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Give Joint-Buying A Fair Opportunity

If someone offered you the chance to save \$1 for every \$20 you spent, wouldn't you jump at the chance?

Sure you would. But such is not the case in the fraternities. A struggling joint-buying plan for fraternities set up to operate on a large scale is offering a saving of 5.05 per cent on all canned goods bought through the program. The group is seeking new members. Yet, houses are not interested.

Currently serving 15 groups, the program buys canned goods for members at a saving made possible through large scale buying. The plan operates on the basis that goods bought in quantity can be bought at less cost. Credit carrying expenses on the part of the dealer are also eliminated. Instead of carrying individual accounts for each group, the dealer makes only one bill, to Interfraternity Council. Groups then pay through IFC.

The larger the program becomes and the more members it serves, the greater the saving it can offer. In times when prices are mounting and when houses should be interested in saving every penny possible, it is hard to believe that more fraternities do not take advantage of the savings offered under the program.

Conservative houses that have bought both under the program and individually from dealers at the same time, have said that because of the program, dealers' prices are coming down. But still, the joint buying plan offers lower prices.

Once a member, the house is not obligated to buy through the plan. Savings, however, still result only if that house does.

This is the first attempt at such a plan at Penn State. The plan has been in successful operation at other schools for a number of years. An example is Ohio State, where the plan has worked with success for over 20 years.

Food is brought through a purchasing committee with representatives from each member group. The committee buys food on the basis of suggestions made by the School of Home Economics. Foods are chosen on the basis of quality and quantity. The purchases are then made from the wholesaler offering quality produce at reasonable prices.

Complaints from one house that canned goods were consistently delivered in dented cans have been checked. It was learned that

this was an exception and not a general practice, and that the quality of the goods was not altered.

Houses may order any canned goods they so desire. There are no limits on brand or quantity.

But the rub to the plan's organizers and members is the complete indifference on the part of many houses and groups to the program. These houses have made little or no effort to find out about the plan.

The plan offers a service and a saving. Fraternities should at least make an effort to learn how the plan operates. It can work at Penn State, and fraternities certainly have nothing to lose and much to gain by giving it a chance. —Chuck Oberbance

Dorm Noise Curbs Are Up to Students

Once again complaints have arisen over the gross violations of quiet hours in campus dormitories. Instructors attempting to get to the bottom of the increase in below grades, especially among freshmen, are finding that students place most of the blame for poor scholarship on noisy dorms.

Quiet hours in campus dormitories have never been totally successful. It appears that the crux of the matter is that a great deal of the shenanigans is socially accepted as the thing to do in the dorms. Fraternities do not have the problem, since from the time a pledge moves into a house he is indoctrinated into the belief that study hours mean quiet and the house as a whole respects the fact. Violations are usually accidental.

Such indoctrination is lacking in the dormitories. The problem increases in proportion to the Nittany and Pollack dormitories where "tissue paper" walls carry noise from one end of the wing to the other.

No enforcement regulations can successfully solve the problem. Dorm counselors can turn themselves into policemen, but then the problem evolves into a game—a game of "cops and robbers."

A successful solution must come from within. Students through their floor meetings must be made to understand that noise-making just isn't the thing to do. This is easier to say than to accomplish, but the students realize that violations of study hours are looked upon with disfavor by their fellow students—and noise-making isn't proper—then perhaps the dormitories can solve the problem once and for all. Then freshmen will be impressed with quiet hours for study and join in upholding them.

The problem is for the dormitory residents themselves to solve.

—Jim Gromiller

Gazette...

