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Vandalism Merits Severity

More words—printable words, that is—are puny and futile weapons with which to attempt an attack upon vandals such as those whose vicious and unwarranted acts of willful destruction were reported yesterday.

Acting upon the sage advice of friends wiser than we, we refrained from editorializing yesterday, while seething with rage. Although still "hot" about the matter, some semblance of reason has begun to trickle through.

When at first it appeared that a Penn Stater (a travesty of the words to apply them to such a depraved creature) must be the guilty party, because of the lack of visiting athletic teams, our thoughts of punishment began with boiling in oil, and advanced to pulling out toe-nails.

Realistically, however, the punishment should be the most severe possible, including permanent banishment from the College, in utter disgrace, as well as criminal and civil action.

Inklings that the evidence pointed to a student

from another institution brought their mixed feeling of relief that a Penn State student had not fallen so low, and sorrow that any college student should perpetrate such infamous destruction in the name of "school-boy pranks" or "Hell-raising."

Should the proof of the suspect's guilt be obtained, what should be done with him, and what should our attitude be toward him, and especially toward his university?

For the culprit, we can have no mercy or leniency. It is to be expected that he be expelled, and criminal action should certainly be carried to the limit. His actions show definite premeditation and willful disregard for the rights of others.

But we should be extremely wary about venting our emotions upon his college. Probably his fellow students and administration will decry his actions as much as we. Suggestions of a retaliatory raid should be completely squelched.

Behind the Wheels

by Loretta Neville

Another week of classes has rolled by and weary, beaten, anemic students are once again trying to recuperate from brain nostalgia by taking time out for another glorious houseparty weekend.

Which reminds me, congratulations are in order for the Soph Hop dance committee headed by Roger Rowland and Jack Boddington and their co-workers Donald Atwood, Isobel Greig, John Kirch and Robert Longenecker. Through their hard work we understand Rec Hall is really going to "look like hell" tonight. Wonder which one made the trip to the regions below to get the idea?

Speaking of "hell week," the Delta Chi pledges really did their hearts good when they were permitted by the actives to "take it out" on their noble brothers. Don Bowser, who had been giving the pledges a hard time of it, was the first victim. They tied him up in the basement of the house and let him yell to his heart's content. You see, there are more pledges than actives!

Many of us coeds have to take what comes along, despite Mr. Roth's story in Wednesday's Daily Collegian. But who was the stupid girl that deserted that bewildered rooster in Simmons lounge Saturday night? As he cackled and strutted his best in search of a mate his only response was

hysterical laughs and screams. Guess most of these "hens" have never seen a handsome "rooster" before.

The PiKA's have a new addition to their household. It's a modern, streamlined game room and is really a beauty. John Shumaker's pledge class not only gave the new room to the chapter as a pledge gift but did all the work themselves.

Scene in the Temporary buildings the other day: an innocent, wide-eyed sophomore coed searching frantically for the right classroom. Suddenly she ran into an older, grey-haired woman who appeared to be lost too. "Could you please tell me where Dr. Murphy's class meets?" asked the child. "No, I'm sorry, I can't," replied the woman, "—but I am Dr. Murphy."

Reports have it that Christopher, the third assistant cook at the Phi Kappa Psi house, has disappeared. It seems he left for an extended Christmas vacation and hasn't returned as yet. In the meantime the first and second cooks are carrying on—and doing a fine job of it.

Bridge, the American Coed's famous pastime, is fading into oblivion and Monopoly is taking its place. At least as far as coeds Jean Israel, Sylvia Schwartz, Corinne Kivnik and Betty Levitt are concerned. But Sylvia always seems to be in jail. How come, Sylvia?

Grounded



Know Your College

2. Board of Trustees

Control of Penn State is vested in a Board of Trustees of 32 members, of which 5 are ex officio, 6 are appointed by the Governor, 9 elected by the alumni and 12 by delegates from the county agricultural and industrial societies.

According to the by-laws of the College charter, the Board's function is to direct the "corporate purposes, management and government." It may be thought of as shaping the policies and programs of the College.

OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE at times like the present when a vacancy exists in the president's office, is the Trustees' active, continuing control of the institution.

Thus well-considered plans, whose origins are rooted in long-standing experience, can still be carried out; and a constant policy of molding the development of the College can still be pursued.

SPECIFIC FIELDS OF THE BOARD'S OPERATIONS can be most easily visualized by a consideration of the titles of the five standing committees, which oversee much of the routine business under their jurisdiction.

