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AA Board Should Have More Students

Shortly before Penn State's football team opens its 1951 season against Boston University Saturday, 15 men will sit around a table at the Nittany Lion Inn to discuss the problems of the local athletic setup. It is these 15 men—known as the Athletic Advisory Board—who determine athletic policy at Penn State.

One of the problems they will be called upon to consider will be a request to enlarge the student body representation on the board. At present the board consists of three student members, four faculty representatives, five members of the alumni, and one trustee, who must also be an alumnus. In addition there are two ex-officio members: the Graduate Manager of Athletics and the Dean of the School of Physical Education.

The three student representatives are the All-College President, the Chairman of the Board of Publications, and the President of the Athletic Association. Naturally, the proposal was placed on the agenda by one of the students.

The proposal is not being made because the students lack faith in the ability of the board to regulate the Penn State athletic program. That the board is fully aware of the dangers incumbent in the over-emphasis of collegiate athletics was amply illustrated when it advocated putting an end to both spring practice and the platoon system at its last meeting.

We think the board has ably handled Penn State's athletic program. But we also contend that the students should be given a larger voice in the determination of policy.

The facts are that the Penn State student foots a greater part of the cost of the athletic program than any other member of the Penn State family.

Every student is a member of the Athletic Association by virtue of a mandatory \$9 per semester fee. After taxes, the Athletic Association is left \$7.50. Estimating undergraduate enrollment at 9500 for the coming year, we find that students will contribute more than \$140,000 to the AA's coffers.

In an average year, football, Penn State's only income-producing sport, does just a little better than \$140,000 in the revenue department.

Despite the fact that it is bearing the largest part of the burden, the Penn State student body is grossly under-represented.

What we are asking for is two additional student representatives on the Athletic Advisory Board. The addition of two student members would give the student body representation equal to the five seats now held by the

We would suggest that the All-College Secretary Treasurer, an elected and responsible officer of student government and the president of the Women's Recreation Association be added to the board. The addition of the women's representative would give the girls a voice in the management of athletics, something they have lacked in the past, alumni.

We don't think we're asking too much.

Senate Action

For a nation that has been proclaiming freedom of the press as one of its virtues, we have been acting rather strangely. What makes the situation even more fantastic is that it is the United States Senate which is responsible for the latest debacle.

The issue came about when Joseph Alsop, the distinguished columnist of the New York Herald Tribune, offered the opinion that testimony before the Senate by Louis Budenz, the former communist turned informer, might not be the entire truth.

When Sen. Herbert Lehman, New York's liberal, attempted to insert Alsop's remarks into the Congressional Record, some of the Senators felt as if it were an affront to their senatorial dignity to be questioned by a newspaperman. The McCarran-McCarthy block succeeded in preventing the entry of Alsop's column in the record.

Although staunch advocates of "the American way" (as they see it), Senators McCarran and McCarthy have apparently forgotten that it is legitimate to cast doubt on congressional action. In view of some of the things that both of these men have inserted in the record in the past, Alsop's remarks would lend dignity to that often sullied publication.

Dean of Men Coffee Hours Begin

For the second consecutive year, the Dean of Men's office is scheduling weekly coffee hours at which students and the personnel of the dean's office can become acquainted with each other and talk over problems in a friendly, informal atmosphere.

Last spring, the Daily Collegian endorsed the coffee hour program and is gratified to see the series again in operation.

First started on an experimental basis, the coffee hours became almost a tradition at 4 p.m. every Thursday afternoon last year when the secretaries of the dean's office pushed two desks together, spread the pastel-hued table cloth, and poured the coffee or punch.

Each week invitations are sent to various students and student groups, male and female. Last spring, even members of the Air Force group studying on campus were invited. These meetings between students and Air Force personnel proved especially successful from the viewpoint of friendliness and understanding.

H. K. Wilson, dean of men, announced tentative plans at the end of last semester for continuing the coffee hours. All-College Cabinet, which has a student committee working with the dean's office to handle the program, gave its wholehearted approval of the series last year and suggested that it be continued this year.

David Olmstead, senior class president, was appointed to head the cabinet committee last week, and over the weekend, Dean Wilson announced that the program would get under way next week.

