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Colleges And UMT

If a severe universal military training law passes Congress, America's colleges and universities will be faced with a difficult struggle for survival. A decrease of 40 per cent in the college and university population throughout the nation is expected for possibly the next decade if UMT becomes law.

THE COLLEGES and universities are the backbone of American freedom. Should they be crippled by a shortage of students, the process of the freedom of the UMT supporters wish to preserve also would be crippled. Without colleges and universities operating at full strength, one of the most potent forces for democracy would be greatly impaired.

This is one of the basic problems now facing the men who are supporting UMT. We do not here wish to argue the merits of UMT, but rather to point out the basic problem that UMT poses for democratic education.

An America with crippled colleges and universities quickly could degenerate into stagnation—the kind of mental stagnation which would preclude the type of country we wish to defend. If UMT is to be enacted, the chief question is: How can America preserve its higher educational system—the key to its intellectual survival—without impairing the program allegedly needed for military survival?

The men who are supporting UMT appear sincere in their desire to preserve the American way of life, but before they rush through a military program, they need to work out a plan which will also preserve the free educational institutions that are the foundation of the system they wish to defend.

Special Busses

Bus travelers were heartened Wednesday to learn that the College committee of the National Student association had arranged for a number of express busses to leave State College before the Christmas vacation.

STANDEES in these bulging crowds that gather around busses before every College vacation will be glad to know that once they get on the bus, they can at least ride straight through to their destinations.

Beyond this it is encouraging to know that there is an organization like NSA around which can work on projects like this. It is also encouraging to find that NSA workers come up with what we hope is a successful solution to the transportation problem that brings long and loud moans from students a couple of times every year.

Students will appreciate NSA's work. We hope they cooperate with it in its efforts to arrange for special busses at other vacations.

—Herbert Stein

Dorm Damage

While the action of Housing Director Russell E. Clark in barring two Thompson hall residents from their room following what appeared to be the willful destruction of College property proved to be a bit hasty, the results of the move may yet prove to be satisfactory.

AS IT TURNED OUT, the two men barred from their room were able to prove they were not responsible for the damage. The two actually guilty of the destruction are known to the dean of men and they will pay for the damage.

It is hoped that the prompt action of the administration in this case serves as a warning to those who might be prompted to similar acts of misconduct.

Action of the administration should also serve as handwriting on the wall for student government leaders. In the past, students have had a relatively free hand in conducting their affairs in College-owned dormitories. If the students hope to maintain the present situation, the men and women dormitory residents must in the future conduct themselves as responsible adults.

WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION action was for the good of all concerned, student government leaders should be aware that unless students themselves take action to curb vandalism, administration intervention will become more frequent.

It still remains for the Association of Independent Men, the West dorm council, and the officers of the freshman class—since most West dorm residents are freshmen—to take action designed to prevent further recurrence of similar acts of vandalism.

—Mary Krasnansky

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"They sure send that ball back down the court in a hurry."

Gazette . . .

Friday, December 8

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.

Monsanto Chemical company will interview chemists at the PhD level Thursday, Dec. 14.

Sylvania Electric company will interview January graduates in E.E., I.E., M.E., Chem., and Phys. Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company has opportunities for January graduates in sales work. If enough students indicate an interest a representative of this company will visit the campus. Notify the College Placement office as soon as possible if interested.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Urgent—Permanent and substitute waiters for snack bar and dorms: off-campus residents with good schedules. Large number wanted. Remuneration in meals.

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COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: Shirley Raynes, Herbert Groff, Richard Carla, Charles Douds, James Davis, Franklin Reese, Alex Sheftic, Phillip Martin, George Bope, and Lawrence Day.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: West Point Story

STATE: American Guerilla

NITTANY: Summer Stock

- One way to prevent a big crop of weeds next year is to gather the present weeds, pile them, and burn them to kill as many weed seeds as possible, says J. O. Dutt, College extension vegetable specialist.

- For the first time in many years draft horses of the College are making their first circuit of state fairs and already they are piling up ribbons and championships. Dr. William L. Henning, professor of animal husbandry, is in command.



Pro and Con

By STAN DEGLER

Last spring the Association of Independent Men adopted a new constitution. It provided for a rather complex setup, with four area councils and a board of governors at the apex of the hierarchy.

IT LOOKED GOOD ON PAPER, but in practice it has taken much too long to organize. The board of governors met for the first time only after more than two months of the semester had passed. And it is still incomplete since Town council is not yet operating.

Not only that, but the board of governors, in both of its first two meetings, has had difficulty in securing a quorum. The elected representatives of independent men failed to show up, or to at least send alternates.

The great length of time it has taken to organize the board of governors cannot be blamed upon the officers of AIM. They have done conscientious jobs, and organized several activities for students at the College.

Perhaps in another year, when AIM has the benefit of experience in operating under the new constitution a more rapid organization will be possible. Under any constitution, the same problems will exist. Men living in town are scattered, apathetic and difficult to contact.

AIM HAD A TERRIFIC JOB of organizing information necessary before Town council could be formed. But after it was gathered, AIM still did a bad job of conducting elections. A one-man election committee took charge, and elections were conducted several weeks ago, but no one knows yet who won.

We suggest that AIM re-examine its constitution to determine ways to speed up organization, negotiate with the College to secure information regarding town residents sooner, and set up more efficient elections committees which let the students know what is happening.

Because for all its imperfections, AIM can do a great service to students at the College this year and in the future. Money made available by the 25 cent student assessment can be used to good advantage.

A Halloween jack o' lantern caused a near disaster at the Sigma Kappa sorority house of Michigan State college last month when a pumpkin ignited a third floor room. Five bus boys, notified by a passerby who spotted the flames, fought the blaze until firemen arrived. No injuries were reported.

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