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AURORA BOREALIS

THEY WENT out to view the aurora borealis—and when it was all over it cost them and their fellow students approximately \$500

Such is the story of Tuesday night's weird episode here, an episode that saw college students—freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors alike—march through the streets of town, block traffic, wreck parking meters, build fires in the middle of streets, club fellow students who retained their sense of stability, smash street lights and campus lights, defy every semblance of law and order

Yes, it started out innocently enough. From what the Collegian has been able to gather, the instigation of the demonstration just came out to see the aurora borealis—brilliant vivid lights flashing across the Northern skies

But before many moments had passed, a pajama parade had been formed and the students marched to Frances Atherton Hall in an effort to break in. Here's where they should have been stopped. But there was nobody to stop them. And, incidentally, who could?

So, encouraged by this much freedom of action, they proceeded to hunt archery targets, smash campus lights

Then they turned down College Avenue, picking up reinforcements like a snowball rolling downhill, wrecking and smashing parking meters

And, finally with a sudden surge of senseless boyish enthusiasm not unlike that engendered by an Adolf or a Benito they clamored for lumber, for tar, for freshmen

Why? Well, perhaps it was just the momentary desire to rebel—rebel against authority, rebel against the law, rebel against order, rebel against everything

If it was so—if it was just a natural urge to cut loose—then perhaps it can be excused. Perhaps

BUT THE Collegian is a bit skeptical about this. For—as some of the hat men who attempted to prevent the bonfire will attest—not all of the "ingleaders" were students. Some of them were just plain ordinary meters, instigators, hell-bent to raise hell

Nevertheless, students did play the major role, and students did cause most of the damage

And who's going to pay the bill? Every single student enrolled in the College—whether he participated in the demonstration or whether he was sound asleep in his room

And the money will come not from the "damage" or "breakeage" fee—as most of the students feel it will—but from an increase in class dues. For the "breakeage" fee covers only College property, not thorough property, not private property

NOW LET'S be sensible about this whole matter. Let's be frank

This College is an institution of higher learning. As a component part of that institution, every student should feel it his duty to augment the honor of it, not detract from it, to respect College authority, not rebel against it, to retain a sense of responsibility, not evade it

If the student does not feel that this should be so, if the student feels that this is asking too much of him—then he doesn't belong here

There are thousands and thousands of others—residents of the state, graduates of certified high schools and prep schools—who want to come here, who are willing to assume these responsibilities as a student, but who can't come here because the enrollment quota is filled—filled partly by fellows like the one who started the demonstration Tuesday night

NOW LET'S remain reasonable. If you want to have fun, go ahead and have it. But why destroy College property? Why destroy thorough property? Why destroy private property? Why inflict upon all students a penalty which they do not deserve? Why make all students pay for something which only a few caused? Why rebel against law and order? Why place the administration of your college in an exceedingly embarrassing position? Above all, why sully the reputation of your College, of which you yourself are a part?

FOR YOUR own good, remember this, if nothing else. Once you're out of College, you'll find that life has no room for you unless you have a sense of responsibility, a respect for authority, a respect for other people's property, a steely defense against spur-of-the-moment outbursts that may do more harm than good

Let's start cultivating these things—NOW.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Flanagan Is Right

Last week Campy said that Flanagan, editor of Froth, was pretty sad when he called the student body sad. After Tuesday's sophomore exhibition by the students, most of whom were sophomores and juniors, Campy retracts his statement with great humility. For those who instigated and took active part in that mess, a loud hiss and may you get caught in tonight's parade, if there is one

Sister Rat

The Thetas are housing a bunch of rats—"that long," so says a report from the east end. Meanwhile, three hundred yards away the college sends out bulletins giving exact information on how to exterminate said rodents, slip up on own back yard. Despite all theta propaganda, writer is not a theta

Page Mr. Ebert And Co.

