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REAWAKENING

SOME TOWNSPEOPLE, among others may quake in their boots at the reawakening of the housing problem prompted by a letter to the Collegian from a faculty member.

Narrow-minded observers may vibrate with anger or shiver with fear over the demand of this faculty member to have the student body act now to satisfy its legitimate needs.

Why townspeople become jittery at the mere mention of dormitories is of little or no importance. Some of them do despite all assurances from the College that when dormitories are built the usual procedure is to increase the student enrollment.

Such a procedure is even questionable under present conditions. Only too true is the statement "Poorly housed students can not do their best work." And there are hundreds in this College who are definitely poorly housed.

That such deplorable conditions existed was conclusively proved in an extensive survey by the Collegian last year.

The establishment of a Student Housing Board did much to raise housing standards throughout the town. While the campaign had not been aimed so much at raising the standards of all houses, it did do much to bring the laggards up to the standards of the better houses.

But, alas, the correspondent informs, much is yet to be accomplished. Dormitories must be secured.

By no twist of the imagination does the Collegian expect to directly influence Pennsylvania's legislature. Yet, an intensified indirect approach, termed by the faculty as "an experiment in democracy," should bring results.

REPLACING BOREDOM

Obscured in a shadow of doubt since school opened, but emerging as a distinct possibility now that several stumbling blocks have been removed, comes a plan for a "Soft Drink Night Club."

Such an idea cropped up last year because of the oft repeated cry "What is there to do on a date?" sent up by fraternity and non-fraternity men and women alike. It seems to be something Penn State definitely needs. The standard formula on a date—a movie and a coke—has reached the stage where some would rather not date.

This is especially true of non-fraternity men. With no place to go, with little or no social advantages, this majority of the student body lies in a state of "heimthood."

The Soft Drink Night Club stands as a solution to this problem. The Sandwich Shop could easily remain open on week-end nights. Equipped with a mickelodeon and a good dance floor its success could not be other than assured.

Not only would such a project uncover a solution for the non-fraternity dating problem, but it would also aid considerably in alleviating congested conditions elsewhere, create a long-needed social gathering place, and offer a recreational spot for those desiring environments other than alcoholic.

VANDALISM

A bit of vandalism that belongs in the same category as student rioting is the stealing of leather cushions from the Business Women's Clubroom, 407 Old Main.

Classes were permitted in this room by the Women's Club to help alleviate the crowded classroom conditions. Unless the cushions are replaced by the thief the room may be closed to College use because of one moron's prank.

CAMPUSEER

The Natives Return

(A Drammer by Campy) SCENE. A bedroom in the Phi Phi Phi fraternity, Penn State—a college somewhere in the hills of Central Pennsylvania.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE: John A. Xovitch '39, John A. Yovitch '39, and John A. Zovitch '39—all members of the Committee of 100, who bore from within and without, and in general—bore! Joe McGillicuddy '00, Cyrus McDougle '03, and Phineas McPFT 'Omigawd—all members of the Alumni Association, an organization of a dozen or so guys who can afford it.

Joe College '40, Joe Collidge '41, and Joe Collitch '47.

TIME: The wee, wee hours of Saturday morning of Alumni Homecoming.

(A group of alumni are sitting on the beds, but rears, etc., engaged in a violent argument. The three under aduates stagger in.)

COLLEGE: What's going on here? We heard the screaming all the way down at the "Skeller and hurried back to see what it was all about.

McGILLICUDY: It's about time you got back in the good old days when we planned a bull session for our alumni we kept our word.

YOYITCH: Aw, cut that stuff! You know you couldn't have bull sessions in the old house.

McDOUGLE: See, there's the great Class of 1933 for you! All they do is find fault with the things we did. You youngsters don't seem to realize that we left you this house.

COLLITCH: (muttering under his breath.) Along with a dozen or so mortgages!

XOVITCH: Yeah, I guess Penn State backs will want to, but how do you account for the fact that only three of you are here? Where's the rest of that strong alumni group you're always raving about?

McPFT: Well, ahem, well, you see, many of us are so tied up in business matters that we can't break away. Of course you irresponsible kids wouldn't understand a thing like that.

ZOVITCH: We understand and sympathize with you. Some of us are still looking for jobs, too.

COLLITCH: But we still don't know what you were arguing about a while ago. How about letting us in on it?

(Once again the alumni all start yelling at once. COLLITCH finally quiets them and suggests that McPFT be permitted to speak first on the basis of seniority in the house.)

McPFT: Well, we were discussing the part that the Alumni Association plans in promoting the general welfare of Penn State.

ZOVITCH: You seem to be assuming that it plays a part.

McGILLICUDY: Of course we play our part. Look at what we have done for football. We sent up a kid named Bob Higgins in 1916.

COLLIDGE: (his turn to mutter.) And you forgot to take him away in 1920!

McDOUGLE: And don't forget Dick Harlow!

YOYITCH: Yeah, let's take a look at Harlow. There's a man who could tell plenty about your "good old days." He landed in Hahvahd a few years ago, and he's been trying to get rid of the smell of Ag Hill ever since.

McPFT: You young whippersnappers act as if you are the only ones who ever did anything for State. Just what have you done, anyway?

ZOVITCH: We got rid of Bezdek.

COLLIDGE: And we booted Governor Earle!

