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Curfew Can Work

That wasn't an air raid signal you heard last night; it was the 8:30 curfew, which Cabinet has proposed for student activities on Penn State's campus.

Even if it had been an air raid signal, there would have been little more disturbance than the curfew caused when the news about the curtailment of student activities swept over the campus today. After the smoke had cleared somewhat, there was finally one definite conclusion remaining as far as student opinion was concerned. Speaking without reservation, a majority of students heartily disagreed with the new proposal. They claim that the plan has "cut the corners," but not in the right places.

For purpose of clarification, the new proposal reads, "No meetings, extra-curricular activities, initiations, or other student activities may extend after 8:30 p. m., Sunday through Thursday night. A Cabinet committee will be set up to hear cases for special late permission requests. This rule shall go into effect Sunday, September 27."

In addition, Cabinet has recommended that coed hours be limited, that Junior Prom be rescheduled for next semester in order to lighten an over-crowded dance calendar for this semester, and finally that contracted decorations and programs be abolished for all class dances.

Although there was plenty of disagreement about the coed hours and the big dance regulations, the real fireworks began to flare when students debated the pros and cons of Penn State's new curfew.

First of all, may it be said that Cabinet was acting with good faith when it formulated this plan. It was the sincere desire of President Hetzel, when at least Monday's convocation, he said that he would leave the curtailment of activities to student initiative. He felt that the students could handle this matter in a manner that would be most suitable and beneficial. It was in keeping with the request of the Prexy that Cabinet proposed the curfew plan, which has met with definite disapproval from hundreds of students.

The chief criticism seems to be in the fact that Cabinet has not struck the heart of the problem that it has attempted to solve. By chopping off a few hours here and there, and by limiting student activities, there is no guarantee that this salvaged time will be put to any better use than what it is at present. In short, what is the student going to do in this extra time after the 8:30 curfew? What is he going to do with this free time that he used to reserve for student activities?

The answer is slightly obvious—especially in times of war. Instead of extra-curricular activities, Joe College will have extra time on his hands—time which can be diverted into channels where it will do the most good for an America at war. It's a personal proposition for each student to face. Some may decide to do extra studying, others may turn to a program in physical fitness which will require extra outdoor and gym activity, as well as extra rest. Others may enroll in special defense courses which are being offered by the College and the extension services. And still others may waste the time, just as they always have.



Native Hues

It looks like the good old-fashioned summertime has come at least. Another three months of beating around the bush, we've had four sweltering days that should make July resign from the calendar.

A lot of new and interesting things this Fall semester has brought. The other night a freshman girl stood in one of the washrooms of the dorm busily stirring a cup of Nescafe she had just brewed.

"Coffee so early in the semester?" we asked.
"Oh, yes," she replied. "I have so much work to do, I'm afraid I'm going to be up half the night."
"Yeah? What course are you in?"
Came the knock-cut reply. "Journalism."

CORRESPONDENCE has it that Jimmy Dugan, old Froth editor and man-about-the-country arrived safely in England some time ago, rubbing his plans together at the possibilities of his getting into the Dieppe fireworks.

Having a little free time, he decided to investigate his surroundings. He rented an English wheel (bicycle to you) and began touring the countryside. Everything was fine, the reports go on to say, until the thing skidded and boy Jimmy found himself curled up in a ditch. Three days later his company left, but Jimmy stayed behind, nursing—a broken ankle. Was he sore!

KATEY Popp, ex-Collegian woman, co-author of "Ephrata," and August graduate leaves her happy home Monday morning to get behind a desk at the Centre Daily. Progress, it's wonderful!

THE female of the "we can't pledge him, he isn't wearing argyle socks" species showed itself in one of the Corner Room booths the other day. Two young ladies were discussing the possible Greek talents of a certain frosh woman.

"I think she's a neat kid," said the one.
"Yes, but my dear," replied the other, with a wave of the hand, "have you noticed the sweaters she wears? I swear they're all home-made." Which is quite a slam on Grandma.

—JACKSON

Woman Uses Fowl Means To Get College Position

"Going to bed with the chickens" is a practice Penn State coeds think they'll be doing in the future, but one woman on campus spends almost all her time with poultry.

She is Cora C. Bierbrauer, originally from Switzerland, but more recently from New York City and State College. Miss Bierbrauer took over a man's job as a research assistant with the Agricultural Experiment Station this Summer.

