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AA Board Decides Important Policies

One of the lesser known of the many boards and councils connected with the activities on campus is the Athletic Advisory Board. Although often in the background, the board is responsible for many decisions which affect athletic policy at Penn State.

At present, the board consists of 13 voting members and two ex-officio members. Of the voting members, five are members of the Alumni Association, elected by the Alumni Council; four are members of the College faculty; three are student representatives, (the All-College president, the president of the Athletic Association, and the editor of the Daily Collegian); and one is a member of the College Board of Trustees, who must also be an alumnus of the College. The two ex-officio members are the dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics and the graduate manager of athletics.

While in the past the board has merely been what its title implies, an advisory board, Dean Ernest B. McCoy has stated that when he brings a question before the group for discussion, he expects to follow its advice on the matter.

The most recent example of the board's authority was the change made in the policy for the allocation of tickets for away football games. After the storm of protests over the ticket situation for the Penn game, the board realized that some definite policy was sorely needed. At the same time, however, the group was aware of the many problems involved in the distribution of tickets.

The new plan calls for students to receive seats in the bottom rows along the entire section allocated to Penn State. In other words, if the College receives tickets from end zone to end zone for the next game at Franklin Field, students will receive a number of rows extending from end zone to end zone. The plan is similar to the one used for the Pitt game this year.

It is not expected that the new proposal will meet with unqualified approval. Undoubtedly there will be complaints over the students being given the bottom rows. In addition, the cheering section will be so spread out that it will be almost ineffective. Other objections will probably be raised.

It is obvious that not everyone will be satisfied with any ticket policy. The board has decided on a plan which it believes will be satisfactory to the greatest number of people. If, in the future, a better plan emerges, the board can make changes in the plan. Until that time, however, the plan should be given a chance to prove itself.

Town Rooms Need College Inspection

A need which has been apparent too long now is an inspection regulation for State College homes and apartments accommodating students at the College.

The need for such a policy was voiced just about a year ago, after the disastrous Gentzel building fire in which 19 students lost all their personal belongings.

An inspection regulation even reached the platform of one of the campus political parties. But so far, nothing concrete has been heard from administrative sources.

The department of housing has been in a state of flux all semester. However, it is useless to wait until a major fire again brings the matter to light.

There is no intention to damn all housing accommodations in State College. A great many are excellent. There are, however, some which are fire traps.

A policy whereby the department of housing would set up regulations to be met before a unit could be given an approved rating would go a long way to eliminating the difficulty.

A policy similar to that outlined above is maintained at a great many colleges at which a large segment of the student body rooms off campus.

We feel that some sort of program is needed at Penn State. The department of housing appears to be the ideal agency to administer it.

—Jim Gromiller

Safety Valve—

Vets Don't Need Phys Ed

To the editor: The protests of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, and more specifically that protest of Dean McCoy as recently expressed in his letter to All-College Cabinet with regard to physical education exemption for the Korean veteran, appear to me to be ill-founded and the product of incomplete observation, consideration, and understanding.

First Dean McCoy wrote that the "physical conditioning programs of the armed services are vastly different than that of the required health and physical education program for men at Penn State," or, essentially, the former is a body-building program while the latter is instructional. Since I have experienced both programs, I am inclined to disagree. The physical training program of the military is as instructional, if not more, than the program here at Penn State. Perhaps Dean McCoy meant that the system here is intended to be more instructional than that of the armed services. Assuming, however, that the program in practice at Penn State is more instructional, why are all members of major athletic teams exempted from this instructional beneficence? If learning the particulars of one of these major sports constitutes physical instruction, then I would venture to say that the armed services is equally as instructional. Isn't the reason behind exemption based upon the fact that they undergo sufficient physical conditioning?

In his second point, Dean McCoy maintains that no other exemptions are creditable because of military service. Dean McCoy uses a poor parallel in referring to geography courses. The fact that a member of the armed services travels all over the globe, is, at most, a generality which varies with the individual. Whitey Ford spent his entire enlistment at Fort Monmouth, N.J., but he did, nevertheless, fall subject to the Signal Corps physical education program. Dean McCoy overlooked the fact that veterans are exempt from ROTC; yet the ROTC courses cover material that is not equally covered in the services.

