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SU Fee Should Not Be Dropped

The announcement by the College that the construction of the Student Union building is contingent on the availability of critical materials is certain to create a good deal of comment and discussion. A good bit of that discussion will be loud, noisy, misleading. Some of it, regardless of the viewpoint taken, will be informed, intelligent, sound.

Unfortunately, we have to predict that the intelligent discussion on the Student Union will be heavily outweighed by the shouting. Student Union, long the fond hope of Penn Staters, deserves the careful, considered attention of all who pride in the accomplishments of Penn State and are at the same time aware of what is needed to make this "a better Penn State."

The principal item of controversy will be whether students should continue paying the \$7.50 per semester fee despite the fact that construction of the SU is still something of the future. We think there is no question as to the need for a Student Union at State.

A Student Union would be the social center for the entire student body. Its confines would provide the social and cultural needs of all students which are now being inadequately served by the TUB, West Dorm lounge, and Recreation Hall. As the building will be constructed, additional funds will make possible the construction of additional facilities. The Penn State Student Union will eventually take its place as one of the very best establishments of its kind in the nation.

But not being a building for strictly educational purposes, the SU cannot be financed and constructed by the state. Since it is the students who will benefit from the SU, it is the students who should pay.

For that reason, All-College Cabinet in May, 1950, asked the College Board of Trustees to establish a \$7.50 per semester fee for the student Union. The same summer, the trustees approved the fee and the tentative plans for a \$2,000,000 SU. The fee was scheduled to jump from \$7.50 per semester after the first year to \$10 per semester. Because the construction of the building was not under way at the resumption of classes in September of this year, the trustees postponed the increase in the fee.

It should be noted that it was the students themselves, through All-College Cabinet, who asked for the fee, and that the trustees approved the fee only after having once before turned down a student request for a fee because not enough preparation and study had been made.

It should also be noted that never in the entire discussion over the SU has it ever been said that students would bear the entire financial burden of construction. There has always been throughout the discussion the idea that part of the burden would be met by the alumni, and the idea of an alumni contribution is not without support in alumni circles.

It has also been taken for granted that the College itself would meet a substantial part of the costs, and it is likely that this action would have already been taken had the state legislature come to an early agreement over a tax program, thus making available better than

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, November 28

ASAE, 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.
COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

LA VIE sophomore board, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, Defense of the Faith lecture-discussion, Prof. Case in charge, 317 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.

PENN STATE GRANGE, 100 Horticulture, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT, 107 Main Engineering, 8 p.m.

THETA SIGMA PHI, new members only, Grange Game Room, 6:30 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.

INKLING promotion staff, 104 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Norman Cardinali, Ariana Dickson, Evette Dubin, Robert Guffey, Carl Hoke, Barbara Jones, Linda Leathers, Leonard Lesko, James Lewis, Richard Malone, Catherine McColly, Joseph McHale, Kenneth Newman, J. Paul O'Brien, Francis Palumbo, Lolita Robinson, Arthur Warg.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Scarf
STATE: Native Son
NITTANY: Bridge of San Luis

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. will interview January B.S. candidates and M.S. candidates who will receive their degrees in 1952, in E.E., I.E., Ch.E. and M.E. Monday, Dec. 3.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana will interview January graduates in M.E. and C.E. Monday, Dec. 3.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Babcock and Wilcox Co. will interview January graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Chem., Metal., Phys., Cer., and Fuel Tech. Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Delaware Power and Light Co. will interview January graduates in M.E. and E.E. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Dow Chemical Co. will interview graduates at all levels in Chem., Chem. Eng., Metal., and Chem. Monday, Dec. 10.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours will interview 1952 Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Chem.E., M.E., Phys., Agron., Bact., Bio-Chem., Ento. and Path. Monday, Dec. 10.

The National Carbon Division of the Union Carbide and Carbon Corp. will interview January graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Ch.E., M.E., I.E., Cer., Chem., and Phys. Friday, Nov. 30.

North American Aviation, Inc. will interview graduates at all levels in C.E., E.E., Aero.E., and M.E. Thursday, Dec. 6.

Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. will interview January graduates in C&F, A&L, Phys. Ed., and Ed. Friday, Dec. 7.

Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. will interview January graduates in E.E., M.E., Ch.E., I.E., and Phys., and 1952 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Metal., and Phys. Friday, Dec. 8.

Atlas Powder Co. will interview 1952 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Ch. Eng., E.E. and Phys. Monday, Dec. 10.

