

Bx Evaluation

Today when the BX comes up for evaluation of its past and decision on its future, we hope that the outcome is helpful to the students.

In its trial operation of slightly more than a year in the TUB, the BX has increased its sales and remained financially in the black, in spite of the BX policy—beneficial to the students—of returning a good percentage of funds to student purchasers.

With such proved indication that the BX does perform a service to the students through sale of notebooks, paper and other school supplies, the BX Board of Control can now rightfully stand up and maintain that it deserves a mandate from the Board of Trustees to continue as a permanent chartered student function.

IT FURTHER CAN stand up and request a space that is nearer to the center of campus than the TUB, and a space that is larger than the 15x20 TUB room.

Because the BX, in its present modest circumstances, has proved a success, there is every indication that it would boast even more success and student benefit if granted the chance to assert itself in more propitious space and dimensions and locale.

A Wise Move

The Interfraternity Council Wednesday night made a wise move in its fight to eliminate discrimination in campus fraternities. A resolution was passed requesting that each fraternity take whatever immediate action possible toward the removal of any discriminatory clauses which might exist in its national constitution. The action is in keeping with a resolution adopted by the National Interfraternity Council recently.

Previously, the Council considered a plan whereby every Greek house on campus would be required to submit proof by 1952 that no such clauses existed, or face expulsion from IFC. Fortunately, the danger of that program was seen and the resolution altered to its present form.

Many fraternities on campus belong to national organizations composed of 50 to 100 chapters and the degree of "say so" which the individual chapter may exercise is greatly limited. In addition, most of the fraternities conduct national conventions once every two years and it is only then that parliamentary action leading to changes in policy can be taken. Under these circumstances, telling each local chapter that it must change its national constitution or be pushed out of IFC would be like telling Rhode Island it must amend the Bill of Rights or withdraw from the Union. In other words, for many houses, the task would have been impossible within the time originally allotted.

Perhaps a time limit should be set so long as it allows the chapters under this burden a sufficient period to accomplish the goal without creating a serious disturbance and probable barrier to success within their national structures.

There is certainly no doubt that discrimination has no place within the fraternity system, but concentrated pressure at the appropriate time by each chapter within its national organization is the only means by which its elimination can be satisfactorily achieved.

It should be remembered, however, that the removal of constitutional clauses barring certain races or religions is by no means an assurance that discrimination itself is defeated. The futility of treating an effect rather than a cause has been proved time and again. Certainly fraternities or other groups could continue to discriminate regardless of "clean" constitutions.

When the attitudes of prejudice are removed, the clauses will disappear as a matter of natural process. At Penn State, great strides are being made toward the defeat of prejudice in its casual form and it would be folly to take any action which might create bitterness and disrupt the smoothly functioning Campus fraternity system.

—Jack Boddington

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Little Man On Campus

by Bibler



"We thought since you liked 'shotgun tests' so well, Professor Snarf, we'd see if you could pass one."

An Old, Old Story

Penn State, like any other university in the country, has several sets of initials that signify something to its students. For example there's the IFC, AIM, PSCA and zillions of other letter combinations.

MOST OF THESE alphabetic organizations serve a noble and worthy purpose.

But hiding behind the aforementioned purposes of these organizations is one whose very mention causes male men to cringe in terror, one which has made its appearance in every living unit of the College.

The initials of this terroristic Ku Klux Klan of the Kampus are ROPS. They stand for the deadly sickening words, the Royal Order of the Purple Shaft.

Sometimes, a poor guy doesn't know that he's been tagged with the dubious honor of becoming a member of this ever-growing organization.

His best friends won't tell him.

BUT WHILE sitting in a booth at the Corner Room he may overhear a conversation like this:

"Did you hear about Yankel? That girl he's been going around with has a boyfriend at home."

To which the other person or persons in the booth may give a variety of answers. Some of them go: "No kidding! Boy he got shafted," or, "He's had it," or maybe even "So she juked him at last, huh?"

Let's take a typical case.

HUBERT DOES his roommate a favor and takes his roommate's girlfriend's girlfriend out on a date. She's a good looking girl, Hubert has a pretty good time and also decides that he likes the girl.

Being a man of means, he even buys her cokes as they happily hotdog together for lo these many weeks. As a token of his esteem, he presents the girl with his high school ring, feeling that he has a good thing, and that he should make it binding in some way. She coyly accepts the present, and buys a padlock to put on the chain that will house the ring around her neck.

Hubert is in heaven. At last he thinks that he has found the girl of his dreams.

(Editor's note: This is where the shaft comes in).

