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For Integrated Cultural Events

An idea which might prove useful on the Penn State campus—one used in some cities but for a different reason—is that of a central cultural planning committee.

AS USED in some cities, such a committee has as its purpose a scheduling of all cultural events—concerts, plays, exhibits, and so forth—so that dates do not conflict.

As adapted to the Penn State campus, such a committee might well work toward a more rounded out cultural program that would encompass radio productions, stage shows, concerts, speeches such as those presented by the Community forum, and even literary effort on the Inkling.

Such a committee naturally would be composed of students, faculty, and administrators. It could play a balanced program for all the arts, possibly relating different programs to one another. Broad themes could be developed around which several individual programs could be built.

If such work were successful, it would be possible to keep cultural activity going at all times on campus and thus to avoid periods in which the artistically-minded student would find no programs of interest going on.

WORK of such a committee would not only integrate cultural activity at Penn State, but also could draw more attention to this activity and thus broaden and enrich the experience of more students than now are being reached. In addition, the exchange of ideas between people in the various artistic fields might provide some interesting results.

Enrollment

The reported enrollment at the College for the spring, when compared to last spring semester, suggests that the immediate effects of mobilization were over-rated. Though down 43 from last year's spring figure, the present enrollment apparently indicates that not many male students rushed off to enlist in the armed forces, fearing that the draft board was close behind. Nor did the national emergency prevent 101 men from beginning their first semester of college.

PROBABLY ONE of the important reasons for the surprisingly high enrollment was the campaigning done by students who visited high schools throughout the state. Their's was an important contribution in this period of shaky academic programs.

Of course, none of this provides any hope that enrollment will remain at this level. Without doubt, military manpower demands will cut into summer and fall attendance sharply. Now that mobilization hasn't hit spring enrollment hard, additional time is available for planning for the day when the regular College routine is affected. This means more time not only for administrators but also for individuals whose futures depend so much on demands of the military.

—John Ashbrook

Washington's Spirit

Following his inauguration as president, George Washington prayed that citizens "entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large."

Today, citizens are observing the 219th anniversary of Washington's birthday. The words of the first president at his inauguration are fitting for the national observance of Brotherhood week which coincides with his birthday.

Washington's beliefs, expressed so long ago, do not hold for many of the problems facing America today. But the spirit with which our first President approached the problems of an infant country can be a guidepost for us in our approach to the crisis of this day.

—J. A.

Cooperative Plan Valuable To All

The procedure through which the Nittany dorm council recently was enabled to decide for itself which dormitories in its area should be closed illustrate the type of cooperation between students and administration which could be more in evidence on this campus. It also serves to point up the fact that students are not incapable of solving their problems when responsibility falls to them.

When the number of residents declined in the Nittany area, it was decided by the administration that some of the dorms should be closed down for economy purposes. This, of course, meant that some students would have to move from one dorm to another.

SUBSEQUENTLY, an agreement was worked by between the dean of men and the Nittany council that the council should determine which dormitories were to be closed. Thus the students themselves had a chance to express their views in the council and to apply pressure for their own interests, rather than merely being forced to obey the edict of an administrative authority.

Dean of Men H. K. Wilson, who said he was well satisfied with the job the council did in handling the matter, termed the council's work "a fine example of student activity." His enthusiastic approval of the council's work should somewhat unsettle those skeptics who still claim that, aside from purely student affairs, the college student must be told what he should do.

The dean of men easily could have assumed the skeptical attitude and could have announced which dormitories should be closed by ukase. But the opposite course was chosen, and the results proved satisfactory.

This and other instances show, we feel, that students often are capable of doing much more than for which they are given credit.

UNDOUBTEDLY there are many areas in which administration officials would be perfectly within their rights in making executive decisions without consulting students. Yet the advice and active cooperation of students often can prove helpful, and in such cases should be given a chance to manifest itself.

Not only would more active participation of students in many phases of college action prove helpful to the administration—it also would give students a greater sense of helping direct their own affairs and would be invaluable in welding better relations between students and administrators.

Gazette . . .

AMERICAN CERAMIC society, student branch, Phi Kappa Tau, Fairmount and Garner streets, 7:30 p.m.

