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Abuse Can Eclipse Carnival Holiday

Tomorrow is Spring Carnival day. It is also a student holiday.

When All-College Cabinet recently recommended to the Council of Administration that a holiday be declared because there were two extra days in the teaching schedule, the council did not hesitate much before putting its seal of approval on the measure.

Now that we have the holiday, let's be sure not to abuse it. Unfortunately, we can anticipate the usual number of people cutting their Friday classes to make it a "long weekend" at home. It is these people we ask to seriously consider the step first.

It has been perfectly obvious for some time now that the College is unhappy over the amount of cutting done by students. It seems probable that we can expect some kind of poll similar to the ones held before and after the Easter vacation will be conducted on Friday to check the number of absences. If not an actual poll, we can anticipate that class attendance will be watched very closely.

Students now have in their hands the power to destroy any future chance of obtaining a holiday such as the one we will have the privilege of enjoying tomorrow. An overly large amount of absences from classes on Friday will undoubtedly make it next to impossible for future classes to enjoy a Spring Carnival day or any other similar holiday which has a good purpose behind it.

But students also have the opportunity to prove that they can be trusted and that they appreciate small favors. We hope they will take this latter course. The Council of Administration has granted the holiday in good faith. It is up to the student body to prove itself worthy of that faith.

IFC Sing Contest Needs Larger Room

Sunday night for the second year in a row, students were forced to crowd into 10 Sparks for the IFC-Panhellenic sing finals. And for the second year in a row students were forced to sit on the steps or stand in the doorways.

We are supposed to learn from our mistakes and this is one instance when the seating problem should have been recognized in advance. The same difficulty was experienced at the sing preliminaries which were held in 110 Electrical Engineering.

Those in charge have missed the boat for two years: now there should be no excuse for a seating problem when the sing is held next year.

The best location for the contest would be Schwab Auditorium, or if this is unavailable, perhaps the TUB would be a good second choice.

There is a third possibility also—holding the finals out of doors.

Whether or not the latter is practical we have not been able to determine. We see no reason, however, why the finals could not be held in Schwab or the TUB where all students who wish to might attend without crowding.

—Jim Gromiller

Quantity Buying Plan To Serve Fraternities

A plan for large scale buying for fraternities was recently set in motion by the Fraternity Management Association. The association, a committee set up by the Interfraternity Council, has been planning such a program for Penn State for more than two years. It will begin to function on a large scale this fall.

Already successfully used for many years at several universities throughout the country, the plan offers member fraternities substantial savings through large scale food buying. Reduced credit expenses incurred through the carrying of accounts by the wholesaler will also be lessened.

A pilot plan was tried with potatoes this semester and has been termed successful by the FMA. It said the plan proved that fraternities could buy as a group and make a substantial saving.

Under the proposed plan, members will receive the advantages of the lowest wholesale prices through the purchase of foods on a large scale. Canned goods and potatoes will be bought under the program next fall. Supporters hope

to expand the program in the future to cover all types of food.

Goods will be ordered from the dealer offering the best bid and giving quality food for the most reasonable prices. The brands of food will be tested and selected by the School of Home Economics.

Food will be delivered by the dealer every two weeks. The members will pay through the IFC, making it possible for the dealer to make out only one bill.

In the future a manager will be hired to act as program administrator. Until a person is hired full time, the work will be done on a strictly voluntary basis by students, alumni, and faculty advisers.

Survey forms will be sent to each fraternity asking information concerning the quantity and quality of food consumed each month. The results of this poll will act as a basis for ordering food next fall.

Any fraternity will be eligible for membership. Each applicant is required to pay a \$100 deposit. This money, however, will be used as credit for the house or will be returned intact. After joining, the members are not required to buy food through the association, but savings will result only if they do.

The keynote of this program is cooperation. It has worked at other colleges and it can work here. Every fraternity should have a member attend the next FMA meeting and check any possibility of their being interested in the program.

FMA is not just an organization; it is a service.

—Chuck Obertance

Real Need Shown For New Auditorium

With ground soon to be broken for an addition to the Mineral Science building, it is a good time to think about future expansion of campus facilities.

At the moment a new addition to the Pattee Library, a new chemistry building, and an addition to Recreation Hall, plus other smaller projects, are in progress. But so far no plans have been made to improve the auditorium facilities at the College.

We'd like to point out that present Student Union building plans call for a small hall seating about 200. This is as it should be since a Student Union cannot take the place of a completely equipped auditorium.

Schwab Auditorium has served its purpose well and long, but far too long. Penn State is one of the few major colleges without a modern auditorium, and it's time plans were made to rectify that position.

First of all, Schwab seats only 1200 persons, while the potential audience includes many times that number. There are more than 10,000 students at the College, and the auditorium also caters to faculty, administration, and to w n groups. Certainly, there should be no reason why concert-goers have to arrive at Schwab half an hour before a Glee Club or Blue Band recital in order to get seats, or why Players and Thespians lose part of their audience because the good seats in Schwab are snapped up days in advance of a Saturday night performance.

