

Safety Valve . . .

Setting Things Straight

TO THE EDITOR: In view of the current agitation with regard to discriminatory clauses in the constitutions of certain student organizations and the apparent lack of information with regard to the proper classification of some of these groups, it seems wise to call attention particularly to the use of the designation "honor society."

The term "honorary" is locally used in a very desultory fashion to characterize all sorts of nondescript student organizations, many of which admittedly make no pretense of being an honor society.

Baird's Manual, the standard authority on such matters, has adopted the following (abridged) definition of an honor society as formulated by the Association of College Honor Societies: an honor society is an organization which bases membership eligibility upon the attainment of high scholarship and student achievement.

General honor societies may elect students from the upper 20 per cent of their class and departmental societies must select members from the upper 35 per cent of their class. Societies which do not have these standards are properly classed as "recognition societies." The term "honorary" in an adjective although on this campus it is frequently used incorrectly as a noun.

Other student organizations properly classified as "professional societies" or fraternities confine their memberships to specific fields and have either no academic standards for membership or standards which are lower than the ones required by honor societies. Many professional societies are open to any interested person.

None of the 22 societies holding membership in the Association of College Honor Societies has in its constitution any clause which limits membership because of race, creed or color.

—Marsh W. White
National President,
Association of College
Honor Societies.

For Your Own Good

TO THE EDITOR: I saw your notice of the present file of blue books in the Physics Library. Will you be so good as to make a warning equally apparent.

Considerable time and money has been spent in assembling this material. It is not the duty of the librarian or the department to furnish such a file. Last semester, one bound book of Physics Tests, 1947, was torn from the bound book of 1948 tests for Physics.

This material cannot be replaced—only three copies of any exams are filed and the library gets just one copy. The books could not be bought anywhere.

Some students saw the pages torn from the book, but no attempt to save the material or report the damage was made. Some one knows where the 1947 book is and you will find it well stamped as property of the Physics Library. It's true one person could take the book and tear up the other, and that is a small minority. But unless students are ready to assume some responsible attitude toward their own destructive members, how do you think a collection such as this can survive?

I am not willing to ask for additional material nor to do the work of handling it, unless students are to assume some responsibility for their members who are so destructive, where those members are known.

—Mrs. Sue C. Blasingame
Physics Library

Letter Cut

The "Ides of March"

Old Willie Shakespeare was even brighter than most people give him credit for being. Writing in Elizabethan times, he warned to beware the "Ides of March."

Now 350 years later, taxpayers rue March 15th more than Julius Ceasar ever did.

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Little Man On Campus by Bibler



"Yeah! Well, the chow ain't so hot at our house either."

On Free Cigarettes

A man from a cigarette company was up in the TUB one morning handing out free samples. The catch was: if you took a free sample, you were under a moral obligation to stay and see a Cinecolor movie showing how this particular brand of cigarettes is manufactured.

THE GENTLEMAN had a unique little one piece projector and screen set which he set up on top of the root beer machine. It was constructed very much like a small television receiver and the first scene was of a group of cigarettes marching, marching . . . going somewhere. We were never told where.

Unfortunately, at this point, we had a class, and moral obligation or no moral obligation, we had to go . . . with the sample he gave us carefully clutched in our hot little hand.

But curious about all of this, we stopped to chat with the man for a minute. "Why are you doing this?" we asked. "Because I get paid for it," he answered.

THAT SEEMED LOGICAL enough to us, but we had other questions to ask before we went rushing off to our next class. We found that this gentleman goes from university to university—some colleges too—showing his silly little film and giving away his cigarettes.

"They're not my cigarettes," he corrected us. "I wouldn't give them away if they were mine. I'd hide in a corner and smoke them all myself. If I smoked, that is."

We asked him why he was paid to give cigarettes away, no matter whom they belonged to. He didn't know, but he supposed that there must be some reason. We pondered this matter together and came up with the solution that it must boost the sales of the brand.

"DON'T BE SILLY," he said. "That can't be it. If I give them away, then everybody will smoke the free samples and they'll never buy any cigarettes, this brand or any other." We shook our heads solemnly in unison, doubting the sanity of advertising executives.

"Well," we said, "We must be off." We looked at our watch and found that we were already fifteen minutes late for our next class.

We decided that since we were already late, we would cut the class and see the cigarette movie, but we found that the movie was all over, and would not be shown again. So we toddled off home where we gave the sample away and broke out a pack of our favorite brand.

—Jack Garretson-Butt

Tracking Down Tales

With The Staff

We are indebted to John Gunther's book, "INSIDE F.D.R." and "Look Magazine" for an interesting sidelight on Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Penn State's president-elect.