We again endorse the continuance of the idea which has immensely improved relations between Dean Wilson's office and the students. Some of the cold formality of administrative red-tape has been and will continue to be shorn away by the warm atmosphere of the get-togethers. Perhaps other College departments might follow the lead of the Dean of Men's office by scheduling programs of a similar nature. We would all benefit.

—Moylan Mills

Safety Valve Can Be a Student Aid

During the course of an academic year, few of us are so dead that we are not displeased at least some of the time.

It was on this premise that the feature Safety Valve was added to our usual editorial page layout. Although not everyone avails himself of the opportunity to pour out his heart to the student body through these pages, those who do are usually satisfied with the result.

Often an answering letter provides information that refutes, corroborates, or completely disintegrates the arguments of the Safety Valve user. It can and does occur that a "letter to the editor" will pose a question to Collegian staffers, whereupon a reporter is assigned to investigate the situation.

Many important campus gripes have been brought to a head through Safety Valve. The resolution of more than one problem either within small groups or on an all-College level has been aided by the feature.

The only thing we ask of the writer is that he think enough of his convictions to have his name accompany the letter. If the writer so requests, his name will be withheld, but no letter will be printed unless it is signed.

Every letter of interest to the student body and the College in general will be printed. These letters can be the beginning of a concerted action on a problem. The column is here. We offer its use to you.

—Bud Fenton

Faded Away

We read in the press that Murfreesboro, Tenn., has renamed MacArthur boulevard Broad street. Murfreesboro is the old home of Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, and in honor of the general the town last month renamed Broad street in honor of Mac.

But after a hectic session recently, the town council decided to rename the thoroughfare Broad street.

It seems as if the general has come to the end of the road.

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, September 25.

ACCOUNTING CLUB, election of officers, 312 Sparks, 7 p.m.

BLUE KEY, 103 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business staff, freshman, sophomore, and junior boards, 9 Carnegie Hall 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

DELTA SIGMA PL, Phi Kappa, 7:30 p.m.

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 215 Willard Hall, 7:45 p.m.

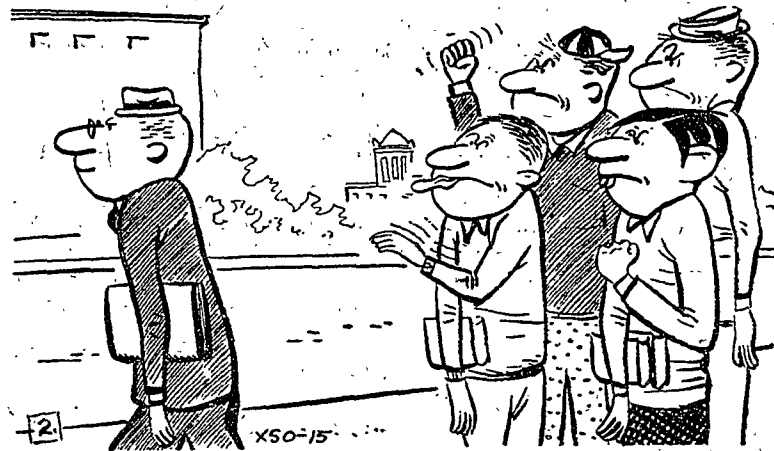
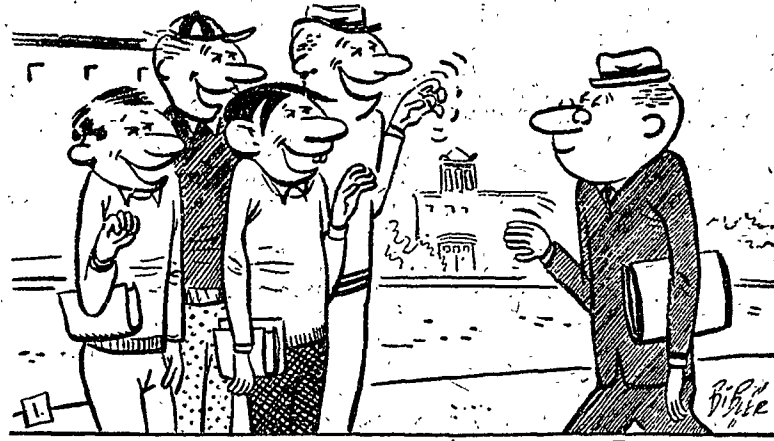
JEWISH FOLK DANCE GROUP, Hillel, 7:30 p.m.

