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## Fraternity Program Worthy of Support

A systematic safety program to provide maximum protection in all fraternities against fires and accidents has been designed and set in motion this year by the Interfraternity Council. Designed primarily to avoid any accidents or fire disasters due to negligence, IFC has requested that all houses appoint safety chairmen and a safety committee. These chairmen, working with the College safety director and the Dean of Men's office, will organize and conduct special programs to increase the knowledge of the individual safety committees in the houses.

True, there hasn't been a serious accident or fire in one of Penn State's fraternities for a great many years, but this does not eliminate the possibility of any such occurrences.

Fires don't just happen. They are caused. One of the prime objectives of this program is the elimination of these causes by periodical inspections by members of the fraternity. Reports of these inspections will be given to the IFC safety chairman who will report to the College safety director and the Dean of Men's office. This will assist these offices to fulfill what the IFC calls their moral responsibility of safeguarding the welfare of Penn State students.

Inspection in houses should include checking of all fire equipment to see that it is in an operating condition and in a place known to all house members. These should be the right type, recharged, and in compliance with all fire prevention safeguards. Remodeling should be done with an eye on safety, using safe design and fireproof material.

The first report of safety conditions in houses is now due. It is the right of every student to expect safety in his living quarters, but it is also his duty to see that it stays that way. Inspection should be made of electrical and heating equipment, chimneys, fireplaces, storage spaces, and housekeeping in general. And it's too late to find unprotected stairs and open doors and windows after a fire has started.

There is no place for the attitude that it can't happen here. It can, and unless precautionary steps are taken, it will. This program deserves and needs the support of every chapter house and member, house advisers, and the administration of the College.

—Chuck Oberance

"Let's not be too quick to blame the human race for everything. A great many species of animals became extinct before man ever appeared on earth."—Will Cuppy

## MacRae Case End Step for Freedom

With the reinstatement of Wendell S. MacRae, an unfortunate and touchy situation for the College has come to an end. Almost everyone, except possibly senator Pechan whose Loyalty Oath bill was at the bottom of the whole affair, is satisfied with the decision.

In vindicating MacRae, Earl G. Harison, the special investigator called in on the case, also acknowledged that the Loyalty Review Board had been justified in reaching its conclusion and that President Eisenhower had no alternative but to dismiss MacRae.

The vindication of MacRae is a step forward in the defense of academic freedom. The Daily Collegian, along with many other campus groups including All-College Cabinet, has long opposed the concept of loyalty oaths. Our opposition in no way means that we advocate allowing Communists to infiltrate our schools and colleges. It stems from the fact that loyalty oaths are totally ineffective in routing Communists from their positions.

Now that the case is ended, it is best for all concerned to forget about it. Forget about it, that is, until further attempts to abridge individual freedoms arise.

## Safety Valve—

### Closed Sections, a Problem

TO THE EDITOR: "Sections 1-30 closed" is an altogether too familiar quote. But by the time one is a third or fourth semester student it can become very discouraging.

We have to get our necessary credits, yet the freshmen are permitted to register along with and before many of the sophomores. Supposedly the former are scheduling freshman courses only, but this is not always the case. Those persons who have (through no fault of their own) last names at the end of the alphabet are just out of luck—and courses! Evidently seniority means nothing at Penn State. Let's have a little action on this pertinent problem.

—Name Withheld

Ed. Note: The writer apparently hasn't studied the registration time table too thoroughly, or she would have noticed that the people who have last names at the end of the alphabet are registering before the majority of other students. Under the registration system begun in the fall, the alphabetical arrangement of names will always be placed so that all students, no matter with what letter their last name begins, will have been among the first to register at least twice during their four years at State. They will have been among the last to register twice also. It is impossible to be fairer.

