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To Drink Or Not—That's The Question

Question upon question has poured into The Daily Collegian office asking clarification of the new unchaperoned drinking legislation which was enacted by All-College Cabinet last Tuesday. A complete answer to specific inquiries is impossible, but an interpretive one may clear many minds upon the issues proposed by Cabinet.

Why did the Cabinet take action? How far does its jurisdiction reach? What rules will govern the mixed drinking of Penn State students? These questions are pertinent and timely. They will have an immediate effect upon practically every student who plans to attend houseparty and Soph Hop.

Cabinet has initiated a blanket law concerning unchaperoned drinking. It did not attempt to interpret or try cases of alcoholic offenses. It did not take upon its shoulders the cloak of student justice and injustice and the punishment of student misdemeanors. It merely assumed its power to set up a body of laws concerning student conduct as a means of maintaining College prestige and behaviour.

The College has under its guardianship the welfare and well-being of every student. What that student does as a member of this institution reflects, not the action of the individual, but his conduct as a student of Penn State.

However, under the strong student government which has been granted to the undergraduate body, the College has designed its wish that this government be responsible for the social rules and behaviors of all students. The College places its confidence in the self-legislation and self conduct of students and feels that students must work out their own social and recreational plans.

If this trust is violated, if students abuse their privileges and forget that their duty as Penn State students is to conduct themselves as representatives of the College, then the College will be forced to intrude and establish its own rules. This situation was close at hand with the increasing tension of war worries and personal problems experienced by individual students.

The new drinking legislation was introduced by Robert D. Baird '42 as a check on the increasing uncertainty and problems resulting in mixed drinking. Penn State's mixed drinking situation is no worse than most colleges and universities. In fact, in comparison to urban institutions, it may be considered better.

However, in its isolation and absence from urban recreational centers, the Penn State campus offers good "news bait" for "yellow journalism." What may be minor infractions will not be missed by outsiders and be played up as major violations. The Rachel Taylor case was a good example.

The right for men and women to drink together cannot be denied. Cabinet knows this. But, it also had to consider that whenever a man dates a woman on this campus, he is as responsible for the conduct and behavior of that woman as she is. He cannot absolve himself of any blame or plead ignorance. The present legislation stresses that point.

Consequently, the Cabinet established this safeguard. It compelled all mixed drinking to fall under its jurisdiction. All unchaperoned groups who indulge in mixed drinking will be prosecuted. (This is almost a duplicate of the IFC drinking code.)

When the College assigns chaperons to a party, dance, or College function, this legislation does not affect it, because the College assumes responsibility, through their chaperons, for the conduct of its students. However, WSGA regulations say that, even during chaperoned parties, coeds should not drink.

Above all, the All-College Cabinet does not appear to condemn student drinking. Its purpose clearly seems to indicate that it wants to legislate rules which do not lead to excessive drinking which would damage the reputation and prestige of the College and its student government.

THROUGH THE NEEDLE'S EYE

Collegian Unnecessary Says Gabriel

In a surprise move to oust The Daily Collegian, Gabriel announced last night that publication of the rag was no longer necessary. "The entire paper can be put in a single column," he said, smirking.

Comes Now the Editorials

If the new IWA brings a majority of independent women into its fold, Philotes becomes almost automatically a dead pigeon, and should be removed from Cabinet. This would be shocking to these 35 women, but logical to us. Private societies masquerading under a public purpose have no excuse for existence.

We don't care for coeds reeling around The Corner stewed, but we wish Cabinet, Tribunal, WSGA, etc., would stop smoking reeferers in considering the case. After jamming action through, like prohibition during WWI, we find a lot of officials waiting to officiate at something. Cabinet's consideration of a new judiciary body for drinking suggests to us that perhaps Cabinet doesn't trust Tribunal. We don't either, but the next logical step is to organize a special jury for those who write left-handed, another for Froth-readers, etc. Everyone, from Dean Ray down is issuing statements, but the status quo remains very quo.

Pillar Pills

CUPID'S BEER ("The Greeks Had a Word for It"): alphabettagamdeltaepsilonzetaetathetaiota-kappalambdamunuxi omicronpirhosigma tauupsilonchipsiomegaandShaut.

THE FACULTY CREAKS ("Yes, Indeed!"): When a student gets notes in his head, he has the whole thing in a nut shell.

ONE MAN'S BEAT—BUT PROPER! ("This Year's Crop of Curses Are Just As Sweet") Burgess slinks; Tribunal stinks; Collegian winks; Loki inks.

THE WORMS I KNEW ("I Don't Like Ya 'Cause Ya Feet's Toö Big"): Ferdinand says: "From my angle the college hot dog is just a heel who couldn't save his sole—and that's no bull!"

THE INSOMNIAC ("My Sisters and I"): Cheap student directory—Finn pins Ginn; Blondie pins Baby Dumpling; Stiles pins Lehman; Ridenour pins Grmnfsk.

Between the Nylons:

We have a story which to us explains the success of our soccer team (easily Penn State's most outstanding athletic claim). When the booters were trailing Temple 2-0 in their tilt last year, Coach Jeffries was observed on the sidelines at halftime explaining how some of the soccer plays could have been bettered—to a group of both State and Temple players! —GABRIEL

Ag Faculty Interviewed For KDKA Farm Program

Recordings of interviews with 11 faculty members of the School of Agriculture were made this week by Donald G. Larch '40, agricultural director of radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh.

These transcriptions which are of five to ten minutes duration will be heard soon over KDKA's "Farm Hour" every weekday from 6 to 7 a. m. The topics for the broadcasts deal with changing agricultural practices to meet the present emergency requirements.

The recording were made with KDKA's mobile field unit in the Conference Room of the Rural Education Building.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY
Fun Night in Wesley Foundation gym, 8 p. m.

Thespians present "What's Coming Off?" in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p. m.

Voting for King Dogpatch at Student Union or Corner Room.

TOMORROW
Varsity football game with Syracuse, New Beaver Field, 2 p. m.

Thespians present "What's Coming Off?" Schwab Auditorium, 7 p. m.

READ THE COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIEDS

SELECTED BROADCASTS

Rachmanioff piano concerto in D minor is broadcast over WQXR at 8 p. m.

WOR presents Charles Laugh-ton at 9:30 p. m.

Hollywood premier can be heard over WCAU at 10 p. m.

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Thespians Present

'What's Coming Off?'

DOLORES SAYS:

Gee, I finally got a date. What if I did have to buy his ticket; THE THESPIAN SHOW is always worth twice the money you pay.

Fri. & Sat. 7 p. m. Auditorium
Nov. 7 & 8 Schwab

After The Game

IT'S

THE CORNER UNUSUAL

The March is Forward in MANSFIELD Grenadiers

Men are calling Mansfield Grenadiers "the find of the year" for here are leathers with body, comfortable weight, looks! Leathers with degged stamina when it comes to wear! In short, these shoes have 'everything' including a very moderate price.

\$5.50-\$6.95

Jack Harper

Sturdy... A stout wingtip brogue... rich brown, pliant leathers... good-fitting last.
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