They are Architecture, Buildings and Grounds, Educational Matters, Finance and Business, and Student and Staff Welfare. These committees are appointed by the President of the Board.

IN ADDITION, AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, elected annually in January by the entire membership, could be termed an "interim Board," since at its seven stated meetings every year, it transacts all necessary business that arises between stated meetings of the Board. The President and Secretary of the Board are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

Meetings of the Board are held in Harrisburg every January, and on campus in June. The President of the College is the Board's Secretary, and the President is elected each January by the entire Board.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES is unique among Land-Grant universities, and typifies the College's importance to the varied interests of the Commonwealth, the lack of dominant control by the State government and the important status of alumni.

Only ex officio members of the Board are the Governor of Pennsylvania, the President of the College, the Superintendent of State Instruction, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Mines.

THE 27 VOTING TRUSTEES are appointed or elected for three-year terms, which are staggered so that at least two-thirds of the Board have always served for at least one year.

A THREE-YEAR WAITING PERIOD (which we would like to see removed) after the receipt of any Penn State degree, bachelor's or advanced, is the only prerequisite to participation in the nominations and elections.

ALUMNI RECEIVING 50 OR MORE NOMINATIONS are then placed on the final ballot. Eligibility for election are the same as those for voting—a degree, and a three-year waiting period.

Since complete files of all graduates are maintained by the Alumni Association, and since they are available for campaigning purposes, duplicative expenditures, such as the \$500 allocated by the class of 1948, are wasted.

AT FIRST THOUGHT, election of Trustees by "delegates from the County societies" seems like an outdated anachronism, yet a fuller understanding reveals a mechanism designed to maintain the College's adherence to the broad principles of the Morrill Act.

In June, each county is entitled to send three delegates representing its agricultural societies, and three from engineering, mining, mechanical or manufacturing organizations.

THESE DELEGATES, USUALLY ABOUT 300 STRONG, elect four Trustees, presumably for the purpose of adequately representing the agricultural and industrial interests of the State in the direction of the College.

Since, unfortunately, the agricultural groups are more numerous and exert a disproportionate influence, we favor permitting each group to elect only two Trustees annually.

The Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

Day of Prayer

TO THE EDITOR: The world is a rough place and perhaps there isn't much we can do about it.

Sunday, the opening day of Religion-in-Life Week, has been set aside as the Universal Day of Prayer for students by the World Students Christian Federation.

Our concern, our prayers, should be for the students of bomb-scarred Europe, of weary China, and troubled Africa. And might we not offer a tiny prayer for ourselves?

Is there efficacy in prayer? Perhaps the pragmatist will laugh—but think. Before you can help anyone you must be concerned about him. And in a larger sense genuine concern is a prayer.

There is truth in John Donne's poetic concept of the interdependence of man. So we may say that when we pray for others we pray for ourselves.

Maybe life is a sacrament.

—John Kochalka, for the PSCA World Relatedness Commission

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Friday, February 18

PENN State Bible Fellowship, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

HILLEL Sabbath Eve services, Hillel Foundation, 8 p.m.; Harold J. Fishbein, speaker.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main at once.

SKF Industries, Inc., February 23, to interview grads in ME.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., February 22, June grads with Ph.D., M.S., or B.S. degrees from Chem Eng, Chem.

RCA, February 21 and 22, eighth semester students with degrees in ME, Physics, and EE.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., February 23, eighth semester students with degrees in ME, IE, Chem Eng, Physics, CE, Metallurgy, Fuel Tech.

Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, February 25, June grads with degrees in Chem. Eng., and Chem.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, February 25, sophomores, juniors, seniors, in CE, ME, EE, AE. Group meeting for all interested students in 110 EE at 7 p.m. February 24.

Bethlehem Steel Co., March 14 and 15, eighth semester in ME, EE, IE, CE, ChE, MEng, Met, Cer.

Pennsylvania Railroad, preliminary application blanks for eighth semester in CE and EE. Applicants must not be more than 23 years of age. Must pass a physical examination which includes a vision test of 20/20 for each eye without glasses.

Representatives of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation will be on campus Monday, February 21, to interview June graduates from the ME, Chem, and Met curricula.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Snake Pit.
STATE—You Gotta Stay Happy.
NITTANY—When My Baby Smiles at Me.

Edit Briefs

● Early morning passers-by were once astounded to see a cow wedged in the tower of Old Main, greeting the first flush of dawn with vigorous moos. The ingenious prank was the work of anonymous young collegiates, who laboriously pushed the hapless beast up the narrow staircase for the most unusual night in that cow's life.