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Nothing Doing

Once again the question of dial telephones in sorority suites has arisen, and once again the sororities have been stamped upon and told "nothing doing." At a meeting of the Women's Fraternity Counselors Monday night, this problem was brought up, and Dr. Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, stood firmly by her former view that dial phones could not be put in sorority suites because it was a violation of a College policy.

Although a College regulation forbids outside telephones (those not on 6711 or 5051) on campus, an exception to this rule was made for sororities a number of years ago by Charlotte E. Ray, former dean of women. This privilege was granted because at that time there were freshmen living in town dorms, and sororities had difficulty contacting them.

With the increased telephone facilities on campus, some Administrative officials feel that sororities no longer need their own dial phones. They expect them to use a public hall phone for all calls off campus. If a sorority has private matters to talk over with its advisors or national officers, they must use this phone with the attendant possibility of eavesdropping. Then, too, after digging deep for a nickel, the town lines are frequently busy.

Miss Weston did tell the Fraternity Counselors that phones of two types could possibly be installed in the suites, both on 5051 and following that system's regulations. The one would be a regular pay phone, the other a phone like those in the dormitory rooms, with the sorority paying a \$1 a month fee in addition to 5c for every call off campus. Sorority members can't see any advantage in either of these phones.

Miss Weston stated that no one on campus has dial phones. That is correct, but offices and residences are on 6711 and can call anywhere at any time. If sororities cannot have dial phones, why can't they, too, be on 6711? It is doubtful if 19 additional phones would put too much burden on the system, and the sorority phones would probably be used mostly at night, when there is a slack in the use of phones in administrative offices.

As far as not being democratic in regard to independent women, when the sororities in Atherton had phones, they gladly allowed the independent women to use them when they had occasion to. It doesn't seem fair that sororities pay \$750 a year for the use of a chapter room and kitchenette, when there are beautiful lounges and kitchenettes on the upper floors for independents who pay nothing extra.

In the contracts that were sent out to sororities last semester telling about the provisions of the suites in the new dormitories, a telephone was listed. No sorority ever dreamed that the telephone was meant to be on 5051, and this fact was not mentioned to them. Consequently, many sororities kept paying for their phones during the summer, and are still paying for them. They should have been informed about the change in telephones last semester, or at least during the summer.

Sororities are not trying to regulate or break College policies, but they dislike being suppressed in many things they try to do. After all, with the \$750 they pay should go certain privileges and inducements, and a private phone to handle business calls is certainly not asking too much.

—Frances Keeney.

Big Test

Tomorrow afternoon on New Beaver Field the Nittany Lions, presently riding the victory bandwagon with 13 consecutive contests without a setback, will seek to subdue "the team to beat this year," the mighty Spartans of Michigan State.

Coach Higgins' proteges have been drilling since early September and are planning to put on one of the greatest shows in Penn State football history before an estimated overflow crowd of 22,000. The cheerleaders have been practicing daily and the marching and timing of the Blue Band has almost reached perfection.

They are all ready for the "big test" tomorrow out how about you?

During the Bucknell as well as the West Virginia fray, spectator participation in the singing of the school songs was encouraging. The volume of cheering, especially from the sophomore section, was surprisingly good.

If the opening games this year are an indication of things to come, tomorrow afternoon surely will be a success. Keep up that school spirit!

Tomorrow is Homecoming Day. Many alums as well as ex-servicemen who were stationed at the College will be returning to the campus. They will expect that "old Beaver Field atmosphere" with packed stands and deafening cheers.

All the seats allotted to Michigan State were sold out shortly after they went on sale at East Lansing. The Spartans will bring many of their loyal followers to the Nittany Valley. Give them a taste of the Penn State spirit.

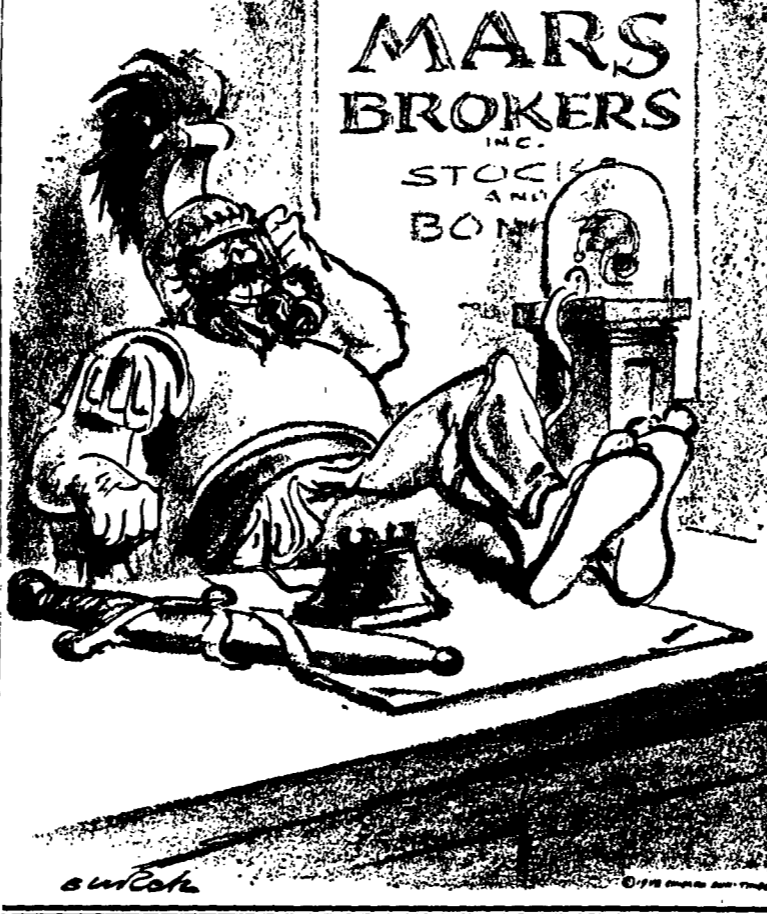
Often you hear students talking about "the good old days." It is really you and your spirit that make those "good old days" a reality. Remember, now while you are attending the College you are experiencing the best times of your life. It won't be long before you'll be looking back on them!

