

TUB Decision

Several town groups in State College — particularly the Junior Chamber of Commerce— have been shouting forth the need for a youth center for town kids. And they've stumbled on many problems that are always in the way of achieving something new.

To show the Jaycees and the town that students at the College realized the need for a canteen and were ready to help point up that need, All-College Cabinet took action. Prior to the recent vacation, it requested the Student Advisory Committee of the College to grant use of the Temporary Union Building to the town teen-agers for a one-night program during the Thanksgiving holiday.

No student action could be better to spotlight the need for a town youth center, to show the kids that students at the College are in sympathy with them, and incidentally to promote town-and-gown "good neighbor" relations.

THE PROPOSED KIDS' party was to cost little to host in the TUB, and few people were going to be inconvenienced.

But the Advisory Committee — composed of administration members— ditched Cabinet's request. The kids did not have a party in the TUB during Thanksgiving vacation.

THE COMMITTEE reasoned that giving sanction to the Jaycees for the youth affair in the TUB would attract a string of requests for use of the TUB and other buildings by the Women's Club, the Chamber of Commerce and a host of other town groups. There is probably merit in this reasoning, since the College property resulted largely from State taxpayers' money and should be maintained principally for use by College groups.

But we maintain there is a happier chord that should have been struck in the TUB case — a chord closer to recognizing that the College and the town must live together harmoniously since they are so close physically.

If folks in Wilkes-Barre or Houtzdale want to throw a shindig in the TUB during a student vacation, sure, turn them down. But since State College is in many ways a part of the College and is growing with the College, recognize that fact and cooperate when cooperation is possible. The kids could have used that party.

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The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

Why does Penn State need a president?

Such a question might logically be asked since I have for the past several weeks, in this column, been hammering at the trustees to select the executive the campus has lacked for almost 26 months, or at the least to disclose to the student body the progress being made to name a successor to the deceased Dr. Hetzel.

The answer is probably best exemplified in a clipping from the Nov. 27 issue of The New York Times.

The article in question dealt with the completion of Michigan State's thirty million dollar building program, one of the largest college building programs in history. Sources at East Lansing, the dispatch said, credited State's spectacular growth to Dr. John A. Hannah, its president.

This situation parallels, in many respects, the history of our own institution. An examination of the history of the College reveals that when Penn State had able presidents, the school prospered. Conversely, when the administrative reins were in weak or mediocre hands, it tended to decline.

Names like Dr. Evan Pugh, George W. Atherton, Edwin Earle Sparks, and Ralph Dorn Hetzel, all past great presidents, are inextricably linked with the progress of our alma mater.

The importance of a dynamic, forceful president to any university cannot be overemphasized. It is the man at the top of the administrative heap who must institute new policies, wangle appropriations from a tight-fisted legislature, and insure smooth functioning of the entire administrative machine.

An excerpt from "The History of the Pennsylvania State College," by Wayland Fuller Dunham stresses the point even further.

... the decline suffered by the College in the period under review (1865-1882) must be attributed chiefly to the failure of the presidents to measure up to the situation.

The decline Dr. Dunham speaks of, following the death of the College's first president, Dr. Pugh, "was a disaster . . . threatening the very existence of the College."

Obviously, no one now expects that in the near future Penn State is doomed to a downhill slide which may undermine its position in the educational world seriously. And yet, there is grave danger that not given a president soon, progress will cease. Once that point is reached, Penn State can move only in one direction—down.

Let's readers think this argument far-fetched, we have only to look at the progress one president, Dr. Hetzel, was able to carry out

In the 21 years of his term, the "Prexy" was instrumental in raising the enrollment from 4,000 to over 11,000; the value of the physical plant increased from less than \$4 million to more than \$26 million; faculty members jumped from 846 to more than 1500.

Further, Hetzel initiated the "farming out" system for freshmen students which allowed the College to expand greatly after the war, revised and raised the number of curricula from 38 to 56, developed the extension and research programs of the College to their present level, and secured higher salaries, group insurance, etc. for faculty members, insuring a strengthened faculty.

Projects like those named above cannot be accomplished in weekends. It takes a full-time, competent, educator and administrator. Something WE don't have.

That's why Penn State needs a president—and soon.

Safety Valve . . .

Perfect Solution

TO THE EDITOR: I have been following the gripes of the fellows and coeds on the dating situation at Penn State with a great deal of interest. Apparently "gals is gals and guys is guys, and never the twain shall meet." Now one of the difficulties may be that the fellows seeking dates do not know who the girls are who are also seeking dates.

In the Hawaiian Islands the girls wear flowers in their hair as part of their costume. These flowers also have a message. The girl wearing a flower on the left side of her head indicates that she has a boy friend, and the girl wearing a flower on the right side of her head indicates that she is available for dating. The sides may be wrong, but you get the idea.

I have not seen any girls wearing flowers in their hair on the Penn State campus, even artificial ones. However, many of them do wear sorority pins. So, I suggest that the girls having a fella wear their pins on the left side of their sweaters, and those looking for a man wear it on the right side. Non-sorority girls might resort to flowers in the hair, or hair ribbons, or something, just so they let the fellows know which side means which.

OK . . . OK . . . It was just an idea, so put down that hockey stick.

—Available graduate student

• Name Withheld

Lot of Bull

TO THE EDITOR: In a recent issue of the Daily Collegian, there was an article entitled Country's Top Dairy Breeding Center To Open. In the last paragraph of this article which describes the equipment provided for the bulls, the stalls for the bulls are described as having "running water and flush toilets in each stall." Now, I don't object to the bulls having all the running water that they can use, but . . . what the devil are the bulls going to do with the flush toilets? The Students in Pollock and Nittany circle don't have flush toilets in each room, and frankly I don't see why the bulls should have them if the students can't.

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Gazette

Tuesday, December 6

- PENN STATE BIBLE Fellowship, 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- ENGINEER Student Council, 105 ME, 7 p.m.
- PROMOTION Staff, Collegian, 8 CH, 6:30 p.m.
- SOPH. JUNIOR AD Board, 9 CH, 7 p.m.
- DUPLICATE BRIDGE, TUB, 7 p.m.
- WRA BRIDGE Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.
- DAIRY SCIENCE Club, ASAE, 105 Ag Engineering, 7:30 p.m.
- PRE-VET Club, 206 Ag Bldg.
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERS Society, 105 White Hall, 7 p.m.
- CHEM.—PHYS Student Council, 410 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- NEWMAN Club, 109 Agriculture, 7:30 p.m.
- PANHELLENIC Council, Alpha Omicron Pi Suite, 7 p.m.
- SOCIOLOGY Club, Atherton Hall, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information may be obtained in 204 Old Main. Arrangements for interviews should be made immediately.

Armstrong Cork Co., Dec. 8, February grads in Chem, ChemE for research work; arts and letters, C & F, Econ ages 20 to 26, for sales work.

DuPont Co., Dec 12 and 13, February grads in Chem, ChemE, ME, MineE.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dec. 13, February grads in IE, Ceramics, EE, ME for (1) openings in sales; (2) possible opening in highly technical engineering requiring outstanding analytical ability. Grade of 2.0 required for the latter position. No openings in production, manufacturing or service eng.

Smith, Kline and French Labs., Dec. 13, February men grads in LA, C & F, Science, Pre-Med, Ag-Bio-Chem, Commercial Chem, ChemE, IE, ME for their training program. Applicants must have 1.95 average or better.

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