Quite precarious is the walk on the lower gaw way with so many Lombers overhead. Evening finds a complete blackout but experts for many years seem to find quite a few victims. What we want is an anti-aircraft gun to defend the eastern frontier. PLEASE, MR. EBERT! Wow, that was close

Even Up At The 18th

After grueling golf match between Barbara Fleming and Ray Costery in which Ray won the golf match, Barbara regained some lost prestige by winning Ray's pin, presented on the 18th green, with the whole affair being even up at end of day's battle

Pigskin Pickings

Tackling dummies on the practice field bear the legends, Meade, Weidinger, Boyda, Murphy, and Mondorf, "clay" football heroes for University of Maryland Weidinger and Mondorf seem to have taken the worst beating—in this week's practice

Across the field freshman hlemen were learning fundamentals of shoulder blocking. Seeing that the boys were hitting with their chests, out roared one of the coaches, "If I wanted you to hit them with your chest I'd have given you brassieres instead of shoulder pads"

Around The Mall

Walt Kniaz is sore because he was not mentioned in last week's campuser as the apex of the Kniaz-Ruth Kistler-Toretti triangle. Aside to a halt residents electric eye windows are not foolproof, get your electrical engineering friends to tell you how

Bite cops are getting plenty arrogant in last two weeks, watch your step you "under-agers," stay away from Bfte until it gets raided this week or the next. For complete enjoyment go to other places where no ones there to bother your date

no sooner does Bob Meching '38 leave for Michigan med school when Meching-pinned Mary Ann Rhoades is seen at brockerhoff dance. There hangs a red light in full view in a hall, in case you're interested

3 To 1 On Rocky

Wilmer Rockmaker, phiep shot, has a smooth judy lined up to take to "Room Service" to compete with the cut-in on Vamee's Sophie Mausel by one Hirsh

Loyal phiep brothers are quoting 3-1 odds that Rocky will win the Main campaign. Remember Oh Mr. Roethke!

Campy has just been handed a piece of stuff that is set in verse form, supposedly a poem by two freshmen. It is so sad that we will quote only the first and last verse

I've Got a Pocketful of Dreams I'm no millionaire But I haven't got a care 'Cause the Sophomores, they Haven't caught me yet Lucky, lucky, me Let the Druids capture me 'Cause I've got a Pocketful of matches H. M. and R. L. '32

All we can say is that it's a good thing you do!

On your schedule Sometime this week-end plan to take Dad, Mother, and the rest of the family to the Corner for dinner, lunch or breakfast. They will remember it as one of the most pleasant experiences of their visit to Penn State. The Corner unusual

Attorney Praises Building Program Here

Charles Jones Makes Speech At Philipsburg

Gubernatorial Candidate Says Present Expenditures Will Pay Dividends

Deploying the "lack of equal opportunity to all" as it exists under the present limited facilities of the College, Charles Alvin Jones, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, lauded the current building program in a campaign address in Philipsburg Monday as paving the way for educational equality of youth, "regardless of station in life"

"The school represents a democracy in itself... but opportunity for advancement has been sadly limited in the past because of inadequate facilities," the Pittsburgh attorney declared

1195 Applicants Rejected

Jones pointed out that the College this year was forced to reject a total of 1,195 applicants for admission "by force of circumstances growing out of the state's neglect in the past"

"They were denied," he stated, "what others more fortunate were receiving. That condition is rapidly being remedied under the building program of the present administration"

The candidate characterized the expenditures as an investment for future good citizenship

Far-Reaching Effects

"No one is able to estimate the dividend it will pay because of the far-reaching effects," Jones pointed out, "but they unquestionably will far exceed the monetary outlay. At the same time, work has been provided for the benefit of the unemployed"

McCloskey Willing To Pay Costs Of Probe On Campus

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on your campus," he told the Collegian "They will, I hope, be a monument to the work of my concern for many, many years after I have passed out of the picture"

Moving to the charges made by Shelley before the special House investigation committee probing the Eagle administration, McCloskey said

"There is not one syllable of truth in the implication that there has been any intentional irregularity in any of the work done on your campus"

"I need not repeat what everyone knows—that everything which is being said by District Attorney Shelley and his 'boy-friend,' ex-Attorney General Margotti, is inspired either by politics or political revenge"