General Eisenhower (Milton's brother) had never met F.D.R. except for one brief, impersonal contact, until he was assigned to go to England in 1942 as commander of the American forces there. He expected some pretty heavy talk, but the President's opening remark was, "I've just had to spend an hour on your baby brother. He's giving me an awful lot of trouble."

"My brother Milton?" Eisenhower replied, startled. "Yes, four different government departments want him, and I have to decide which will be lucky enough to get him!"

For several days a large sign has been evident before the front door of the Beecher House. It bears the inscription, "For your Safety—No Trespassing."

One student was wading through the prose work entitled "Laocoon," a work on criticism by the German writer, Lessing. A friend came up behind him and read the title. "Lessing's Laocoon?" he mused. "I didn't know that had been written yet."

A Chat With ARW

This is another in a series of articles by Arthur R. Warnock, dean emeritus who was in contact with thousands of undergraduates during his 30 year tenure as dean of men.

Today is the 87th birthday of Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee. Pattee once told me that when he was a young college instructor, three doctors told him that he couldn't expect to live more than a few years longer. "I swore then and there that I would make liars out of those doctors," said Pattee. That he has done—and how!

PATTEE HAS BEEN sick a good deal lately, however, and his medical and hospital bills have been large. Some of his friends, therefore, are getting together a purse of money as a birthday gift to him. Contributions may be sent to Julia Brill, 104 Old Main.

Though known to present-day students only as the author of Penn State's Alma Mater, Pattee was quite a man on the campus—literally a B.M.O.C. A Dartmouth graduate, he joined the faculty here in 1894 and remained until 1928. As head of the department of English, he brought fame to himself and the College by introducing the first courses in American literature taught in colleges of this country.

For many years he served as acting chaplain in charge of chapel exercises. He was one of the founders of the Literary Club, a faculty organization which is still active as the "Lit Club." He was an organizer of the Thespians dramatic club. Though his social fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon, had no chapter here, he was much interested in fraternities. He was active in the St. Paul's Methodist Church, and in civic affairs of the town. Among Penn States undergraduates for a period of 35 years, he was held in great respect and admiring affection.

He wrote, "Thou didst mold us, dear old State, into men," and he was a big part of the molding process.

—Arthur R. Warnock

Gazette

Wednesday, March 22

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Club, 213 Willard, 7:30 p.m.

CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS Student Council, 410 Old Main, 8:45 p.m.

AIM COUNCIL, 409 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

PSCA COFFEE-ORUM, 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.

PSCA ROUND Table, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Bailey Meter Co., Mar. 24. June grads in EE and ME.

National Carbon Division of Union Carbide and Carbon, Mar. 27. June grads in EE, ME, Metal and an engineering physicist for domestic production. Also Chem. engineers for both domestic and overseas work. Students must have a 1.8 or better average and show evidence of extra-curricular activities.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Columbia Chemical Division, Mar. 27. June grads in ME, ChemE and Chem. Students must have a 2.0 average.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., Mar. 29. BS and MS candidates in ME, for their training course.

Babcock & Wilcox Tube Co., Mar. 29. June grads in Metal who are interested in sales work.

National Recreation Association, Mar. 29: All students interested in entering the recreation profession contact Mr. W. C. Sutherland, personnel director of NRA, in 101 Moffatt Cottage at 9:30 p.m.

E. R. Squibb & Sons, Mar. 30. Juniors in Chem, Biol, Phys, ChemE, ME and Sci. interested in summer work, with possibility of permanent employment after graduation. Candidates must have an average of 1.5 or better, and show leadership in extra-curricular activities.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Information concerning these positions can be obtained at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.

Insurance Company of North America, Mar. 30. June grads in A&L, C&F, ME, EE, and CE. Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Division, Mar. 30, 31. June grads in Chem E and ME.

Couple with no children wanted to work in Centre County for entire summer. Husband to work as guide and wife to assume household responsibilities. Excellent salary.

Refreshment Stand Manager and others for sales. Jobs will start on approximately April 1.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Monday: Fred Shihadeh, Levis Baldwin, Donald Murray, Charles Farley, Joanne Winston.

Admitted Tuesday: Joanne Miller, Robert Pascuzzi, Dolores Lukowski, Shirley Smith, John Skelly.

AT THE MOVIES

STATE—Holiday Affair.
CATHAUM—Great Dan Patch.
NITTANY—Everybody Does It.

While counting noses in Social Psychology, Professor Coutu called "Lois Pulver," then stopped and looked up. "Did I hear an echo," he asked.