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Mob Action Yields Powerful Warning

Seldom has Penn State received as much publicity as it has from the pre-vacation raids staged on the women's dormitories. And seldom has publicity hurt Penn State as much as newspaper stories describing the antics of Penn State's student body.

Nor were the newspaper stories responsible for the bad publicity. Generally speaking, the stories were accurate in describing the proceedings. The newspapers cannot be held accountable for printing the stories; they merely reported the news.

Responsible for the bad publicity were those students who participated in the raids. These same students were at the same time responsible for the destruction of a good bit of College property and the loss or destruction of the personal property of hundreds of students.

There were parts of the women's dormitories which were literally looted as if a conquering army had swept through the area. Gone were the underclothes of coeds—all very funny until you talk to some of the women who lost in some cases more than \$75 in lingerie.

Gone too were many valuable—purses, money, cigarette cases. Theft is never very amusing and because the theft is the result of a raid on the women's dorms makes it no less a criminal act.

Some of the stolen property—and it was just that, if we may eliminate some of the sugar coating that has been used to describe the raids—has been returned. The larger part of it has not and will not be returned.

This, then, is the result of an outbreak of mob action which when it started appeared to be a big joke, a good time for all, a pre-vacation spree. But the difficulty with any mass demonstration of the type which started in the West Dorm courtyard with the explosion of a cherry bomb is that a mob is difficult to control.

What started out as an innocent hell-raising stunt in the West Dormitory area mushroomed into a demonstration which in some instances verged on the riot stage. A few hotheads in the mob could have ignited a full-scale brawl which would have left in its wake much more damage to College property and the personal belongings of students than was recorded in the pre-vacation raids.

Students who give any amount of thought to the raids will learn a lesson from the incident if they gain nothing else. The lesson to be learned is this: mob action is dangerous, for it is explosive and once started is difficult to control.

The danger to College and personal property as well as the safety of individual students inherent in uncontrollable mob action should serve as a warning to the Penn State student body.

Now Hear This: Politicos Open Up

The campus political campaigns begin today, and once again the campus spotlight will be more or less taken over by the Lion and State parties. And once again also there will be the usual urging by the politicians to get out and vote in the elections when they come up on April 23 and 24. We'd like to give an assist to that urging right now.

This year both parties have produced good, though similar, platforms. For this reason, as one candidate has put it, students will have to vote for the candidates, not for the platform.

The similarity of the platforms has shown that the campus politicians are aware of what the students want and need. But being aware of these things is not enough. It will be up to the people who are put into office to carry out these platforms. That's where the average student comes into the picture, for it is he who will put these people into office.

Both parties have planned extensive campaigns in order that the students will have a chance to see, talk to, and question their candidates. There will be plenty of opportunity for every student to hear both parties' candidates speak at least once. Each student should take advantage of this opportunity.

During this year's elections, students are going to have to make their choices on the basis of sincerity, ability, and forcefulness, not on the basis of which candidate is better looking, or which belongs to a certain fraternity, or any other such petty considerations.

In addition, it must be remembered that five of the nine people to be elected will hold seats on All-College Cabinet by reason of the offices they will fill. We wonder how many of the people who complain when cabinet passes or fails to pass some measure are people who voted in the spring and fall elections?

—Dave Pellnitz

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"For a female engineering instructor you're doing right well with this class, Miss Spalding."

Gazette . . .

Thursday, April 17

AMERICAN SLAVONIC ORGANIZATION, 105 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

COLLEGIAN freshman board and candidates, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

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

NEWS AND VIEWS, 14 Home Economics, 6:30 p.m.

NITTANY GROTTTO, 100 Horticulture Building, 8 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

B. F. Goodrich will interview June graduates in E.E. for their Oaks, Penn. Plant.

Brush Development Co. will interview June graduates in E.E. and Phys. Monday, April 29.

Budd Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. Monday, April 28.

Burroughs Adding Machine Co. will interview June graduates in Com. for Acct. and Sales Monday, April 28.

Carborundum Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Metal., E.E., I.E., M.E., Cer. and Acct. Wednesday, April 30.

Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. will interview June graduates in Metal., I.E., M.E. and Ch.E. Monday, April 28.

General Electric will interview June graduates (women only) in Math., Phys., Chem. and Sci. Tuesday, April 29.

Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. will interview June graduates in I.E., M.E. and Cer. Tuesday, April 29.

Kroger Co. will interview June graduates in Com., Hort., Ag.Ed., Ag.Ec., A.H., P.H. and H.A. Tuesday, April 29.

Mexican Petroleum Corp. will interview June graduates in Chem. and Ch.E. Tuesday, April 29.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., M.E., A&L, Com., Phys., Ed. for Tech. and Non-tech Sales and Chem. and Ch.E. Wednesday, April 30.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Cherokee, Beach Lake, Pa., will interview men and women Tuesday, April 22. Variety of jobs open.

Camp Conrad Weiser, Reading, Pa., will interview men Thursday, April 24. Variety of jobs open.

Camp Menatoma, Kents Hill, Maine, will interview men Wednesday, April 23. Variety of jobs open.

The Old Millstream

By MOYLAN MILLS



Twenty years from now, the Daily Collegian probably will run an ad such as this: "It's a fact. On the night of April 7, 1952, several thousand male students raided the seven women's dorms on the Penn State campus. Now the gang is raiding Vic's for the biggest milkshakes in town."

Not many College students will forget the spontaneous conflagration which ignited the campus over a week ago. Looking back on the raid, most persons will agree that the affair was disgustingly childish. But enough amusing incidents came out of the raid to keep most students and probably faculty and administration members supplied with anecdotes during the Easter vacation and long after.

One psych prof put the raid down to "mass voyeurism," in other words mass "Peeping Tomism." The prof went on to explain that dorm restrictions for the women and a Life magazine article on the University of Michigan raid helped to stir the students to action.

The day after the "cause celebre," two students couldn't get together without swapping stories of the night before. Some of these sessions turned into campus counterparts of the "Can You Top This" radio show.

There were anecdotes concerning the coed who dumped her

laundry bag out the window; the housemother who opened the door so the boys could get the raid over with; the fellow who wanted to incorporate the affair as a permanent Spring Week feature; and the guy who was snatched in a second floor window by four females and hasn't been seen since.

A humorous version of the riot was broadcast over a Philadelphia radio station the morning after. The station seemed to feel the fact that the Dean of Men and Dean of Women were out of town simultaneously was significant.

So the dorm raid passes into history and probably Penn State legend. But the most amusing thing to happen to us was a certain picture which appeared on the front page of the Daily Collegian. We were one of the coterie of dorm counselors and others trying to keep the riot within bounds. The picture, however, shows us in just the opposite light. Irony, yea verily.

HAZELTON CENTER ALUMNI

Here's Your Invitation To Party No. 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

For Reservations Call: FELLIN 2535 BRENNAN 6447

The TAVERN MENU

Thursday, April 17

ITALIAN SPAGHETTI
HUNGARIAN GOULASH
BAKED HAM
PRIME STEAKS

DINNER 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Reservations after 6:30

WARNER
Cutaway
LUTHER ADLER
PATRICIA KNIGHT
"THE MAGIC FACE"

Sage
PAT O'BRIEN
JANE WYATT
"CRIMINAL LAWYER"

Milkway
OPEN AT 6:15
ANNE BAXTER
BETTE DAVIS
"ALL ABOUT EVE"

MEET THE GANG AT . . .



The Corner
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