"If, while I was actively engaged in politics, I had supported Margotti's candidacy for Governor, Margotti would undoubtedly now be praising me as the world's best builder"

Mob Damage May Mount To \$2,000

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iron lamp ribs, two sockets, 23 panels of glass and two reflectors, George W. Ebert, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, reported

Fire extinguishers and a half-dozen paper cans in the men's dormitories also were damaged

Downtown, a tomato rified by one of the demonstrators, blasted a panel of glass over the side of the Athletic Store

As far as could be ascertained, the demonstration started in the Locust Lane section about 10 p m when sightseeing groups congregated on the streets to view the aurora borealis—brilliant "Northern Lights" flashing across the "kies"

Egged on by fraternity rivalry, reports indicate, the sightseers formed a pajama parade and wended their way through the streets and on up to Frances Atherton Hall, where they tried to break in

About 10.45 p m, the demonstrators marched down College avenue and proceeded to wreck the parking meters before kindling the new bonfire

Campus leaders and hat men, notably members of Blue Key, junior honorary society, attempted to prevent the bonfire, but fienzed demonstrators, vastly in the majority, "logged them aside"

After the fire had died down, a group of demonstrators produced a 15-foot pipe and moved down South Allen Street, wreaking more destruction on the meters

New Women's Debate Program Planned By Discussion Honorary

A new women's debate program with emphasis on freshman training is planned for this year by Delta Alpha Delta, women's debate honorary. Clayton H. Shug, Department of Public Speaking, is in charge of the program

At a meeting of the honorary this week plans were made for a freshman tea in the Sandvich Shop Monday afternoon from 7 to 5 o'clock. The question for debate this season will be announced at a varsity squad meeting Monday night

Try-out for veteran debaters will be held next week, and freshmen will try out Thursday night. Practice debates are planned to train the beginners

Frosh Co-Eds Pick Senator

Anne Borton Gets '42 Post; Other Classes Select Representatives

Anne Borton '42 was elected senator at a women's freshman class meeting in 406 Old Main at 7 o'clock Wednesday night

Presidents of downtown dormitories and groups, and of the different sections in campus dormitories will serve in the house of representatives. The following women have been elected to the house

Freshmen—McAllister Hall: Janet Herzog, Doris Ives, Helen Swanson, and Betty Bischoff; Frances Atherton Hall, northwest wing: Ruth Eiche, Frances Talley, Marjorie Eberts, Betty Bertolite, and Dorothy Johnson

Upperclass women: Grange, Betty M. Brown '41, Women's Building; Olive H. Brown '39; Frances Atherton, northeast wing: Vera L. Kemp '41, southeast wing; Charlotte S. Knabb '40, southwest wing; Mildred L. Long '40

Downtown dormitories: 129 S. Miles, Kathryn L. Kantzer '39, 140 S. Pugh, Marian E. Goodley '40; 236 S. Frazer, Edith D. Wolfe '40; 301 S. Atherton, Madeline M. Ezzorello '41, 512 W. College, Mary Louise Jenkins '40

Fraternities: Alpha Chi Omega: Mary C. Forsythe '40, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Irene A. Rabinowitz '39, Chi Omega, Frances M. McEvoy '40, Delta Gamma, Catherine E. Albert '41; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pauline M. Sweigart '40; Kappa Alpha Theta, Anne B. Very '40, Theta Phi Alpha, Jean R. Gibbs '39, Alpha Omicron Pi, Marjorie J. Little '39; Phi Mu, Vera J. Palmer '41, and Gamma Phi Beta, Dorothy J. Maltzoff '39

Town girls: Naomi Pugh Gross '39 and Catherine E. Bender '41

Nixon Experiments With Potato Crop

Carrying on widespread experiments, Dr. Ernest L. Nixon, plant pathologist of the Agricultural Experiment Station, is seeking new potato varieties resisting diseases which cause heavy losses

More than 40,000 seedlings have been raised from various crosses. The crossing is done in greenhouses, and the seedlings are multiplied in Pottsville County about 3,000 of the 40,000 seedlings have been saved for further trial

