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Projects Council Needs Full Support

Student participation in campus activities was one of several topics discussed at length at the Student Encampment at Mont Alto last fall. The points considered in student activities centered mainly about the number of activities offered and the number of students actually taking part in these activities.

The group discussing this problem unanimously decided that all that is possible should be done to get more students into activities. This would relieve the present situation where the burden of these activities now falls on a select few.

Members of the group are currently serving in student government positions where they can or could have done something to encourage student participation in activities to "thin out" the responsibilities. Yet, the burden of these activities still rests with a select few.

However, a sound and concrete suggestion made by the group may be the solution to the problem. Due to combined ideas of the group at Mont Alto and those of the National Student Association convention this past summer, the group suggested the Cabinet Projects Council.

Because many of the activities about the campus require conscientious and able persons, a student must show some interest in an activity before he or she can expect any advancement. And surely, there are more of these persons at Penn State than currently manage the bulk of student affairs. Here, the Cabinet Projects Council, known as CPC, offers the answer.

CPC will be a proving ground and place where students can gain recognition and experience valuable in assuming responsible activities. Students who have once proven themselves will get their share of appointments usually made by cabinet to the present all too few student leaders.

Persons who have obtained such appointments in the past have no doubt proved themselves dependable and able. Appointments made in this light can be condoned. But there is no excuse for one group of select students, all too often complaining students, to be given the brunt of campus activities.

The theme of CPS is to let as many benefit as possible from the experience offered in that organization. Although currently operating on a limited scale, CPC will get into full swing next semester. All who are interested will be given opportunity to join. The group's activities will make available experience in campus work and also information on all phases of student activity.

This is the first trial of such a group at Penn State. The possibilities and benefits of such a group are unlimited. Students should resolve to give full support to the group.

—Chuck Obertance

Ground-Breaking Is Historic Step

At noon today ground-breaking ceremonies for the Student Union Building will be held. The brief program marks an important event at Penn State and climaxes years of work toward the goal.

Back in 1939, 89 per cent of 800 students polled were in favor of an SU, with 84 per cent indicating a willingness to pay a fee. In 1946, a drive was held which netted 2700 signatures on a petition calling for a \$5 increase in College fees in order to finance the building. At that time the College Board of Trustees turned down the fee proposal, although it asked that the problem be studied further.

In 1947, the student body voted ten to one in favor of an SU over a field house and favored a \$5 per semester fee. In May 1950, All-College Cabinet once again passed a fee proposal which this time was accepted by the trustees.

Now, at last, after shortages and delays, the actual construction will soon begin. By fall 1954, the building is expected to be ready for use. It will be a great addition to the Penn State campus—one of which all students may be proud.

Unfounded Charges; Are More to Come?

During the holidays the announcement was made that the Senator from Wisconsin had decided to conduct an investigation of educational institutions for signs of subversives. To most, the announcement came as no surprise.

Seeing the number of subversives in our federal government, there can be no doubt that there are some Communists and Communist sympathizers in the colleges and universities of our country. In many instances, probably, these people should be ferreted out and removed from their positions. The problem is how to go about this action.

The loyalty oath solution has been discussed many times in the editorial columns of the Daily Collegian. The effect of loyalty oaths on such institutions as the University of California has shown that they often do more harm than good.

On the other hand, Senator McCarthy's tactics hardly seem the answer to the problem. The Senator's reputation for smearing people, most of them innocent, has not endeared him to college faculties or even to fellow politicians. His policy of making sensational charges without presenting evidence to back them up is a disservice to the United States.

We offer no solution to the problem of Communists in responsible positions in America's colleges and universities. Perhaps a government commission can be set up to deal with the matter and to present well-founded, conclusive evidence on which action can be taken. But reckless, unfounded charges have no place in government, particularly not on the floor of the United States Senate.

Tell High Schools About Penn State

Yesterday the All-College Cabinet enrollment committee started its drive to enlist students to return to their high schools and discuss with the senior class the advantages of attending Penn State from a student's viewpoint.

Here is an opportunity for students to show their former classmates the advantages of a college education. The college student should be well-versed on these advantages. He must have thought it worthwhile before he enrolled for four more years of study. Since he has been in college, he is probably more certain that he has made the right decision.

Now he can help others interested in enrolling in Penn State make their decision. College students have already gone through what a high school senior is experiencing now. They can help the high school student by telling him of his experiences since he has enrolled in college.

The way the program is set up makes things as easy as possible for the student. After he is accepted to participate in the program, a letter is sent to his high school informing the principal of a representative's arrival. Then the principal and the representative can work out the details of meeting with the senior class. A time can be set that will be suitable to both.

Before the student representative leaves campus, he is supplied with material outlining the subject matter he is to cover. He is also supplied with material to leave at the high school so the students there can look over information concerning the College at their own convenience.

The advancement of the program from Easter vacation to the between-semester period gave the committee less time to publicize the program, but it felt it would be more effective at this time because the student representatives would be in contact with the high schools when the senior classes are first considering which college they would like to attend.

