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Rule on Excuses Needs Compromise

The present overcrowded condition of the College Infirmary brings sharply into focus the general complaints of students regarding the Health Service.

Dr. Glenn announced recently that the illness now going around has the symptoms of flu and that it is spread by contact. From this it would seem quite logical to assume that prevention of further spreading of the malady would involve some isolation of those afflicted. However, the Infirmary is full, and students who have slight fevers and other symptoms of the disease must make a choice between resting in bed and attending classes. The latter thought seems to be the wiser if grades are a prime consideration. For the student whose professors announced quite emphatically at the beginning of the semester, "No Cuts," the choice between licking the flu by staying in bed and keeping up an average by attending classes may be a hard one.

With Dispensary excuses a thing of the past, the student can only hope that some professors will realize the situation and accept verbal excuses. This places an undue amount of responsibility upon professors, because they have no way of checking the validity of a student's word. A similar situation arose during the seige of food poisoning at the College this fall. Many students suffered scholastically because they could not be admitted to the overcrowded Infirmary for confinement in which they could receive legal excuses from class.

This seems to be the essence of our problem: were the Dispensary excuses so violated that they held no worth, or is the present rule hurting the many to punish the few? A compromise would seem to be in order—at least to the extent that a student who has a fever but cannot be admitted to the Infirmary should receive an excuse from classes until cleared by the Dispensary. This would lessen the spread of flu or any other illness prevalent on campus to the affected student's classmates, and would hasten the student's recovery, perhaps even assuring better subsequent attendance at classes.

—Nancy Ward

Religion and Life

Tying in with National Brotherhood Week is Penn State's Religion-in-Life Week. Beginning Sunday and continuing through Feb. 22, firesides, panel discussions, and numerous speakers will be dotting the campus and living units to provide students with a closer look at religion and life.

One of the first discussions will be "Your Place in the World's Jigsaw." The RILW committee has endeavored to take the emphasis off religion and put it on life so that the talks and discussions will be more interesting and valuable than in the past.

Because RILW coincides with National Brotherhood Week, it is very likely that such problems as intolerance and religious freedom will come up in the firesides and panel discussions. With America being faced by a godless philosophy which would destroy religious traditions and beliefs, it becomes increasingly important that bigotry and intolerance be wiped out in this country.

The opportunity for stimulating discussions concerning life and religion is available. Any campus group of 25 or more can arrange for a guest speaker during Religion-in-Life Week by calling the Penn State Christian Association and stating the hour and place of the meeting. If the group desires to consider one specific topic, this can also be arranged.

These discussions may help you find your place in today's world puzzle.

Safety Valve—

'Grace' Period Possible

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to a letter printed in Wednesday's Collegian, I would like to point out to Miss Baker that her comment regarding meal tickets as receipts is not entirely correct. The ticket is not the only receipt involved for the \$230 involved. The student may also get a receipt from the Bursar's office or he may pay by check, which would serve as a receipt.

I would like to suggest that each checker be supplied with a list of students, including their student numbers which the student could countersign during the first week of the semester. If a student were then to lose his meal ticket, the checker could compare the list with the student's matriculation card. He could even be required to countersign again. This way a period of "grace" could be given to the student. It does not seem to me that such a plan would be overly difficult to put into operation if the Foods Service sincerely desires to cooperate with the students.

•Letter Cut

Charles F. Douds

CPC Explained

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to clarify as well as emphasize to the student body the true goals and purposes of Cabinet Projects Council.

In terms of broad generalities, CPC works for the furtherance of student responsibility and the general improvement of student government in its broadest scope. CPC is an outgrowth of the NSA committee of the first student encampment at Mont Alto. It was conceived and is designed to aid All-College Cabinet in its administrative duties—to lessen the load of details carried by members of cabinet. CPC is then, in a sense, a staff agency of All-College Cabinet. That is, it serves as a body of examinations and recommendations—advising, but not commanding.

I wish to emphasize, however, that CPC is still warranted in taking the primary initiative in projects which are deemed worthy of its consideration. Any proposals forthcoming from the membership of CPC or the student body are welcomed and are given full consideration.

CPC is now open to all interested students, and our appeal is designed to bring those students into CPC who are interested in gaining personal experience and who are willing to work for the general improvement of student government. Our long range purpose, as that of most campus groups, is that of showing the awareness of students to existing problems and thereby increase student responsibility, which in turn is the best argument for increased student power. CPC will not be a stagnant organization, but rather one which will devote its untiring energy to the accomplishment of these goals.

—Irvin L. (Jack) White
President, CPC

Gazette...

