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## New Excuse Rule Will Aid Dispensary

The elimination of dispensary excuses by the College Senate will undoubtedly remove a heavy burden from the College Health Service, but it still does not establish an effective method for distinguishing between those legitimately ill and the fakers looking for a way to avoid a cut for missing class.

Under the revised regulations for undergraduate students, instructors will be required to accept official excuses and permit students with such excuses to make up any "required work or examinations without penalty. For all other absences the instructor shall have final authority in marking absences excused or unexcused."

The only medical excuses which will be issued under the new regulations will be for confinement in the College Hospital, and these will be official. The previous dispensary excuse is done away with.

The other excuses, which will be official and binding upon instructors, are for authorized athletic trips, authorized inspection trips, and for other student organization trips for which the Senate committee on student affairs has determined official excuses advisable.

Students missing classes for any other reasons must present their case to their individual instructors who may grant excuses as they wish.

Although the great deal of work which was imposed upon the dispensary in issuing excuses under the old regulations—which were not binding anyway—is now eliminated, the sly student presumably will still be able to get away with a good story about an upset stomach or headache. However, the individual instructors will be better able, we feel, to recognize when a particular student's aches and pains are in a rut, much easier than can the doctors who handle the entire student body in the dispensary.

With fewer students visiting the dispensary with fake pains just for excuses, the College Health Service should be able to better fill the task for which it was established, namely, to aid students when they become ill.

Dr. Edgar Krug, assistant College physician, summed up the health service point of view yesterday, explaining that no employer is willing to accept minor aches and pains as excuse for missing a day's work, and since college work is preparation for a job, it should be no different here. This seems only reasonable.

—Jim Gromiller

## Election Proposal Had Shortcomings

In its report to All-College Cabinet Thursday night, the All-College elections committee recommended that in the future all members of the committee be seniors.

In explaining the reason for the recommendation, the committee representative said that by having only seniors on the committee, there would be less chance of any "dirty dealings" in the hope of political gain. On the surface the recommendation appeared to be a good one, but upon looking at it more closely, the plan really had more bad than good points and was finally defeated by cabinet.

In the first place, we know of no time in the past when the elections committee was accused of not properly conducting and supervising an election. If there had been, we're sure something would have been done about it before now.

Secondly, if the ruling had been passed, many capable and deserving people would have been deprived of serving on the committee. In addition, the valuable experience they could gain and which could be carried over to the following year is even more reason why lowerclassmen should be allowed on the committee. While there is not much experience needed in counting ballots, it must also be remembered that the elections committee has to make important decisions concerning party platforms and election campaigns. This was well illustrated this year when the committee found it necessary to fine each State Party candidate 15 votes for illegal campaign practices on the part of the party.

Still another point was made when a cabinet member stated that a sophomore or junior who was the type who would use his position on the elections committee to further himself would certainly still be that type should he be named to the committee when he was a senior.

We are sure the elections committee made the

recommendation in good faith, but we are glad that cabinet, even though most of the members were new at the job, had the good judgment to see the shortcomings of the plan.

## Carnival Holiday Is Not Unreasonable

On Monday, the Council on Administration will consider a recommendation from All-College Cabinet that Thursday, May 15, be declared a holiday for the celebration of Spring Carnival. We hope the council will take favorable action on the matter.

When the pre-registration system was eliminated recently, the two days set aside for it were returned to the College calendar. Since the calendar was already complete without those two days, the request for the holiday does not seem outrageous.

But the desire for a holiday springs from more than that. Any student who has been here during Spring Week knows the amount of planning and work necessary to make the Spring Carnival a success. By declaring the holiday, the College will not only be giving students a much needed day of relaxation, but will also help in making the Spring Carnival bigger and better than ever.

In the past, the lack of time given for booth construction often resulted in the carnival's beginning with many of the booths still incomplete. This handicapped those organizations in their race to win the grand prize offered each year for the booth taking in the most tickets.

Still another factor to remember is that the carnival proceeds, after costs have been deducted, will be put into the Student Loan Fund established by cabinet.

Only one dissenting voice was heard Thursday night. The representative of the Chemistry-Physics Student Council pointed out that the situation in that school was somewhat different than in many other schools, because the holiday would mean canceling certain laboratory periods that were scheduled for Thursday. He suggested that the holiday be requested for either a Monday or Tuesday.