Study of scientific feeding and management of the birds occupies her time when she is not working at the College poultry plant. She is used to cleaning pens, dressing poultry, gathering eggs and feeding hens, duties of the regular male help, and also is in charge of an experimental section.

A special student in the Ag School for the past two years, the bird keeper also is familiar with four languages and has a good mathematical background.

"I get along exceptionally well with the hens," she reported, "but the roosters don't seem to like me. One experimental rooster is extremely irritable."

Commendation comes from E. C. Wolfe, caretaker at the experimental plant, who says Miss Bierbrauer's pens are in the best condition in 20 years. This goes to show women can successfully replace men after all, even if they do use fowl means.

Times Have Changed

Just think, only last Spring everybody was moaning about the probable band selection for IF Ball. "Lopez stinks" and "Scott stinks" were the common comments. Now comes word that some guy named Teddy Powell will provide the noise for next month's IF Ball. We aren't going to make any comments, but ain't war hell, though?

We, The Women What We Need Is More Quiet

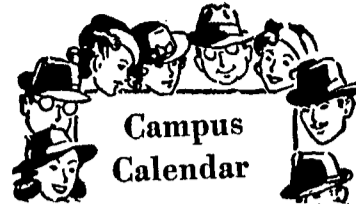
A freshman coed asked us the other day if anybody ever went to bed before 12 or 1 o'clock at this College. She was wondering if it is part of an education to run and yell through dormitory halls until 11 or so and then hastily dash off a little homework.

Immediate action needs to be taken by dormitory hostesses and student government leaders to institute quiet hours. No new rules are needed. Present regulations would be ideal if somebody would only bother to enforce them.

Why can't hostesses realize that the student proctor system, by which coeds are expected to penalize their friends, has never worked and never will? Handing out blackmarks is a sure way to gain unpopularity. Some older person will have to do the job.

Particularly in freshman dormitories is it important that conditions conducive to studying and sleeping be maintained. Paradoxical as it may seem, we are asking hostesses to assert their authority and stop the incessant noise in dormitories.

A group of coed transfer students will be entertained at a house dance by the Lions Club, independent men's dormitory, from 9 o'clock to midnight to-night.



Campus Calendar

TODAY

WRA golf club meets, Caddy house, 10 a. m.

Riding club meets, stables, 2 p. m.

Today is the last day for seniors to visit the Photo Shop for La Vie and activities proofs.

MONDAY

Movies by Glenn L. Martin Co., 10 Sparks, 7 p. m.

Dairy Science Club meets, 117 Dairy Building, 7:30 p. m.

First practice Symphony orchestra, 117 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.

Independent '44 will hold their first meeting of the Fall semester Monday, Old Main, 8 p. m.

Letters To The Editor—

To The Editor:
Please allow us space in your paper to express our thanks to the faculty and students of Penn State for their kind consideration toward us in the death of our son and brother, Dave.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble, we remain as ever,
Respectfully,
S. J. Alston and family

Opinions Divided Concerning Cabinet's Activities Policy

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The ban on decorations and programs evoked little discussion. All students interviewed agreed that this was a worthwhile policy.

"All or nothing at all," is the stand one junior coed took towards the recommended coed hour changes. "I can't see that a half hour here and an hour there would make any difference. Of course we wouldn't like it but if they want to change our hours for big dances why don't they move them way back instead of just a half hour."

Cabinet asked WSGA Senate to give coeds 2:30 permissions for give coeds 2:30 permissions for semester freshmen 9 o'clock hours on week nights.

A second semester senior could see no value in restricting the women when it is the men who must really be physically conditioned and educated for war service. However she did admit that restricting coeds might have some effect on men, "although not to any real extent."

Harry C. Goleman '44, recently appointed Junior Prom chairman, was definitely opposed to changing the dance's date. "By next semester there may not be anymore big College dances and that would leave our class without a junior dance. If they want to cut out dances why not cut them all out instead of singling out one function," he explained.

Gray, however, when asked for his opinion on the Prom change, favored the move. His arguments were that since the dance is scheduled so close to Senior Ball and just previous to the final week of the semester which is always crowded with bluebooks, the dance would have better chances for being a financial success, next semester.

He pointed out that only Soph Hop is on the social calendar for next semester and with Junior Prom added the schedule would be better balanced. He added though that he favors the change only if the present class would run the dance even though they had attained first semester senior standing at that time.

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