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More Parking Lots Only Auto Answer



Penn State's parking problem has become so acute that one driver of an MG, the British-built pint-sized sport car, was forced to squeeze his way between the wooden post blocking the entrance to the driveway, and the shrubbery in front of the Daily Collegian office in order to find a parking place.

The student pondering the scene is probably wondering how the car managed to make it through the narrow opening into the driveway. We're wondering too—wondering how 4000 cars owned by students, faculty, and staff members can be parked in 2500 parking spaces. They can't.

Penn State's parking facilities are inadequate. That is the simple truth. The short-range program is to devise some just means of eliminating unnecessary campus parking—and then enforcing it so it sticks. But that should not be considered the answer to the problem.

The problem is the lack of parking space. The answer to the problem must, therefore, be additional parking areas.

Druids Changes Should Be Made

Although coming only in the form of a recommendation, the action of Hat Society Council in suggesting a general revision of the constitution of Druids, sophomore men's athletic honorary, should be thoroughly considered by that group.

In addition to recommending revision of the constitution so that it conforms to "accepted constitutional form," hat council suggested that the basis for membership in the organization be broadened to allow for membership of non-athletes, and that the "black-ball" system of electing members be abandoned.

The action of hat council should not be construed as singling out Druids for criticism. The recommendations came as the result of a review of the Druids constitution in line with the policy of reviewing the constitutions of all hat societies at least once a year. Druids was first on the list for review; the others will follow.

As it is now constituted, Druids membership is limited to athletes. The constitution now provides that "Eligibility for membership to the society shall be judged by active members according to character of person; with at least his freshman numerals, or a varsity letter in a college sport to his credit."

The proposal that Druids expand its membership to include non-athletes is not without precedent in hat society history. Just two and a half years ago, in May, 1950, Parmi Nous, senior men's organization, altered its constitution to allow for membership of publications men, student government leaders, men active in politics, etc. Up until that time, Parmi Nous had been limited to the athlete.

It has been the proposal of campus politicians that another sophomore hat society be created to recognize freshmen who have contributed to campus activities other than athletics. The limitations placed upon freshmen by their status on campus and the relatively short time they have had a chance to make a mark for them-

Students Are Deaf To National Issue

Did you listen to President Harry S. Truman deliver his State of the Union speech yesterday? Or did you, too, fall into the realm which so many others have?

Whether we as college students are aware of it or not, this man still is the chief executive of our country no matter what our opinions are of his past work. It still stands, as President Truman himself said, that 1952 can be the turning point of the future.

That most students just "don't care" is a serious problem. Just what do they have in mind? If they want to gripe, why not sit down for a half an hour and see what our country's chief executive has to say? But instead, they show a nonchalant, unconcerned attitude, revealing that they certainly are not looking at the situation objectively.

In a recent Time magazine article called "The Younger Generation," it was pointed out that conformity has taken the place of the pioneering spirit of past generations. Time went on to term youth as the "silent generation," having little cynicism because it never hoped for much. Are we to continue this unconcerned, docile attitude when we have our lives at stake?

We are all concerned with the fighting in Korea and how many more Americans will be drafted in 1952. We are concerned, or at least should be concerned, with how well our defense program, at home and abroad, stands. We are all aware of the unusual advancements which have taken place in war materials—mainly the atomic bomb. When Eric Johnston spoke on the campus recently he pointed out how it appears to be necessary for the United States to make strength a national policy.

President Truman went even further in his yearly speech. He said, "The threat of a World War is still very real." He explained the whys and wherefores of our defense program of last year and this year. If members of the younger generation cannot be motivated to listen to such a vital talk as the State of the Union, then how are we possibly going to be able to face the future?

In the present state of world affairs, the ideals which we hold so dearly are at stake. It is time that the younger generation awakened itself to see that we cannot possibly live in a dream world when we have such threats as Russian aggression facing us.

