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Joint Buying Plan Needs Cooperation

After almost a year of delay, the Fraternity Management Association, the joint buying program of the Interfraternity Council and the Association of Fraternity Counselors, is about to get under way.

Under the program which will be attempted by the IFC and the AFC, the joint buying program will get under way with the buying of potatoes, a staple in the kitchens of all fraternity houses. The plan is to start out on a small scale with the hope of expanding the program in the future.

The endorsement and support of the plan by the vast majority of fraternities is indicative of the interest among fraternity men in FMA. This interest, we feel, stems from the continually rising cost of living and the effect of inflation on fraternity house bills. Joint buying by fraternities will lower costs, so the fraternity man's interest in FMA is basically an economic one.

Full-scale joint buying by fraternities at Ohio State has proved successful for the past 20 years. Joint buying on such things as fuel, meats, dairy products, bread, vegetables, as well as many other items, should prove to be the source of great savings by fraternities.

And another advantage to accrue from FMA is the establishment of continuity in buying procedures and the employment of professionals to do the actual buying. Because a good bit of the buying done by fraternities is done by amateurs, costs often are higher than they might be. Expert buyers might cut costs much more than most fraternity leaders suspect.

The cost of living in a Penn State fraternity was not too long ago estimated to be but a few cents higher than that of living in the dormitories. We suspect that fraternity house bills have increased more than has the cost of living in the dorms since that study was made. And we further suspect that one of the principal causes for this has been that the College can benefit from the savings of mass buying.

If fraternities hope to compete with dormitories on an economic basis, a large part of the answer should lie in a joint buying plan to function under FMA. For this reason the full efforts of IFC and AFC should be turned toward making FMA a full-time working organization.

U.S. Should Blast French NATO Lag

During the past several months the smooth operation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been damaged several times by France's tossing a monkey wrench into the works.

The latest monkey wrench was the French National Assembly's deathblow to the cabinet of Premier Edgar Faure. The martyrdom of Faure's cabinet resulted when it staked its life on raising taxes 15 per cent. A tax hike is needed to meet France's enlarged defense costs for NATO.

Leading French politician in the execution of Faure's middle-of-the-road cabinet was General Charles De Gaulle. His party, largest single group in the French parliament, joined with Communists and Socialists to vote down Faure's 40-day-old cabinet.

New Premier Antoine Pinay faces the same major problems which caused the downfall of Faure's government: an almost empty treasury, the ever-present shadow of De Gaulle, plus the French people's sentiments of neutralism, historic rivalries, and sheer lack of will.

Said Deputy Francois Delcos, former chairman of the influential Radical Socialist party: "You cannot get a 15 per cent tax increase through Parliament. What we have to do is ask the Americans through the Atlantic Council either to give us 200 billion francs (about \$750 million) or aid or cut our contribution to Atlantic Defense."

Logical discussion and debate have failed to impress upon France the need for her cooperation with the other NATO countries for Western Europe's security against Communist aggression.

The next step should be an American threat to cut off aid to France unless she quickly agrees to pay her share to NATO. Money talks.

—Julie Ibbotson

Chapel Fund Should Stay on Campus

Now that the special student-faculty committee has met to discuss possible uses for the Chapel collection, it has become quite clear that the decision will be made along one of two lines.

Either the funds will be allocated to some campus project or they will be given to another off-campus program similar to the Penn State-in-China venture.

We have no doubt that in the minds of the vast majority of students the feeling is strong that the funds should go toward a campus project. Those who think otherwise are fooling themselves.

Six suggestions for the use of the funds were made at the committee meeting. Three were for campus projects, three for off-campus programs.

The three off-campus suggestions included Allahabad Agricultural Institute, the Christian college for rural life in India; a special agricultural mission at Silliman University in the Philippines; and a contribution to the World Student Service Fund for a special purpose such as Punjab Camp College of the University of Delhi.

The three campus possibilities discussed included the construction of a small meditation chapel, the establishment of an international house, and supplementation of the Chapel operating funds.

While the three off-campus suggestions appear to be worthwhile causes, the contribution of the Chapel collection—which will total about \$6500 this year—would seem to us to be a mere pittance in relation to the huge funds that the United States is now "lending" abroad. Unless we are mistaken, this sum could serve a more useful purpose right here on the Penn State campus.