Ebasco Services Inc. will interview January graduates in C.E., E.E., and M.E. Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. will interview January graduates in Ch.E., Chem., Com. Chem., Science, Arch., E., Arch., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., C&F., Acct., Adv., L.M.R. and Cer. Tuesday, Dec. 11.

S. S. Kresge Co. will interview January graduates in A&L and C&F Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Tungol Electric Co. will interview January graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in E.E. Thursday, Nov. 29.

Tele-Communications Corp. will interview January graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in E.E. and Phys. Thursday, Dec. 6.

United States Steel Co. will interview January graduates in C&F, Acct., Trans., L.M.R., A&L and all Eng. graduates Tuesday, Dec. 11.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Woman to do housework five days per week from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Altoona residents for holiday clerking.

\$18,000,000 which it is hoped will be appropriated to the College.

Because of the Korean situation, a SU for Penn State is still a thing of the future. How far in the future that is, nobody is qualified to say. No matter how far off an SU is, it will not be brought any closer by dropping the SU fee now.

The chief proponents of such a course of action say that students are being asked to pay for a building they will not utilize. There is no argument against this kind of reasoning, for it is the stark truth.

But at the same time, students are being asked to contribute to a project that will in future years make Penn State a better place to live, a better college.

Basically, students are being asked to contribute "For a Better Penn State." There can be no argument against this either.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"You're lucky, I got down in fifteen minutes—Most of our dates are required to wait an hour."

Poor Man's Paradise



By PAUL POORMAN

Ed. Note: The writer of this column closes out his collegiate newspaper career today with the prospect of having his Paradise Regained in the U.S. Air Force. Poorman is among those who will be activated on Dec. 1 from the local reserve unit. There is some chance that we may be hearing from him again but it will be through the wise pen of a serviceman and not that of a student.

Just as the time has come for Friend Coed and your poverty-stricken scribbler to say goodbye, it is now chronologically in order for the same writer to make his farewells, fond and otherwise, to the Pennsylvania State College.

We wandered hither and thither amongst these hallowed halls for almost three straight years, during which period we've made some fast friends and doubtless even more enemies. We've enjoyed our stunted eight semesters and our Lilliputian senior year, and in many ways we enjoy the prospect of leaving.

This parting betwixt formal education and ourselves was mad-possible by the committee on academic standards of the College the membership of which is unknown to us. But, God love 'em they've decided that since we have to leave now anyway, we might as well take a diploma with us. So we salute the committee, anticipating our eminent military courtesies.

It seems to be a journalistic maxim that whenever a columnist leaves Anyplace for Anywhere, he writes a farewell column, telling Anyplace how sorry he is to leave and hinting that Anywhere will definitely be worse. To hell with that. Naturally we're going to miss

things about State and mostly we're going to miss people. We've been fortunate in attending the school at a time when the finest unch of people ever assembled were also here.

Going the rounds for pats on the back, we've found that they're all pretty damn swell guys. Student government officials, fraternity men, independents, journalists, professors, ag hill men, engineers, Froth (ugh) men, politicians, Ike's brother—even coeds, with whom we've had a few anxious moments until one of them finally set us straight. All f' em. We'll miss you.

We've come a long way since first grade when we got all A's in our report card and got spanked for letting somebody copy our arithmetic. Of course, the A's (Continued on page five)

Hey, Fellows,
get your date for

THE HARVEST BALL

Saturday, Dec. 1
Semi-formal

Tickets are on sale at
Student Union & Ag Bldg.

A LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Dear Public:

As you have probably read by now, our studio is no longer fit for use. The fire itself didn't do any damage, but the water was the cause of all the destruction in our part of the building. Fortunately, very little of our equipment was damaged; all our negatives, being in another building, were, of course, saved. This means that those of you who have placed orders for portraits and expected to pick them up this week, may do so at the studio Saturday morning between 9 and 12. Those of you who still have proofs out may place an order this Saturday morning and still receive the pictures in time for Christmas.

Basically, the only thing we lost in the fire was our location. All else was saved. If you can't see me Saturday morning, you may call me any time at either of these two phones: State College 4454 or 3216. We hope to be opening again soon in a new location.

By the way, there will be a clearance sale of all our amateur supplies. These includes films, cameras, and some truly beautiful frames. They will be sold at cost price or below, so be there Saturday morning if you really want to see some fine bargains.

I'd like to thank all those who helped clear the studio before any damage was done. I don't know who many of you are, but I sincerely appreciate the work you did.

Sincerely,
Bill Coleman
The Lion Studio