LA VIE, candidates, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

LIEBIG CHEMICAL SOCIETY, organization meeting, 105 Frear Laboratory, 7:30 p.m.

PHI MU ALPHA, 111 Carnegie Hall, 9 p.m.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Good morning, Professor Snarf!"

A Column, by George!

How About a Purge Like The One Before?

By GEORGE GLAZER

During the summer months, State College and many other communities in the western part of the state declared open season on little birds called starlings.

These supposedly inoffensive winged creatures were making life miserable for car owners, and downright dangerous for pedestrians. Steps were taken to rid the communities of these pests when full-scale hunting parties went out after them.

Now comes an even worse plague—of flies.

These little things are too small to be "shot from guns." They are pesky, they tickle you in the most unlikely places and at the most unlikely times. Fly swatters are definitely passe, and the things seem to have built up an immunity to the once-deadly killer, DDT.

For the benefit of those who haven't really been hit yet, a few stories gathered at random will let you in on it.

For instance, right now there is a fly sitting on our shoulder and watching us write this. He doesn't like it. He's beating his stubby little wings against his body, making a noise that sounds vaguely like a Bronx cheer. Probably he's calling his friends and soon our white shirt will be speckled.

Or, everything in the room is quiet. You're all ready to fall off into a delicious sleep. Then a little visitor begins crawling around under the blanket. How he got there is none of your business. He's there, and you can't get him out without throwing the covers off, twisting and squirming, and otherwise getting yourself into a foul mood.

Now the point of this whole thing is this: If something was done about the starlings, why can't something be done about the flies?

Can't you just picture it now: The State College gendarmerie, arms itself with large nets with little openings. Swinging wildly, the cops rush into houses. They

knock things over, trample little children. Getting into the thing by now, the police riot squad rushes into the fraternity section. Several pledges of post-war vintage are caught in the nets, mistaken for the smaller type of pests.

And as each net fills up, itty-bitty children, who want to get in on the fun, are lowered into the nets, each armed with an eye-dropper filled with chloroform. While a representative of the SPCA looks on, the children daintily lift the flies from the net and kill them with a drop of chloroform, one-by-one.

By and large, the raid is successful. But our side had casualties, too.

For instance, one of the police lost his head and tried to draw from the hip. His net hit the post of a porch and brought the roof down. After a few minor operations, he is expected to survive, although his fly-catching days are over.

A small boy was found hopelessly bound up in fly-paper, which had been placed in the obsolete weapons pool.

A resident of the dormitories had his left arm broken by one of the free-swinging policemen. The kid was eating raisin bread, and the over-anxious warrior took a swat at the slice and missed.

Howsoever, as they say in the war communiques, the price paid for the objective was well worth it once the mission was accomplished.

Now this seems to us like a worthy project. If a flock of birds can raise so much hell, why can't a mild fuss be raised about flies? Certainly it would pay off. The losses sustained would be negligible compared to the good accomplished. Undoubtedly, the first move should come from the students.

Is it not time for All-College Cabinet to set the machinery in motion for a fly-purge?

Persons interested in babysitting during football games. Students interested in working on football concession sales force.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Ethel Brown, Lewis Dow, James Gracey, Gilbert Lewis, Lester Rowell, Irwin Yeagle.
AT THE MOVIES
CATHAUM: The Big Carnival
STATE: The Mask of the Avengers
NITTANY: Tombole

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
E. I. Du Pont De Nemours will interview January graduates in M.E., C.E., E.E., I.E., Chem. E., Chem. and Phys. on Thursday, Oct. 4.
General Motors corporation will interview January graduates in E.E., M.E., I.E., Metal, C & F (Acct.), Aero. E., Arch. E., Ch. E., C.E., Ceramics, and Physics on Monday, Oct. 8.
United Aircraft Corp. will interview January graduates in Aeronautical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering on Tuesday, Oct. 9.
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Girl to care for children during mornings.
Men who wish to work as waiters.