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State Rules Out SU Financing

(Ed. Note: This is the last in a series of five editorials designed to present the background and clarify the issues on a subject which has been the issue of much discussion, the proposed Student Union building and the \$7.50 student fee recommended to the College Board of Trustees by All-College Cabinet and approved by the trustees in 1950.)

V. Financing

Since the Student Union is not of an academic nature, it cannot be financed by the state. State interpretation of "academic nature" has been so shallow in the past that such buildings as Simmons and McElwain Halls, and the West Dorms—all student housing units—are financed by the College on long-term loans.

When new stands were erected in Beaver Field several years ago, the same policy held.

The burden of financing must, therefore, be met by the students, who would be the principal benefactors. But the alumni and the College are expected to make substantial contributions.

In summary, it would seem that far from being a "railroad job," the Student Union and the SU fee took years to formulate and carry to a successful conclusion. The Student Union was initiated, nurtured, and sponsored by students through the channels set up for such projects and given ample publicity for student consideration.

Explanation Due

The release of group scholastic averages by the College should be looked into seriously by Penn State students.

Sorority women topped the heap, with the 19 campus sororities compiling a whopping 1.82 average last spring to head the list. The sorority women's mark was followed by the All-College average for women, 1.68; non-sorority women, 1.62; the All-College Average, 1.48; non-fraternity men, 1.44; All-College men, 1.42; and fraternity men, 1.38.

The women in general seem to have come off with the decision, scholastically speaking.

Among the men, fraternities have come up with the lowest group average, as was the case last fall, too.

It would seem that the fraternities have some explaining to do. One of the purposes of fraternities—as testified to by almost every fraternity ritual—is the promotion of high standards of scholarship. Most fraternities have scholarship committees and scholarship advisers. Somewhere along the line there has been a slip.

Movie Hypocrisy

Sunday movies in State College are dead for at least another two years. But as 1951 bows out, we would feel that we had not done our duty had we not taken a parting shot at hypocrisy.

Shortly after the balloting on Sunday movies, Nov. 10, to be exact, the Centre Daily Times carried two advertisements side by side.

One, sponsored by the State College Council of Churches, thanked the voters for the defeat of Sunday movies.

The other advertised a Sunday movie, "A Wonderful Life," an "Outstanding Religious Film Award of 1951." The sponsor of this advertisement was the Presbyterian Church.

Movies on Sunday seem to be quite permissible provided they are shown in the right atmosphere.

The reason it is so hard to climb the ladder of success is that the rungs are so littered with remains of those who didn't make it.

John Adams and John Hancock were born in Braintree, Mass.

Cabinet Time Table Ideas Are Plausible

All-College Cabinet, which thus far has distinguished itself as typical of the "Silent Generation," came out of its deep sleep last week long enough to act on some matters of student concern.

In addition to voicing student displeasure over the present state of the College time table, cabinet made three recommendations to the College calendar committee which the committee would do well to consider.

The first of the three recommendations called for the starting and completion of vacations at noon. Such a measure would enable students driving home to do their traveling in the daytime. The hazards of night driving are magnified in weather such as we are now undergoing. Snow-covered, icy highways are all the more dangerous at night.

Cabinet also recommended that the present two-day holiday for pre-registration be continued. The recommendation stemmed not from the desire of students to have a holiday. It was the opinion of cabinet members that the two-day period free from classes enabled faculty members better to counsel students in need of help in selecting courses. Particularly in their first two years in College, students are not quite sure what they want to do and what courses they should take. These problems often extend into the junior and senior year. The two free days facilitate counseling which would otherwise be curtailed or altogether impossible.

A new idea in College calendars was also recommended. It asks for the addition of two days to the length of the College year in order to make possible two student holidays, to be requested by cabinet and approved by the administration.

In making the recommendation, Marilyn Williams, Women's Recreation Association president, pointed out that in the past it had been impossible to call student holidays after athletic victories since a prescribed number of school days are required. In addition, one of the holidays, she suggested, could be used for Spring Carnival.

