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PM's Still Empty

Sunday movies for servicemen have been marked down as a practical impossibility for the present. But Sunday afternoons still exist. There's as much time as ever available for entertainment and leisure.

Since building a new structure for servicemen's use at this time is also out of the question, we would suggest the weekly opening of an adequate building on campus for dancing and socializing. Three places are usable: Rec Hall, White Hall, or, if these are not available, the Armory. Any have the necessary floor space for dancing, but the first two would present a more attractive atmosphere for the service fellows and their wives and guests.

Since these buildings are generally closed Sunday afternoons and since the College faculty and student body is working hard to fill the needs of the nation's trainees here, what is there to stop a regular open house for these men? (Incidentally, civilian students would no doubt hail such a program for their use, also.)

The College public address system could be obtained and, with the interest of student government or independent organizations, the recording machine could furnish music. Specialties by the service bands and those organized on campus might highlight the program off and on.

Is it an impossibility to count on each of the semester classes for taking their turns at the arrangements each week? Couldn't WSGA, WRA, IFC Panhellenic, and ISC, be included in officiating once in a while?

Because expenses for such a program would be so slight, let these individual groups finance the entertainment each week.

Ask Thespians and Players with other entertaining groups to provide a spot of special fun on the schedule.

But, above all, let's keep it a steady, dependable program that service men can look forward to, count on, and use.

It brings all students and military groups together. It gives the men something to do after, before, or in place of variety programs and other planned parties given off and on for them. It would show a decided effort by the College to provide entertainment as well as a sound scholastic training for Uncle Sam's men stationed here.

Momentum Needed

Rolling slowly but hoping to gather momentum as it rolls is the All-College and nation-wide war bond and stamp drive.

Raymond Parks, chairman of the College side of the program, stated yesterday that the main objective of the committee was to encourage every student to fill at least one 25-cent stamp book during the month.

A main booth at the main gate with other possible ones placed about campus will be the main sales depots. Special entertainments and programs during the month will offer chances to buy stamps at the door. They will be sold at the moving picture houses in town as well as in the dormitories.

It is hoped that sororities and honoraries will act as salesmen if called upon at the various spots and it is anticipated that student enthusiasm and ambition will fill the quota and accomplish a goal as great as that set for the Red Cross campaign conducted so successfully last year.

Some one said so fittingly that we should buy stamps and bonds as if our lives depended on it 'cause they do. And how true.

Collegian History

Collegian staffs will make history again next week when an entire woman-senior board takes over its duties for the Fall semester. The present six-woman junior board will effect the naming of a second woman editor at the election banquet tonight.

The campus paper has perhaps been hit most noticeably by the manpower shortage, but its condition is or will soon be paralleled in any number of student organizations. With the influx of more than 430 women out of the 500 frosh expected this Fall, coeds will more than likely be taking over student government posts, school councils, dramatic and musical groups. They will act as today's leaders in an effort to "hold the fort" for their former classmates, friends, and loved ones.

It's a challenge and a chance for every organization in action now and for every coed who will enroll this Fall.

And reporting their weekly activities, announcing their officers, picturing their leaders, and releasing their meeting dates will be a stalwart handful of women on this paper's staff.

The status of the next chapter in Collegian history is not known now. Financial problems as well as the number of workers available make it the indefinite program that it is.

But Collegian is a tradition, a definite part of the College and its spirit; it reflects the ups and downs of a student body in normal or in war times. It will be here in the war semesters, as helpful an instrument as is possible for students and faculty and it will be here in the years to come, a reminder and carry-over of the pre-war greatness of the College.

Panhellenic's Chance

Panhellenic Council recently accepted a new plan to supplement their rushing schedule . . . a means of chapter limitation to benefit the larger groups and to give the smaller Greek societies a chance to get a hold.

Their plan is a wise move, popular on other campuses where they have an even smaller number of fraternities.

As usual, the Council is doing a thorough job on its rushing code and pledging schedule but that's as far as it goes.

The purpose of such a group is to coordinate the Greeks, to feel out their problems, and carry on active campaigns to improve their situations.

There is a lot of room for those improvements yet. Little is said or done in their behalf.

Several of the newer sisters are housed in suites in the dormitories . . . in rooms that are not arranged for whole sororities but for individual persons. Their only chapter room, in several cases, is another bedroom, with beds, desks, and no draperies.

In the cases of the fraternities already well-

established, the dormitory authorities furnish furniture for a living room and kitchen, and provide curtains and drapes. Panhellenic Council has merely to ask for something of that sort for the rest of its members.

Panhellenic members should have an eye to the future. Their ideas should be forming for a sorority row or some satisfactory building housing all the groups. They should get a goal and work toward it if for no other reason than to establish themselves and justify their existence.

Always a quiet organ of student voices, Panhellenic can amount to a lot if it sees its job and works toward that end.

We, The Women Times Are Changing—

Perhaps a few pertinent reminders and comments will be in order as the present senior board has its finger in the paper for the last time this week.

With a new staff taking over the reins in a few days, it is interesting to note a change, typical of the entire campus life since we first arrived as green freshmen. It was before the war then, and squads of uniformed men taking up sidewalk space was an unthought of element. We had a ratio of civilian men of about five to one coed.

But today conditions are reversed. When we first tried out for the Collegian staff, men predominated everything. The women were segregated on a separate staff, and were considered something of a necessary evil.

With the new board taking over, however, the change which has taken place will be realized to the fullest. One by one the men have left, until today, the new senior board will be made up entirely of coeds. For the first time this Summer the Collegian had a coed editor. But now, the entire management of the paper will be in the hands of women.

It's a far cry from the day the first woman student was grudgingly accepted at this strictly men's institution.

Along the same line of thought, it seems that the coed element is really taking the College over. According to latest reports, of the 500 freshmen who will enter in the coming semester, 430 of them will be women.

—MJW

Student Survey

votes also to a German teacher whose "assignments are impossibly and unreasonably large."

Out of 34 professors mentioned as standouts by the Liberal Arts students, Edward Abramson, assistant professor of sociology singled out by 10 students, was first choice. Runnerups included William S. Dye, professor of English literature; Robert E. Galbraith, associate professor of English composition; Nelson McGeary, assistant professor of political science; and R. Hadley Waters, assistant professor of economics. Out of 19 LA teachers mentioned as being "bad," the names of five were repeated at least once.

Mineral Industries Students named 13 profs as being noteworthy, Chesleigh A. Bonine, professor of geology; Jabir Shibli, associate professor of mathematics; and Holtzinger mentioned most frequently. Brunt of the dissatisfaction was thrust on mathematics professors.

Elizabeth W. W. Dye, associate professor of home economics, and Hummel Fishburn, head of the music department, were most frequent "good" choices of the School of Education. Other frequent selections were Mildred H. Larson, associate professor of foods; W. L. Werner, professor of English literature; and Psychology Professors Guest, Carpenter, Smith, and Adams. Twice Ed School students cited a professor as a "brilliant man but no teacher." Another instructor was called "extremely intelligent but not so good for a basic course."

Favorites of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, according to the poll, are Miss H. Jean Swenson, instructor of physical education; John D. Lawther, associate professor of physical education, and James H. Moyer, assistant professor of education.

School	Caliber of Teaching			Plan for Finals	
	Good	Fair	Sub	For	Against
Ag	30	7	0	35	2
Chem	71	28	1	93	7
Eng	37	25	1	58	5
Ed	40	30	2	66	6
LA	32	51	13	90	5
PEd	4	12	2	16	1
ML	19	4	1	23	2

This Weekend . . .

The Corner

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