

Open Letter

June 7, 1946

Board of Trustees
The Pennsylvania State College
Dear Sirs:

At your meeting tomorrow morning, you will have an opportunity to vote for the erection of a Student Union building. We sincerely hope that you are aware of the importance of your decision, for never before has this project come so close to reality.

Not only the present student body, but many generations of undergraduates preceding us have endeavored to point out to your group the dire need for such a building. In the past it was often complications beyond control that caused the project to be side-tracked. Now, however, the ideal time for a widespread fund-raising campaign is at hand; the student body is ready and willing to give their financial support. The time is here.

If there is any doubt in your minds concerning the need for such a building, ask yourselves the following questions: Does Penn State have a social center? Where are the provisions for a place for students, faculty and alumni to spend their leisure time? Where is the building that houses adequate recreational facilities for all? How are college students to prepare themselves for the outside world, when there is no common meeting ground where we can attain the social standards set for the College graduates?

For conclusive proof, ask the non-fraternal student who lives in a single room, where he can go to entertain his date.

Better yet, watch the students leave the campus as soon as classes are over, and then you will realize why your decision will affect the present undergraduates as well as those who will attend the College in the years to come.

Lawrence G. Foster,
Chairman, S. U. Committee

Last Month Blues

With only two school weeks left in the semester, All-College Cabinet still has a large amount of business on the roster: the revised constitution has to be passed, the elections code revised, the Liberal Arts report voted upon, the \$6000 of student funds disposed of, etc., not to mention several points on party platforms which haven't been mentioned in Cabinet. At Cabinet's pace, this is a stupendous amount of work for two weeks.

Cabinet last met two weeks ago, and hurried through its regular business so that members could attend a lecture, and this week they didn't meet at all. Could it be that Cabinet, too, has the "What-the-heck-the-semester's-almost-over" blues?

Senior Meeting

The senior class, which turned out en masse for their final class meeting, deserves a word of commendation. Not only did more than 300 graduates-to-be show up for the meeting, but they also took an active part in the discussion.

A comparison of this class meeting and the wholly unsuccessful class meetings held earlier in the semester proves one major point: the student body will come out for class meetings, IF there is something worthwhile to discuss.

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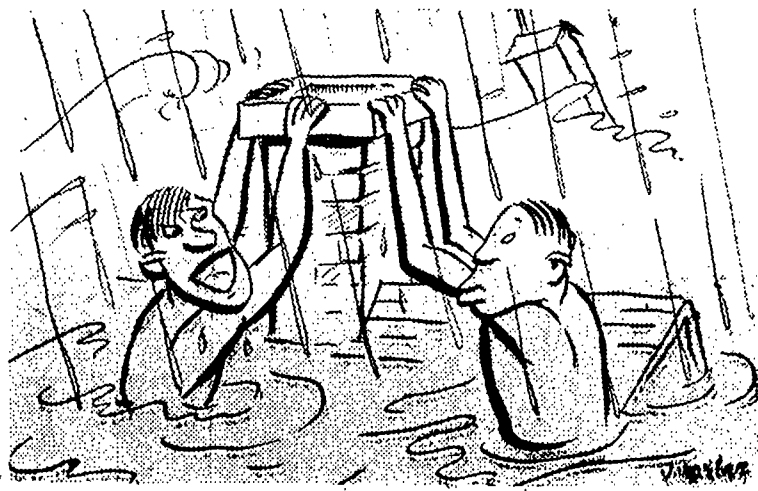
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"I told you not to pray for rain in this year Nittany Valley."

Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

With "Let's enjoy ourselves, for in three weeks we take finals," as their motto, several fraternities and sororities have scheduled dances for this weekend. At the Phi Mu-AGR affair you'll see among others Dorothy Grutski and Bob Loucks . . . Pat Manson and Tom Love . . . NROTC Art Tenhula and Jean Randall.

Planned for tomorrow nights is the Phi Kappa Psi-Spoudecaster

pledge dance. Among those who are attending are James More and Jean Knox . . . Hank Bennett and ZTA Cathy Jones . . . Bob Hepburn and Spoudecaster Janie Foucrace . . . Art Huggler and Gamma Phi Lois Wyman.

