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Moderate Course

One thing that appears certain in the news of the past week is that a good many fraternity members want to engage in social drinking once in a while. The proposal put forth by Interfraternity council to allow chaperoned mixed drinking indicates that fraternity leaders, pushed by enthusiastic elements on both sides, are making an earnest attempt to cope with their problem.

WE DON'T THINK that everyone who takes a drink will end up being a drunkard—nor do we agree with the liquor advertisements which depict drinking as a great, clean, wholesome American sport. But we do feel that the disadvantages of prohibitory measures are just as great as the advantages, and that they react principally to the detriment of individuals involved.

We might as well face the fact that students are going to drink, regardless of regulations. And we are dubious of the psychological, social, and moral effects of secretive drinking.

The IFC proposal, which would give considerable power to chaperones, seems to us a plan for moderation that steers a steady course between two extremes. The plan should allow social drinking and still prevent excesses. It would mean control over those persons who are not willing or able to control themselves in drinking.

IFC'S PLAN is not perfect, for it does not take into full consideration state liquor laws which prohibit sale, furnishing, or giving of liquor, malt, or brewed beverages to persons under 21. Again, it would seem to be in contravention to the spirit of the unchaperoned dating privilege which fraternities cherish. However, such defects very possibly could be ironed out in consultation with the administration.

The administration's announcement that it will give full consideration to the proposal may indicate that the administration is cognizant of IFC's efforts to reach an agreement amenable to both sides. Responsibility now rests with both IFC and the administration to establish a wise settlement.

Safety Valve . . .

Demoralizing Army Life

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to Howard Brasington's criticism of the editorial entitled "Bleak Outlook" I wish to defend the bleak outlook attitude toward the draft. Army life, in my opinion, can be considered nothing more than bleak and demoralizing—no matter what the object behind the draft may be. Perhaps this draft will establish a lasting world peace, but only time will tell the true story on that supposition. I sincerely hope that Congress is making the right choice in following our present "tough" foreign policy, but I maintain the right to question the government's right to draft citizens against their will as long as some sort of "peaceful" peace settlement is possible through wise diplomacy.

• Letter Cut

— Howard Miller

Dead But Not Buried

TO THE EDITOR: CUSTOMS ARE DEAD. WHY NOT BURY THEM?

— Isenberg, Allen, Ziff

Frosh Footing Unstable

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to state a few facts which in our opinion led to the downfall of the frosh Tug-O-War team. We admit handkerchief, but, when the match began the that the rope was evenly divided by a white handkerchief was practically in the leading hatman's hand, while the nearest frosh was ten feet away. The main point we wish to stress is that due to the slope of Pollock road, the water flowed to the frosh's side of the contest area making stable footing practically impossible. Taking into consideration the points mentioned above, we ask you, was this contest fairly conducted?

• Letter Cut

— William Kenney, Alfred Shalkowski, Richard Lamberti, Garland Gingerich

Gazette . . .

Friday, October 27

PENN STATE Bible fellowship, 405 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.

Sperry Gyroscope company will be on campus Monday, Oct. 30. They are interested in midyear B.S. graduates in electrical engineering who are in the upper half of their class; 1951 Ph.D. candidates in electrical engineering and physics; M.S. candidates in electrical engineering and physics who graduate not later than June 1951. The priority system will not be in effect for this announcement.

Curtiss-Wright corporation, propeller division, in Caldwell, N.J. will interview midyear graduates in aeronautical engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering at the B.S. and M.S. levels on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

General Fireproofing company, Ortho Pharmaceutical corporation, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, and Timken Roller Bearing company will be represented by Dr. Paul E. Williams, who will interview January graduates on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Dr. Williams is interested in students in C&F, A&L, Met., Mining Eng., zoology, Phys. Ed. C.E., I.E., M.E., Pre-Med. and accounting. Applicants should be in the upper half of their class. Positions available are primarily sales. The priority system will not be in effect for this announcement.

