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Improved Judicial System

Several interesting points of consideration have been raised by the slightly dogmatic opposition at the last All-College Cabinet meeting to the Constitution Revision committee's plan to remove the Judicial Committee from the jurisdiction of WSGA.

This opposition, coincidentally voiced by the WSGA representative on Cabinet, consisted mainly of several generalizations to the effect that if Cabinet were to select the members of Judicial, POLITICS would influence the choice. One point that somehow was overlooked in this reasoning is that at present Judicial is appointed by the WSGA Senate, a group which is composed of successful political candidates.

Another defense offered for the present system was that Judicial members are chosen in their freshman year at the College and therefore have four years in which to gain experience in their duties. No mention was made, however, as to the wisdom of selecting freshman coeds, naturally mature and experienced in the ways of the College, to deal with the delicate problems presented to the Judicial Committee.

In the cold light of analysis then, it would appear that the WSGA representative on Cabinet has lost sight of her most important responsibility. It is not so much her job to put up a bulldog-like defense of WSGA, which is not being encroached upon, as it is to work for the best interests of student government in her capacity as a member of All-College Cabinet.

Support Spring Athletics

Within a few days the spring athletic season will get under way at the College. This year Penn State will participate in baseball, track, and lacrosse intercollegiate competition.

There has been a decided drop in sports attendance figures since the beginning of the war. A definite lack of enthusiasm on the part of students also has been a sore spot for three years.

Now is the time for school spirit to be revived at athletic contests in the spring. The presence of two or three cheerleaders and a considerable section of the student body would do much to show the athletes that the College is behind them. Perhaps the athletic records could also be improved in that manner.

So try to attend as many athletic games as you possibly can each weekend this semester.

Faculty Salary Problem

The recent fight in Harrisburg for higher salaries in Pennsylvania's high schools proves that the College faculty is not the only underpaid teaching body in the state.

Although committees have been appointed by the administration and the schools to study the salary problem here at the College, there is no guarantee that their recommendations will be accepted.

For example, the Liberal Arts Postwar Planning Committee intends to propose a uniform salary scale in the near future to correct the present unequal salary arrangement. However, the always-quarreling Liberal Arts faculty will probably shelve the idea, as usual, because it will not be able to unite and compromise on some of the minor points.

It's too bad some of the educators don't know "what's best for them."

Penn Statements

By HELEN HATTON

Half a semester yet to go before vacation. About this time most profs start worrying that they're not going to be able to cover the last chapter in that 800 page textbook. Or else they begin to wonder if their students have been working as hard as students should for three credits.

At any rate the faculty comes to the following decision. To assign a few more book reports, make longer assignments, pop more quizzes, and announce that next bluebook. As I was saying it is a well known fact that six hours of sleep are not necessary. Blood Donors

Histological technique lab is usually quite a conventional affair. Specimens are doled out to the students who spend three hours in staining them properly only to find that they have mounted a cotton fiber. But this week was different. The reason was blood smears. The result was a massacre. It seems that the blood for the smears was plentiful (12 pints per person) but rather difficult to procure. As a result howls of pain filled the halls of Friar Lab, and another needle hit its target. Professor Newman was very sympathetic though and comforted the victims by telling them the first drop of blood didn't count and

that there was a quantity of iodine present to prevent infection.

Odds and Ends

Ridge Riley of the Alumni Office tells us that Ed Zorn, originator of Old Mania in 1921, is the author of a short story in last week's Colliers magazine. Speaking of Collegian alums, Bob Kimmel of the Merchant Marine visited his old haunts this week.

One of the nicer pre-war campus traditions was revived when the Honey Boys reorganized and seranaded the coeds' dorms last week. It was most frustrating but we loved it just the same. That's more like the Penn State Spirit.

Don't be too disconcerted or think you are seeing things, because one of my Nature Friends swears it is true. A white robin is flying around campus and has established its headquarters near Women's Building.

Old Mania

By NANCY CARASTRO

The diamond business is not only putting forth much effort for the war program but also for State coeds, who've been receiving sparklers galore lately...SDT Cece Henschel has a whopper of a ring from Pvt. Julian Pichel, son of Irving Pichel the Hollywood director...Alpha chi Janie Watson is engaged to Midn. Johnny Pharr, in training at Northwestern...AEPHI Rhea Silverstone to First Lt. Murray Friedman, alum...Alpha z delt Pat Reiff to Pharmacists' Mate 1/c Betty Miller...Kappa delt pledge Petty Lindsay to Sgt. Jack Maloy.

Two phi mu alums were married recently...Helen Barr to Pvt. Elmer Fry, former KDR...Janet Fehnel to Pvt. James Scott...Kay Kirk, recent alum, was married to Seaman Bill Roach...SDT Lee Berlin is marrying phi sig Kenny Sivitz Sunday...

Midge Dren is pinned to Chief Petty Officer Robert Edelman, pi lamb alum...Alpha chi Gerry Reinhart wears Leon Erdman's sigma chi white cross...Mary Lou Jones and phi kappa sig Sam Harvey are pinned...Confirmation:

Theta chi Joe Rusnock and Evie Williams are not pinned....

Thousands of people in town last week...Well, hundreds anyhow...O. K., so it's dozens...Theta alum Louise Long visited with V-12er Dave Brocius, who came up from Swarthmore...Marian Smith...DG alums Peggy Coe, Dottie Jones and Elaine Parks...Ens. Jim Bell...Lt. Don Bretherick seeing Kappa Betty Meyer...Phi mu's Gloria Bowersox, Betty Lou Dunmire, Peggy Stauffer...Lt. Bob Dobbins to see Theta Phi Alice Malarky...Newlyweds Ens. and Missus Art Christman....

