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Safety Valve

Family Style

TO THE EDITOR: Allow me to give you a brief resume of the events of the first—would it were the last—family style meal in Simmons Hall. Cafeteria dining, it seems, is too, too crude for Penn State women. The meal went something like this:

At 5:30 (we may arrive any time between 5:30 and 5:35) the 500 residents entered the dining rooms. There they stood at their places until the clang of knife on water glass was heard. This was signal for silent prayer. At the second clang the 500 sat down. Shades of the reform school!

Yes, they sat down. And they sat and sat and at. Our table was served 25 minutes after we entered. It is said that those responsible for the demise of the cafeteria system feel that a leisurely meal stimulates gracious dinner-table conversation. Between the main course and dessert we enjoyed another 20-minute wait. Out of one hour spent in the dining room, less than 15 minutes were spent in eating.

Perhaps the people who dream up these plans for gracious living have nothing to do after five o'clock, but most of us have pursuits which are important to us, and we would appreciate a return to a system which was reasonably efficient.

In closing, let me say that I realize that the waiters were in no way to blame for the fiasco. The system is basically inefficient, and, while no doubt delightful for a small, intimate group, it is out of place in an institution such as this.

—Thelma R. Hobaugh.

It's The Principle

TO THE EDITOR: Chalk up one more on the side of the veteran whose letter, concerning the signing of election excuses, appeared in Saturday's Safety Valve. In my wallet is a \$4 bus ticket which was bought September 23 for the express purpose of getting home to vote even if I were flat broke by election time.

Sooner or later, the trip home to vote will cost me a minimum of \$8, over 10% of my monthly check. However, that's not my gripe at all, since it is well worth that to me to have the satisfaction of exercising one of the inviolate rights for which many of our buddies died less than four years ago.

My gripe is essentially the same as my fellow vets'. It's not the act of getting the election judge's signature that pains me, it's the principle of the thing. Maybe the two of us shouldn't give in to the "new order" which does not recognize such things as "students' honor and integrity."

I've been told by many profs that college is not only a place to learn to think but also a place to learn to live. Well, it looks like the "new order" has just put out its first lesson on living: When dealing with other individuals, never take their word in good faith and be sure to get a signature.

Let's "put away childish things." There's enough distrust in this old world already. I'll see you at the polls sans excuse.

—A Rookie Voter.

Poor Display

TO THE EDITOR: As admirers of the deep tradition of campus life, we'd like to see those men who have been honored as leaders of campus activities conduct themselves accordingly.

The disgusting display shown at the football game last Saturday by a few "Hat Men" who, after cheering our football team on to the field, staggered back up into the stands. It seems to us that the lines of our revered Alma Mater, "May not of ours bring shame," have been cast aside. The wondering if some of these fellows have values mixed.

—George Earnshaw
—Paul Harrison
—Elwood Stetler

Kickback



'Ghost' Council

Nothing seems so easy to ignore as a student council election. Lacking colorful campaign posters, plank-heavy platforms, radio commercials and all the trimmings of an all-college vote, the student council slips into office about as silently as the well-known pin drop.

Picture the discontent among Liberal Arts students, for instance, if they were told that 25 of their number were to be chosen arbitrarily to sit on the council. Can't you see the torrent of sizzling edits and letters blasting the tyrannical power of the faculty or administration? Can't you hear the grumbling over Corner Room coffee?

Yet how many of those who think nothing of indulging in a ten-minute gripe session will devote a fraction of that time to stop in the Sparks lobby today or tomorrow to ballot for their council representation?

Last year the vote was pathetically light. As few as 40 votes gave a student the right to help decide issues involving nearly 2000 Liberal Artists. Such an unenthusiastic election resulted in an anemic council. Two weeks after the election, the delegates might just as well have written their obituaries as far as most of the students were concerned. They were forgotten.

How many times last year did you and your roommate moan a duet about certain methods of the faculty? How many times did you enter a class knowing you would lapse into a semi-conscious coma after the first five minutes of lecture? But did you turn to the council for help? Did you realize that they could help? In the first place, did you even vote?

The Liberal Arts School has 2444 enrollees, copping the record for any school of the College. Their 25 elected representatives can wield a powerful hand, if well chosen and energetically supported. In addition, the president of the Liberal Arts Council controls one vote in All-College Cabinet.

Remember their vote is your vote. Will you stop in the Sparks lobby today or tomorrow between 9 and 4 o'clock to help elect 25 delegates who won't need vitamin injections two weeks later?

—Jo Fox.

COLLEGIAN GAZETTE

Wednesday, October 20

NAACP Executive Committee, 415 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.

TAU BETA PI, 107 Main Eng, 6:30 p.m.

NAACP, 415 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.

WRA Badminton Club, White Hall Gym, 7-8 p.m.

WRA BOWLING (beginners), WH Bowling Alley, 6:30 p.m.

WRA MODERN DANCE, WH, 7 to 8 p.m. Concert group, 8 to 9 p.m.

CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.

TAU PHI SIGMA, 110 E. Hamilton, 7 p.m.

DENDROLOGICAL SOCIETY, 105 Forestry, 7:30 p.m.

College Hospital

Admitted Monday: Glenn Wolfe, Francis Rogel, Annette Lefkowitz, Jane Rodgers, Jack Watson and Ronald Krape.

Discharged Tuesday: Paul Butler, John Folk and Anthony Shumskas.

College Placement Service

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, October 26 and 27, eighth semester men from ME and Aero Eng.

Hoover Company, October 27 and 28, eighth semester men from EE and ME.

Container Corporation of America, October 27 and 28, men from IE, ME, CE and C&F.

Arabian American Oil Company, October 25 and 26, eighth semester men for operations in Saudi Arabia. Men from ME, EE, CE, Chem Eng, Chemistry and Geology.

Electro Metallurgical Co., October 28 and 29, eighth semester men from Metallurgy, Chem Eng, ME, EE, Chemistry and C&F.

Lukens Steel Co., October 29, eighth semester men from IE, ME, and Metallurgy.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., November 1 to 5, seventh and eighth semester men from Chemistry, Chem Eng, ME, and Mining Eng.

Proctor & Gamble Co., November 2 and 3, eighth semester men from ME, EE, IE, Chem Eng, Chemistry, and Commercial Chemistry.

American Viscose Corp., November 2, eighth semester men from Chemistry, Chem Eng, ME, IE and Accounting.

Brown Instrument Company, November 2 and 3, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.

Student Employment

Students to represent out-of-town companies in a sales capacity.

Students interested in working as substitute waiters over week-ends.

Baby sitters for Saturday afternoons during football games.

Girls interested in light housework and ironing.

At the Movies

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STATE—Time of Your Life.

NITTANY—Love From a Stranger.

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