The dean's next reason is that no other college grants the exemption. Since Public Law 550, which entitles the Korean veteran to receive educational benefits, has been in effect for a period less than six months, I would imagine that such a statement could not be supported by any reliable statistical data. At any rate, just because Johnny pulls Susie's hair, we are not necessarily justified in doing likewise. I am under the impression that one of the purposes of our education is to free us from that sort of reasoning.

Fourth, Dean McCoy mentions that some veterans who were not required to take the courses after World War II took them anyway. This, it appears to me, is irrelevant, since there are always those among any large group whose specific interests stray from those of the majority—and I stress the word "majority." Incidentally, there are also some veterans taking ROTC in spite of the fact that they are exempt. Does that mean that the veteran should not even be exempted from that course?

Another point that was brought up was that physical conditioning must be practiced in order to be maintained. Yet, Dean McCoy mentioned that physical conditioning was not the purpose of the program here at Penn State. I think no one will deny, however, that practice is a vital factor in the maintenance of any condition, whether it be mental, physical, or otherwise.

Last, Dean McCoy writes that "subsequent experience proved that it was wrong and this experience is our main basis for strongly opposing it again." What experience, Dean McCoy?

In summation, I would like to say that bias is a difficult condition to control. Since All-College Cabinet should tackle each problem as objectively as possible and avoid individual or group biases, I would suggest that anyone in the student body who is aware of additional objective facts should submit those facts to the Daily Collegian for publication or to All-College Cabinet for consideration.

—Joseph Hanania

Gazette...

Wednesday, December 3

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.

CHEM-PHYS STUDENT COUNCIL student-faculty mixer, TUB, 8:30 p.m., lecture, 119 Osmond, 7:45 p.m.

FROTH promotion staff, 100 Carnegie, 7 p.m. INKLING editorial staff, 215 Willard, 7 p.m. NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, 413 Old Main, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, 'Prove There is a God', Professor Case in charge, rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.

PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, McKee recreation room, 7 p.m.

PERSHING RIFLES, Class A-Work Blue Baker Navy, Armory, 7 p.m.

PHI EPSILON KAPPA, Sigma Pi, 7:30 p.m. WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.

WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, White Hall dance room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT Owens Corning Fiberglass Corp. will interview January B.S. candidates in C.E., I.E., E.E., chem. eng., arch., LA. and C&E Dec. 15 and 16.

National Supply Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in C.E., I.E., M.E., metal, P.N.G. and C&E, Dec. 9. Ohio Box Co. will interview January non-technical graduates interested in sales or production trainee program, Dec. 12.

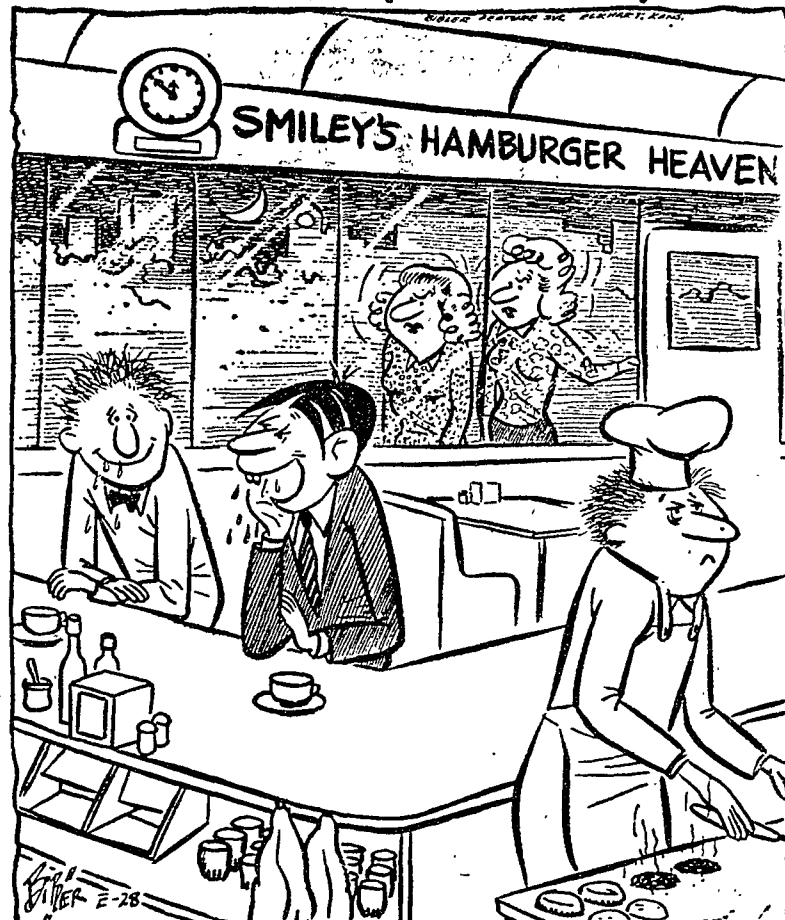
Boy Scouts of America will interview January graduates interested in a scouting career, Dec. 16.