Kappa Charlie Martin went to Philly for to see Lt. Bud Simpler, just commissioned in the Air Force...Gamma Phi Dottie Taylor traveled to Washington to see Marine Pfc. Hank Trautwein...Alpha chi Betty Wolfram is waiting for her man, Midn. Jim Raymond, phi kappa sig, to come see her this weekend....

SDT's are holding their formal at the Phi Ep house tomorrow...Gamma phi's at the phi sigma kappa house...MANIAC.

Faculty Limelight

By WOODENE BELL

Two faculty members recently were granted extensions of their leaves of absence by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees—Paul H. Wueller, professor of economics, until June 1, to continue as director of the commission to study the Pennsylvania school system, and C. S. Wyand, professor of economics, until June 30, to continue his work with the State Department of Commerce.

H. H. Kellogg, assistant professor of mineral preparation, and Clarence M. Sykes, instructor in physical education, have been granted military leaves of absence...A. H. Melville, assistant professor of economics in arts and science extension, has resigned because of ill health...Jacob M. Fry will discuss "Agricultural and Home Economics Extension" at the Faculty Lunch Club Monday.

Prof. Audrey I. Brown, former faculty member and now a professor of mechanical engineering at Ohio State University, has received special recognition from the university board of trustees for his 32 years of service.

Carl W. Hasek, professor of economics, is conducting a course in Economics Principles for Bell Telephone in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia...Bruce V. Moore,

head of the department of psychology, is in charge of a new foreman training course in problems of returning veterans at the Aluminum Company of America in New Kensington...C. D. Burke, plant pathologist, is conducting 16 demonstrations in Pennsylvania to obtain better quality of potatoes.

Amos E. Neyhart has been assigned two aides for his work with safe drivers' education...Carl G. Seashore as assistant in charge of motor vehicle fleet safety, and Joseph Intorre, as assistant in charge of driver testing. Dr. Clifford R. Adams, associate professor of education, has an article on marriage in the current issue of the Woman's Home Companion.

A Lean And Hungry Look

About one o'clock on any Sunday morning, an hour when men of reason have long been abed, an unusual amount of activity can be noted in the outskirts of town. The news has been passed by word of mouth and from all directions men are converging upon a particular house of the evening. A beer party has been reported in progress.

The guests enter the house, are made welcome and invited downstairs. The location of the party is usually a gameroom with low ceiling, plaster walls covered with framed photographs of former athletes, and the king of the evening—a beer keg standing squat and confident in a corner.

It takes all kinds of students to make up a beer party and all kinds are usually to be found at one—big men on campus putting in an appearance, freshmen looking wicked and sophisticated, the steady customer at every party, who somewhere got a headstart, and a few fellows who just wandered in to get off the streets.

With quiet assurance, a veteran of one hundred such affairs skillfully tags the keg and the crowd lines up to draw the first glass of beer. For some unaccountable reason the beer comes out eighty per cent foam, but no one seems to mind. The conversation is very animated and quite interesting.

The party appears to be spreading to every corner of the room, as each student makes trip after trip to the keg. In small groups the singing starts. The songs are old standbys of the barber shop quartet days. The conversation has veered from a civilized topic to sex. Each speaker is willing to top the last lie with a detailed reference to his own erotic conquests. As time passes the stories lose all plausibility but everyone is willing to listen to them for the privilege of adding one of his own adventures.

Off in one corner one group sings a dirty song, and soon everyone is improving this performance. Sandwiched in between two ditties of incredible filth, the "Alma Mater" is sung and paid drunken reverence. In every crowd there are a few quiet fellows who have sense enough to be disgusted by this spectacle, but not enough sense to go home.

The climax of a beer party is always the same. Some seventeen-year-old kid who has been drinking too much to show off, lies down on the floor covered with slime composed of cigarette butts, spilt beer, and broken glass and is sick all over his neatly pressed covert suit. Everybody thinks this is very funny as two friends drag him out of the room by the heels.

As one looks at the pictures of the athletes on the walls—the clean limbed boys whose skill and physical condition brought credit to their college—it appears they are smiling sadly and bitterly at the scene before them. This is about the time to go home.

—CASSIUS

Front and Center

Capt. George Sallade Howard, conductor and commanding officer of the official Army Air Forces Band, is back in the United States after completing a tour unique in the history of the band. Captain Howard was formerly director of the band, orchestra, and chorus of the College.

The exploits of Major Frank Gleason '41, who captained the wrestling team in 1941, were fully covered in Time Magazine. Major Gleason commanded a band of 16 U. S. soldiers who helped to slow the Japanese advance on Keichow, and helped save the great retreat in southeast China.

First Penn State chaplain to receive a battle decoration was Capt. Joseph T. Riley '36, who was awarded the Bronze Star for building morale at an advanced Southwest Pacific base.

Wounded In Action

Pfc. Harold Smith '35, veteran of the famed Fourth Marine Division, recently received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during the invasion of Saipan. Smith also wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

First Lt. Arthur Peskoe '42, also of the Fourth Marine Division, saw service in the Marshalls, and after recovering from his wound, took part in the invasion of Tinian.

Second Lt. John Jaffurs '44, former football star, has been wounded somewhere in France.

Capt. Mervin Conner Jr. holds the Purple Heart for injuries received over France on June 7. Capt. Conner also has been awarded the pre-Rear Harbor European Theatre and Unit Presidential Citation Ribbons.

Lt. Richard Schmidt has been seriously wounded on the German front, according to the war department.

—PEGGIE WEAVER