FORESTRY society, 105 White hall, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN club lecture, "The Reformation" by Dr. Rix, 106 Osmond, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE FARMER advertising staff, new candidates are asked to attend, Farmer office, 7:30 p.m.

PHILOSOPHY club, 203 Willard hall, 8 p.m.

PITAU SIGMA, Mechanical Engineering honorary, 107 Main Engineering, 8 p.m.

WRA OUTING, 2 White hall, 7 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.

Proctor & Gamble company would like to have preliminary application blanks from June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Civil, Eng., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Blanks may be obtained at the College Placement office, 112 Old Main, before 12 noon Saturday, Feb. 24.

Allis Chalmers manufacturing company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Thursday, March 1.

Chance Vought Aircraft will interview June graduates at all levels in Aero. Eng., E.E., M.E., C.E., Phys., and Math. Thursday, March 1.

Shell Oil company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in Chem. and Chem. Eng. and at the Ph.D. level in Chem. Thursday, March 1.

New Jersey Zinc company will interview June graduates in M.E., Geology, Metal., and Mining. Eng. Friday, March 2.

Hagan corporation will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., and M.E. Monday, March 5.

Sperry Gyroscope company will interview June graduates in Physics, Aero. Eng., E. E., and M.E. Monday, March 5.

Piasecki Helicopter corporation will interview June graduates in M.E. and Aero. Eng. Monday, March 5.

Western Electric company will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., and I.E. Wednesday, March 7.

Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., and M.E. Wednesday, March 7.

General Electric company, Schenectady works laboratory, will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in Metal., Chem., and Chem. Eng. Tuesday, March 6.

Lever Brothers will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. Eng., and at all levels in Chem. Tuesday, March 6.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Student wife for full-time commercial writing.

Student couple for housekeeping and guide service near State College to begin as soon as summer as couple is available; salary plus maintenance.

Off-campus residents for substitute dining hall and fraternity work; remuneration in meals.

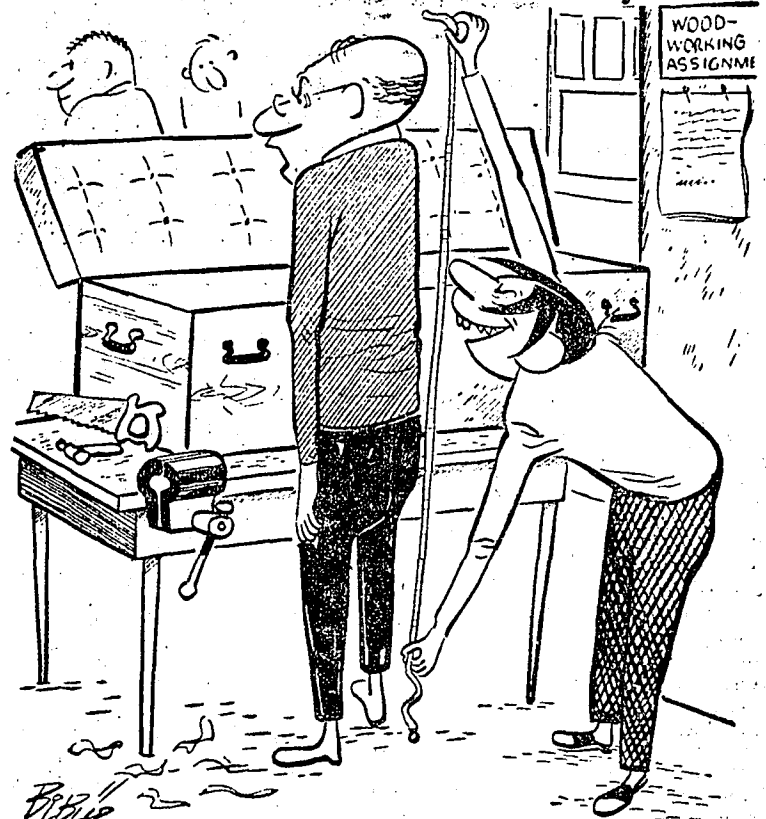
COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: William Borst, Carole Chew, Ralph Clark, Julia Crisman, Donald Cutler, David Fix, Glenn Haney, Richard Hayden, Floyd Imes, Emily Kostas, Francis Lambert, William Miller, Harry Mitchell, Richard Post, Louis Rauscher, Charles Rife, Walter Seibert, Robert Smith, George Spalding, Don Weiner, and Harold Wollin.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Enforcer
STATE: Vendetta
NITTANY: I'll Get By

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Why, you idiot! This clothes chest is big enough to bury a man in."

