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ORGANIZING MUSICIANS

THE drive to organize musicians on the campus and to blacklist organizations that bring non-union bands from out of town to the campus sounds too much like a racketeering scheme to be a part of legitimate labor upliftment.

Unquestionably the motive in organization here is to jack band prices. Sentiment on the campus is that the prices are too high for four hours' work.

It is not a question of a living wage, or of unfair discrimination, or collective bargaining—those factors that have contributed to the national situation. Merely it is one of raising the prices here, and safeguarding that raise with the blacklisting of those who do not co-operate.

The results of the drive should be watched closely by students. Should it succeed, there may follow attempts by other trades to organize here under similar conditions.

Musicians' antics here and elsewhere have been far from convincing as to the necessity of a price raise. And it is not the musicians that the student should worry about. It is himself.

A virtual monopoly on dance orchestras has existed here for a number of years. Student groups had little to do but to hire a local band. Most of the time they were glad to help fellow students who were picking up a little extra pin money by playing. That was what the campus dance bands were supposed to be. The men in them were from all intents and purposes going to college, seeking an education. They were not trying to make a living from the students.

But students are going to resent this attempt at a shakedown. It is not the student's worry how many times the campus band plays out of town and for how much. If the campus band wishes to do that, it may.

But it is not for the campus band to turn around and try to coerce that group which it has bled for so long into doing things the way it wishes for no justifiable reason.

Fraternalities, who hold dances for enjoyment and not to make money, particularly are going to resent it. Already they have had to deal with money-hungry musicians, whose purpose seems not to be paid in proportion to the service rendered but all that they can wheedle by hook or crook.

It calls for a distinction between a campus dance band, and a band organized on a full-time basis, with a job or two every day.

Organizations here are under the impression that they have had to pay too much for music in the past and that they have had to accept too many shady dealings in getting it. They have borne it so far, uncomplainingly, but if they become the victims of coercion they are going to rebel.

If organization here is justified, we shall have no campus dance bands. We shall have recognized commercial units that deserve no more support from the students than does some band 5,000 miles away.

If blacklisting is attempted, Mr. Student Opinion, we feel, will rear on his hind legs, and utter an emphatic "Nuts."

WHAT CAUSES DICTATORSHIPS?

DR. OVERSTREET'S lecture Friday night was a remarkable and logical explanation of the reasons underlying the formation of a dictatorship. His suggestion was that Germany became a dictatorship because it did not know how to become anything else.

His lucid picture of what happens without education and free speech can clearly be understood when he said that almost all Germans are for Hitler. Germany, he said, is looking to regain her lost pride and power.

Having no help from the Allies after the war in setting up her Republicanism, she failed from lack of knowledge as to how the thing was supposed to work.

More than anything, Dr. Overstreet's analysis of the cause of Germany's dictatorship was an indictment of war and its follies. And, indirectly, it was the best anti-war lesson the campus has had the opportunity of receiving.

OPENING IS THE P. S. C. A.'s drive for funds with which to carry on its work. The best way for the individual student to decide whether or not to contribute is to take a look into the records of the organization and decide if he feels it will bring him something in return.

If he finds that the P. S. C. A. is doing something for him, he is more than obligated to reciprocate.

OLD MANIA

Marriages:

Things we shall never see again—the expression on the face of DTD Pick Little, Butler flash, when he received a letter from his girl friend saying she simply couldn't make houseparty because she was getting married.

Ben Creveling, TUO, went home the other week-end and married a high school senior, a Newtown girl. They went to Maryland, of course.

The Light Fantastic:

Cliff Rodgers and Catherine Bruccilly had an invitation to the KDR dance Friday night. They got smooth and trekked out there. Only they went to the DX house, where a formal was in progress. Thinking themselves out of place, they rushed to their respective rooms and put on formal clothes. Back they went to the DX house and danced a while. Then they looked up the friends who invited them. They were mighty embarrassed when they found they were at the wrong shindig.

Doc Davis, Buck Taylor, Orv Keller, Nick Thiel, and Jack Bowman—quiet souls all—doing the Big Apple at the PK's house Saturday night.

Dean Ray was quite interested in Conrad Busch's trucking Saturday night. He let himself go. He didn't know his audience.

M.D.D.O.W.'s:

Four little girls' knocked on the door of the Rathskeller the other day. They rapped and rapped and finally the jovial Fritz opened the door, expecting anything. It seemed the tots wanted a whiskey bottle for a scavenger hunt. But of course, the Rathskeller being all that it is, Fritz didn't have any.

Fritz is a great boy with the girls. As a matter of fact, he has one himself. (She's slightly bigger than the tots). He likes girls. So he wanted to help his guests. Suddenly, he got a great idea.

"Run up to the Kappa Sig house on the next corner. They'll have a whiskey bottle," says Fritz.