Someone else pointed out, however, that the school was also gaining two lab periods that were not originally scheduled by the return of a Monday and Tuesday to the teaching schedule. He added that very often Tuesday and Thursday classes coincide, so that probably few labs, if any, would be lost.

Actually, we think that the Chemistry-Physics students want a holiday just as much as anyone else, and we're pretty sure the professors in the school would like one too.

As for the request that the holiday be on a Monday or Tuesday, cabinet felt that Spring Carnival Day was the most practical time because of the added time it would give for preparing carnival booths.

We think approval of the plan will do much to prove to the students that student government is working for them, and that it can do more than just plan dances, etc. Therefore, we urge the Council on Administration to give its OK to the proposal. Once that is done, we'll start praying for a sunny May 15.

## Safety Valve—

### Fraternity Is Inter-racial In Theory and Practice

TO THE EDITOR: It is our belief that this information will be of interest to the student body. It was stated in the Daily Collegian on Friday morning that there are currently three Negro fraternities on campus. In regards to other fraternities discriminating in selecting members, we wish to make it clear that our fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, does not restrict its membership because of racial, religious, or professional reasons. Our fraternity is inter-racial in theory and practice.

The purpose of our fraternity is to bring about a union of college men of similar high ideals of scholarship and manhood in order to stimulate the attainment of high ideals, and to occupy a progressive and constructive place in the civil life of the nation.

Our aim in presenting this information is to provide a more accurate picture of our fraternity.

—Julian A. Cook, Plater Campbell, Richard Hill, Earl L. Harris, Alain Hunter, James Jamison, Stanley Lindner, George Manos, John Nicholas, Robert Nicholas, Hardy Williams, Norman Yu.

## Gazette . . .

**COLLEGE PLACEMENT**  
American Stores Co. will interview June graduates interested in becoming managers and supervisors of their stores May 13.

H. J. Heinz Co. will interview juniors in Home Ec., Chem., Sci., and Bact. for summer work May 13.

Penna. Topographic and Geological Survey will interview juniors in E.E., M.E., I.E., P.N.G., M.E., C.E., Cer., Geol., Metro., and Min. Ec. May 6.

West Penn Power Co. has openings for June graduates in accounting. Those interested should leave their names in 112 Old Main before May 7.

Euclid Road Machinery Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., and Com. May 16.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Men to work as ice cream dispensers evenings and week days. Part time Drafting for summer and fall.

Camp Starlight, Starlight, Penna., will interview men and women May 9. Variety of jobs open.

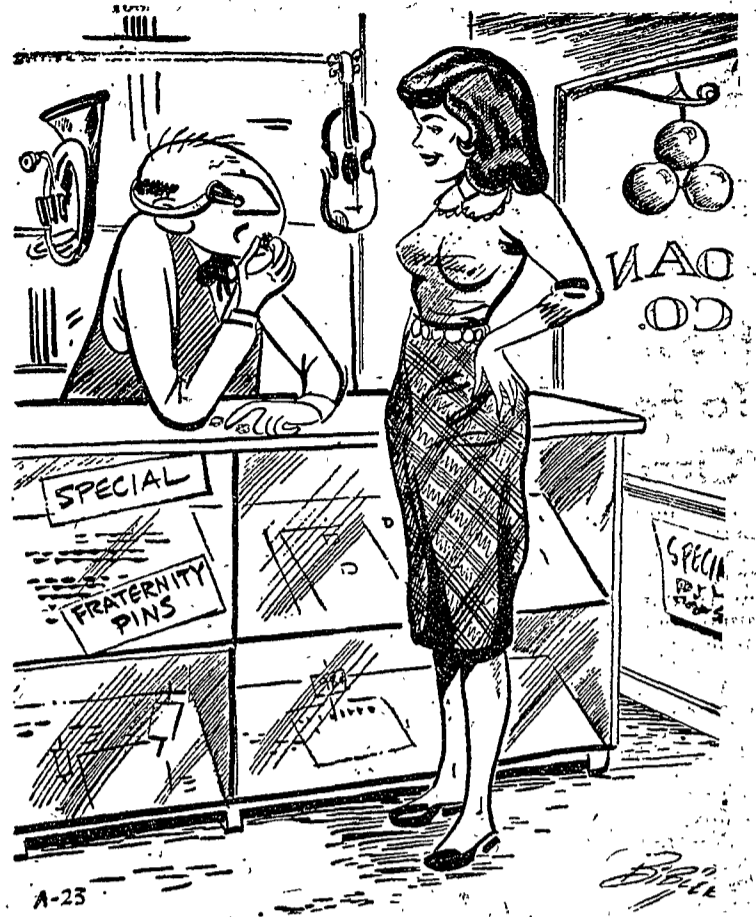
Camp Linden, Northbrook, Penna., will interview men and women May 8. Variety of jobs open.

