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AMEN

NOW THAT '39 Class President Joseph A. Peel has indicated his future course, a much-needed investigation of the campus honorary societies seems imminent. Only unexpected intervention by the Senate Committee on Student Welfare or an adverse vote by Student Board would be able to block the investigation.

In view of the past record of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare, however, it seems highly improbable that any intervention will come from that source.

Ever since its establishment almost a decade ago, the Senate Committee on Student Welfare has wisely proceeded upon the grounds that satisfactory student conditions can best be attained through independent student action and that outside intervention should come only when students become incapable of handling the situation or when administration policy itself is involved. This course has proved satisfactorily workable and efficient, and its continuation is to be commended.

It is in line with this policy that the present governmental machinery exists on this campus. And it is in line with this policy that the Senate Committee a few years ago delegated its authority over student organizations like the honorary societies to Student Board, one of the leading organs of student self-government.

It must be understood, however, that Student Board has no inherent right to control campus honorary societies. The right is only one growing out of the powers delegated to it by the Senate Committee, which alone holds life-and-death authority over the societies.

But under the existing setup, Student Board could go ahead and investigate the honoraries here, although its control over them is limited to the presentation to the Senate Committee of recommendations for desired action.

Nevertheless, it is not taking too much for granted to say it is more than likely that the Senate Committee would abide by the wishes of an organ of student government on an issue involving only students themselves. Thus it becomes not only the right but the duty of Student Board to act.

As for the investigation itself, there seems to be no doubt but that one is badly needed.

The honoraries definitely have lost a good deal of their prestige. Average student opinion has turned against them—if not against all honoraries, then against most of them. These are facts which need no further elucidation. If you don't believe them, just stop any student on the campus and ask him what he thinks of the honoraries. At least nine out of ten would substantiate this.

For the sake of the students and for the sake of the honoraries themselves, these conditions should not be permitted to exist.

An investigation could do nothing but aid in remedying the situation. The least a thorough investigation could do would be to present the facts more clearly. If for no other reason than this, an investigation is needed.

Above all, however, it should be a thorough and a sincere investigation. It should be an investigation aimed not at deliberately destroying the honoraries without any reason whatsoever, but an investigation aimed at clearing up the muddle and helping not only the student body but the honoraries themselves.

Now that the personnel of the honoraries has undergone the usual yearly change, it must be remembered in dealing with the whole matter that the new members are not responsible for whatever may be wrong with the present setup. They have it within their power, however, to aid in remedying and eliminating the existing evils, which they have inherited.

In view of this, it is heartening to note that President Peel has decided to delay his request for an investigation until next Fall.

With ample time to gear themselves to their new responsibilities, the new members of the honoraries will have a real opportunity awaiting them next September—an opportunity to cooperate with Student Board if and when the investigation gets under way, an opportunity to clean up the dirt and eliminate the evils, an opportunity to regain their prestige, an opportunity to restore the word honor to its true meaning.

Thus the Collegian rests its case, confident that those honoraries which do not have guilty consciences and those honoraries which really are sincere about cleaning up will join in the general housecleaning.

OLD MANIA

With Our Contemporaries:

Editor-In-Chief John Pearce of the Kappa Sigs' chapter newspaper writes in his editorial column, "Numerous improvements designed to add to the beauty of the chapter property have been made recently. The bathroom on the second floor has been remodeled and is now one of the showplaces of the Campus."

The paper also includes an article telling of a search conducted for pews for the chapter room, "As yet we have been unable to locate an abandoned church or one being redecorated which might prove a source of free pews. If any alumnus knows of the location of a good set of used pews, let us know."

And then Co-Editor, W. S. G. A. rag, says in its Fashions for Summer column, "As to acquiring a sun tan, there are lots and lots of really cute latex bathing suits that put the bumps where they should be and take them away from where they should never be."

If at First You Don't Succeed:

Once there was a football player named Waugaman. He lived at the Theta Xi house. One summer he was married. Then Spring came. Waugie chewed his nails. He forgot his hat. He made many phone calls. Last Sunday he made a hurried trip to Greensburg. Monday night the TX Rushing Chairman received this telegram:

I GUESS I'M NOT MAN ENOUGH STOP IT'S A GIRL.

