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Once Was Enough

With the "Shuffle Off To Buffalo" trip for the Blue Band recognized as a successful good-will tour and a financial sacrifice well made, another question has arisen which threatens to establish a dangerous precedent.

"Why not take the Blue Band to the NYU game," some students and ardent New York alumni ask. Controversy on this subject has steadily increased until it culminated in a letter to Neil Fleming, graduate manager of athletics. The letter came from a strong New York alumni faction which advanced similar reasons that the Buffalo group did, but with several important exceptions.

First of all, the Buffalo Junior Chamber of Commerce offered to donate funds for more than half the expenses incurred by the Blue Band. The New York alumni has not even mentioned a source or means of obtaining an estimated \$2,000 for the trip.

Student funds allocate approximately \$3,000 every year for Blue Band trips. This money covers the expenses of two trips, which generally are made to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia because more students attend these games than any others. To finance another trip on student funds alone would drain all possible resources in student class funds. In addition, \$750 was taken from a reserve account in order to meet Buffalo's generous offer.

Another disadvantage is that the NYU game is not expected to attract as many Penn State students as the Colgate fracas did, chiefly because the game will be played on a Friday night. This will not give Penn State students much time to reach New York.

The establishing of a dangerous precedent may also occur. If the band should be allowed to go to New York, why not appropriate funds to send it to all away games next year, some alumni may ask. They may not realize that it is easier to ask than to give—which students would be compelled to do.

It was recognized by the students and administration that the Blue Band trip to the Colgate game was a special and unusual concession to a progressive Buffalo group, which did everything in its power to promote a brilliant spectacle of a brilliantly-played game.

But such a situation has not recurred. The financing of a New York trip would fall upon the already-burdened backs of the students. The College should foster good will by sending its Blue Band on extra trips occasionally, but not as a continual concession to alumni groups which suggest, but offer no financial means for carrying out their suggestions.

'May No Act Of Ours ...'

The trek to Temple begins tomorrow with every able-bodied son and daughter of Penn State who can possibly do so finding the way to the Owl's nest. Granting of a half-holiday on Saturday morning by the College Senate and Cabinet, has done much to encourage full support of the Nittany Lions. However, over-enthusiastic rooters may well remember their responsibilities as representatives of a great institution. Excess spirits should be guarded, lest in the flush of loyalty and holiday merry-making some incident occur to mar a colorful excursion.

—H. J. Z

ONE MAN'S MEAT

All this week I've been pondering deeply about the Institute of Local Government and its relation to the intricately screwed-up government of the Borough of State College. It seems to me that the Upholders of Civic Virtue in Doc Alderfer's gang should find ample material for study in our fair village.

Surely, methinks, State College would provide the Public Service Majors with a perfect place to try out their clever theories. But, for reasons unknown, they have chosen to stay entirely out of the present slimy campaign.

The other day the Institute of Local Government should have blushed for shame. For a determined group of civic-minded women very neatly showed up the Institute. With its announcement of sponsoring three acceptable candidates for borough offices, the Women's Committee for Better Local Government raised the level of the campaign to that of a decent election, not a choice between two evils.

My trusty sleuths are at the moment investigating the records and qualifications of Kenneth Hutchinson, the WCBIG's candidate for Burgess, and John Ferguson and Leonard Dogett, the women's council candidates. Next week I plan to present the facts as my boys report them.

My acquaintance with John Henry Frizzell has been limited, due to a peculiar allergic apathy to early Sunday rising. I plan to see more of this good man, who, you know, is College chaplain and in charge of the voting to decide whether Chapel collections should go to China or be used at least partly at home.

My sudden interest in Chaplain Frizzell was awakened by reports of the manner in which he conducted the first of a series of five votes to determine the allocation of Chapel funds. As a sort of Judge of Elections, one would presume that the Chaplain would not attempt to persuade the Chapel-goers to vote either Yea or Nay on the question. Yet, the chap had the temerity to speak on the issue, with an obvious bias in favor of continuing the All Out Aid to Lingnan.

Chaplain Frizzell went still farther. He calmly announced that there were no plans on what to do with the money if it was kept here. Now, I attended some of the Cabinet meetings last spring when the question was being considered and little doubt was left as to what would happen to the money if it was voted to keep it here. The funds would be put toward some student welfare fund, most obviously Mrs. Helzel's Fund for Emergencies.

I don't want to argue the pros and cons of Penn State in China as opposed to local student aid, but I do object, in the name of fairness, to Chaplain Frizzell's attempt to influence the vote on this, or any other, question, in view of his being in charge of the balloting.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

- Swimming Club meets, White Hall pool, 7:30 p. m.
- Dance Club meets, White Hall Rhythm Room, 4 p. m.
- Golf Club meets, 2 White Hall, 6:30 p. m.
- Outing Club meets, 3 White Hall, 6:30 p. m.
- Freshman Council, 220 McAllister Hall, 5 p. m.
- Red Cross Group, Hillel Foundation, 3 p. m.
- Coffee-Round-Table discussion, Hillel Foundation 4 p. m.
- Engineering student council meeting, 101 Main Engineering, 7 p. m.
- PSCA Freshman Forum program committee meets, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p. m.
- Freshman Independent Party meeting, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
- Important meeting of LA student council, 305 Old Main, 3 p. m.
- Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary art fraternity, 303 Main Engineering, 7:15 p. m.
- PSCA Seminar meeting, will not be held tonight.
- President's reception, Old Main, 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

Because of the football holiday,

Dancing Class Starts October 27 In Armory

The first session of the All-College Dancing Class, sponsored by the Penn State Club, will be held in the Armory on Monday, October 27.

Tickets are now on sale at Student Union, it has been announced by committee chairman John C. York '43.

A large group of coeds will instruct beginners in the latest modes in rug-cutting and smooth dancing. Classes will be scheduled from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m. on Mondays and from 7 to 8 p. m. on Fridays.

there will be no senior Engineering lecture.

Choir rehearsal, Hillel Foundation, 4 p. m.

Oneg Shabbat program, Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

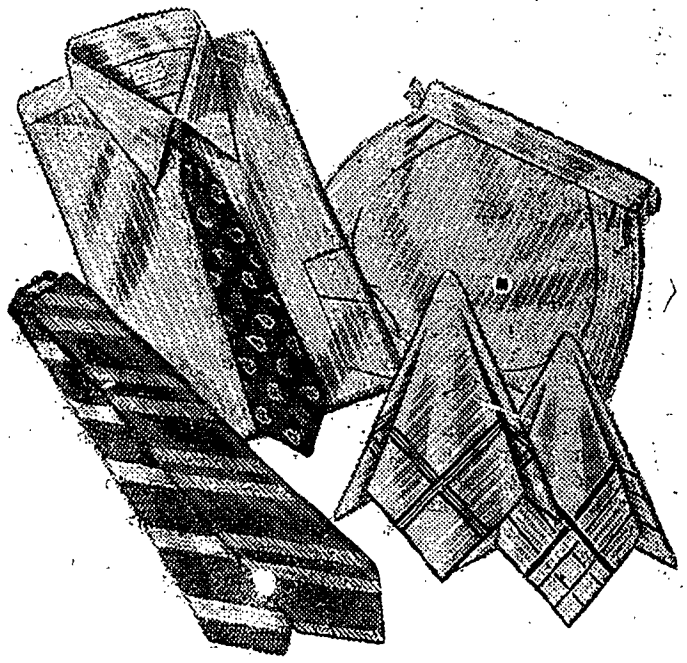
Hebrew folk song group, Hillel Foundation, 8:15 p. m.

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