Married couple for full time summer job near State College. Camp Pine Grove, Pine Grove Furnace, Penna., will interview men May 8 and 9. Variety of jobs open.

Men with soda dispensing experience for steady night job. Man interested in becoming member of student magazine agency for next fall.

Women for night clerking job.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"We're pretty well stocked with Phi Upsilon pins, Louise. Why don't you start dating boys out at the Sigma Phi Nothing fraternity from now on?"

## Spices of Life

By GINGER OPOCZENSKI

Even cartoonists are turning into psychologists, making it very difficult for one to indulge in a juicy nightmare these days.

At least it seems so, taking as an example a funny little cartoon that played here last weekend. In its ten-minute life it provoked more laughter than the entire full-length "comedy" playing with it.

The real star of the show, Bugs Bunny, was completely overshadowed by a harmless little creature which the tongue-in-cheek writers dubbed the "monster." The said scene stealer was a disgustingly adorable ball of red fuzz, with no arms, two appealing eyes, and a pair of obviously normal shoes.

He had an honest-to-goodness monster chore to perform—he was designated to get Bugs' brain for his scientist master's robot. But the way he went about the dirty deed was most disconcerting.

It must be admitted that Bugs was perpetrator of the defamation of monster movies. After beguiling the cuddly terror into a handy little seat in front of a mirror, he all too accurately parodies a talkative beautician with a Brooklyn twang and reduced the Red Thing's utterances to a silly giggle.

The death blow is struck when the villain-hero chances upon a bottle of "reducing fluid" which he unmercifully applies to the monster, shrinking him to mouse-like size and, in a matter of seconds, converting his recently-booming half growl to a sick peep.

The illusion of sub-human wretches was completely shattered by the pint-sized, yellow-faced excuse for the mad scientist. He pussy-footed through the film with a meek imitation of a Karloff voice and never once opened his tiny slits that served for eyes.

Picture the horrible monotony of uninterrupted sleep that would result if, instead of being able to revel in nightmares of ape-like goblins with three heads, one eye, and buzz saws for hands, all that appeared was our hairy red mass!

Of course there is no intention to associate them with the subject matter just covered, but we were recently struck with the not-too-amazing thought that house-mothers are the same all over. All frequenters of the lobbies of women's dormitories will attest to the familiarity of one of the hostess' pet phrases to a caption that appeared under a picture of a satisfied-looking dog and cat sharing a cot that appeared in an issue of the Syracusean, Syracuse's attempt at Froth. It read, "All couples on couches in living centers must keep both feet on the floor."

## Gazette . . .

SATURDAY, MAY 3

PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.  
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

DIE NEUEN BAVRISCHEN SCHUHPLATTNER, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.  
F.B.L.A. — Pi Omega Pi meeting, 214 Willard, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5

ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT 4-3, 200 E.E., 7 p.m.  
LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL, 108 Willard, 8:15 p.m.  
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Joseph Bard, Miriam Burritt, Norma Donaldson, Merle Gearhart, Stan Greenblatt, Helen Hedge, Albert Kerr, Charles Leech, William Pierami, Norman Porter, Nancy Seiple, Kenneth Skinner, Don Smith, Ann Swagler, Ruth Wehofer, Nelson Craige.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Singing in the Rain 2:13, 4:03, 5:59, 7:47, 9:45  
STATE: Five Fingers 2:11, 4:06, 5:55, 7:59, 9:39  
NITTANY: Stagecoach Driver 6:25, 8:19, 10:15  
STARLIGHT DRIVE-IN: Inside the Walls of Folsom Prison, plus Ghost Chasers 8:30

### Elementary Education Students to Meet

Meetings have been scheduled Monday night for all students in elementary education who will be juniors or seniors next year, Paul W. Bixby, chairman of the division of elementary education, has announced.

Juniors will meet at 7 p.m. in 121 Sparks, and seniors will meet at 8 p.m. in 10 Sparks.

Detailed notices of the meetings can be secured from the student advisers, Bixby said.