The Phi Sigs Report

Also scheduled for tomorrow night is the Phi Sig Sig pledge dance at the University Club. Maniac has it from reliable sources (the Phi Sigs themselves) that among those there will be Marilyn Lunitz and Phi Sig Delt Ned Sonabend . . . Sally Bernstein and Phi Sig Delt Merv Snyder . . . Blanche Vall and Beta Sig Sid Klemow . . . Elsie Harwitz and Phi Ep Bob Cetlin . . . Leatrice Berez and Phi Sig Delt Stan Steinberg.

Last Saturday night the Chi O's and their dates were dancing at the Nittany Lion Inn. Glimpsed at the pledge formal were Nancy Wilson and Delt Jim Summerfeld . . . Beckie Walker and Delt George Jones . . . Tobie Slowie and Delt Bob Sterling . . . Sally Henry and Phi Kappa Sig Jim Stewart . . . Marge Scherf and NROTC Lee Everett.

Turning to the more informal affairs, the SPA's had a cabin party at Whipple's Dam Saturday. Included in those who went canoeing in the rain are Hal Frith and Phi Mu Eleanor Fehnel . . . Jake Barker and Marian Fister . . . Marriner Orum and A. J. Hawkins . . . Bill Bodulich and Catherine Perry . . . Sherwood Jones and Lois Hartman . . . John Duich and Aileen Garber.

Revenge Is Sweet

Maniac's congratulations to the AOPi pledges who secured their revenge on the actives by scheduling the sorority's traditional goat party for 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

There are five new entries for the pinned list. Alpha Gamma Delta Peggy Langdon is wearing an ATO pin from Dick Jones . . . Theta Prexy Marty Ball and Sigma Chi John Sidersky are pinned . . . Herm Finke gave his Phi Sig Delt jewelry to Phi Sig Lolly Meltzer . . . AOPi pledge Bobby Plumy is wearing Trunk Harrison's Delt jewelry . . . Beta Sig Hal Benjamin gave his pin to SDT grad student Hats Miller.

Collegian Socializes

Once a semester both the Collegian editorial and business staffs hold a banquet and for a change sit around and tell each other what a wonderful paper they publish. Among the guests at this year's banquet were Ensign Art Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Rosenberg. Both Art and Sy will be back on the Collegian staff next fall.

Other campus visitors last weekend included Delta Sig Guy Newton who came to see ZTA Mary K. Rice . . . Jane Murray up to see her fiancé Phi Kappa Psi George Carson . . . and AOPi alums Mary Fransen, Alice Hooper, Mary Anne Jennings, Barbara Anderson and Ann Blackburn.

AEPH's Sonny Fuchs was home to see her fiancé Harvey Barsha . . . Spoudecaster Susie Braude is spending June Week at Annapolis.

NROTC News

BY TOM KELLEY

It appeared for awhile that the Navy was going to end the program on an appropriately efficient note by discharging the trainees from New England at Norfolk, Va., the Showplace of the Southland. The news brought some intensely bitter reactions from the descendants of the Pilgrims, who agreed it was awful with a broad A. The mistake was caused by the similarity in spelling of Boston and Norfolk.

The masterpiece of the mimeograph, The Nittany Sea Lion, has made its reluctant appearance due to the approaching emancipation of its staff members.

Curious Craniums

A score of trainees have indulged their heads in crew cuts, exposing a variety of quaint cranium structures to the public eye.

Speaking of haircuts, there is one trainee, who shall remain unnamed, who after months of shy hesitation has finally delivered himself into the hands of the barbers (in view of the scope of the job, the first barber had to call in a consultant) and had the strands shorn from his pagoda-shaped head. The detached curls will be woven into a cover for the Poor Mural in case Old Main's roof ever leaks.

CDT Fan

And then there's the trainee, better known as Kewpie, Bks. 13's gift to lacrosse and associated table games, who has a mad passion for the Centre Daily Times. The CDT (to fill holes left by cancelled advertising and such) has a practice of putting cover

girls in the paper every so often. Said trainee has commissioned his room-mate to snitch a copy daily, and it is said that his scrap book would make Esquire blush.