Having heard so much about the poor state of Christian morals and ethics among the populace—with particular emphasis being placed on the college student—we think that we had better put some time and effort into Christianizing ourselves before we start working on the rest of the world. For that reason and because Penn State needs a meditation chapel and an even better Chapel program, the funds should stay right here.

Charity begins at home, the expression goes, and if there has ever been a home in need of some self-inflicted charity it is the Penn State campus. We have a lot to do right here before we go about solving problems on a globe-girdling basis.

Cabinet Interest Lies in Politics

Thursday night, All-College Cabinet will hear the first reading of a proposal from the Agriculture Student Council to raise all student fees by ten cents a semester to provide traveling expenses for Ag school judging teams.

The proposal, in itself, is definitely in order. Although all student fees would be raised by the amendment, the students on Ag Hill would be providing the major support as they are already paying 75 cents a semester to underwrite the judging teams. Thus, the Hill students, under provisions of the proposal, would be giving 85 cents a semester and students of the other schools would be paying ten cents.

Ag School students pay as much fee money in support of debate team, glee club, and Blue Band traveling expenses as students, for instance, in the Liberal Arts school. So we really cannot begrudge the money. The judging teams represent Penn State just as do the debate team.

So it's not the proposal itself but the manner in which cabinet will consider the amendment that worries us. It seems that cabinet, as shown by its actions during the weeks that the recent statistical poll amendment, was on the agenda, is more interested in politicking than in searching for merits.

Some members of both parties in cabinet seemed more interested in showing party strength during the last amendment test than in honestly weighing facts pro or con. Votes were lined up for or against the poll as sides would be chosen for a touch football game. Whether the statistical poll was pertinent was considered by only a few of the cabinet members.

Politics has its place in student government but not to the extent that politics exclude intelligent investigation of a measure's merits. Perhaps student government can avoid another example of petty politicking when the Ag Council proposal is considered in the ensuing weeks.

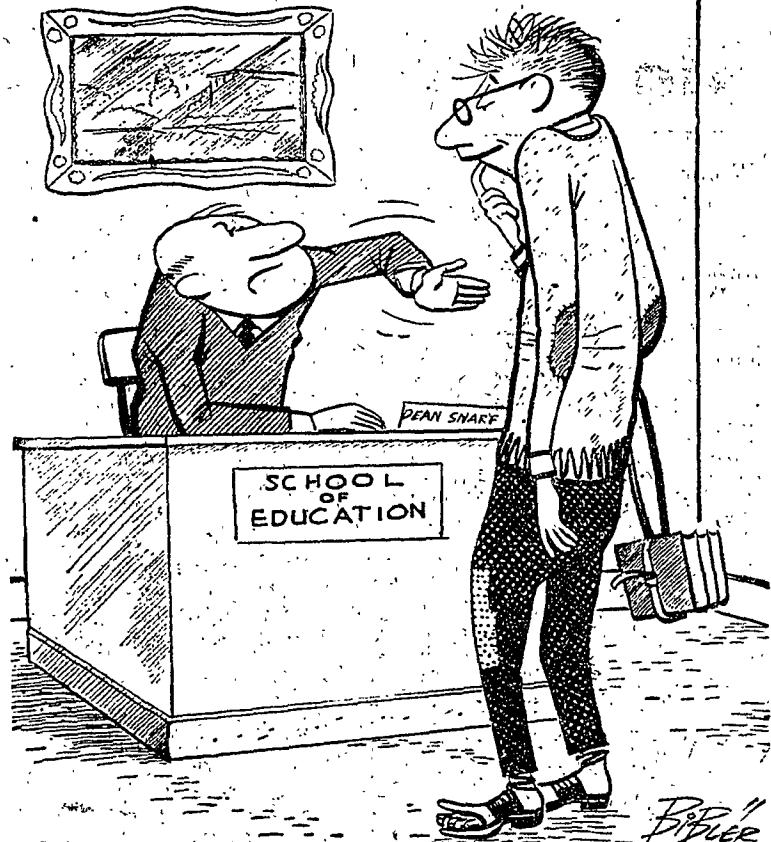
—Moylan Mills

Gazette . . .

- Tuesday, March 18
- BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 206 Agriculture Building, 7:30 p.m.
- CAMPUS CHEST meeting, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN business staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN promotion staff, 111 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN sophomore editorial board, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- FROTH PROMOTION staff meeting, Froth office, 6:45 p.m.
- MARKETING CLUB open meeting with speaker, Sigma Chi, 7:30 p.m.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"You're enrolling in a school where we demand students be of sound physical and mental health, of unblemished character, good speakers, of sound judgment and leadership—welcome to the profession, Mr. Keller."

