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## You Too May Make Fire Casualty List

The following is a list of five Penn State men selected at random from the roster of Dorm 12:

- Donald Best
- John Dovak
- James Sutherland
- Norman Book
- Robert R. Koons

Although this is a list of just a handful of the 57 men who live in Dorm 12, it could have been a partial casualty list, the casualty list of a disastrous fire.

Last Tuesday morning the ringing of a fire alarm in Dorm 12 was ignored by the majority of the men in that dorm. The men of Dorm 12 failed to heed that alarm because it was just one of the many which had sounded through their hall since the start of the semester.

But this alarm was not just another prank; it was the real thing. Dorm 12 did have a fire last Tuesday morning. Fortunately it was not a large fire, and was put out by two students. But it might have been large. And it might have resulted in a needless tragedy.

Read that list again. Know any of the men included in that list?

Read that list again. If you aren't blind you might be able to see your name on a similar list, a list of dead, missing, and injured as the result of a fire in a Penn State dormitory.

Read that list again and think about it the next time you pull the lever to set off a false fire alarm.

## Frosh, Sophs Needed To 'Make' Politics

The announcement of campaign and election dates for campus politics will open a new phase of college life for the freshmen and sophomores who have not been on campus before, or at least for those who take the interest that they should.

The political system here is one of the few working two-party setups in colleges throughout the country. The disadvantage of it is that only two persons can run for each office, but the advantages far surpass this by providing each candidate with solid backing in the form of a working organization that will give him publicity, an accepted platform, and the guidance of older and more experienced campus politicians.

The main fault, however, with this system or any for that matter, on this side of the iron curtain, is the lack of participation of the majority of the electorate. Not only do many students fail to align themselves with either party but most of these fail to use their vote.

The "justification" of this lack of action usually comes in the form of a claim that "the party is controlled by a few." Largely this is true during the junior and senior years, but it is true because the same few were the only interested people during their first two years in school. It is logical that they would retain the control they were wielded by their classmates during the embryo years.

Today's freshmen and sophomores would be surprised to see the welcome they would receive in either party and doubly surprised to find that there is a chance to make their voices heard in party policy-making.

The reason they would be surprised is that the upperclassmen who "know the ropes" although they have never been in politics, tell the new men and women about the "controlled" parties. The parties are controlled by their membership and their membership includes those who take an interest in politics.

There is much to be said for participation in the campus politics. There is work to interest all students. If you would like to formulate policy, work with people, raise money, do publicity or promotion work, get yourself elected to one of the class offices, or be one of the party organizers. There is a place for you.

The way to see that campus politics are good and are run well is to run them yourself.

—Bud Fenton

## UN Week Program Set for College

Today is the sixth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter in San Francisco. A faculty committee on international understanding has arranged a well-rounded program not only for today but for the rest of United Nations Week.

Students attending tonight's lecture will have the opportunity to hear two outstanding international figures, Nuri Eren, of Turkey, and Dr. Jan-Albert Goris, of Belgium. They will be discussing the worth of the United Nations—whether it is merely a debating society or a true peacemaker.

This discussion, we believe, should be of value to all students, for the United Nations is the only existing organization which can be used as an instrument for peace, if peace can actually be attained.

With everyone having doubts about the international situation as it stands today, this program in particular, should receive a favorable reaction from all students. The discussion period following the lectures certainly can provide an outlet for some of the ideas that many of us have.

Tomorrow, students can get an insight into the work of the Marshall Plan. Many of us are familiar with the name of this plan, but we are not aware of its efforts in Europe. The films which are being shown should provide some valuable knowledge.

The week's programs will close with an International Festival Saturday and Sunday. Here, students will be able to see the international picture from the cultural angle.

We believe that students should support all these programs. Otherwise, we are shunning State, and of what we hope will be a peaceful world.

—Mimi Ungar

## UN Dream May Become Nightmare

"We the peoples of the United Nations" is the beginning of a dream. But as with all dreams there have been distributing sequences which in this case culminated with the Korean War. Now, we might ask whether the dream will turn into the nightmare of World War III.

This week is United Nations week. It is the sixth anniversary of the United Nations, and time to reflect again on what the UN has accomplished. To say that it has done nothing would be incorrect, for by its program of relief to Europe (UNRRA) and other social and economic projects the UN has accomplished something.

However, what has happened to the United Nations is that it has become an arena. It was never intended to be that. Nevertheless, when the United States and Russia decided to use the UN to air differences which pertained only to their own interests as two nations the UN was doomed.

Today the United Nations is split down the middle. Whether, and at what point, the tear can be mended is problematical and wholly impossible unless the U.S. and the Soviet begin to see eye to eye. However, to all outward appearances neither country can do right by the other's standards.

The final rip that may tear in two the UN charter may occur when the General Assembly meets in Paris Nov. 6th. Judging by past performances both the U.S. and Russia will go into the verbal battle with their diplomatic claws bared. If the Russian delegation is beaten it may use its former walkout tactics or it may slip behind the Iron Curtain and admire its own stockpile of atom bombs.

If Russia leaves, the UN will have served for one other purpose: The preliminary alliances for the beginning of the nightmare will already be made.

