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Charter Proposal

Dr. R. Wallace Brewster's recommendation to the College Senate to refuse chartering of restricted honorary fraternities is not exactly an explosive action.

THERE IS ONLY ONE such honorary on campus, Alpha Kappa Psi, and that one is fully expected to amend its constitution at a national convention this summer.

Dr. Brewster's recommendation, which he presented to the Senate as chairman of Senate Committee on Student Welfare, does not affect social fraternities or sororities.

However, it is difficult to criticize a motion which has such a worthwhile purpose. The effect of this motion, if accepted by the full body of the Senate, is that the College is making a clear-cut statement for all to hear that Penn State honorary societies actually honor outstanding students from the entire enrollment and not some restricted part of it.

In this light the recommendation is distinctly commendable.

The question now is what, if anything, will be done regarding social fraternities. The arguments for and against this usually end in a deadlock over the question of whether one prefers evolution or "action now."

The result is that both sides haggle with each other until a compromise is effected whereby the preferences of both prevail but each to a lesser degree. This is the sort of thing that probably can be looked for in the fraternity question.

AT LEAST THERE IS ASSURANCE now that discrimination is going out the window at Penn State where professional and honorary societies are concerned.

—Herbert Stein

Record Those Votes

A **VOTING RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL** members of All-College Cabinet would be of use to many individuals and organizations.

At present, Cabinet votes are unrecorded and are taken by rising or by a show of hands. A roll call vote with the results recorded for the use of individuals and organizations would be useful in these ways:

MEMBERS OF CABINET'S COMPONENT organizations could check their representatives' votes. This is necessary to insure that members really are representing their organizations.

Voting records of candidates would be available to the public at election time, if the candidate previously was a member of Cabinet. This is a not too uncommon occurrence.

An analysis of the vote would be readily available to the press, the public and the administration.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE is no reason to conceal the vote. Members will be constrained to vote conscientiously and in accordance with the wishes of their constituencies.

—Stan Degler

Safety Valve . . .

Letters to the Editor should be addressed—The Daily Collegian, Box 261, Boro. The writer's name will be withheld upon request, but no letter will be printed unless it is signed.

Men Behind the Men

TO THE EDITOR: Since the proud Nittany Lion no longer bellows plaudits for those who through their daily efforts are striving for a "better Penn State", I think it only fitting and proper that the Lion should lustily roar for three, so-called "behind the scenes" men who are helping to make the Lion's stamping grounds "a great little place" to boast about.

First of the trio to draw a robust bellowing from the stately Lion is Clarence 'Dutch' Sykes, the-man-behind-the-man who makes things tick in the College's vast intramural program. The Lion roars his approval for a job that has been most capably handled.

Next, the Lion wags his tail merrily for the "big-mean man" with the big stick, Captain Phillip Mark of the Campus Patrol. His is not an easy task, however his kindness and sincerity have won him many a friend. The Lion roars loudly for service rendered.

Last, but not least, a ferocious roar for the "best friend" any Penn State athlete has, Ralph Wert, the never tiring equipment manager at Rec Hall. He's a guy whose actions speak louder than words. The Lion roars in gratitude.

Let's have a short yell, Sykes-Mark-Wert.

—George Vadasz

More Liberal 'Placement'

TO THE EDITOR: It has always been a source of no small amazement to me that the College Placement Service has, on its application form, the question, "Father's occupation—". In recent years, with the advent of FEPC laws, and perhaps, of more liberal thinking, it has come to be considered bad taste to ask a prospective employee's religion. However, to get around the barrier, a certain minority of industrial concerns, and, I am glad to say, it is a minority, ask instead such questions as "Nationality", "Father's nationality", and "Father's occupation". Obviously, his father's occupation has nothing to do with the applicant's capabilities for the job. It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that it is used as a guide to the racial background of the individual.

To a liberal thinking people such prejudices still extant in industry are reprehensible. But that a College Placement Service should cooperate in these prejudices is even worse. Could not the Placement Service see fit to erase this unfortunate question from their application?

Name Withheld

Ed. Note: George N. Leetch, director of the College Placement Service, explains that all information on application forms is put there to be helpful both to the employer and the individual, both of whom are looking for the same thing. Employers often like to know the background of an individual, he said, in order to be able to fit him into the right job.

Gazette . . .

Friday, May 12

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: Tonight at 7:30 p.m. 405 Old Main.

CHEERLEADING: Practice session tonight at 7 p.m. in front of Old Main.

FORESTRY SOCIETY: Picnic Sunday at Greenwood Furnace.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

J. C. Penny Co., May 19. June grads in C & F for retail sales work.

Kawneer Co., May 19. June grads in Engineering for a sales training program. Men with technical background and some experience in business preferred. No priority.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Interviews for full time summer sales with Wearever. May 16. Part time during school year.

Recreation director for Pocono resort.

Interviews for Camp Christmas-Seal, May 16. Walters and Dishwashers for next year. Must be able to start now. Weekend subs needed.

Juniata Valley Council Camp, aquatics director.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Big Lift.

STATE: The Damned Don't Cry.

NITTANY: Twelve O'clock High.

Little Man On Campus

by Bibler



"I hate to break a date, Worthal, but I can't go out tonight—I've got to go to a dratted ole study hall."

Pro and Con

By STAN DEGLER

As the editor of the Daily Collegian suggested Tuesday, the new All-College Cabinet might do well to reconsider the freshman customs program.

CUSTOMS ADVOCATES have advanced four principal benefits as justification for the program. A united student body, school color, improved spirit as a result, and an improved educational institution have been cited in the report of the customs committee as the aims of the program.

While some persons question the desirability of school spirit, per se, most opponents of the plan have criticized the program in part, while admitting that some measures might be worthwhile. This seems to be reason enough for reconsideration, since many of provisions of the plan are questionable as a means of promoting the stated aims of customs.

Reason no longer rules if one takes an absolute view of frosh customs, either for or against. Personal philosophy then becomes important; one "feels" that customs would be desirable or undesirable because of his general orientation. The absolute anti-customs view is unlikely to prevail, however, for its advocates have found no effective means of making their influence felt.

THE MAN ON THE MALL could easily feel that customs are being foisted upon him by campus wheels. Hat societies, the motive force in forming the plan, are certainly not typical groups. And while their members may be better informed than the common student, they are effecting government for, instead of by, the students.

It is true, of course, that anyone opposed to customs was given the opportunity to voice his ideas before Tribunal and All-College Cabinet. A few did. But as in most things, the controversy passed the average student by, leaving him vaguely disturbed perhaps, but not excited enough to do something about it.

The customs advocates have some logic on their side. No one would deny that some aspects of the program are colorful. Probably customs do promote class unity. A united student body is more questionable since customs would be more likely to divide the student body as a whole than to unite it. An improved educational institution as a result seems illogical, since the connection between customs and education seems far-flung.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT being organized as it is, there is little chance that customs will be repealed, but a reconsideration and modification would be very much in order. For instance, the provisions concerning smoking, dating, and doffing dinks to willows, upperclassmen and so forth seem particularly useless.

There are some grounds for the contention that sadism is a factor in the program. Leaders of the plan have spoken of a time of tribulation, trial by fire, striking fear into the hearts of freshmen, and violators will be dealt with most severely. Maybe this is an integral part of customs, but we fail to see how striking fear into anyone's heart can promote any useful end.

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