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## Drink 'Crackdown' Would Prove Folly

It has been said that some people are never satisfied. It seems also that some college administrations are never satisfied along certain lines.

Apparently ignoring the fact that tremendous strides forward have been made in the fraternity system at Penn State in the past few years, the College appears to have begun a new campaign which has as its ultimate aim the total elimination of drinking in fraternities.

Even in the few months the present Interfraternity Council has been in office, many improvements have been made. The very fact that four houses so far this year have been placed on social probation by the College with the help and advice of IFC indicates that the current group intends to stick by its regulations.

The anticipated move has not been unexpected, but it has come rather suddenly. The rules and understandings concerning drinking have been working most adequately. Why then a sudden change of policy? Should there be some instance of out and out flouting of the rules. Such a move could be somewhat justified. But no such instance has occurred. Indeed, the whole fraternity social setup this year is one of which the whole College should be proud.

The Dean of Men's office and the Association of Fraternity Counselors would probably not be entirely to blame for a "crackdown" if it comes. They are, after all, employees of the College and get their orders from higher up. It would not be at all surprising to find that privately some, possibly many, of these men are not particularly in favor of changing the status quo.

The IFC, on the other hand, can, and has, stated its stand openly. According to IFC President Arthur Rosfeld, IFC "intends to defend the social setup in fraternities as it is now . . . The IFC is by no means ashamed of the social atmosphere in College fraternities . . ."

It is comparatively easy to predict what will happen should the ultimate "no drinking" goal be reached. The biggest problem facing the College would be the enforcement of the rule—an enforcement which would be impossible for even the IFC, should it condescend to tackle the problem (and there are no indications that it will.) Enforcement of a "no drinking" rule would turn into a game of cat and mouse, just as it did in the days of Prohibition, and the College would be the loser, as was the United States government between 1919 and 1933. Driving drinking underground can only lead to more trouble.

The College, by sheer weight of power, can be the victor if this struggle comes to a head. Before a final decision is reached, however, it might be well for the administration to consider all the outside forces involved such as student and alumni opinion.

—The Senior Board

## New SU Will Be Well Worth Cost

College officials are expected to sign contracts this week for Penn State's new Student Union Building, delayed so long. Indications are that construction may begin soon after the first of the year with completion expected by the time the fall semester opens in 1954.

Although we hope the delays and postponements are now past and that the SU will be ready for opening on schedule, there are still construction difficulties which may tie up work on the project. Material shortages, which have held up other campus construction projects, the library a notable example, cannot be expected to pass over the SU.

But at least we're on our way, and although in the beginning the project will be no more than another "building going up" on campus, the \$2,867,000 project will grow into a campus landmark.

With construction set to start, the College Board of Trustees also has hiked the Student Union fee back to \$10, the figure originally approved in June, 1950. The delay in construction had caused the trustees to keep the fee at \$7.50 until construction should get underway.

Included in the SU projects is an air-conditioned auditorium with 182 seats and motion picture projection equipment, lobby and dance lounge, music room, large ballroom opening onto a terrace, and a dining terrace—all in all, a project which will give Penn Staters an SU of which they will very well be proud, and well worth the fee they will pay for maintaining it.

—Jim Gromiller

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"That poor girl gets called on every day—She is about it" only student Prof. Snarf can remember by name."

## Tea Fine Tradition

Women's Student Government Association Senate deserves a pat on the back for continuing a tradition in the Junior-Senior Faculty Tea held last night in Simmons Hall.

As always, the tea was well attended by the upperclasswomen, which proves such an affair is popular among students and faculty alike.

The tea has a double purpose: professors get a chance to see students in other than sweater and sock garb, and the habits and manners that go with it, and students meet their professors for informal chatter. All this while munching tasty refreshments.

This is a tradition which should be continued. —Ginger Opczenski

## Gazette . . .

Thursday, December 11

ALPHA KAPPA PSI, Delta Chi, 7 p.m.

