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Ponder Well Need For New Hat Groups

Hat Society Council recently came up with the idea that maybe what Penn State needs is a few more hat societies. Suggestions were made that a freshman hat society, a sophomore men's hat society, and another senior women's hat society be formed.

The freshman hat society idea has pretty well died a natural death. Many council members and members of the hat societies themselves realized that it was just impractical to have frosh hat societies. For one thing, when would the frosh be tapped?

They could not be tapped, certainly, immediately upon arrival at the College, and when they had spent some time here and were tapped, they would be well on their way to being sophomores anyway.

Having seen this impracticality, some council members continued to press for a sophomore hat society. The idea was presented, and the various societies have been discussing the matter. The most intelligent view, in our opinion, is that taken by Skull and Bones at its meeting Wednesday night.

At the meeting the society opposed the formation of a men's sophomore hat society and said that it thought consideration of women's hat societies should be planned by women's rather than men's groups.

Androcles has also opposed the creation of more hat societies, although its president told council that he personally was in favor of more societies.

The argument for the formation of a sophomore hat society is that a number of freshmen who show leadership on campus should be encouraged by being tapped for a sophomore society. (Most hat societies tap prior to the person's first semester in the College year represented by the group.)

Two problems are raised by this argument? 1. Are freshmen given the opportunity to participate in enough activities for any number of them to be eligible for a society? Most advisory groups on campus urge freshmen to spend less time in extracurricular activities during their first semester so that they may better look over these activities and get their curricular bearings.

2. Would freshman class officers be refused admittance to a sophomore hat society? If they weren't, under our present class election system, the freshman class president would be eligible to wear a black hat during freshman customs in the fall, for until November elections the freshman class president is a sophomore.

Would freshmen consider this a logical turn of events, what with hatmen enforcing customs?

In addition, we think that participation in life at Penn State for at least a few semesters should be a requirement for entrance into College societies of this type. Isn't looking forward to hat society membership as much a stimulus to frosh and sophs as being given a hat in their first year at the College?

Another argument given by pro-sophomore hat society persons is that another sophomore hat society should be founded to allow non-athletes the same advantage offered by Druids, a "sophomore" athletic hat society.

However, under the present setup, the majority of Druids is juniors, not sophomores, according to their president. It seems that a change in Druids is needed before another hat society should be founded, if this is to be an argument.

Many of these problems should be considered by Hat Society Council and the societies before too hasty action is taken. It is their responsibility to consider whether there is a real need for another men's hat society?

—Marshall O. Donley

Lack of Interest Could Kill Council

Town Council of the Association of Independent Men has long been the ideal place for the start of a campus political career. This situation is created by the nature of Town Council elections. Interest in these affairs is usually at a low ebb at best. The result is that one person having a favorable political personality and with only a small clique for backing can usually obtain his start in political affairs with virtually no effort expended, and certainly little question raised as to his fitness for the job.

This has been the situation in the past. However, in 1952 bigger and better opportunities have been presented. After recent elections, there are still eight wards without representation. The independent men in wards 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 21, 22, and 25, through their lack of interest, have presented a golden opportunity for the establishment of a ruling clique in Town Council which may or may not have any consideration for the wishes of the men in these wards.

According to Edward Thieme, president of Town Council, the executive committee of the council will have to consider the feasibility of holding new elections. If new elections are impossible, vacancies must be declared open for appointment.

If Town Council is to handle its business efficiently, a sufficient number of representatives will be needed. Let's hope that representatives can be elected.

Appointment of representatives is at best a hit or miss proposition. The situation is dangerous because special interest groups may be well represented in the ranks of the appointees. With one interest represented, democratic action in Town Council may well be destroyed. If this situation results, the men in the eight delinquent wards will not only have no one to blame but themselves, but they will be depriving the remaining town men of effective student government.

—Dick Rau

Gazette...

Tuesday, October 21

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, 105 Mechanical Engineering, 7 p.m.

BELLE LETTRES CLUB, Atherton northeast lounge, 7 p.m.

CLOVER CLUB, 111 Plant Industries, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business staff, Collegian business office, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial candidates, 2 Carnegie, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial junior board, 8 Carnegie, 7:30 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

FROTH Advertising Workshop, 200 Carnegie, 7:30 p.m.

FROTH circulation staff, 12 Sparks, 6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HOTELMEN OF AMERICA, Home Economics cafeteria, 8 p.m.

LION PARTY steering committee, 124 Sparks, 7 p.m.

MINERAL INDUSTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL, 208 Willard, 7:30 p.m.

PENN STATE CLUB, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PI LAMBDA SIGMA, 209 Willard, 7 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 317 Willard, 7 p.m.

TRIBUNAL, 201 Old Main, 7 p.m.

WRA BADMINTON CLUB, White Hall gym, 7 p.m.

WRA OUTING CLUB, White Hall game room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Lorna Gray, William Durniak, Kenneth Kiersted, David McAlpine, Eric Rude, Ronald Sauers, Earl Sheble, Robert W. Smith, Richard Stabinski, Samuel Thompson, Joseph Yukica.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Texas Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E., chem. eng., and chem. November 3-4. American Locomotive Co. will interview January graduates in E.E., I.E., and M.E. Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Atlantic Refining Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., mining eng., chem. eng., phys., math., geol., and P.N.G., Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27-28.

Carter Oil Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in geol. and January graduates in M.E. and E.E. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27-28.

C. S. Kresge Co. will interview January candidates in A & L and com. and econ. Monday, Oct. 27.

New Holland Machine Co. division of Sperry Corp. will interview January candidates in I.E. and accounting Monday, Oct. 27.

