

Intimidation - - ?

WSGA Senate, acting upon a program begun by the Coed Coordinating Committee, recently refused to support a movement for "no corsage" dances. A first glance at their reasons (secured from Bill McMullen, Florist) indicates that it was the lady-like and genteel thing to do.

Investigation of these points has revealed some interesting facts.

Item one was concerned with injuring the local retail florists. According to the State College Floral Shoppe, corsages make up 30 per cent of its total business. This proprietor was not particularly worried, as he has seen "no corsage" drives fall through before.

Reason two took into consideration students who work in the shops. It was held that it would make a difference in many slim incomes. The facts are these:

Of the 52 workers claimed by McMullen, five actually make up corsages. The other "employees" are fraternity representatives who get a percentage from the flowers their brothers buy. This additional item must, of course, come out of the cost of the flowers.

Although this commission system arises out of a free-competition economy, it amounts to burdening the many to aid the few.

The third matter has to do with advertising in campus publications. McMullen has frequently, in fits of grief, withdrawn advertising from the Daily Collegian. Much to his sorrow, we suppose, the Collegian didn't fold up and by the next dance, McMullen was always back after finding "it pays to advertise."

Being particularly irate this time, McMullen again threatened the Collegian reporter, to stop advertising. But this time he announced that the merchants in town, through the Commerce Club, had agreed to support the florists by eliminating all campus publications from their advertising budgets.

A check with the Commerce Club revealed that no such decision had been made nor would it be.

That, however, was not the limit of McMullen antics. When asked for a price list to be used in checking with other towns (to see if State College prices are really high) he flatly refused. When the reporter asked the other two florists, however, both were perfectly willing to list prices.

When there are such merchants who will resort to intimidation and price fixing, it is no wonder that relations between students and some town businesses can become strained at times.

—Lynette Lundquist

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Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in at the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

Thursday, Jan. 16

ENGINEERING LECTURE, "Communications of Industry," 110 Electrical Engineering, 4:20 o'clock.

THESEMIAN meeting, Little Theater, Old Main, 7 o'clock.

NEWMIAN CLUB, Executive and Chairman committee meeting, Rectory, 7 o'clock.

LA VIE ART STAFF meeting, 223 Engineering "F," 7 o'clock.

WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall alleys, 7 o'clock.

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WRA SWIM CLUB, White Hall pool, 7:30 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE organization meeting, 200 Carnegie Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

MINERAL INDUSTRIES SOCIETY FORUM, Mineral Industries Art Gallery, 7:15 o'clock.

JUNIOR CLASS meeting, 121 Sparks, 7 p.m.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "They Were Sisters," James Mason.

STATE: "Blondie's Big Moment," Arthur Lake.

NITTANY: "Rebecca," Joan Fontaine.

College Health Service

Admitted to infirmary yesterday: Arlene Anders.

Discharged yesterday: Warren Conrad, Anthony Tomassetti.

College Placement Service

JAN. 18—J. O. P. Hummel will interview graduating men in C&F and IE for Methods and Time Study leading to Wage Incentives, Standard Cost and Flexible Budgets. Those interested will be trained by Industrial Management Consultants now working with the company.

All arrangements for interviews should be made as soon as possible in 204 Old Main.

Letters

Wagging Dogs; Starving Men; Pigs to the Right; Wolves to the Left

TO THE EDITOR: Corsages or no corsages—on the surface this problem seems to be of little magnitude—one whose solution would seemingly have little effect upon our economic, social, or spiritual welfare.

It is agreed that the mere objective solution of this problem is not of real importance locally let alone nationally—but one must contend that its solution be considered subjectively—as a sign of the times is of primary importance to all.

It is a very definite sign of this country's pendulum swing from the "right" to the "left." Whether or not the pendulum should drop the solution to this problem on the right or the left is worthy of note.

Any intelligent person will agree that some of our country's customs and traditions would be better off thrown from the pigs to the right to be devoured by the wolves to the left—but whether this custom should be subject to the teeth of the wolf is up to us to decide.

History proves that year after year we have been chopping up more and more of the rightist family tree and throwing it into the "Red" fire—shall we throw another log on the fire or shall we lay down the axe and throw on a little water?

The custom of giving flowers has grown out of the fact that man would like to show a little of his affection for his mate in other than mere words and caresses—the idea of giving tangibles to the woman that he loves. It is unnecessary and seldom economically convenient but it is perhaps his way of saying her happiness and welfare sometimes takes the place of his pecuniary best interests.

A dog wagging its tail in State College is waste motion—it will not feed the starving people of China but it certainly makes his master feel happy. There are less dogs dying and starving each day throughout the world than there are people. The sole reason for this is that he does a little waste motion each day.

If dogs had not the ability to wag their tails they would all have been killed off long ago. Who in the hell would feed a dog that didn't wag his tail? Proof of this is in the contempt shown the average fox terrier.

In conclusion let's not throw this custom to the wolves—a wagging man never starves.