THE YOUNG LADY in the story has a good friend at some little college far, far away. Her friend asks her to come and visit her on a big weekend. Naturally, it would be foolish not to have a date while she visits, so Hubert consents to "just this once."

Our villainess goes on her merry way after making many avowals of her affection for Hubert, who considerably takes her to the train.

The weekend is over and our little girl is safely back in the dormitory.

Hubert calls that night immediately after supper. And what is he greeted with?

"DAHLING," she gushes, "I want you to be the first to know. I got pinned to an Alpha Cholera while I was away. Isn't that wonderful?"

When Hubert is finally revived, he is hit by the terrible realization that he has gotten the SHAFT!

So, as our little story ends, we come up with only one solution. In self-defense, all men must have at least three girls waiting at home to fall back on in these times of stress.

Arise, men. This is our only hope.

—GEORGE GLAZER

Sorority Beginnings

Women's social organizations first began at Penn State with the founding of the Nita-Nee society in January, 1922, and several other groups which quickly followed. They obtained national charters as sororities beginning in 1926, after trustee action permitting them to petition national organizations.

Friend and Rival

Dr. Fred L. Pattee, mentioned in Dean Emeritus' Warnock's column and remembered by the Penn Staters of today as the author of the Alma Mater, was a close friend and literary rival of H. L. Mencken. The two carried on a long series of verbal fisticuffs on nearly every literary topic of the day.

Exchange News

From the Temple University News: While General Eisenhower was being wooed for the presidential nomination in 1948, president-elect of the College, Dr. Milton Eisenhower could have had the Republican and Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator from Kansas.

Dr. Eisenhower chose however to continue as president of Kansas State College and chairman of the United States' 11-member commission to the United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization.

From the Lehigh Brown and White: At Lehigh University, \$2000 has been collected from students for parking violations since September 1948. Minimum fines at Lehigh are \$5 and tolls must be paid at the bursar's office within 24 hours or the amount is doubled.

From the Syracuse Daily Orange: The Interfraternity Council at Syracuse University has passed a measure against discriminatory clauses in fraternity constitutions similar to the plan approved by the local IFC Wednesday.

The Syracuse plan provides opposition to the chartering of new fraternities with restrictive clauses, undergraduate representatives are ordered to vote against the admission of such groups, and a three-man committee to effect compromises was formed.

From the Michigan State News: The concert program at Michigan State next year includes such artists as Artur Schnabel, James Melton, Burl Ives, Ferruccio Tagliavini, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, Kirsten Flagstad, and five other outstanding programs.

In addition, lecturers will include Edward R. Murrow, Senators Paul Douglas and Wayne Morse, Elsa Maxwell, and Hodding Carter.

Gazette

Friday, March 31

COLLEGIAN SENIOR And Junior Edit Boards, 9 CH, 5 p.m.

PSCA BIBLE Fellowship, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

WRA FENCING, 1 White Hall 7 p.m.

WRA BADMINTON, White Hall Gym, 4 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING, White Hall Pool, 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.

Westinghouse Corp. April 11, 12, 13. June grads in EE, ME, IE for openings in sales and a few manufacturing openings. Also a few jobs in highly technical engineering, requiring outstanding analytical ability, for EE and ME. There are no openings in routine or service engineering. Openings also in Metallurgy for materials, development and application.

Philadelphia Electric Co., April 12. June grads and juniors in EE.

Marathon Corp., April 12. June grads in IE for time and motion, and wage incentive work.

General Electric Business Division, April 12. June grads in C&F for their training program. A great deal of accounting will be involved during the first three years. Applicants must have an average of 2.0 or better.

Kendal Refining Co., April 13. B.S. and M.S. candidates in ChemE. Applicants must have an average of 1.8 or better.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., April 13, 14. June grads in EE, ME and ChemE for their Akron manufacturing training program. Opportunities will be mainly in production management, product and process development, research, plant engineering and technical sales.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Substitute waiters and kitchen help in college dining commons leading to permanent positions in September.

Summer camp and resort jobs available to persons with various specialties.

Dietitians for several camps.

Hotel dining room managers and staff. Seats 150. May be operated under rental agreement.

Sales personnel sought for both current and summer work.

Fuller Brush Co. Full time positions open for summer. Various counties in Pa. available.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: Joel Peabody, Craig Elliot, George Denison, Rose Larsen, Robert Ransley.

Admitted Thursday: John Herr, William Lungren, Carol Thompson.

Discharged Wednesday: Joel Peabody.

Discharged Thursday: Jack Bray, Patricia Dux, Ann Manzuk, Joan Atkinson.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Malaya.

STATE—Barricade.

NITTANY—Adam's Rib.