The groups which use outdated Schwab work under a real handicap. For instance, there are no dressing rooms in Schwab, and the storage facilities are woefully inadequate.

We're not suggesting that historic Schwab be done away with because it could assume its rightful place beside a newer, larger, more up-to-date structure. Schwab could still be used for programs which attract a limited audience and to alleviate the crowded rehearsal schedule which forces many groups to practice in the Little Theater in Old Main or other inadequate places.

An auditorium with the latest lighting facilities, sound equipment, comfortable seats, and restful lounges would certainly be a boon to the College. Steps should be taken now to add such a structure to the future expansion plans at Penn State.

—Moylan Mills

Safety Valve—

Radio Station May Turn Out To Be a Radio Laboratory

TO THE EDITOR: I refer to a letter to the editor by John Price pertaining to the senior class gift. It seems that Mr. Price, on behalf of his guild, is defending the practice of promoting a gift while utilizing the free space in Collegian to continue his crusade for a radio station. I, as an underclass bystander with no crusades or personal interests except the College in mind, desire to include a few of the facts which the "hard working group" left out.

One of these is the fact that student funds are being solicited for a student group controlled by the faculty. It seems as though the Speech department and some of the engineers desire a toy with which to amuse themselves. There is evidently little consideration being given to the service the station will render to the students of Penn State who will be paying for it. The class gift and the money now available will be enough to set up a very limited station which will be fine for practice, but of little value to the student body as a whole.

I suggest that the students wait until the Radio Guild can offer a radio station that will serve the student community; a radio station that is completely feasible, and a radio station that we know can be set up for an also known sum of money. These facts have not been given to the students. They are asked to give their money to a project which may well turn out to be merely a radio laboratory.

—Walter Sachs

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"But I didn't ask for a 'Suggestion box!'"

Bargain Counter

By NANCY LUETZEL

From the UCLA Daily Bruin comes the report that Dr. Norman S. Simmons, research scientist in the Medical School atomic energy project, and his associates have announced the isolation of a nucleic acid molecule containing genes which are thought to be responsible for the color of eyes, body size, sex, and other physiological traits.

From the Brown and White, Lehigh University:

"Professor Kleinschmidt treated himself to an unusual class experiment last week. Seems that he took two cans of soup . . . one bouillon and the other beef . . . and rolled them down an inclined plane. To make the whole thing sporting, he calmly opened the winner and ate it raw."

Eleven o'clocks are hard on everyone!

The University of Cincinnati has solved the transportation problem of a large campus. Guests at the school's Co-op Day last weekend rode to and from the displays in a sight-seeing train made available through the courtesy of the Cincinnati Zoo.

Still in Ohio, the Akron Buckle, University of Akron, recently presented one of life's little philosophies:

Girls are like newspapers: They have forms, they always have the last word, back numbers are not in demand, they have influence, you can't believe anything they say, they're thinner than they used to be, they get along by advertising, and every fan should have his own and not try to borrow his neighbor's.

Big colleges can be confusing.

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, May 14

ACCOUNTING CLUB meeting, Phi Epsilon Pi, 7 p.m.

DEAN OF MEN'S COFFEE HOUR, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

GERMAN CLUB meeting, Grange recreation room, 8 p.m.

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

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Stuart Allen, Peter Amurgis, Gelda Antokolitz, Joan Atkinson, Duane Beals, Joan Besore, Robert Buchwald, Ruth Diehl, Willard Dye, Merle Gearhart, Doris Golub, Paul Hofmann, David Howells, Walter Iseman, John Kaufman, Joan Maher, Mary McCommons, George Moore, Marshall Donley, William Patsch, John Peifer, Grace Thomas.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Flaming Feather 1:51, 3:45, 5:39, 7:33, 9:32

STATE: Another Man's Poison 1:56, 3:49, 5:44, 7:38, 9:35

NITTANY: The River 6:15, 8:05, 9:47

STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Man in the Saddle, plus The Girl on the Bridge 8:30

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Men to work as ice cream dispensers evenings and week days.
Camp Linden, Northbrook, Penna., will interview men for August camp work.
Married couple for full time summer job near State College.
Men with soda dispensing experience for Friday and Saturday night job.
Man interested in becoming member of student magazine agency for next fall.
Women for night clerking jobs.
Camp Lillian Taylor will interview men and women May 15. Variety of jobs open.
Boy for noontime work 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Bass player and tenor sax player for May 17.
Student wife to do part time secretarial work in exchange for rent of apartment. Couple may have child.
Girl for clerical job. 15-20 hours per week.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

American Stores Co. will interview June graduates in L.M.R., Com., A&L, Ag.Ec., Ag.Ed., and Home Ec. (men only) May 13. Also students for summer employment.
Firth Sterling Inc. is interested in June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., and Metal. for work in their research division. Those interested should leave their names in 112 Old Main by May 16.