—Mimi Ungar

Cage Refs Merely Follow the Rules

Now that Coach Elmer Gross' basketball team continues its clear sailing over some of the East's major teams, it seems that everytime the Lions perform at Rec Hall the officiating is the main issue. The referees who call each foul with gestures and flourishes and a smug finality appear to delight some, but nettle others.

For example, in Saturday night's contest with Colgate, spectators were irate at the rough liberties taken by officials. Since Coach Gross' strategy called for a full court man-to-man pressing defense when Colgate was bringing the ball into play after field goals, the Red Raiders were forced to resort to plays to get the ball out of the ten second area. Consequently, the referees were very conscious of body contact under the baskets, and few players could drive in for a shot without a foul being called. Although 60 foul shots were awarded to both teams, some plays were obvious, while others were close calls and the referees were just doing their chores like any good officials in the same position.

As a result, it is evident that those who ridiculed the officials were those who have never taken time to study the game and learn its fundamentals. Moreover, one fact must be established. That is that basketball officiating differs all over the nation, not just in the East. For instance, in the Southeast conference referees are charged with most carelessness in body contact in that conference rules call for lenient interpretation.

The Big Ten allows its officials to overlook too much hitting the ball when opposing players go up on jump balls. Also, the Big Ten and Missouri Valley areas allow a laxity on the pickoff, permitting the screener to set his blocks closely. In the Eastern sector, the rules curb personal contact in guarding a pivot man from the rear, among other variations.

Regardless of which section, however, the officials cannot relax one rule and tighten another for the benefit of fans or coaches and expect intersectional play to be consistent. Consequently, when spectators understand these factors, they will realize that the little man who hurries up and down the floor tooting his whistle is just interpreting the rule book.

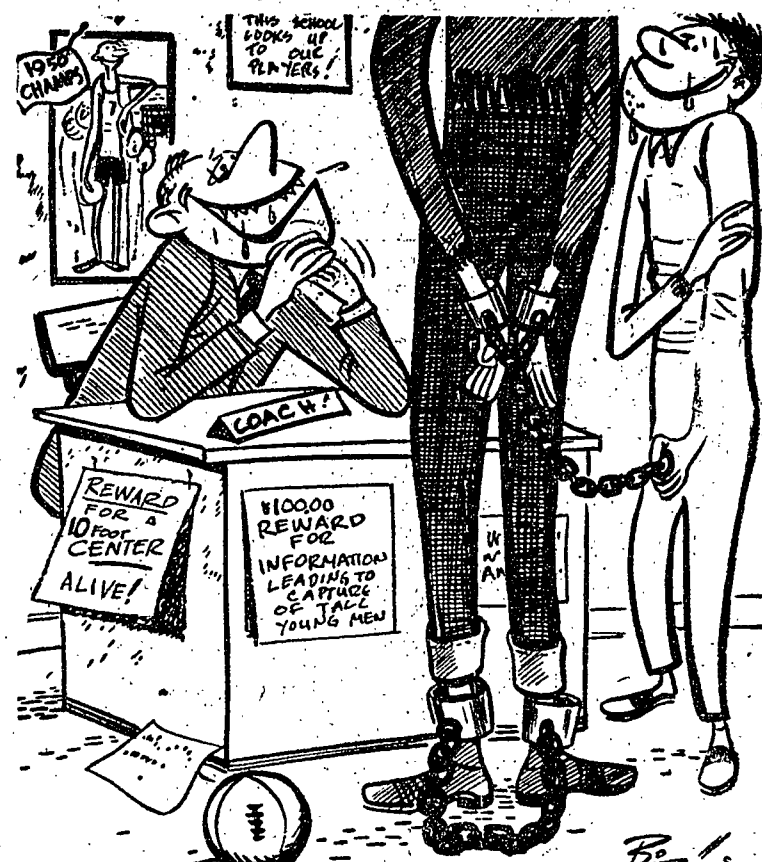
Thus, the next time a close call arises, remember that the officials are almost totally innocent of the injury sectionalized officiating demands.