Fate is fickle. Life is sad. And the cards are against us. At the senior class meeting on Tuesday, it was decided that the senior party would be scheduled for June 22. Which is all very weird, because June 1 and Trainee Stanislas Murphy plan their wedding for the very same day.

WMAJ will shortly inaugurate a new series of programs to replace Jim and Jane and known as "Bedtime Lullaby Hour." Bob Wilson, station manager, has an exclusive contract with Trainee Bibbo, the unit's most soothing tenor. The soft and subtle voice of Black Nick will lull the babes of Nittany Valley to sleep every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday night. (This is a rumor, kept under cover by Nikko's modesty, and it may be just a rumor, but you can never tell about these things.)

Bullosopher

BY FERDINAND

J. Solvency Dingleberry, Collegian's feline copy boy, dropped in this morning with a few letters for the Bullosopher. He submits the following open letter to Rustom Roy, a frequent contributor to our "Letters to the Editor." Roy's letters are, in Dingy's opinion, well-written and deserving of an answer.

Letters to the Editor are open to any and all students; since no one has taken advantage of the opportunity to answer Mr. Roy, Dingy submits the following congratulatory letter:

Dear Rustom Roy:

You are undoubtedly correct in saying that the Collegian can be the most effective organ for disseminating ideas on campus. I am happy to hear that you think Collegian's slogan, "For a Better Penn State," a good one. I am sorry, however, that I cannot come right out and give you a complete answer on your one question, namely, "what constitutes a better Penn State?"

I don't think that too many students here at Penn State know what they themselves want, let alone what they think a better Penn State should be.

Why do you suppose, Mr. Roy, Collegian runs several columns each week devoted to the fraternity jewelry exchanges? Do you think that we would rather run that type of column than articles of student accomplishments?

In the newspaper business, names are important. People want to know what other people are doing. Unfortunately a good number of students never do anything outside of exchange a few pins or attend an occasional dance. We are merely recording their accomplishments during four years in College. Many of them do not seem affected by the subtle irony of the situation; that they never make the news simply because they do nothing to warrant it.

This is not a blanket statement. There are several students, who break into print via the pinning post column, that are also active in other fields.

Collegian Likes Students

Collegian is only too happy to record the noteworthy achievements of the students and sound the gong whenever they discover that students are making definite contributions. In fact, that is generally what Collegian does do, if you observe closely. It just so happens, unfortunately, that much of what is done is limited to election of students to office in honorary societies; naming people to committees and the accomplishments of our athletes.

I do not mean to imply that nothing is being done on this campus. Every once in a while one is heartened to learn that groups like the Common Sense Club, the AVC, the Student Union committee and the Liberal Arts Postwar Planning committee are trying to do something for a better Penn State.

Regretably, these groups are all too few in number; their membership is most often far less than it should be when you consider the work that they are trying to do.

People Indifferent

This is not only true of State College, though. It is true of the entire world. Entirely too few people are trying to do the work of too many; the great mass of people remains inert and indifferent.

Collegian can boost causes and throw light upon subjects by printing stories but it would be impossible for any one group to undertake to lead and run every organization on campus. That is why Collegian often chooses to mirror campus life rather than get out the old soap box and harangue. Following the latter course is somewhat akin to stepping up to a nice marble wall and pounding your head against it; you don't do a damn thing to the wall except get a little blood on it.

DINGY

P.S. Collegian's address is P. O. Box 261.

Note to Mr. Hostetter

Dingy would also like to call a little matter to the attention of Mr. Samuel K. Hostetter. There are a few women on this campus who would like to have a question answered; the Dean of Women didn't know and Mr. Loman seems to be too busy to come out with an answer.

But are you aware of the fact that the College has not come out with an official answer concerning rentals in the dormitories? We understand that there are cases of double rooms with three occupants and single rooms with two occupants. The main complaint is not the crowded conditions so much as the amount that they must pay.

We know that the College has not increased rent costs and think that they are to be commended (especially when one reads where tuition is going up at other colleges), but does it seem entirely fair that three women should be put in a room and pay more (for the room) than, say, two girls down the hallway who have more space, more privacy, but are actually paying less (for the room)?