Love Is the Sweetest Thing:

Robert Bass and Kay (Bedroom Scene) Holden, read funny papers together at the TXi'mense. Mary Smith is burning the torch for Norva Thomas. Polly Wirtz just got Joe Snook's frat pin.

Mary (Big Shot hater) Bruccilly was seen with some of the bigger SN's. . . no names mentioned. Fran (aspirin) McEvoy is awfully cute with Verne Auel. . . Freddy Spzyker, silent man soccer player, made much time with a babe on the train while going to Philadelphia Saturday, and still in the mood, picked up a gal on the streets and continued his ardent staff.

Misunderstanding:

Fred Martin, AKP sophomore, is a terrible misunderstood gent. He had one Knobby, of Cody Manor, out on a date the other night. He told her to leave her things, i.e., coat and hat and gloves, in the ladies' room. Knobby must have gotten our hero wrong for the next thing Fred knew, the front door was wide open and Knobby was tearing down Locust Lane. The end!

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Koo Emphasizes Internationalism

Chinese Lecturer Gives Talk At Pledge Dinner; Entertains Group On Flute

"To understand the problems of foreign countries, one must be internationally intellectual," Dr. T. Z. Koo, declared at the annual Pledge banquet held in the Nittany Lion last Sunday night. "By being cognizant of the inside situations of each country, a person can broaden himself in international affairs," he continued.

Doctor Koo illustrated his point by telling the story of a Chinese gentleman who was visiting the United States. While riding in the country, he noticed the rural mail delivery boxes, and not knowing anything about the country or its customs, asked his companion why the Americans placed their birdhouses so close to the ground.

"This type of mistake, although unintentional at times, can often lead to a false conclusion as did the gentleman in the story," Doctor Koo pointed out. "Mistakes of this kind can often hamper and destroy all the peace efforts that are being made."

"This lack of knowledge is universal, and one gains such knowledge only through personal experience. By learning the problems and happiness of all classes of a people, a person can better understand them."

"Men, after all," he concluded, "are essentially the same the world over. Although they may have different physical characteristics, they all have the same emotional and spiritual makeup."

Dr. Koo then entertained the pledges by playing several Chinese folk songs on a Chinese flute. The instrument is made of bamboo and is two feet long. It is played in the same manner as the clarinet.

850 Hear Overstreet Tell Of Dictatorships

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mans as evidence of their amoral beliefs.

The speaker emphasized the fact that the German people wanted Hitler, he wasn't forced on them. Hitler as a character typifies the character of Germany at her best and worst, he said. "He has a mystic appeal to the people, claiming to represent the very soul of the Germanic race, and promises that Germany will bring about a great peace through their culture, the professor explained.

Claims Italians Are Realistic

"Italy was not a defeated nation but a 'gypped' one, for they fought and received no share of the spoils. They are a realistic people with a cynical past and, broadly speaking, are a nation of extroverts, whereas Germany is a nation of introverts," the speaker declared. "Mussolini has promised the people that they will once more become the great Roman Empire, and as yet his bluff has not been called."

Professor Overstreet spoke of Russia not as a defeated nation but nevertheless a nation in a terrible condition after the War. As is the case when a downtrodden, uneducated class goes into power, the government was in a turmoil, he said. Lenin presented the people with a Bible, containing a plan to follow and also the answer to the social problem, an answer which Professor Overstreet said was impossible to give.

Crowded Japanese Full of Energy

The speaker described Japan as a crowded people full of energy, possessing a great power to imitate. Japan very frankly is attempting to "bear the white man's burden—gone yellow," and what it is doing in China is "for China's own good," he explained.

Professor Overstreet was high in his praise of Turkey. "There is the one sound dictatorship of today," he said. "It was founded as a necessity. Before the War, Turkey was living in the 16th century, but the shame of their backwardness and self-criticism brought about a youth movement which has brought Turkey up among the leading nations of today."

"We in America must not go the neurotic way. We must establish economic, as well as political and social justice at home," he went on. "We must keep our promises, preserve civil rights, and freedom of expression of thought. Deny these and the state dies. Mr. Hull's attempts to establish reciprocal trade treaties is the most wise move in my generation, but we must straighten out our own home."

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Women's Activities Building To Have Pool, Gym, Lounge

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The new women's activities building, which will be completed by next September, will exceed even the most optimistic expectations. It is now under construction and has been realized mainly through the efforts of Miss Marie Haidt of the department of physical education.

According to George W. Ebert, superintendent of grounds and buildings, perhaps its most outstanding feature will be a swimming pool which will occupy most of the first floor. The pool is to be supplemented by locker rooms with ample space and equipment.

Also on the first floor will be a bowling alley and a squash room. Another room will be used either for rifle or archery practice.

Gymnasium on Second Floor

A gymnasium two-thirds the size of Rec hall will constitute a good part of the second floor. With the lounge opening into the gymnasium floor, this floor will probably be the scene of many women's dances.