So how about learning those songs and cheers and prove to the alums that the Penn State spirit is right up there where it used to be? Tomorrow is your big opportunity.

Don't let the team down, don't let the grads down—remember you'll be among them soon.

—George Vednes.

"What's the latest on Berlin?"



No Malice

Neither All-College Cabinet nor the administration, as far as we know, ever deliberately tries to hamper the formation or functioning of any student group whose aims are consistent with normal ethical and moral principles of contemporary society.

A letter in today's Safety Valve presents a good opportunity to clarify any muddled or uninformed thinking on that point.

As for meeting places, classrooms are available for functions requiring normal facilities, by making previous arrangements in the campus patrol office.

Many departments, notably dramatics, journalism and music, permit the use of their space and equipment for related student organizations. Were there a department of photography, the Camera Club might conceivably be such a beneficiary.

All-College Cabinet, at its last meeting, passed a motion to "look into the possibilities of getting a darkroom for the Penn State Camera Club."

The club can be assured that the mysterious "Student Council" referred to in the letter had neither the authority to make or withdraw any promise of financial aid or space in the PUB.

Speaking of finances, it is absurd to expect the student body to finance every worthwhile group of 100 or so students in ventures which benefit themselves alone. This should apply even though membership benefits are open to any who desire them.

Granted, the chess club received a cash grant last year to go on trips. However, that was a mistake of the last Cabinet, one which this year's governing body is extremely unlikely to repeat. The meeting after the one in which the award was made, many other small groups came clamoring for funds.

Granted, the glee club and debate squad are the recipients of student subsidy, amounting to 35 cents a semester per student, divided between them. However, this fee was voted upon by the entire student body, probably on the theory that their activities benefited all the students.

It is ridiculous to fear any malicious student or administration hampering of a legitimate student undertaking. Collegian would be speedy in its denunciation of such discrimination.

Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

Maybe you get a little sentimental when you start filling out blue (senior) registration forms, have your La Vie picture taken and appear for interviews at the Placement Office. Somehow you start thinking that everything should stay just as it was when you were a freshman.

You won't admit it but the construction shacks, the garish orange girders, and the growling steam shovels get under your skin. You wish secretly that they'd dissolve like Sunday morning's seltzer tablet and leave in their place those old green carpets with the well ignored "keep off" signs.

But don't you understand? "We're expanding! We need room, living quarters, class rooms!"

And so they sacrificed that cute little grove of trees across from Rec Hall on the altar of progress. Why couldn't they have put that new men's dormitory out farther? The sophomores are young and spry. They wouldn't mind sprinting in from Bellefonte for their eight o'clocks.

What next? Will the buildings be so jam-packed that umbrellas and voluminous tent-like rain coats will become obsolete? From the greying (and balding) seniors comes this last feeble plea, "Woodman, spare Hort Woods."

Admit it. You're a has-been, part of the "old guard" that will leave in June. Why, you don't even know everyone in the Corner Room anymore. And what's worse, you'll probably need a road map for your first homecoming.

Safety Valve

What's the Reason?

TO THE EDITOR: There seems to be a movement on the part of some students and the administration to hamper the formation of a students' Camera Club. Just what is the reason for this attitude? I am certain that a club of this type is sorely needed on the campus and would directly benefit the entire study body.

The club is open to all who might care to join, and the worth of this organization is equal to and even surpasses that of the Chess Club or the Glee Club, these latter two clubs having the benefit of a cash allotment and quarters in which to hold their functions. This is all that we ask. A club of photographic nature cannot possibly exist, to say nothing of expanding, if it cannot get some considerable help from the College authorities.

We need equipment desperately and we need darkroom facilities even more desperately. At present we have a large group of enthusiastic men who, unless we get immediate aid, will of necessity drop from the club, because we haven't the material to carry out even the simplest program.

We were promised financial aid last semester. We were promised a room in the PUB for a darkroom. For no known reason these two promises have been withdrawn by the Student Council.

There arises the question, "Who will benefit from this club; will it be the school as a whole?" To that I can only say that the privilege of joining is open to all, but it would be physically impossible to accommodate such an extreme group.

Is there another club who can boast of having accomplished such a glorious ideal? A club is formed to benefit those interested in the subject matter. The only solution is to form enough clubs so that any one can find one to his liking. Don't condemn a club because it can't live up to impossible standards. Please let us have the chance to prove our worth; we need help!

—Max Gersenson.

• See editorial in middle column.

COLLEGIAN GAZETTE

Friday, October 22, 1948

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, 200 Carnegie, 7:30 p.m. College Hospital

Admitted Wednesday: Melvin Breining, Richard Barker, Selma Smith, Isabelle Greig and Cornelia Dreifus.

Discharged Wednesday: Ronald Krappe, Glenn Wolfe and Kenneth Walton.

Admitted Thursday: Joan Dunlap.

College Placement 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 Co., 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 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.

Brown Instrument Co., November 9 and 10, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.

Calco Chemical Division of American Cyanamid, November 3, eighth semester men from Chemistry and Chem Eng.

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.

Persons interested in baby sitting—male or female.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Luxury Liner.

STATE—Triple Threat.

NITTANY—Key Largo.

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