Radio Corp. of America will interview January B.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., chem. eng., and phys. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27-28.

General Electric Corp. will interview Ph.D. candidates in metal, phys., chem., and chem. eng. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Oct. 29-31.

Standard Oil Co. of California will interview January B.S., '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E. and chem. eng. and '53 Ph.D. candidates in chem., phys., and geol. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 29-30.

Curtiss-Wright Propeller Division will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., and aero. eng. Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., M.E., and phys., and January B.S. candidates in I.E. and chem. eng. Friday, Oct. 31.

Philadelphia Naval Shipyard Naval Base will interview January B.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., I.E., C.E., chem. eng., arch. eng., and ceramics Friday, Oct. 31.

Eastman Kodak Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in chem. and phys. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

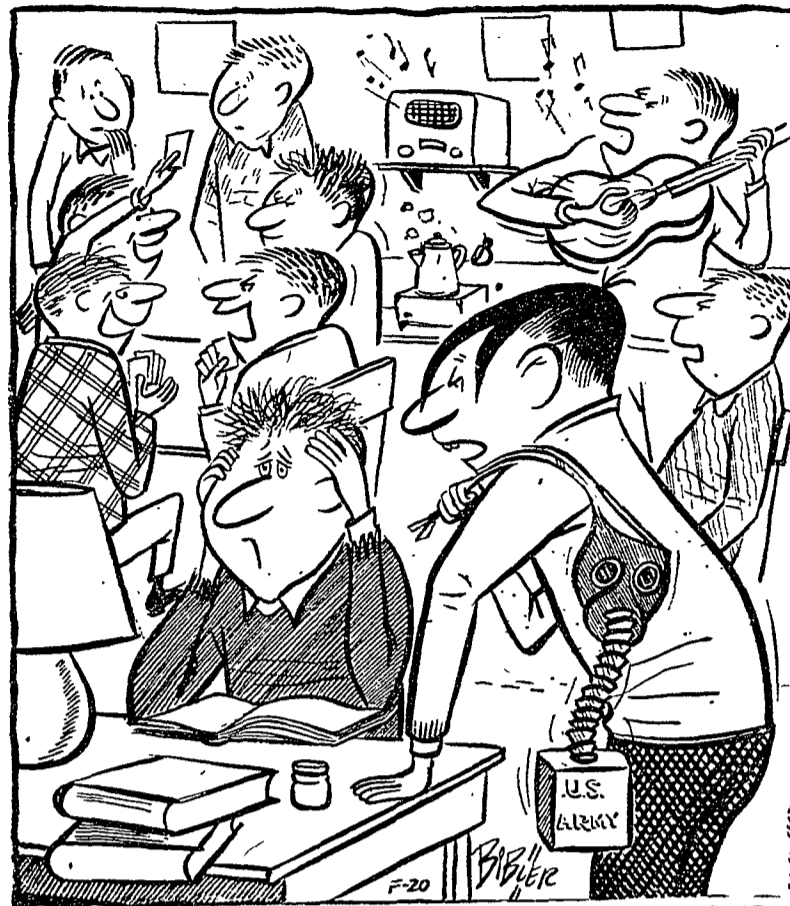
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Senior engineers for evening or daytime work in electrical or mechanical drafting.

Messenger boy from 10 a.m. to noon or from 9-11 a.m. five days a week.

For further information about job placements, contact Student Employment, 112 Old Main.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Yeah, well they usta have bull sessions in my room, too, until I thought of wearin' tennis shoes an' not washin' my socks."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Draft Is Tightening For College Students

By DAVE JONES

The draft situation is tightening up as far as college students are concerned. In August students received good news—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said the need for men had not materialized as he had thought it would. That meant more security for the draft-conscious college youth. But the good news is just about over.

Selective Service has already called for 47,000 men this month.

That call brings to a total of 1,060,430 the number of men drafted since the beginning of the Korean War. The demand for new men is expected to exceed 600,000 in the year ahead. Less than 300,000 1-A men are now available for call, and the supply of men not now deferred will not meet the additional 300,000-man need.

This all means one thing: a cut in present deferment plans. And that cut, if it is made, is likely to be either in the father or student deferment category.

Most of the und deferred 20-year olds have already been taken, and the 19-year olds will be taken early next year. Although 18½-year olds are eligible, Selective Service is not likely to take them.

Draft calls are expected to remain at a high rate for the next several months. This is so because the Army must replace men who were inducted at the start of the Korean War and who are now due to come home. The November draft call for the Army has also been set at 47,000. The Navy and Air Force have as yet to draft men for the Korean conflict.

What does this mean to the college student? It means all students from now on will face closer screening before being deferred. It also may mean the removal of some types of deferments unless re-enlistments and volunteers help fill a large part of the quota. There are already 20,000 students deferred until the end of this college year. The majority of college deferments—about 195,000 of them—are based on class standing and a score of 70 or better on the college deferment test. Students deferred under ROTC will remain free of the draft.

The tightening draft situation may well have some effect on a student's study habits. Washington observers this summer indicated a "draft the flunker" policy may be in the offing for the Selective Service this year as a means of easing the manpower shortage.

About the only feasible alternative from a student draft would be a father draft. And, although

New Cable Being Laid To Carry Power Load

Seventy-one hundred feet of cable are being laid on campus to replace the present underground cables which are inadequate to carry the power load, according to R. W. Knouse, utility engineer.

The cable is being laid along the campus side of College Avenue, up the Mall as far as Pollock road, to Osmond Laboratory, and up Ag Hill. The project, part of the General State Authority's expansion program, got underway Monday.