Both W. S. G. A. and W. A. A. are

to have clubrooms on the second floor. A regulation size kitchen will be available for the use of both of these organizations.

One room, that is to be a temporary office, will ultimately serve as a clinic. With the use of X-ray machines, the clinic will aim toward methods of corrective posture.

Dancing classes are to be conducted in the rhythm room. There will also be a body mechanics room. Added to these parts of the building, dedicated to specialized sports, rooms have been provided for games such as shuffle board.

Sun Porch on Third Floor

A sun porch is the only tenant of the third floor. There will also be a room in the building for those girls not allowed to participate in active sports.

The building is under the jurisdiction of the physical education department. Its estimated cost is \$400,000. The dimensions are 265 feet long and 117 feet wide.

Players To Make Road Appearance

Shaw's 'Androcles And The Lion' And Curtain-Raiser To Play In Allentown Sat.

The Penn State Players will travel to Allentown Saturday where they will present George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion." This will be preceded by a curtain-raiser, "The Romance of the Willow Pattern," a Chinese comic tragedy.

Frank S. Neusbaum, associate director of the Players, has had the cast rehearsing for several weeks. He stated that they will make their road show appearances, and the play will be given here after the Easter vacation during the convention of Theta Alpha Phi, national collegiate dramatics honorary.

Principals in the cast are Irving Tersuhov, Louis Hall, Betty Mosseson, Herbert Yanofsky, Nathalie Schurman, Bernard Schechtman, Robert Thompson, Jack Wolgin, Harry Reed, Clay Donges, Joe Tolon, William Hile, Thomas Ainsworth, and Bernard Freed.

Minor roles will be taken by Ralph Bollinger, Paul Herb, Bernice Hunn, Sally Mitchell, Wilfred Washoe, and Morris Wood. Miss Mitchell, Washoe, and Wood are also the technicians for the productions.

Those in the cast of the curtain-raiser, which is under the direction of Ida P. Bieley, are Miss Hunn, Freed, Thompson, Donges, and Ainsworth.

Campus Bulletin

TODAY

The Hillel classes will meet in room 318 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock.
Student Council will meet in room 405 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock.

TOMORROW

A sound motion picture film, "The Wonder World of Chemistry," will be shown in room 315, Mineral Industries building, at 7:30 o'clock. Open to the public, all chemists are urged to attend.

Prof. John S. Bowman, English composition department, will speak in the Bell office, 412 Old Main at 4 o'clock.

The Cercle Francais will meet in room 401 Old Main at 7 o'clock.

THURSDAY

Deutscher Verein will hold its October meeting in the Hugh Beaver room, 304 Old Main at 7 o'clock. Prof. G. J. Wurff will discuss the meeting of the Pennsylvania German Society. Election of officers will be held.

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Letter Box

(Readers are invited to write the editor with any problem or comment that they may have. The only request is that the letters be brief, no more than 150 words, and that they be signed with complete name as an evidence of good faith. Full name will be omitted if desired. The editor will reserve the privilege of eliminating letters that are not deemed pertinent.—Ed.)

To the Editor:

I read today with great surprise the editorial on the Old Main chimers. Perhaps there are some upperclassmen who dislike them, but I have on numerous occasions discussed them with other freshmen, and in every case there was favorable comment. Not only are the quarter-hour chimers convenient in reminding us of the passage of time in classes, but they are almost the opposite of an "infernal, discordant jangle."

Although there is no necessity for increasing the amplification to a five-mile range, I feel certain that the majority of the freshmen will agree with me that the Class of 1937 made a very worthwhile contribution. I only hope that when the class of 1941 leaves Penn State, it will leave behind a gift just as useful and outstanding.

Sincerely yours,
Charles R. Clemson '41

(Glad to hear complimentary comment on the chimers. So far you are outnumbered by complaints received here.—ED.)

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, our Lehigh barriers ran against the Penn State cross country team. While striving in vain to keep near your captain, Pete Olexy, I contracted a stitch which knocked me out cold in my effort to run it out. When Olexy and another runner whose name I do not know came to a turn Olexy saw me lying on the ground and returned with his team-mate to assist me.

I did not know at the time who it

Tanner Listed To Talk

Prof. Sheldon C. Tanner will speak at the meeting of the Interfraternity Council to be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock in room 405 Old Main.

Syracuse Tickets Still On Sale

Tickets for the Penn State-Syracuse game at Syracuse this Saturday are still on sale at the A. A. ticket window in Old Main at \$2.20.

Reserved seat tickets for the Penn State-Penn game at Philadelphia, Saturday, November 6 will go on sale next Monday. There will be 1500 seats available in the Lion cheering section between the 45 and 30 yard lines in the Franklin field east stand. The price will be \$2.25.

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