Let's go over to Old Main this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon and sign up for the program. Penn State was twelfth in the nation in enrollment this semester. Maybe the College can get in the first ten next year if a good job is done with this project.

Andie McNeillie

Gazette...

Thursday, January 8

AIR FORCE HONOR GUARD, Class A uniform, Armory, Flights 1 and 3, 7 p.m., Flights 2 and 4, 8 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS—SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, joint meeting, 105 Mechanical Engineering, 7 p.m.

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

DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, elections, 117 Dairy Building, 7 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, nominations of officers, 218 Willard, 7:30 p.m.

INKLING EDITORIAL AND ART STAFFS, 216 Willard, 7 p.m.

MARKETING CLUB, Beta Theta Pi, 7:30 p.m.

NITTANY GROTTO, 316 Frear, 7:30 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL, 102 Willard, 7 p.m.

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

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

WRA BEGINNING SWIMMERS CLUB, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

WRA SWIMMERS CLUB, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Hugh Arnelle, Audrey Austin, Paul Brownstone, Phyllis Herbst, Melvin Myers, Doris Ann Reinohl, John Stevenson, Joseph Varhol.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



With Open Mind

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

With snowy weather, the brute cold, and the post-vacation lag in the minds and spirits of Penn State students, one suggestion of Gov. John S. Fine to the state legislature seems especially timely to us. The governor called for growing application of television to education.

We were envisioning a complete changeover to a TV system of education. No classes—just roll out of the sack and click on the TeeVee. The student could select the channel which taught his courses and proceed to be educated—sans classroom, sans the cold trip to campus, sans the time wasted on the way to classes.

Of course, the TV shows now in progress would not have to be eliminated. Instead, to keep education interesting, the telecasts of today could be coordinated and combined with educational courses.

We were imagining the educational telecast...

IT'S NOW 1 P.M., PENN STATE STANDARD TIME. THIS IS WIQ-TV, BROADCASTING ON CHANNEL 72, WITH HEAD-QUARTERS IN OLD MAIN ON THE PENN STATE CAMPUS.

Fade in band music...

"And now, Thinkers, manufacturers of fine textbooks, the coast to coast textbook company bring you "You Bet Your Marks" with Groucho Marx."

Fade in applause...

"And here he is, your funny man with the mortar board, Groucho."

Fade in more applause...

"Well, hello, students. Are you ready for your first question of the day? You remember how we play the game. We ask the questions and you, the student viewers, try to give the correct answers. For each correct answer you receive a 3, 2, or 1. But if you miss, it's a bar grade for you. So now—on with "You Bet Your Marks."

NOW WIQ PRESENTS THAT LAUGHABLE, LOVEABLE COUPLE, LUCILLE BALL AND DESI ARNEZ IN "I LOVE LUCY," YOUR PSYCH 17 COURSE OF TV.

Fade in soft, lovable music...

"As we begin today's program, Desi has just come into the kitchen where Lucy is preparing breakfast. Lucy is wearing a maternity smock. Desi walks to her, kisses her lightly and says, in a Mexican accent: "Good morning, Lucy. Did you sleep well?"

"Yes," (yawn) "I slept very well. Eight or nine hours of sleep are essential for the expectant mother, you know, Desi."

"Yes, I know, Lucy. And are you preparing a well-balanced,

healthy breakfast for yourself? You know that a nutritious breakfast is needed for the best development during these 268 days."

"I know, darling, the psychology books says..." 5 P.M. TIME FOR WIQ TO PRESENT ARTHUR GODFREY TIME WITH ALL THE LITTLE GODFREYS IN "ARTHUR GODFREY'S TALENT SCOUTS."

Fade in slurring trombone music which in turn fades to the strumming of a ukulele...

A smiling redhead appears on the screen and a nasal voice says:

"Haha haha ho ho ho."

Cameras back to show full view of Godfrey, strumming his uke and laughing gaily. Laughter continues, and God says:

"Well, ho, ho, well, hello, students. It's time again for our little talent scout show. You know how the program goes. We present a small problem—a simple little thing dealing with calculus and cybernetics—and you try to give us the answer. The student with the fastest, most accurate answer wins our little old talent contest for the day."

"But first, I have a letter here from a group of Penn State coeds who say that they think our Julius is the cutest crooner on TV. Come out here Julius and sing for us."

Fade in wild applause... IT'S NOW 5:30 P.M. AND STATION WIQ-TV BRINGS YOU HOWDY...

Blaring band music blasting out "Ta ra ra boom te a" interrupts the announcer, and on the screen appear hundreds of Penn State students singing IT'S HOWDY DOODY TIME. IT'S HOWDY DOODY TIME."

With a final "LET'S GO!" and lots of cheers, the program simmers down, and a smiling, cowboy-suited man (Buffalo Bob) is seen on the set. He speaks through a huge grin:

"Well, studies, let's go. Yes, it's time for another gay, gay half hour from Doodyville with lots of fun and education from the wise minds of The Doodyites. And here's Flubadub to tell you about our subject for the day—the social life of Heidelberg Man."

applause... fade out...