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Indicting The Faculty For Poor Student Relations

Pertinent to the problem of student-faculty relations, Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, who is associate professor of physics and not of the sociology department (as might be expected) told the All-College Cabinet some very thought-provoking things on Tuesday night.

Of course he said what everybody has known for a long time but not done anything about: that student-faculty relations are not so hot, in fact they are lousy.

In presenting his case for improvement he pointed out what a lot of students have never realized or at least overlooked most of the time: "Education is more than preparation for life, it is life itself."

A couple of minutes spent on that are worth the effort. Education is both preparation for life and life itself. For both the student and his teacher it is both. What better case can any committee to improve student-faculty relations present?

Dr. Yeagley placed a lot of the blame for poor student-faculty relations with the faculty. There is where it belongs. Most faculty members have failed to take the initiative, either because they do not want to or because they are not sure of themselves.

"In order for a student to learn he must believe he is of the same clay as the one from whom he is learning," Dr. Yeagley said.

The natural student viewpoint is that the professor is something of a superior officer. It is out of place for a student to take the initiative. Once he knows he will be well received he is ready to go ahead but, until then, out of misunderstanding, respect, fear, or awe he is silent.

If, of course, the professor does not want to receive or to meet his students on some common ground outside the classroom, failure to give encouragement is the right policy.

Collegian, however, has been led to believe that there are at least some faculty men who would welcome an opportunity to get on better with students if only they knew how.

A student seeking bits of knowledge and hoping to find an idea or two will succeed by attending class but a less formal contact is more likely to appraise him of the ways these bits of knowledge and ideas fit into life itself.

Collegian knows professors who have succeeded very well in the business of meeting and knowing their students. It knows others who are doing badly. It does not know any who have tried very hard to get on with students and failed.

Dr. Yeagley has another contribution on this point. He says, "College teachers, like doctors, lawyers, and other highly trained men, as a result of their learning feel insufficient because they know how little they know. They try to compensate by acquiring a dignified or high and mighty attitude. Students, on the other hand, not knowing their professor's human side, draw into their shells, develop an apple-polish complex, and student-faculty relations suffer. I am convinced a large percentage of both of these groups desire a change in this situation."

Collegian, too, is convinced a large percentage of both groups desire a change, meaning one for the better. It is further convinced that the only real problem is to have someone take the initiative, the faculty being the logical group.

THE CAMPSEER



Tales From The Tropics

Last Friday night three gentlemen from a certain large stone fraternity, surfeited with collegiate existence, climbed aboard their vehicle for a little trip, ostensibly to Harrisburg.

Sunday night a telegram came to this certain frat club from Florida. The three lads had extended their jaunts to the sunny state and needed dough—bad. Would their fraternity brothers please send some money?

The chap who received said telegram did even better. He raised some money, hopped in his car—and set out for Florida to meet them.

(p.s. For names and further details, dial 2018 and ask for Maisie.)

Advice To The Lovelorn

(The following letter was found crumpled in a dense thicket along Beaver avenue. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dissipated, is of course purely coincidental.)

Dear Mr. Bayard Bloom:

I am deeply concerned about your letter and am taking a deep personal interest in your case. Do not despair! I feel sure that you are being overly pessimistic when you declare yourself a complete social outcast. Surely a young man as handsome as you say you are should have no trouble finding feminine companionship.

Are you dainty about personal habits? I find that to be a leading cause of social maladjustment.

I have already taken the liberty of writing to the Dean of Women about your troubles, and I am sure she will assist you in finding coed companionship. If not, I can supply you with the name of a young Greek widow with whom you may correspond.

Please let me hear from you.

Sympathetically,
Mother McCrae

Snatches

A sweetheart pin from Frank Hoffman PIKA to Vivian Keast Aopi, marking the anniversary of their first date last Monday... Chuck Rollins dating Babs Clark but still a bit burned about the DKE from Brown who came to town a few weeks ago (she wears his pin in her purse)... Ann Halberstat in the corner room borrowing 25 cents for a loaf of bread... a truly remarkable lad turning a wallet containing \$400 in to Registrar Hoffman—his reward: Thanks!...

At last the girls who eat in the dorm have figured out a way to tell what they are eating. We quote, "When they put mint jelly on the table, we know that the stuff is lamb."

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Aside To Freshman Politicos

Armed with your copy of Dale Carnegie's little success story under one arm and a supply of year-old cigars in the pocket of that new sport jacket that you bought just for this occasion, you are now about to embark on the pains and heartaches that are your first, bona-fide election as a Penn State undergraduate.