Seen in the Funnies:

During the four and a half hours Maniac spent reading the funny papers on Sunday, he was started at the following dead ringers:

Harold Teen	Ray Coskery
Milquostost	Dr. "Whispering" Kelly
Bungle	Prof. Mitch
Little King	Senator Szymczak
Major Hoople	Sheldon "I Am" Tanner
Jiggs	Jack "Bell" Kulp
Clarence	J. Burne Helme
Boots	Lou Emmer
Shadow	Bill Engel
Jungle Jim	Doc Leping

Against the Rules:

No one downtown. Study hour actually kept in the House... Not much sleep... No dates... It's final Week again... Maniac is reminded of the story of last semester's Phil F. final when one of the boys brazenly opened his text book, not seeing good old Dad Runkle behind him. Runkle roared, "Hey, you can't do that here! Put out that cigarette."

It Wouldn't Take Long:

Doc Dunaway was lecturing his Pennsylvania history class on the cultural history of the state the other day. He had just mentioned in passing about music. "When he explained that he was sorry he couldn't take more time to explain all he knew about music, someone from the back of the room called, "Aw! Go on, take another two minutes."

Lepley Again:

Psy. 2 students, while studying for their final in Doc Lepley's sections, discovered this definition in his list of disinhibitions:

"Alcohol—uncovers things ordinarily covered."

Chatter:

Bea Quinn got that pin from Bud Shank finally... and Janet Story is just dying to see her name in the corymb again—saying she acquired her fifth fraternity pin... from Swell Boy Ed Kine, delta sig... The Anchorage girls are putting the heartbreak on Phi Deltas Williams and Troy... Joe Dohbs stinky with that smooth date at Players' dance... Lou Bell's heart flipped when he saw a ten dollar bill sticking out of the end of a Journ 15 bluebook... some prankster had pasted just a corner of a bill on one of the pages... after all these admonishing poems we read on washroom walls about pictures and things... and Maniac hears Prof Andy Case has a painting in SLA women's rest room... the rottiess-eannon wasn't painted by Druids initiates... Col. "Preparedness" Venable had it camouflaged... —MANIAC



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**John H. Frizzell
Chaplain Recalls
10 Years' Service**

Prof. Frizzell Praises Response; Calls Attendance Tribute To College Spirit

Prof. John H. Frizzell completed ten years of service as College chaplain Sunday morning as he reminisced on the subject, "The Significance of Sunday Chapel to Pennsylvania State."

"This chapel is evidence and vindication of the rightness of voluntary chapel," he said, "and occupies a unique position among the colleges of America."

Ten years ago there was compulsory chapel, and when it was made voluntary many people predicted that chapel would die, but it has continued for eight years, he said. It is now definitely established as an old and respectable Penn State tradition.

Great preachers come to face a group of people who are here because they want to be here, and find a sympathetic audience that inspires and strengthens the belief these college men and women express, he continued.

In the preface of a book containing prayers, invocations, and talks he has used in the last ten years, which he is in the midst of writing, Professor Frizzell explains what it is that makes this chapel service unique. He believes it is due to three main factors: the uniformly high quality of the many leading clergymen of America who come here week by week, the splendid music of the choir, and the vital interest of young men and women of college age in things that have to do with religion.

"This chapel has strived to give the College a message of its day and for its day, and not a decalogue of 'Thou Shalt Not,' he explained.

"Nobody cares a fig for this so-called religion if it doesn't make you kind, considerate, and helpful to other people," the chaplain said in explaining that we must learn to live with each other like civilized beings.

Nine Class Periods Scheduled Next Year

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be available when its four rooms will be turned over to the School of Physical Education and Athletics in September.

A total of 312 seats in both buildings will be lost next September, according to Watkins. He explained that the situation would be greatly relieved if the Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Science, and Forestry buildings would be completed by the beginning of the second semester, as indicated by building plans.

Alumnus Wins Award

Charles Raudenbush '35, electrical engineering, today was appointed a research fellow at Lehigh University by Dr. C. C. Williams, president of the university. He will hold a James Ward Packard Research Fellowship in electrical engineering under Dr. Stanley Scyfert, head of the Lehigh department of electrical engineering.

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Blue Key Makes Reform Attempt

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aiding in the enforcement of freshman customs, we make an appeal to the senior class president, Joseph A. Peel, that in the selection of members for Student Tribunal, one representative from the Blue Key society be included. This appointment will certainly be justified by our sincere pledge to aid in the enforcement of freshman customs.

On many occasions the College has need of ushers at athletic events, and as a society we shall be available whenever called upon.

It is well known that we have an outstanding financial obligation contracted in previous years and which we naturally inherit. We shall reduce this debt fifty per cent or more.

In closing, we want to ask the cooperation of the Collegian in all our endeavors to justify our existence.

(Signed)
 BLUE KEY SOCIETY
 Howard G. Anderson '40,
 President.

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