—John Sheppard

selves necessarily limits the number of frosh who would be eligible for such an organization. There are simply not enough freshmen who would qualify for a hat society devoted to recognition for general activities.

The obvious alternative would be to make some provision for non-athletic but nonetheless active frosh in an existing organization. That organization is Druids.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Well, well, Jesse, what's this about your wanting to play basketball?"

The Old Millstream

By MOYLAN MILLS



We came out of our modern European history class feeling rather low and frustrated yesterday morning. It seems we got up to that point in European history where the two world holocausts and the period between the wars are discussed. Chances for world peace and avoidance of a third world war look mighty low when looked at from the viewpoint of past performance.

According to our prof, the conditions following a major world conflict are only aggravated representations of the grievances which led up to the war in the first place. And we can see that the Versailles Treaty and post-war chaos after World War I laid the groundwork for World War II. To certain observers, the same vicious circle may lead to World War III.

And yet everybody says that we don't want war. At least the little people of the world are supposed to want only a chance to live in peace and work for the moral, spiritual, and economic betterment of their own lives.

If a recent report from a group of Quakers who traveled through Russia is accurate, the Russian peasants and workers feel the same as the great mass of Americans, British, French, etc.

The group of Quakers, most of whom spoke Russian, were given license by the Soviet government to travel freely throughout the communist nation. Cynics will no doubt say that the Friends reported only what the Reds would let them report, or how else would they be granted a privilege denied all other groups. Being close-

ly associated with many Friends and Friend groups, we feel that much of their report is justified.

The Quaker group reported that the Soviet people earnestly do not want war and that it is the ignorance in which the leaders of the Soviet Union keep the great bulk of the population which makes many of them hostile to Anglo-Americans.

Contrary to current belief in the United States, the Soviet people have a fairly high standard of living, as high as the British, according to the Quaker report. The literacy rate has also increased tremendously in the past 30 years. However, the Friends cited the fact that the Soviets study Dickens' "Oliver Twist" as an example of living conditions in England.

The most startling statement made by the Quaker group was that religion is still a potent force in Soviet Russia even though many of us believe the Red state to be totally atheistic. The Quakers attended several Russian church services and found that they had never felt "as close to the presence of the living God."

Regardless of the plans of Stalin

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Gazette . . .

Thursday, January 10
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

FENCING CLUB, Beaver Field water tower, 7 p.m.

FROTH circulation staff, candidates and board members, 202 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

FRENCH CLUB, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

JUNIOR CLASS PROJECT COMMITTEE, McElwain lounge, 6:15 p.m.

MARKETING CLUB, speaker, Sigma Chi, 4 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, John Hammes in charge, 317 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.

PLAYERS TECHNICAL WORKSHOP scheduled for today and Jan. 17 canceled.

SCABBARD AND BLADE, Lambda Chi Alpha, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Allen Adair, Barbara Bohrer, Maynard Drossner, Marcia Ger-

maine, Nancy Gibbs, Carolyn Goyer, Ann Gramley, Stuart Itzkovitz, Gerald Klutney, Lois Richardson, Jerome Sadosky, Ruth Townsend, Robert Wisner.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Lady From Texas 2:13, 4:06, 5:59, 7:52, 9:45

STATE: Behave Yourself 2:11, 4:03, 5:55, 7:47, 9:39

NITTANY: The Day the Earth Stood Still 6:25, 8:19, 10:15

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Eli Lilly and Co. will interview 1952 candidates in Organic Chem. at the Ph.D. level Monday, Jan. 14.

New Holland Machine Co. will interview January graduates in M.E. with farm background for the design of farm machinery Thursday, Jan. 10.

Sylvania Electric will interview January graduates in accounting Friday, Jan. 18.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Part-time employment as a butcher. Clerking afternoons on photo supply counter.

Outdoor work afternoons for man with driver's license.

Busboy for Monday and Thursday mornings 9-12.

1st or 8th semester mechanical engineer or aeronautical engineer for part-time government work.

Person experienced in photographic work. Man for typewriter repair work.