Art Show Features Water Color Prints

Beginning tomorrow and continuing until October 28, the Division of Fine Arts of the Department of Architecture will hold an exhibit of paintings by Andrew W. Case, assistant professor of fine arts, in the College Art Gallery, Room 303, Main Engineering

The exhibit, consisting of 25 water-colors and 6 oil paintings, will deal with subjects of local interest, coal region subjects, and French subjects, painted by Professor Case while traveling in Europe last summer

All the works are relatively recent, many having been completed within the past few years

Professor Case is a regular exhibitor in the annual show of the American Water Color Society in New York. He also exhibits at the New York Water Club showings

Dads' Day Crowd To See Players In 'Room Service'

The stage is set. And the Penn State Players are prepared to enact "Room Service" at 8.15 tomorrow night after two weeks of concentrated rehearsal under the direction of Prof. David Mason

Indications are that a capacity Dads' Day crowd will be on hand in Schwab Auditorium as the Players rip through the comedy which rolled New Yorkers in the aisles for almost two years

14 in' Play Cast Drizzled with a crack-a-minute, "Room Service," to be staged by a cast of 14, will climax the weekend's celebration of Dads' Day here. The play was authored by the noted John Murray and Allen Borey

Members of the cast include Coleman Bender '42, Joseph Dobbs '39, Julius Mavmor '40, Bernard Scherziman '40, Paul Dean '40, Ruth Wagner '40, Robert Thompson '40, Inge Rames '40, Herbert Doroshow '40, William Bartholomew '41, Willard Macy '39, Clay Dorgas '41, Louisa Hall '39, and John Hirt, graduate assistant

The tempo of the play is in complete harmony with the setting—the whirlring rush of a metropolitan hotel, the Hotel Great White Way, in the heart of Times Square

'Conservative Year'--Warnock

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control the problem, but non-fraternities men are generally footloose and free"

On the unchaperoned women question Dean Warnock cited three of the outstanding abuses alleged to exist in the fraternities

Three Abuses Stated

These, he said, were 1—Drinking by women in fraternities houses, particularly when no chaperones are present

2—Women going upstairs to the men's rooms

3—Couples in houses indulging in unconventional conduct at late hours, with no chaperones present

Turning to the solution of the problem, the Dean said "I don't think you can eliminate such abuses through a code. It is up to the chapter officers. If they want to do it, they can"

"Some way or other," he said, "you've all got to agree that these abuses have to be eliminated"

"Most chapters, I am sure, will cooperate, but IFC should penalize those few chapters which fail to cooperate"

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We Women

The hotel atmosphere of Frances Atherton Hall will soon be modified we hope. Reports tell us that probably one of the first floor lounges will be converted into a recreation room. Women and their dates will then be able to dance and talk above whispers without fear of upsetting the catcomb silence

W. S. G. A. is presenting the dorm with two radios for the second floor lounges. There will also be two sets downstairs. Ash trays will soon be supplied so that dates may smoke without running out side to stub their cigarettes

It's a complicated process—this business of using kitchenettes in the new dorm. It's advisable to sign up in advance if you plan to cook. The hostesses hold keys to the kitchenettes and will provide them upon request. Card tables are in these rooms with one in each hostess' apartment

Senate plans to promote social contacts between the women's dormitories. It's a great plan if the women will cooperate

Next year confusion will be gone from pop in night. Hours for visiting will be from 7 to 9 p m

A convocation for all women will be held in Mary Beaver, White Hall October 13 if the date and idea is approved. College officials and student leaders will speak

Etiquette booklets will be distributed to all students if the men's government agrees to work with Senate in compiling the list of pointers. Marcia Morring will head the committee of women

Cafeteria breakfasts start in Mac Hall next week. Announcement will be made in Mac Hall for the exact day

Kappa Sigs Practice

Although intramural football is not scheduled to start for a few weeks, Kappa Sigma, last year's champs, has already begun practice sessions. The K Sig's have turned part of their old tennis court into a practice field and have mounted a bank of floodlights along the right edge of the first porch for night scrimmages

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