Phi Kappa	.80

WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

1. Astriad	1.88
2. Chi Omega	1.84
3. Kappa Alpha Theta	1.80
4. Alpha Omicron Pi	1.79
5. Kappa Kappa Gamma	1.72
6. Delta Gamma	1.70
7. Gamma Phi Beta	1.70
8. Phi Mu	1.70
9. Alpha Chi Omega	1.56
10. Theta Phi Alpha	1.39

Miniature Pamphlet
Shown in New Book

An attempt at lithotyping in miniature is shown in the 1937 edition of "Abstracts of Studies in Education at the Pennsylvania State College," edited by Prof. Charles C. Peters, of the department of education and psychology. This 60-page pamphlet contains as much copy as the average printed book of 274 pages. Although legible without the reading glass, it is a strain on the eyes. The margins were aligned with Professor Peters' patented automatic justifier.

Cooke Granted Leave

Alfred F. Cooke, Jr., of the department of horticulture, has been granted a leave of absence for one year to enter private business. Prof. C. E. Hoie, a graduate of Rhode Island State College, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

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Scientific Writers
Now in Demand,
Says Dr. Ham

"The journalism field needs writers who are well-educated in science," says Dr. William R. Ham, head of the department of physics. He believes that young newspaper reporters, if at all interested in science, will benefit by a thorough college course in some phase of the scientific curricula.

Doctor Ham points out that in the present-day method the writer investigates an experiment, uses his particular skill to extract points of interest to the reading public, and submits the article to the experimenter for revision. His desire is to see the reporter who will review an experiment and write a satisfactory account from personal knowledge. Experimenting for several years with the rate of diffusion of hydrogen through metals as a test for properties of various metals, Doctor Ham has become one of the country's foremost authorities on this project.

H. S. Press Convention
Scheduled for May 1

Plans have been completed for the annual State High School Press convention to be held here on Saturday, May 1, by Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism fraternity. The plans include registration, several meetings, a luncheon in the Old Main Sandwich Shop, entertainment, a tea, and sightseeing trips over the campus. The speakers will be men who have distinguished themselves in the field of journalism.

Last year the convention drew 350 high school editors and high school faculty advisors from the larger high schools of Pennsylvania. This year Sigma Delta Chi will be assisted by Theta Sigma Phi, girls' professional journalism fraternity, and Alpha Delta Sigma, men's professional advertising fraternity.

Council Head Attends
Panhellenic Gathering

Caroline Tyson '38, incoming president of the Panhellenic Council, attended a regional Panhellenic Convention in Cincinnati this week-end. Eighteen campuses were represented with Penn State and Allegheny as the only Pennsylvania colleges.

The main part of the program was presented Saturday consisting of addresses and round table discussions. The discussions were led by national or alumnae representatives from various women's fraternities attending the conclave. The topics concerned Panhellenic organizations, alumnae and chapter relations, rushing problems and campus standards. A formal banquet held at the Netherland Plaza Hotel concluded Saturday's activities. Two representatives from each of the 17 women's fraternities at the University of Cincinnati acted as hostesses.

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