XOVITCH: We got a bunch of new buildings.

McDOUGLE: without furniture.

COLLEGE: And we're getting botanical gardens and observatories.

McDOUGLE: McCaskey's Hill and the Cow Barns always served the purpose for us.

(The argument continues at fever pitch for about an hour. Both sides try to justify their existence. McPFT tires of the battle. He notices a Collegian which has been used to stuff a broken window. He reads it.)

McPFT: (in a dither.) Look at this, fellows! State's backs were fumbling all over the place against Bucknell. Reminds me of Zlich in '99.

McDOUGLE: And they used to put a handle on the ball for Terwilliger in '01.

XOVITCH: Yeah, I guess Penn State backs will fumble no matter what any of us try to do about it.

(The curtain falls to the tune of a drunken chorus of the Alma Mater.)

OVER THE WEEK-END VISIT THE

ALLENCREST

—for— LUNCH and DINNER

Letter Box

To the Editor, Penn State Collegian Democracy, dormitories, and 1940!

The Pennsylvania State College owes its existence to an essentially democratic power, the will of the people of Pennsylvania implemented by their legislature.

At this time when so many interests are anxious to nullify popular government it is only fitting that a group of young people such as the one here at our College reaffirm its belief in the democratic way by trying an experiment in democracy.

Let the student body work to have its legitimate needs satisfied—its needs for proper housing, for instance. Poorly housed students can not do their best work.

What can the students do to obtain dormitories?

They can have parents vote for those representatives at Harrisburg who will make the needed appropriations. Since there are to be elections in 1940, now is the time to let the representatives know by personal letters what is needed.

After all, we do send representatives to Harrisburg to do our will, not theirs. Were it not so, to call our government democratic would be meaningless.

The dormitories—and other items—can be had for the asking—if we ask enough. And why not? We pay the bills.

Very truly yours, D.B.

Averages

Table with columns: Fraternity Name, Averages. Includes Tau Phi Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Theta Nu Epsilon, Beta Kappa, etc.

BULLETINS

TODAY: Engineering lecture, Room 110, Home Ec. 3:10 p.m. Dean H.P. Hammond will speak on "The Engineering Profession."

Penn State Chess Club meeting, second floor lounge, Old Main, 7:30 p.m. All faculty members, students, and others interested in chess invited. Beginners will be instructed in chess playing.

MISCELLANEOUS: The first sorority open house will be held on Monday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. All new students are invited.

Comley Named '43 Senator; 14 Elected Hall Group Leaders

Upperclass Women Choose Officers To Serve On Council

Peg Comley was elected WSGA freshman senator on Wednesday night, and hall group presidents were chosen Monday to serve on Freshman Council.

Council members are—Mac Hall: Mildred Schmidt, Betty Boyd, Ruth Moore, Ruth Kiesing, Frances Leiby, and Elsie Rooth, Atherton; Virginia Smith, Anne Dorworth, Miriam Rhein, Ada Lord, and Pauline Crossman, Town; Martha Tobias, Alice Martin, and Gail Rogers.

Upperclass women elected the following dormitory officers, with presidents automatically serving in the House of Representatives—N. E. Atherton, president, Eleanor L. Fagan '41, vice president, Betty A. Rahn '41; secretary-treasurer, Harriet H. Stubbs '42, social chairman, Betha M. Douthett '41, and fire chief, Mary Jane Dalton '41.

S. E. Atherton, president, Betty M. Brown '41 and M. Elizabeth Hatton '40 tied, vice president, M. Emily Coyle '41, secretary, Betty Jo Patton '42; treasurer, Betty Philips '40, social chairman, Skeets Knecht '42; and fire chief, Faldula M. Croce '40. S. W. Atherton, president, Helen R. Moore '40, vice president, Elizabeth D. Yost '41, secretary-treasurer, Dorothy H. Grossman '42; social chairman, Virginia M. Berkhouse '42, and fire chief, Louisa M. Atherton '40.

Grange Officers: Grange President, Marian M. Eberts '42, vice president, Janet Herzog '42, secretary-treasurer, Marjorie D. Conley '42, social chairman, Alice Freeman '41, and the chief, Helen A. Jagnesak '42.

Placement Bureau

Thought, administration members did not know yesterday the next meeting of the executive committee will be held on November 10. The entire Board will not meet until January.

According to the Committee of 100, the placement bureau could serve as more than just a job-finding and job-placing agency in the words of the Committee. "It could build Penn State closer to the industrial, commercial, social, and political life of this state and nation; it could help inform the individual student of job openings, it could help arrange interviews between students and prospective employers, it could help promote better public relations, especially between the College and the outside world in general, it could help serve as a means of vocational guidance to students, informing them of the possibilities in their fields, it could help feel the pulse of the state and nation, gauge shifting trends and recommend additions to the curriculum to meet the requirements of a new era."

Committee Launched August 2. A movement to form the Alumni Committee of 100 was begun last August 2 by John A. Troanovitch '39 and Thomas A. Boal '39. After the plan was announced, the President of the Alumni Association, Robert H. Craig, and the executive secretary, Edward K. Hibbsman, asked the Committee to desist from its efforts and join the Alumni Association in common cause.

As temporarily organized the Committee has Troanovitch as its chairman and Boal as treasurer. Temporary secretary of the group is Francis H. Szymczak '38.

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