None of cabinet's recommendations seem impossible to apply to the College calendar. Applied, they would make for a better Penn State.

Good Cheer To All

With the beginning of Christmas vacation at 5 p.m. tomorrow, students will receive the welcome relief of two weeks away from classes, blue books, and long sessions poring over text books the night before quizzes, etc.

Because this is the last issue of the Daily Collegian until after the holidays, members of the staff will enjoy twofold relief other than from text books. We will, for two weeks at least, be away from the blasts of critics breathing down our necks, and we will be free from the long afternoons and nights over a hot typewriter.

Although we will probably spend most of our time attempting to get over the Seven Mountains, both ways, and, as a result, return to State College more tired than when we left, we would like to take this time to wish everyone a pleasant vacation. We realize, after surveying recent holidays of such length, that students inevitably return to State College "in worse shape than they left," but we also realize they feel much better for it.

Well, here's hoping we all get back with as many fond memories as we would like to expect.

—Bob Fraser

Safety Valve—

Calls Collegian Story 'Blunt Criticism' of Talent Show

TO THE EDITOR: I should like to question the necessity for the blunt criticism resorted to by Arnie Bloom in his recent article concerning the "Splinterville Review." Disregarding the fact that the personal opinion of newspapermen is normally restricted to the editorial page and related columns, and admitting that it is the right of the Press to assert itself upon any matter of public importance and to uphold the standards of quality, it is difficult to understand why the point of the journalistic pen had to be brought down on a non-profit talent show consisting of relatively inexperienced amateurs.

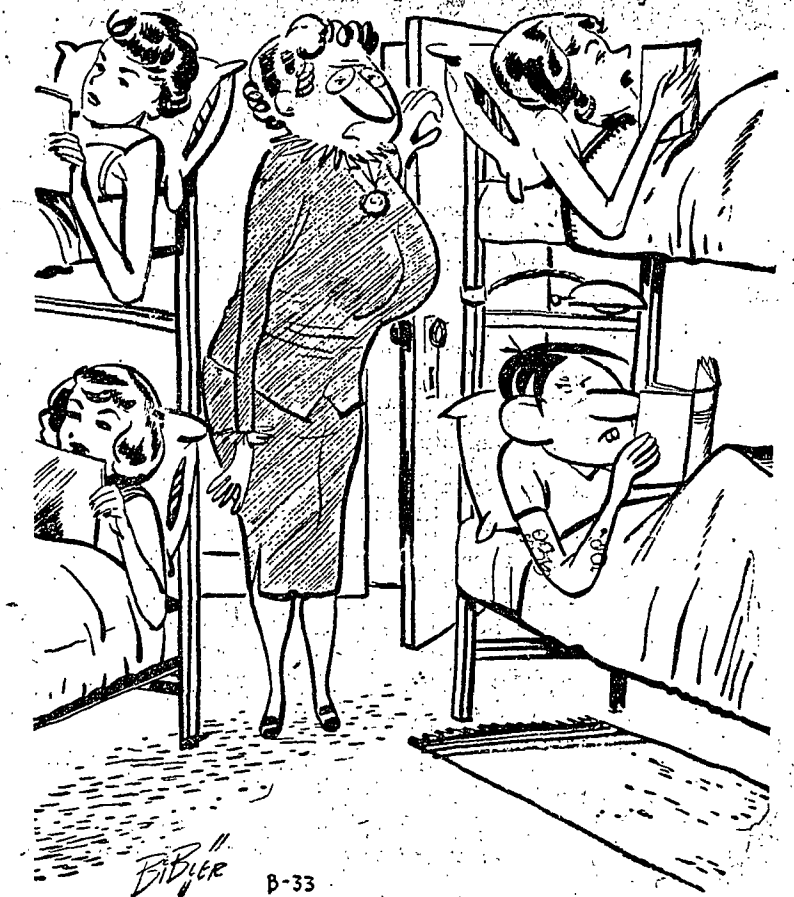
The "Splinterville Review" was the product of much hard work on the part of both the crews and the performers. There is little reward to be gained by any, except the enjoyment of presenting a social affair for their fellow students. Why it was necessary to tear apart a bunch of kids for their admittedly non-professional appearing performance is certainly beyond the writer. I take my place with the overflowing audience and applaud them unreservedly for the ability and the effort which they contributed.

