

Missed the Boat

Somebody missed the boat. LAST DECEMBER, NEWS about the College's plan to house 1,000 freshmen and 650 upperclassmen in the new West Dorms evoked a tempest. Letters from Nittany-Pollock and other living groups began to flood the Daily Collegian office. First announcement of the College plan was dubbed "a bombshell" when it hit a Nittany Council meeting.

The Association of Independent Men was inflamed over the "injustice" of placing new frosh in the dorms instead of operating on a seniority basis for all 1,650 dorm spaces. Interfraternity Council was called "sympathetic" with the view that freshman opportunities should be equalized but not at the expense of upperclassmen. And Nittany Council and Pollock Council were termed "up in arms."

The Daily Collegian inveighed against a plan which was called "worthwhile in its place but not fair for the present when campus housing conditions are tight." It seemed inevitable that the "bombshell" should be dropped in All-College Cabinet's lap; it was, by AIM.

CABINET SOLONS took up the cudgels for an apparently aroused student body and maintained that the freshman-in-new-dorm policy would be against best interests of everybody involved, including the freshmen. Charged with investigating and making concrete suggestions, a Cabinet dorm committee decided that a somewhat inconvenienced freshman is better than a bitter senior. It said, "Frosh counseling could be carried on well in Nittany-Pollock" and thought it had more backing than that of Cabinet when it gained Cabinet permission to "go the limit" toward trying to effect a change in West Dorm policy.

THEN AN AIM committee headed by Bill Zakor cooperated with the dean of men's office in making available to all independent men application blanks for spaces in the modern West Dorms. The committeemen modestly expected to be swamped with applications; at least they thought the returns would surpass the 650 figure set by the College as upperclass space allotment. This was to be tangible proof that the independent men wanted to live in the luxurious West Dorms.

The independent men, less the 550 who applied, do not want to live in the West Dorms. Although a powerful, general case still can be made for seniority in the best available dorms, tangible proof of the independent men's desires has not been supplied to support all the fuss.

A bombshell hit Nittany Council. AIM was insensed. The Collegian spoke. Cabinet was aroused. The committee wanted to "go the limit."

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Little Man On Campus by Bibler



"Well, you might say I'm going to school on the 'G.I. bill'—my ex-husband is a veteran."

Charters---

(Continued from page one) grant a charter to any organization which desires official recognition at the College.)

Approved 20 Years Ago Dean Wilson, secretary of the committee, said the charter was granted the local Alpha Kappa Psi chapter, despite the restrictive clause in its constitution, because it had originally been approved by the Senate committee more than 20 years ago.

"Further," he said, "at the time the petition was approved there was no written policy which would deny a charter to any group, professional or otherwise, because of restrictive membership requirements."

"In light of these two facts and the fact that no opposition was created to the group's organization, it was granted a charter."

The charter was approved only after a Senate subcommittee, appointed to investigate the situation, made a proposal to permit the Alpha Kappa Psi's a charter with the stipulation that it remove the restrictive clause in its constitution by October 1, 1951.

Defeat Removal Plan

This proposal was voted down after it was pointed out that such a decision would also affect other organizations on campus with similar clauses in their by-laws. At least one professional organization, Delta Sigma Pi, a competing national commerce fraternity, and several social fraternities would have been affected by the motion.

Wilson said he opposed such action because he believed "education, not coercion, was the solution to the problem of discrimination."

After being chartered in 1930, the national Alpha Kappa Psi group refused to admit the local chapter. Last year the national revoked its previous stand and urged members of the Commerce Club to reapply for affiliation with the national society.

Several professors, members of

News Briefs

Jazz Concert

A jazz concert, first of several spring activities, will be given by the junior class in Schwab auditorium from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 11.

Geographical Society

Membership in the recently organized Penn State Geographical Society is open to all majors in geography and those Education students minoring in geography.

Meetings are held once each month and varied programs of speakers and movies are held. Anyone interested may stop in 106 MI.

'Time Is A Dream'

H. R. Lenormand's play, "Time Is A Dream," presented by the Penn State Players, is going into its third week at Center Stage. Tickets, which are now on sale at Student Union, are \$9.00 for Friday night and \$1.20 for Saturday; the latter including refreshments. Curtain is at 8:00 o'clock.

the chapter from other universities, backed the petition.

Members of the newly-organized Alpha Kappa Psi chapter promised the committee to press the national organization to remove the restrictive clause from its constitution.

Committee Reluctant

Senate committee also sent a letter to both the local and national groups saying that "the petition was approved with considerable reluctance . . . (and) we hope you will see your way clear to make a change in these (membership) requirements as they are not in keeping with policies established by this institution."

Jack Wyker is president of the newly-organized group and Dr. Sheldon C. Tanner is the chapter advisor.

Outstanding . . .

One of the most worthwhile lectures to be presented to a Penn State audience this year will be held tonight when Dr. E. B. DuBois speaks on "The American Negro, 1865-1950."

The race problem and discrimination has been important in the development of present-day America. Tonight's lecture should be enlightening in giving us a better understanding of American life, and how it became this way.

Dr. DuBois is well qualified to speak with authority on this subject, for he has taken a personal part in the story. He is a leader in the movement which demands complete equality for Negroes, as opposed to the gradual self-improvement ideas of Booker T. Washington.

by Herb Stein

Safety Valve . . .

Welcome Suggestions

TO THE EDITOR: In one of your recent editions you printed an article concerning the newly appointed committee of the Liberal Arts; The Course Evaluation Committee. In this article the statement was erroneously made that this committee had at the present time several professors on the block for reprimanding by the Dean of the Liberal Arts School. This statement is out of conjunction with the purpose of our committee since we are striving to improve instructor-student relations. That is what we wish to construct—a method by which the student may intelligently criticize certain methods used in teaching, textbooks used in the courses, and to provide a way for the students to give suggestions for the improvement of their school.

Truly enough we have received suggestions from many students about means used in classes, but these are not meant to harm or injure the instructor but merely to aid him in finding a satisfactory method of teaching.

The members of the committee wish to hear of all student suggestions and there has been a box placed outside the Dean's office for this purpose. If students find they don't have access to this box, all correspondence may be sent to Roger L. Dietz or Edward Shanken, Box 579.

—Roger L. Dietz
Edward Shanken

Gazette

Friday, March 3

EL CIRCULO ESPANOL, SE Atherton, 7 p.m. CHEM-PHYS NEWSLETTER, Available Osmond Lobby.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Mar. 17. Electrical Engineers (Power majors only) and Mechanical Engineers.

GE Chem & Metal Division, Mar. 9, 10. June MS and BS graduates in Chem E, Chem, and Metallurgy. Single men are preferred.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

Shell Oil Co., Mar. 6, 7. June MS and BS candidates in MngE and Petroleum and Natural Gas Refining, MS candidates in EE and ME, and PhD candidates in Phys.

Duquesne Light Co., Mar. 13, 14. June grads in EE, ME, and CE.

General Electric Co., Mar. 13 to 16. June grads in EE, IE, ME, and Phys. for its test engineering program.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa., Mar. 13, 14. June grads in EE and IE. The work consists of technical and business operations, and engineering planning. Applicants must not be over 24 years of age and should have a 1.5 or better average.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Thursday: Ruth McSparran.
Discharged Thursday: Susan Smith, Anna Light, James Eckman, James Dieffenderfer.

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