—Alexander Petrowski
Howard S. Gilliland
Edith Murray
Edgar E. Strickler
Joseph Boyle
Leslie Rosencrans

LA Impetus

Dean Eutwema's eloquent speech Tuesday on the aims of a liberal arts school and the high esteem in which the liberal arts division in other colleges is held should give impetus to every liberal artist in hopes that his own school will soon warrant top recognition from other schools at Penn State.

In stating the steps that have been taken, the new dean mentioned that entrance requirements have been "raised" whereby the College will grant entrance to only the "best" from high school graduating classes.

Why can't the entrance requirements be raised to the point that prerequisites for acceptance by the School of Liberal Arts would be as rigid as those for any other school at the College? Thus the necessity for zero and survey courses would be eliminated and students would have more time to devote to advanced study.

Most students will agree with Dean Eutwema that scholastic standards should be raised and that student-faculty cooperation can realize such an ideal. In their planning, the Liberal Arts Student Council and faculty groups cannot ignore the overlapping of many courses within departments of the Liberal Arts School.

Correction of this problem is the task of department heads. Adequately covering the principles of elementary courses so that instructors of advanced subjects will not have to spend weeks laying the foundation for their courses is the task of the teacher. Mastery of prerequisite studies is the task of every student.

—Suzanne McCauley

'S'en 'S'ational

Some 1600 students at this "entertainment-starved" institution were "well fed" on Sunday afternoon when they attended the program at Schwab Auditorium.

Throughout the 100-minute performance sponsored by the senior class, additional evidence came to light regarding the recreational problem. The students at this college do enjoy and appreciate an opportunity to relax at an informal program of this type. Sunday afternoon is an ideal time for similar presentations, and the response to this recent attraction should pave the way for future endeavors along the same lines. That's a job for All-College Cabinet.

While we stress the wholesale entertainment factor, a word of praise is due the individual groups who graciously contributed their time and efforts to the success of the affair. There must be other talent to unveil; the Dry Dock series of a few years back proved that. And as one viewing "Sheepskin Serenade" put it:

"If we can enjoy a professor on Sunday afternoon, we can watch whatever they have to show us."

—Lawrence G. Foster

Grange Coffee Hour

A Coffee Hour will be given by the girls of Grange Dormitory in honor of Miss Jeanne Stiles '42, social chairman of the College, from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m. today. Hostesses from all living units have been invited to Grange Lounge for the hour.

Nittany Party

Makes New Plans

Nittany-Independent, campus political group, held their first meeting since the fall elections in 405 Old Main Sunday evening.

According to co-clique chairman Richard Heim, who conducted the meeting, the purpose of the group is to make the Nittany-Independent party more of an activity than it previously has been and will encourage year-round participation with discussion periods and informative talks being presented.

Albert Green, All-College secretary-treasurer, and Eugene Fulmer, junior class president, spoke on current All-College Cabinet activities and explained procedures of student government to the assemblage.

Heim announced that a meeting will be called early in the spring semester at which time a co-clique chairman will be elected to replace William Douglas, who resigned recently.

Discussion will also cover pre-election activities. Members of All-College cabinet will be present to accept suggestions for presentation to the student government.

Grants to Study Abroad Offered to Graduates

A limited number of travel and maintenance grants to assist graduate students in undertaking studies or research abroad has been announced by the Department of State.

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and be engaged in or have recently completed graduate study. They must have a working knowledge of the language of the country in which study is to be undertaken. Veterans will be given preference.

Successful candidates will be expected to remain in that country at least six months, grants being valid for a minimum of six months and maximum of one year.

Information regarding study in an American republic may be obtained from American Republics Section, Division of International Educational Relations, U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C.

For information concerning another foreign country write to Student and Trainee Branch, Division of International Exchange of Persons, Department of State, Washington, D. C. Veterans write to Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C.

Business Women

The Campus Business Women's Club will meet in the Hugh Beaver Room, 304 Old Main, at 7:30 Monday. Annual dues of \$11 are now payable to Ruth Gould, treasurer.

Veterans Plan Final Meeting For Housing

Plans for a final meeting of married veterans of World War 11 in the State College area to discuss a low-cost housing project in Room 121 Sparks Building, College campus, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p. m. were announced today.

In making the announcement of the meeting, Royce Nix of State College emphasized that "everybody is invited to attend this meeting to offer suggestions and improvements to our tentatively approved housing plan."

Stressing that the plan cannot be put into action unless a sufficient number of veterans support the low-cost housing project, Mr. Nix said that months of study have been given to the plan and that "it would be a shame to abandon the idea without first considering all phases of the plan."

If enough support for the project is pledged at the Jan. 21 meeting, a contractor who has submitted blueprints for the construction will be given the go-ahead signal, according to the housing chairman.

Months of research into the problem of emergency housing in State College and vicinity have resulted in the tentative selection of "a brand new Quonset-type unit which features a bedroom, living room, kitchenette, and bath," it was pointed out. A vote of those who decided to go ahead with plans for low-cost houses will determine the type house and all other features of the plan.

"After checking with veterans counselors at the College and other officials in the community, there can be no doubt that a housing shortage will exist in State College for many years," declared Mr. Nix. Faculty, students, and veterans who make their home in State College were urged to attend the meeting.

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