ALPHA RHO OMEGA, 410 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

C W E N S, sophomores, WSGA room, White Hall, 12:30 p.m.

DEMOLAY CLUB, to visit Bellefonte Chapter, behind Old Main, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, 107 Willard, 7:15 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, MOVIE, ALL Catholic students, 119 Osmond, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, 105 M.E., 7 p.m.

SPANISH CLUB, Home Economics Living Center, 7:30 p.m.

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

WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 2 White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

WRA SWIMMERS CLUB, White Hall, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WRA BEGINNING SWIMMERS CLUB, White Hall, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

S. Thomas Anderson, Jay Beyerle, Charles Diefenderfer, Joan Flinn, Edward Gowen, Marilyn Hoerr, Richard Hutchison, Robert Jack, Donald Lane, Marjorie Miller, William Moir, Alan Quinlan, Ruth Rasmussen, Jerome Rosenberg, Allan Schneirov, Norbert Soldon, Stanford Zeiders.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Permanent part-time job in multilithing operation. Woman to do housework mornings, five days a week. Boys to work for meals. Grad student for library wok in evening from 5 to 7.

## It's A Loux-Lu

By BETTIE LOUX



With the opening of Players' "Major Barbara" scheduled for tomorrow night at Center Stage, the Daily Collegian reviewer is wondering how many friends she'll have left this time. In spite of what one sage has said—"Critics are like fish—they bite at anything"—the critics also get "bitten at" frequently.

Strangely enough, the blasts come not so much from those connected with the theater as from the public. Rumors that fly thick and fast seem funny at first, dangerous when they gain acceptance. So, just to keep the record straight, we'll make it clear now that:

1. The Daily Collegian reviewer bears no "personal grudge" against any actor or actress, or has she in the past.
2. One of DCR's close friends did not unsuccessfully try out for a part in "Major Barbara" or any other show, to the best of her knowledge.
3. DCR herself did not try out for a part and not make it, to the best of her knowledge. In fact, she has never tried out for a part, rumors to the contrary. DCR suffers from stage-fright and is content to sit out front.
4. DCR does not "think she is Brooks Atkinson."

More trials of putting out a newspaper . . . A mob-hating Daily Collegian reporter, mingling with the "no-more-classes" horde a few weeks ago to get first-hand information, was recognized by a professor and reported to the stu-

dent's dean as a "leader" in the affair.

If not much more can be said for the variety in dormitory meals, it must be admitted that whatever white-uniformed employee types up the menus possesses the admirable qualities of originality, an elastic imagination, and a sense of humor as well.

Nowhere but at the Pennsylvania State College have we seen plain scrambled eggs drowned in tomato sauce dubbed "Western Omelet"; plain scrambled eggs mixed with bean sprouts christened "Eggs Fu Chien Kong" or something Oriental; and plain scrambled eggs with almonds called . . . but that doesn't matter—they all taste the same.

At any rate, the white-uniformed employee has been feeling not only poetical lately, but quite sporting besides. Menu-gazing Simmons coeds Tuesday found they were going to be treated to (Continued on page five)

## It's A Fact

that caroling was originated in the Middle Ages, and included singing and dancing. It usually took place around a crib which had been set up inside a church.

It's a fact too that, although milkshakes were not originated at Vic's—you'll find them the thickest, tastiest shakes you've ever tasted. Stop in tonight for a milkshake and a sandwich—and by the way—take one back for your roommate, he'll appreciate it.

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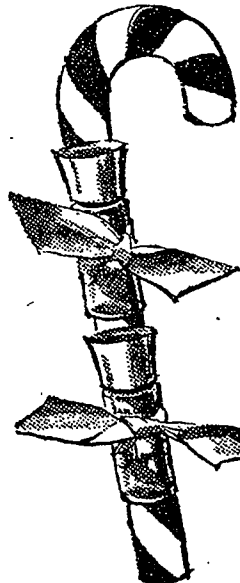
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