

On Uncertainty

Who is the administration of the College?

This question has more ramifications than a good mystery novel. It is on students' lips, faculty members' lips, and those of people outside the College when they are in the position to ask the College for a policy stand on a major issue.

With no permanent man at the College president's desk in Old Main, these policy stands that should be taken on an all-College basis either must go wanting for action, or at best the decisions rendered can be considered only from a semester-to-semester viewpoint. The College is swimming in uncertainty until a new president is selected by the Board of Trustees.

THIS UNCERTAINTY pervades the administrative framework of the College. Though there are assistants to the presidency who know their job, it is human nature that they cannot act with the confidence and verve possible if they had a permanent chief. There is always the coarse consideration, too, of wondering if one's own job is permanent as long as there is no permanent chief to work with.

SUCH A SITUATION can cause increasing turmoil and frustration among the faculty and students. For example, if the faculty were to try to have some major action approved by one person in the administration, they would probably find this impossible. Instead, they would be forced to contact two or three or more administrators. With a permanent College president holding sway, action on these major issues would be expedited.

Such an uncertain situation also causes the students, the faculty and members of the administration to stand red-faced when asked, "It's over two years now. When is Penn State going to have a new president?"

Such an uncertain situation also excites a host of rumors, which are—whether stemming fact or fiction—needlessly unwholesome for the College. Most of these rumors are so much couched in fantasy that they do not warrant setting down here.

The crux of the unhappy matter is that administration policy is an extremely nebulous thing when there is no permanent administrative boss. The College has been likened to a big house that is fast being filled with people, but that is suffering from lack of a firm structural floor.

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"And Some Day You'll Have A Real One"



Exchange News, Views

THE SILVER AND GOLD, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO: For the first time in University history two tall Christmas trees at each end of Macky will be lighted as a feature of the University's Christmas celebration.

The two trees will be lighted Thursday at 5 p.m. and will be operated every night from 5 to 10:30 p.m. until January 1.

THE DAILY ANTHENAUM, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY: Work on the 1948-49 "Monticola," the Universities yearbook, will be discontinued, it was decided at a meeting of the Faculty Committee on Student Publications.

No yearbook for last year will be published. Last year the University's humor magazine was a financial failure.

Here are reasons given for the decision:

1. Lack of general student interest. (Thus far fewer than 400 books had been ordered by a student body of over 6,000.)
2. Inability to sell copies in advance of publication. (The long delay in the appearance of previous postwar yearbooks interfered with advance sales in 1948-49.)
3. Vastly increased costs of printing, engraving, photography and binding. (Printing costs have advanced in some instances 300 per cent or more.)
4. Unwillingness of campus organizations to pay page rates equal to the much increased production costs. (For many years campus organizations paid \$25 a page. The actual production cost the past year for one page was over \$75.)
5. Inability to maintain regular production schedule due to abnormal postwar conditions.
6. Inability of student officials to spend the necessary time on production work and at the same time carry a normal academic load and pass in their studies.
7. Absence of suitable headquarters where yearbook staff members can carry on their editorial and business duties efficiently.
8. Lack of unified backing by the student body as a whole. (In universities where yearbooks have been successful, 60 per cent or more of the students subscribed; at West Virginia University only about 20 per cent of the students have regularly subscribed.)

Baldwin Urges -

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would lead us to believe. Its present effects have been highly exaggerated, but the atomic bomb of the future will be much more powerful than the one of today.

Maintain Defense

In the present "cold war," which Mr. Baldwin believes will continue for quite some time, we must not only win the military phase, but also the ideological and economic phases. We must support Western Europe by strengthening the Atlantic Pact and making the various forms

of European economic aid succeed.

We must maintain a strong defense, Mr. Baldwin urged, but universal military training and conscription are not the answer. Neither is atomic strategy. We must maintain our other forms of defense, and this can be done principally by having an integrated and coordinated system of defense. Our defense dollar must be put to its greatest efficiency.

Mr. Baldwin stressed combat efficiency and not just dollars and cents efficiency, which is so often the case today.

Safety Valve...

Explains WSGA Permissions

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to the editorial entitled "Confusion" in yesterday's Collegian, I would like to explain WSGA Senate's action on two separate matters: first, Military Ball permissions for upperclass women and second, the granting of twelve o'clocks to freshmen for this weekend.

Unfortunately, the concensus of opinions has been that Senate sets down definite rules for allowing four two o'clock permissions a year, and that Military Ball has lost out in past years because it made the fifth. We do not specify that a "rule of four" be made; it is not the number of dances that concerns us but whether they meet the requirements for granting of late permissions. Those requirements are that it be an All-College dance to which all are eligible for admittance and that a name band be featured.

Theoretically, the Military Ball is a closed dance for although there are some 1500 tickets, they are by invitation only and not on sale at Student Union or some such public place.

Two years ago WSGA Senate did reverse its usual policy by allowing two o'clocks for the Military Ball, it is true. We readily admit our error in such action of the past.

Senate was not "halfway admitting that the Mil Ball rates consideration for over-all late permissions" when they granted twelve o'clocks to freshmen women rather than the usual one and ten o'clock. The Freshman Senators speaking for five hundred women were willing to relinquish an hour on the night of the Military Ball in order to have a longer evening the following night.

The fact that Senate has not granted late permissions for Military Ball does not imply that two o'clock will be granted for the Sophomore Hop. Quite the contrary, for as long as any dance does not meet the above specified requirements it will not be considered for two o'clocks.

WSGA meetings are open to the public, and it is our sincere wish that the College attend if they so desire.

I'm sorry that anyone has been "confused" concerning the WSGA action and hope this letter will serve to clarify.

—SHIRLEY M. GAUGER
President, WSGA

Gazette

- HONOR SOCIETY Council, 203 E.E., 4:10 p.m.
- FRENCH SONG Session, 100 Ch. 6:30 p.m.
- AIEE-IRE Joint Student Branch, 219 E.E., 7:00 p.m.
- CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS Student Council, 410 Old Main, 7:00 p.m.
- FROTH ADVERTISING Staff, Carnegie, 7:00 p.m.
- KISKI ALUMNI: Theta Kappa Phi, 7:00 p.m.
- AMERICAN CERAMIC Society, MI Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION Group, Church Basement, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Tuesday: Marilyn Brooks.
Admitted Wednesday: Alan-Kohn, Theodore Harner.
Discharged Wednesday: Edward Schaitken, John Zora, Ruth Grotzky, Shirley Long, Eleanor Glassman.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Grand Union Co., a chain of super markets, Dec. 9. February grads for food retailing.

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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