—Frank R. Hartman

Ed. Note—Talent shows, as well as play reviews, are done subjectively, regardless of the page on which they appear. It is usually understood that the opinions displayed are those of the author whose name appears under the headline.

The worst shellacking in the athletic history of the College was a 106-0 score administered on the gridiron by Lehigh.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"You'll have to leave the sorority now, Worthal—10 o'clock is closing hour week nights, you know."

A Column, by George!

Be Good to Pals, Writer Begs Santa

By GEORGE GLAZER

There are certain things a columnist is expected to write about. These certain things are as unvarying as taxes, death and complaints about college newspapers. One of those things is a farewell to the graduating class, or a sentimental column about leaving dear old Siwash to venture forth into the cold, cruel world.

Another of those things is an open letter to Santa Claus, around Christmas time.

So, without further ado, we write out our list of Christmas presents.

Dear Santa:

Things are rough around the Nittany Valley this year. There seem to be a lot of things that so many people need, that we're really ashamed to ask you for them—but you've heard that before, so if you don't mind, read over our list, and see what you can do for us.

First of all, over in Harrisburg, and in Bellefonte too, there seem to be a lot of people who are just the slightest bit color blind—all they can see is red. So for them, and the rest of the people like them all over the country, do you think you can find them some sort of lenses that will bring everything back into perspective? And not so long

ago, we had a little fire here. A lot of kids lost a lot of stuff. Do you think you can persuade your workers who go to Penn State to help their fellow students out?

And for the half-frozen circulation staff of Froth, do you think you can use some influence and make sure the weather's nice when it's Froth Day? We know the magazine's not too good, but there's no reason innocent peo-



ple should suffer for the mistakes of others.

May we ask for a free trip to State College for a member of the Time magazine staff? We want that guy who called us the "Silent Generation" to visit our fraternity house some lunch time.

For the students of State College and some of the people in the borough, we request a stuffed ballot box the next time Sunday movies come to a vote.

And to the printer who made the error in the loyalty oath bill, a rousing round of thanks from the oath's opponents.

To the people responsible for building the SU, give some steel—any kind of steel, just so long as it's steel.

And to the BX—let them have the right to sell anything they want at any price they want—as long as the students can afford it.

Miss Emily Pikus, secretary at public information who has been so helpful to Collegian people for five years, is leaving next week. Kris, make sure she has a good job and has lots of fun.

And last, but not least, make sure that all our readers, small in number though they may be, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

That's about all, right now Santa. We hope we don't put too much of a strain on you and the reindeer.

A Merry Christmas to you—and to all, a good night.

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, December 18
CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN business staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, TUB, 6:45 p.m.
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Women for waitress work from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in dairy store.
Busboy for Mondays from 9 to 12 a.m.
Man for work on farm on edge of town, to 6 every day.
Woman for housework five days per week from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Man to live in dorm and take care of furnace.

German Sing Features Xmas Reading, Carols

German Christmas carols and the reading of the Christmas story in German were featured in the 22nd annual German Christmas sing held in Schwab Auditorium last night.

George J. Wurfl, professor emeritus of German, presided as he has done every year since the program was started in 1930.

For the organ prelude, George E. Ceiga, College organist, played "Puer Natus in Bethlehem" (Buxtehude) and "In Dulci Jubilo" for the prelude, also by Buxtehude.

A Russian Christmas story was read by William B. Edgerton, assistant professor of Russian.