## Gazette...

Tuesday, December 9

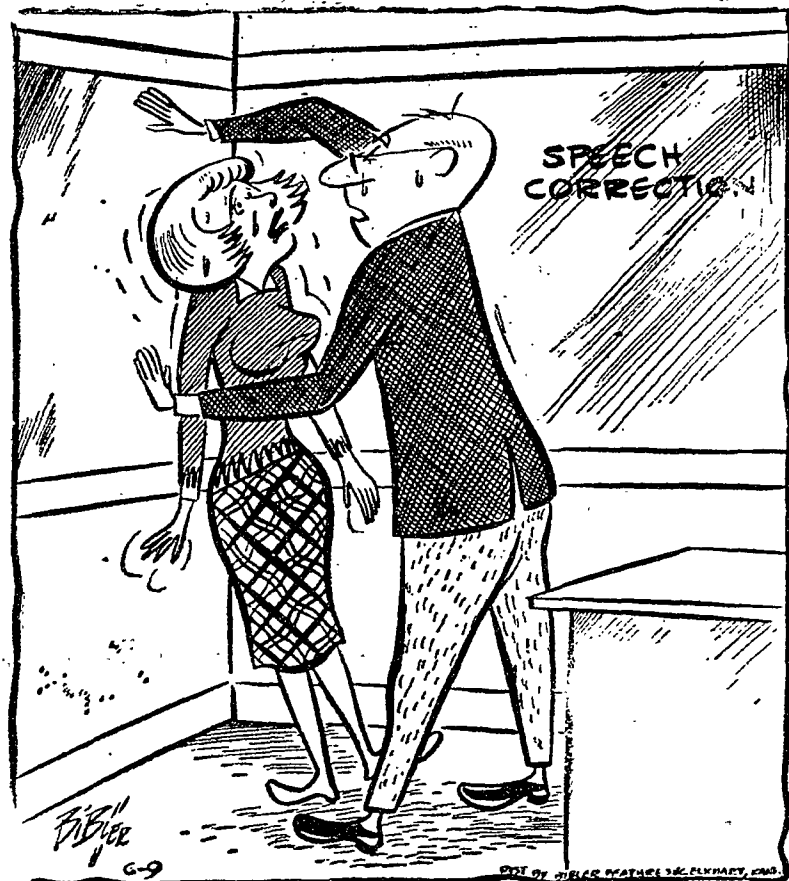
- AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, tour, 119 Osmond, 7 p.m.
- BRIDGE CLUB, Tub, 6:45 p.m.
- CIRCLE AND SQUARE, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, Junior and intermediate boards, Collegian office, 6:30 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL STAFF, 2 Carnegie, 7 p.m.
- FRESHMAN CLASS EXECUTIVE BOARD, 101 Willard, 7:30.
- FENCING CLUB, Water Tower, 7 p.m.
- FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 124 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- GERMAN CLUB, Grange Dorm, recreation room, 7 p.m.
- LION PARTY STEERING COMMITTEE, 218 Willard, 7 p.m.
- NITTANY BOWMEN, 202 Eng., 7 p.m.
- PENNS VALLEY SKI CLUB, 105 White Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA BADMINTON CLUB, White Hall gym, 6:30 p.m.
- WRA OUTING CLUB, White Hall game room, 7 p.m.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Boys to work for meals.  
Grad student for library work in the evenings from 5 to 7.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"How do you expect me to see any improvement if you keep saying NO?"

### WISE AND OTHERWISE

## Chesterman Group Reasoning Faulty

By DAVE JONES

The Chesterman committee, a special survey committee of the state government which released a report last week labeling Penn State's rapid post-war expansion "detrimental," has packed its charge with faulty—if not stupid—reasoning.

Penn State, the committee said, is an example of unnecessary expenditures in construction of new buildings and renovations. It is difficult to see how the committee reached such a decision when, as far as the Daily Collegian has been able to learn, the committee failed to contact even one Penn State official to find out firsthand what the new buildings are being used for and how essential they are to education.

Expansion at the College is "expensive to the state and detrimental to the state's privately supported liberal arts colleges," the committee continued. It is obvious that such expansion as Penn State has experienced since World War II is expensive to the state, particularly since the College is the Pennsylvania State College. The implication of the statement, however, is that such expense in expansion is harmful. This implication is not supported by facts. There is no logic making it necessarily follow that expensive expansion is harmful, but the implication remains, typical of the poor reasoning behind the Chesterman committee's report.

There is also much doubt as to how detrimental Penn State's expansion has been to small liberal arts colleges. Much of Penn State's educational expansion since World War II has been in such fields as chemistry, engineering, agriculture, and other sciences. These courses, however, are not offered in liberal arts colleges—large or small—and thus Penn State's expansion of them can do those colleges no harm.

The faulty reasoning in the Chesterman report, however, reaches its climax when it suggests more aid might be given state-aided colleges in large metropolitan areas. (Pitt, Penn, and Temple are in this category.) Since Penn State is isolated from large cities, the vast majority of its students cannot commute, but must live at the College and thus incur additional expenses. Colleges in a metropolitan area have more commuting students. Thus, the committee concludes, a great saving may be reached by ex-

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