Work hard, little man, and success shall be yours. No doubt, as a result of your untiring efforts and unflinching abilities as a winner of votes, Phineas B. Snerd shall be elected Guardian of the Lion Shrine.

And now that you're to be a success with the male and an influencer of men, how are you doing with the girl back home? One sure way to win that election with a Dictator's majority is to take her one of those Elizabeth Arden Blue Grass gift sets that they're featuring at McLanahan's. Consisting of Flower Mist and Dusting powder it's not only daring, also scaring, but it's wonderful (with apologies to the N. Y. Times). Price only three dollars. And besides, Miss Arden personally guarantees that it'll sweep all the votes in any election district.

Farewell To Hobnails:

Hobnail shoes, long-underwear and mackinaw coats will take their place in the closet beside the legendary figure of Paul Bunyan, Friday night, when the Lumbermen get out all their finery for the annual Forestry Ball in Rec Hall. It'll be a gala occasion, and there'll be lots of people present.

A tip to the gals who aren't planning to attend, give the man of the moment a new Kaywoodie Pipe (of course, they're sold at McLanahan's) price \$8.50 this Christmas and it's ten-to-one on the nose that you won't miss a bid to a dance for the remainder of the year. Yup, you've got over 300 to choose from in all the different leading brands. Advt.

Letters to the Editor—Collegian Questioned On Dating Code

To the Editor:

I have been much interested in the various news articles about fraternities which have been appearing with considerable frequency in The Daily Collegian. I am even more interested in the Collegian's statement of policy as set forth in the Friday, October 25, issue.

As a loyal fraternity alumnus and one who thoroughly believes in fraternities, I heartily approve of The Daily Collegian's policy. I do think, however, that the policy is incomplete.

1. Just how concrete and complete will you be in the treatment of situations involving residents of College dormitories? Just how far can you go?
2. How will you handle cases affecting individuals who are members of a recognized IMA unit?
3. What action will you take with respect to members of the Penn State Club?
4. Who will you associate with or hold responsible for infractions of good-conduct by residents of non-organized boarding and rooming clubs or of private homes?

Perhaps the point of this letter is now becoming clear. It seems to me that if you hold each fraternity responsible for the conduct of its members and if you hold the Interfraternity Council responsible for the conduct of all fraternity men, then the same situation should exist for all other organizations, groups, and individuals of the student body. Otherwise, fraternities are subject to most unfair discrimination.

I trust that the Collegian editorial office will state its stand on the questions I have raised. Finally, if I can be of service in any matter dealing with fraternity problems I would be most happy to have you call upon me.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Callenbach,
Secretary-Treasurer of Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Association

Reader Calls Justice 'Too Swell A Guy'

To the Editor:
Corbin is too swell a guy to say anything about the Setlow job.
Bill Batten '42

At The Movies

Cathaum: "A Night At Earl Carroll's"
Plus... New March of Time
"Arms And The Man—U.S.A."
State: "World In Flames"
Nittany: "Boom Town"

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:

- Student Union dance in Armory at 4 p.m.
- PSCA Seminar in Room 304, Old Main at 7 p.m.
- Actors' tryouts for Players in Room 418, Old Main, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Sign up at Student Union.
- P. J. Reeves, assistant manager of the Timken Roller Bearing Co., will speak to the A.S.M.E. in Room 121, Liberal Arts, 7:30 p.m.
- W. L. Cook, personnel director of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., will speak to the A.S.M. in Room 405, Old Main, 7:15 p.m.
- Christmas party for Le Cercle Francais, Grange playroom, 8 p.m.
- Lewis Reed Tripp, of Lehigh University, will speak on "Unemployment in Pennsylvania" in Room 10, Liberal Arts, at 7:30 p.m.
- O. E. Baker, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will speak on "Opportunities For Youth in Agriculture" in the amphitheater of New Physics at 7 p.m.
- PSCA Cabinet meeting in Room 304 Old Main, at 8:15 p. m.
- Interclass wrestling eliminations begin in Rec Hall, 4 p.m.
- PSCA Freshman Council Entertainment Committee meets in Room 304, Old Main, at 7:30 p.m.
- International Relations Club meeting, Room 100, Liberal Arts, 7 p.m.
- Campus '44 meets Room 318, Old Main, 7 p.m.
- Block and Bridle Club open meeting, Room 206 Agriculture, 7:30 p.m. Illustrated lecture.
- Association of Fraternity Counselors, Alpha Gamma Rho, 8 p.m. to discuss new IFC constitution.

TOMORROW:

- Ski Club meets Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.

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