—Len Kolasinski

## Gazette . . .

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- Ethyl corporation will interview graduates at all levels in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Friday, November 2.
- Hercules Powder company will interview 1952 graduates, at the M.S. and Ph.D. level, in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Thursday, November 1.
- Standard Oil Company of California will interview graduates at the M.S. and Ph.D. level in Chem., and at all levels in PNG and Chem. E. Friday, November 2.
- Continental Oil company will interview January graduates in Phys., Math., O.E., E.E., M.E., and Ch.E. Tuesday, Oct. 30. Applicants should have at least a 1.5 average.
- Link Aviation corporation will interview January graduates in E.E. Monday, Nov. 5.
- Shell Development company will interview graduates, at the M.S. and Ph.D. level, in Chem. and Chem. E. Monday, Nov. 5.
- Sperry Gyroscope company will interview January graduates in E.E., and M.E. Friday, Nov. 2.
- American Locomotive Co. will interview January graduates in E.E., M.E., I.E., and Ch.E. Tuesday, November 6.
- General Electric Co. will interview January graduates in C & F and A & L Wednesday, October 31.
- Proctor and Gamble Co. will interview January graduates in C & F and L.A. Tuesday, November 6.
- Radio Corporation of America will interview January graduates in E.E., M.E., I.E., Ch.E., Phys., C & F, A & L, and L.M.R. Monday, November 5.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Man to set pins for bowling league.
- Men for drafting and design.
- Magician for one-half hour show.
- Student wife for permanent Friday and Saturday demonstration work in store.
- Women with mornings free of classes for baby sitting.
- Electricians.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Betcha old Prof Snarf popped a rough quiz in here last period—this room smells like the boys' gymnasium."

## Poor Man's Paradise



By PAUL POORMAN

An alarm clock is a funny contraption. Its lone function in life seems to be that of awakening the sleepy housewife, businessman, or student at a hideous hour of the morning, and then to tick ponderously until the next morning when it again explodes with a bright clanging of early-morning cheer.

We have such an alarm clock, and, under ordinary wear, it gives extraordinary service. It springs into action at its appointed position near our ear at the appointed hour in the dim minutes of the a.m., on Saturday.

But just let some extraordinary circumstance exert its influence on our sleepy-time labors, and the alarm clock goes haywire. The alarm refuses, for example, to rouse us for an eight-o'clock that we really want to attend. It even refuses to function for an especially desired nine-o'clock.

Last week, it refused to do its duty on a morning when our roommate and we had a bluebook. We slept peacefully, unaware of the malfunction of mechanical works that was depriving us of our right to education. We missed the bluebook.

But what makes it doubly hard is the fact that a truant alarm clock just simply is not a good excuse for missing a class, let alone a bluebook. On our way to class, the roommate and ourselves thought of every excuse from broken legs to automobile accidents. We thought of joining the army, but decided against it. We thought of shifting courses, of dropping the course, of plead-

ing insanity. However, we decided on the truth. We told the prof we had slept in, and threw ourselves on his mercy.

Luckily for us, he had obviously been a student once himself. He was merciful, listened to our story, and then told us we could make up the test later. We're not even sure he gave us a cut for the day.

But it is often said that what is one man's pleasure is another man's poison, so we don't recommend the truth as evidence in such a case. The oldest excuse in the world is sleeping in, and no matter how true it be, not one prof in a hundred would believe it. It's ironical that students will cut their own throats by using one alibi so often that it isn't believed when it is used.

We were lucky; our prof believed and apparently understood. But it happens so often to us, that it is wearing thin even in our own minds. And the alarm clock still refuses to be reliable. Maybe we should purchase a rooster. But then we'd have eggs, we think. We never could tell chickens apart.

## Gazette . . .

Wednesday, October 24

- AIM board of governors, 104 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- ASAE, Prof. Clyde on "Research in Penn State's Agricultural Engineering Department," 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.
- COFFEE HOUR, dean of men and cabinet, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- FROTH promotion staff and candidates, Froth office, 7 p.m.
- INKLING editorial and promotion staff and candidates, 314 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB, lecture-discussion on "Credentials of the Church," Prof. Case in charge, rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.
- PHI EPSILON KAPPA, pledging ceremonies, 104 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
- PHILOSOPHY CLUB, 203 Willard Hall, 8 p.m.

PECHAN LOYALTY OATH PUBLIC FORUM, 117 Osmond, 8 p.m.

SOPHOMORE CLASS, 105 White Hall, 8 p.m.

WRA BOWLING, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White Hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

WRA HOCKEY, Holmes field, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL  
Dorothy Balfour, John Bouch, Robert Kartavich, Claire Lewis, Joan Lustig, Sally Lyddon, Nancy Lee Nelsen, Peter Smith, Harry Stambaugh, James Stanley, Thomas Ward, Louis Webster.

AT THE MOVIES  
CATHAUM: Here Comes The Groom  
STATE: Jungle Head Hunters  
NITTANY: Cartoon Show  
STARLITE DRIVE-IN: The Thing

Join the campus blood drive Nov. 13 and 14 at the TUB.