Radio Corporation of America, Radio Victor division, will interview January graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., I.E., and M.E. on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Men interested in manufacturing should have an average of 1.5; those in design and development, 1.8 or better.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Glass Menagerie

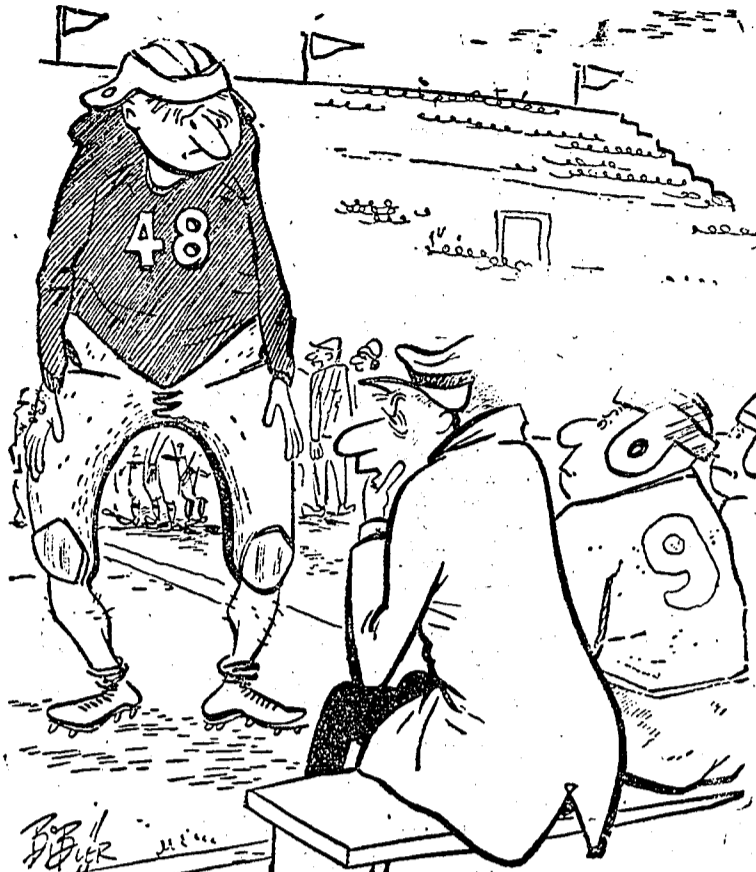
STATE: The Petty Girl

NIITANY: Rembrandt

STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Twelve O'Clock High.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Tex—how'd you like to play in the backfield? You can't seem to stop any of those line plays."

Pro and Con

By STAN DEGLER

Surprise Drinking Proposal

Interfraternity council's revelation that it has had a proposal before the administration for two weeks to modify the ruling on drinking came as quite a surprise to most people.

IT ISN'T HARD TO UNDERSTAND why the College wants something specific on the record about drinking. The laws of the state prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors, and local groups such as WCTU undoubtedly have done their best to foist "prohibition" upon students.

Since Penn State is a state-supported school, one could hardly expect the administration to ignore such obvious signs of drinking as the existence of bars in fraternity houses.

On the other hand, confining such activities to fraternity houses might be wiser than forcing the man who wants alcohol to Bellefonte or elsewhere. Drinking and driving are a bad combination, as everyone knows.

In the phrase mixed drinking lies another sensitive aspect of the problem. WSGA regulations forbid drinking for women students—even before last summer's ruling, believe it or not. It seems absurd to expect that WSGA would revoke this rule. Under the IFC import dating code, visiting girls are also subject to WSGA regulations.

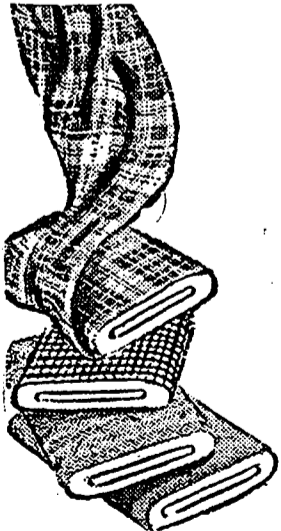
IFC'S BOARD OF CONTROL, which aimed at retaining drinking privileges, by curbing irregularities at houseparties, had the right idea. As long as students exercise moderation, there would probably be little trouble with College, townspeople, or law. Unfortunately students have not always been discreet.

Thus the College is faced with the dilemma of officially disapproving drinking practices, without being able to set up any effective enforcement machinery. Maybe the rules are just for public consumption and the College intends to wink behind the public back. Or maybe a hopeless "prohibition" enforcement will be attempted.

A more intelligent choice might be a compromise which curbed objectionable practices without attempting a hopeless enforcement. But perhaps this is impossible too.

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