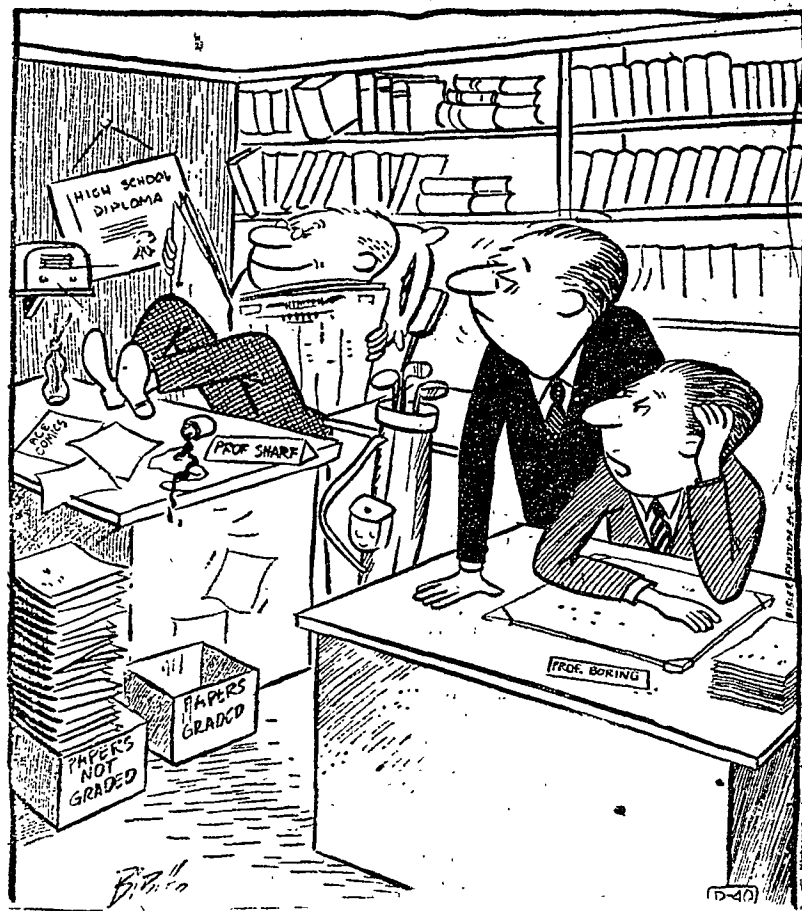
Friday, November 7
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.
COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Andreas Bergesen, Raymond Eiche, Paul Green, Lester Hallman, Richard C. Jones, Jean Kachic, Frances Katz, Barbara Lapsley, Florence Lauzar, George Mangigian, Samuel Markley, Arvid Natwick, Kenneth Newman, Mildred Peffley, Neil Powell, Duane Shaffer, Mary Snyder, Ann Spiese, Mary Sullivan, Jesse Wachtel.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
National Carbon Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., I.E., chem. eng., chem., phys., cer., and metal. Nov. 14.
Swift & Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., M.E., I.E., chem. eng., chem., phys., metal, cer., and accounting Nov. 14.
Brown Central Petroleum Corp. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in A&L, chem., business adm., phys. ed., psych., com. & finance, and marketing Nov. 19.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Male reader for blind student.
Boy to work on restaurant counter three nights a week from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"We used to call him th' 'Human D... but his tenure started this year."

Dentist Dan Delves Into Tons of Teeth

By BARRY FEIN

Ever think of looking at more than 90,000 teeth in less than three weeks? Well, you would if you were the College dentist.

The man who has inspected this many teeth in the beginning of the fall semester is Dr. Daniel Lonberger, whose office is in the College Infirmary.

Although he is authorized to do only emergency work, many students attempt to obtain routine dental care.

"Just a minute ago," said the agreeable "Doc," "a student came in and wanted me to fill a tooth. Well, he sort of thought that his was an emergency case. It seems that about three months ago he was eating a piece of cake and his filling came out! I put in a temporary filling, anyway, although you could hardly call it an emergency case."

Dr. Lonberger, who had a private practice for many years in State College before becoming the College dentist, has seen nothing which leads him to believe that the teeth of the average college student are free from dental disorders. He said that practically all the mouths of college students have caries or fillings.

"Besides that," he added, "most students have about four wisdom teeth; at least 80 per cent of these should be extracted. The

reason that wisdom teeth become infected is that there is no room for them in the mouth. I think that our mouths are gradually becoming smaller and that within 1000 years or less we won't have any wisdom teeth.

"Our early ancestors ate tougher foods than we and therefore had larger and more powerful mouths. As foods become softer, our mouths probably will become smaller."

When asked how rural school children fared when their teeth were compared with those of city children, he said.

"Of course, you realize that there are many variable factors that must be considered before answering a question such as this. We could hardly generalize this situation to the United States as a whole. In my experience, however, in working with the grade

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