Fundamental Issues

By LEN KOLASINSKI



The story of the Dutch boy who stuck his finger in a hole in a dike to prevent erosion of the wall sums up the situation in the world today. This time the wall is an imaginary barrier erected between the Soviet and the West. And instead of holding back the sea, this wall is meant to resist the rushing, turbulent stream of communism.

After the initial surge of communism had inundated what are now the satellite nations in Europe and Red China, the wall was hastily reinforced. Plans for a European defense alliance plugged one of the leaks. The Korean police action strengthened the shaky barrier on its eastern flank. But, it logically follows that the West will run out of fingers, and then what?

Last week, Congressmen eyed the 7.9 billion dollar foreign aid bill and expressed mild disapproval. For one, there was Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who said that the United States couldn't keep giving such large sums of money to foreign countries. However, there seems to be no other way to keep the dike in repair.

In Europe the defective economics of England and France need constant bolstering. Re-armament and defense programs consume large chunks of the national budget. From it the French cabinet fell and because of the collapse U.S. Congressmen heaped bitter criticisms on France. Threats to cut off aid to the French nation unless she assumed her obligations to the West defense program filled the air. But the burden of building a strong dike will continue to rest heavily

on the shoulders of the American people. As for the finger that has plugged the leak in the Far East, there were indications that Washington would offer the North Koreans an ultimatum. Cautious speculation suggested that UN truce negotiators were ready to give the communists a final list of proposals for a settlement of the war. This is to test the enemy's willingness to arrange an armistice. There was no hint that a rejection of the proposals would bring an all-out UN offensive, but it was supposed that the talks would end. That policy seems completely negative. The UN would leave a stalemated truce to return to a stagnated war. And squeezed between an indecisive United Nations Command and a stubborn communist invader, a few hundred thousand UN troops wait hopefully for rotation.

Eight long months have passed since the talks started in Korea. Nothing has been solved and it seems reasonable to assume that further conversations will not be rewarding. The decision for a vigorous policy in Korea is a grave but necessary one. It must be made soon.

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- COLLEGE PLACEMENT
- J. C. Penny Co. will interview non-technical June-graduates interested in retailing Thursday, March 27.
- Koppers Co., Chemical Division will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., and Chem. Wednesday, March 26. They will also interview juniors in M.E. and Ch.E.
- Standard Oil of Indiana will interview June graduates in M.E. and C.E. Wednesday, March 26.
- Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co. will interview graduates at all levels in M.E., E.E., Metal, Min., Chem., C.E., Cer. and Phys. Thursday, March 27.
- Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp. will interview June graduates in C&F, L&L, and Cer. Thursday, March 27.
- Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E. Thursday, March 27.
- Shell Oil Co. (Manufacturing Dept.) will interview graduates at all levels in Chem. and Ch.E. and B.S. and M.S. candidates in M.E. Thursday, March 27.
- Westaco Chemical Division will interview graduates at all levels in Chem. and Ch.E. Wednesday, March 26.
- Camp Conrad Weiser, Reading, Pa. will interview at 9 a.m. today.
- Carter Oil Co. will interview graduates at all levels in P.N.G., Ch.E.; M.S. candidates in Geology; and Ph.D. candidates only in Phys., E.E. and M.E. Monday, March 31.
- Dupont will interview June graduates in A&L, Acct. and L.M.R. Monday, March 31.
- Equitable Gas Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., Ch.E. and E.E. Thursday, March 27. Draft status is unimportant.
- Glidden Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., Ch.E., Com. and Acct. Friday, March 28.
- Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., Ch.E., E.E., Chem., Phys., Metal, A&L and Com. Monday, March 31.
- Koppers Co. General offices will interview June graduates in M.E. and C.E. for their Eng. dept.; Ch.E., M.E. and Metal for operating dept.; Ch.E. and B.S. and Ph.D. Chem. for research dept.; and Chem., Ch.E., I.E. and M.S. Econ and Mkt. for sales Monday, March 31.
- Koppers Co., Metal div. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., I.E., and E.E. Monday, March 31.
- Koppers Co., Tary Products Div. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Min. E., and M.E. Monday, March 31.
- Owens Corning Fiberglass Corp. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Arch.E., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Chem., Com.Ch., Sci., Arch., Acct., Adv., L.M.R. and Cer. Monday, March 24.