How To Keep Living Though Irradiated

The publishing industry in this country has received a boost comparable to that stimulated by the discovery of the suggestive book jacket, from the epidemic of radiation jitters sweeping the United States today. From the Government Printing office to the Pittsburgh Press, from the Reader's Digest to Insurance Monthly, everyone with a linotype at his disposal is producing dissertations on How to Keep Living Though Irradiated.

NOW, with all due respect to Dr. Paul Taylor, recent Religion in Life speaker, this is a time of crisis. Yet the main contribution of these semi-scientific pronouncements on things abombic has been a

sort of low comic relief to the whole tragedy. No sooner does the Associated Press gleefully report the vast herds of sheep mutilated by the Navy at Bikini than half a hundred publications begin gently patting the public wrist and saying, "There, there. It won't happen to you; no sir. For you are a 100 per cent American entitled to free speech and high taxes, and they can't vaporize you like a common sheep. See, all you have to do is lie down beside a curb and don't look at it when it happens, and it'll go away."

The Pittsburgh Press tuts a feeble tut about poisoned water: supplies for example. In a series of articles which consumed incredible quantities of scarce newsprint, the Press was happy to announce that a bomb detonated in the river would not poison the smoky town's water supply, since 99 per cent of all river water in use wasn't drunk at all, but went to flushing toilets, etc. "Here, junior, take a big drink of non-poisonous water and just ignore the faint green glow from the water closet." The families of Pittsburgh may be able to tan this summer without even going to a beach.

The Philadelphia Inquirer happily presented a sanguinary map of areas totally destroyed by a mock atom raid. ("I'm tired of playing house; let's play A-bombs," said the mayor to the sheriff) just a few issues after newspapers blossomed with insur-

ance advertising on why the A-bomb really won't turn you into a statistic if you just take proper precautions. There, by the way, is one happy note; if Joe hasn't made living too comfortable here, at least he's scared the pants off a number of staid old things-are-fine-just-the-way-they-are insurance houses.

THE READER'S DIGEST chortled over the fact that if you're close enough to the bomb to get sick in the stomach, you might as well roll over and die right then instead of wasting valuable hospital facilities while you drag out the few hours left in you. Many Americans must be as good as dead right now, because we've been sick in the stomach ever since the first pictures of Hiroshima were published, but evidently we've been kept alive by a benevolent government through its merciful distribution of atomic health quarter pamphlets.

In fact, the only organization which has not yet erupted into atomic advice is the National Safety Council, which has been too busy tallying up the meat production on American highways to worry about avoiding the inevitable.

The single intelligent pronouncement on what to do when they start going bang was the suggestion that the A-bombed individual:

1. Duck.
2. Pray.
3. Continue one and two until no longer necessary.

—Ron Bonn

Safety Valve . . .

Religion In Fraternities

TO THE EDITOR: It has been brought to my attention this week, and last year during Religion-in-Life week, that several of the visiting leaders on campus for this occasion find an amazing interest and a good deal of meaningful discussion concerning religious faith at fraternity firesides and informal

"bull-sessions." But I am wondering where these "interests" hide themselves at fraternity row during the other fifty-one weeks. For, it seems to me that fraternity men are conspicuous by their absence in student religious organizations at Penn State.

Considering the worthy effects of most fraternities on the individual members, and the obvious impact on this campus as a whole, I can only conclude that their outstanding contribution is far

from that of fostering a faith in God. I think the fraternity takes advantage of the opportunity, and rightly so, to mold opinions and attitudes of its members.

What I am suggesting is that fraternities ought to make a conscious effort to build "greater moral and spiritual strength" which, Dr. Eisenhower concluded on Monday night, would be necessary attributes of the side which will win the strategic victory of our times.

—John Blanchard