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E., C.E., and chem. eng., Dec. 12.

Representatives of the Grange League Federation (GLF) will meet with January graduates at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 in 105 Forestry. Opportunities available for majors in C&E as well as various departments in ag.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Boy we jus' got th' girls home in time—Smiley wouldah been closed in another ten minutes."

It's A Loux-Lu

By BETTIE LOUX



Fleeting thoughts while sipping that 11 o'clock coffee and scanning the headlines . . . major fires the day after Thanksgiving vacation getting to be a habit in State College . . . the blaze downtown Monday night carried on the tradition started last year with the Gentzel fire. The year before, 1950, Pollock Dorm 7 went up in flames the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and a few days later Osmond Laboratory was damaged by fire.

Encroachments on freedom of speech increasing . . . According to the Associated Press, haircuts are up 25 cents in Newark barber shops, and there's bound to be less chatter than usual. Along with the new \$1.25 price for hair-cutting comes a pledge from barbers to refrain from making conversation unless "unmistakably encouraged to do so."

The Pitt "victory celebration" last week probably didn't seem like an "amazing" display of school spirit to the professor in the Home Economics Building who tried in vain to keep the mob from turning off electricity so important research wouldn't be ruined.

Although the final total of the Campus Chest collections has not yet been computed, reports are complete enough to make it evident that the drive definitely can be called unsuccessful.

Whereas in 1950 the new plan netted \$10,500 and last year reached 99 per cent of its goal, the chest to date has reported \$6900 collected.

Where does the trouble lie? With the students, the solicitors, or with the nature of the drive itself?

In some cases the blame lies with solicitors who didn't even know for what charities they were collecting, let alone their functions and services. It's near impossible to enthusiastically talk up a project with no background knowledge. Of course, some solicitors were recruited at the last moment since not enough were appointed in advance. These, therefore, did not have time to get fully acquainted with the chest's agencies.

Students were generally apathetic about the drive, and in some cases downright surly when asked to contribute. A typical excuse, we understand, was "I gave last year."

The chest being set up the way it is—so that the pledge can be tacked on to the next semester's fees—one might think a great many students would automatically pledge with the idea that "Pop will pay it." They didn't, however, and therefore it would

seem there is something about the drive itself against which students rebelled.

Some students have refused to give anything to the Campus Chest, not necessarily because they are "tight," but as a matter of principle because they either did not agree with the percentage allocations or because they did not wish their money to go at all to a specific service or charity group.

Chief among the complaints we have heard was a feeling that the Penn State Christian Association was getting a very large percentage (46 per cent of student donations—78 per cent of faculty donations and that the Penn State Scholarship Fund, a fund providing for only athletic scholarships, was not really a service or charity group and therefore did not belong with the chest. Just the other day we heard this remark: "I'm willing to give to the Salvation Army, the Negro Student Service Fund, the heart and cancer drives and the World Student Service Fund, but athletes can pay their own way through school, just as I am . . ."

The idea of combining many drives into one concentrated effort is basically good, but when students are kept from giving because of certain objections it is time to consider the setup more carefully. It is, of course, impossible to please everyone, and if the chest continues to operate on the percentage setup some persons will always feel it is unfair. The ideal situation would be one where contributors could designate those charities to which they wished to give. This is done with the faculty, who may ask that their money go to either the PSCA or WSSF. It would take a lot of work, and probably entail extra expense to perfect such a system, but it is quite possible that increased returns would make it worth the effort.

Mayo to Lecture

Dr. Frank R. Mayo of the General Electric Co. will lecture on the "Addition and Polymerization of Double Bonds" at 4:10 p.m. today in 117 Osmond. The talk is part of the organic chemistry lecture series.