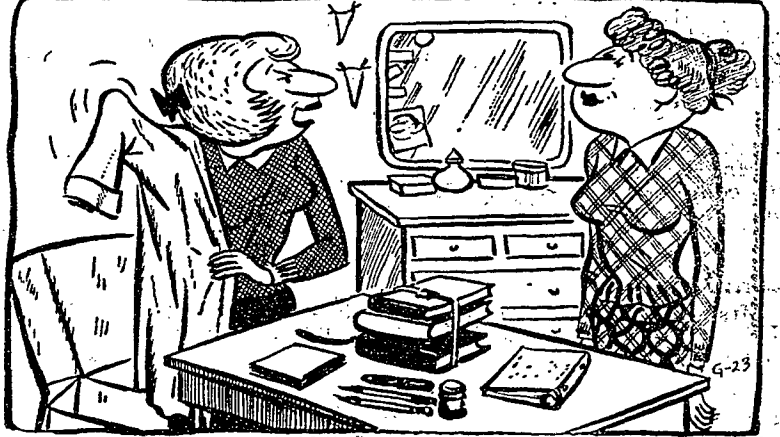
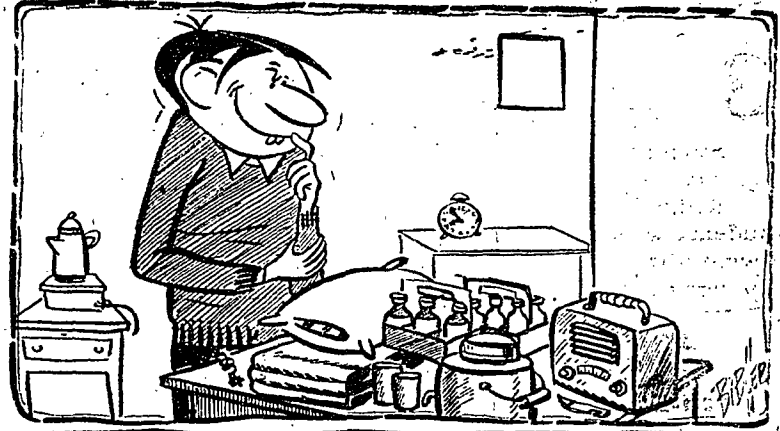
Friday, February 13
HILLEL, SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation.
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main.
WRA PLUNGE HOUR, 7:30-9 p.m., White Hall.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Interviews can be arranged and information secured in 112 Old Main.
Federal Telecommunications Laboratories, Inc. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Physics and E.E., Feb. 17.
Bethlehem Steel Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Mining E. and Arch. E. and Ceramics.
General Chemical Division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. E., Chemistry, Horticulture, Entomology and M.E., Feb. 18.
Barrett Division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chemistry and Chem. E., Feb. 19.
Columbia Gas System will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E. and M.E., Feb. 19.
United Aircraft Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Aeronautical E. and M.E., Feb. 19.
Cleveland Graphite Bronze Company will interview June and summer candidates in Chem. E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Chemistry and Metallurgy, Feb. 19.
Eclipse Pioneer Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Aero. E., E.E. and M.E., Feb. 19 and 20.
W. Kellogg Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Eng. and M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics and Physical Chemistry, Feb. 17.
Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company will interview B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Feb. 18.
Bailey Meter Company will interview B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., Feb. 18.
Koppers Company, Inc. will interview E.E., M.E., Chem. E., and Chemistry, Industrial E. and L.A. for Industrial Sales, Feb. 18.
Swift & Company will interview B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Chemical E., and E.E., Feb. 20.
Raytheon Manufacturing Company will interview B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Aeronautical E. and M.E., Feb. 20.
National Security Agency will interview B.S. candidates in E.E. and M.E. and Arts Letters with Math., Language or General Science majors, Feb. 20.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Couple without children wanted for summer job near State College.
Camp Androscoggin, Maine will interview Feb. 19.
Camp Carondovanna, Pittsburgh will interview Feb. 20.
Wanted—counter boys, 9 to 12 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Got a study date with Worthal tonight."

It's A Loux-Lu

By BETTIE LOUX



Whether or not the honoring of the martyr St. Valentine tomorrow has anything to do with it, we don't know, but women have been put in the spotlight this week by persons both pro and con the sugar-and-spice sex.

All week long the radio has been reminding us that this is "Wives Week," a time to be set aside for the honoring of the harder-working member of the family. Husband

and children, it is advocated, should pitch in and cook, do the dishes, clean the house, shop, and do other sundry chores while Mom relaxes atop her pedestal.

But just as we were hoping that "Wives Week" would become a truly national observance by the time we will be eligible to be observed in that way, along comes funny-man Hal Boyle with the question, "Is the female of the human species on the way out?" Boyle, syndicated AP columnist, quotes woman journalist Inez Robb as saying, "Women... are on the way out, like other biological caprices of the past... Like all species that have refused to adapt, we are on the way to oblivion. It is inevitable that man, creator of the atom bomb and the mechanical brain, will eventually invent a more satisfactory something to replace women."

But Boyle says the average man's attitude toward women—and he's probably speaking for himself—"is pretty much that of a sportsman toward racehorses: He would like to improve the breed—not abolish it."

Miss Robb's suggestion that man will probably invent "a more satisfactory something to replace women" reminds us of a science fiction yarn heard a while ago on the radio. It concerned a scientist in the not too near future who was dissatisfied with his wife, a woman with human virtues, and foibles, too. After sending her back to the matrimonial market (that is to be a thing of the future, we understand) the scientist proceeded to create a robot woman with no human faults, who would make the perfect wife for him.

When he took the gorgeous crea-

ture out of the mold, he nearly exploded with delight. Linda's hair was golden, her skin smooth as satin, her voice like a song. He was certain she could not be improved upon.

Eager to show her off to his friends, the scientist took Linda to rounds of parties, only to find she was unpoplar with his friends. The women were jealous because of her beauty, the men were insulted because of her insolent remarks. For Linda, being perfect, did not know how to lie or, as called in society, be tactful.

But the worst thing of all was what the scientist had wanted most in his wife—the perpetual smile. She grinned when Mrs. Brown complained about her rheumatism, she glowed when Mr. Harris told them his mother had just died, and her million-dollar smile was never more beautiful than when the scientist's immediate superior tripped down the stairs and fractured his leg in three places.

So before a week was over the scientist decided she must know when and when not to smile, and back went the beautiful robot into the mold. And a few days after that he decided to give her that admirable quality tact, and back she went again. In and out of the mold Linda went, once if not twice a week, and finally she was just about as he wanted her. But what was the sense in putting her back in the mold again? She would then be just like his first wife, who, of course, was still waiting for him.

Four Students Withdraw

Four students have withdrawn from College for personal reasons, according to the Feb. 13 Faculty Bulletin.

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