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Coeds Should Attend Big-Little Sister Tea

In appreciation of the help upperclasswomen have given them during their first semester on campus, the freshman women will honor the women of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes at a "Big-Little Sister Tea" tomorrow afternoon in Atherton Hall lounge.

The tea is held annually under the co-sponsorship of the freshman senators. Freshmen in the Schools of Education, Home Economics, and Physical Education are expected to personally invite their "big sisters." However, all women on campus have been invited to attend.

On a campus as large as this, there are few times when upperclasswomen and freshmen can meet socially. The "Big-Little Sister Tea" is one of those times.

Although invitations were sent to each of the living units on campus, and coeds were asked to indicate early whether they would attend, the paltry responses showed a lack of interest in the tea. Even the freshmen needed special urging from their unit officers before a respectable turnout of "hostesses" was assured.

Traditions such as the annual "Big-Little Sister Tea" can play an important part in college life if they are followed and appreciated by a majority of the students. The freshman senators, unit officers, and committee members have put time and much hard work into preparations for tomorrow's tea. To see a few people besides themselves in Atherton lounge from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow would be ample repayment.

—Ann Leh

Indies' Move Sound

When the Association of Independent Men and Leonides decided to observe National Independent Students' Association Week, they were taking a step in the right direction.

The jointly sponsored open houses held in the women's dormitories provided opportunities for independents to get together. Cooperation between the women's and men's organizations resulted in well-planned, well-attended affairs.

With social opportunities of the independents limited as they are, such joint affairs should be made a part of their organizations' programs.

National Independents Week should be continued and improved. It emphasizes a certain "awareness" quite necessary among any group. However, joint independent social functions should not be limited to one particular week or season. With the success of their initial Week's program behind them, the independents can step forward to a more effective encompassing social program.

—Baylee Friedman

Gift Decision Wise

The approval by All-College Cabinet of the recommendation that ballots for the senior class gift be counted by the All-College elections committee should end once and for all the unfortunate suspicions which have arisen in the last few years over the gift choice.

Now not only will the gift selection be announced as soon as the ballots are counted, but the number of votes cast for each suggestion will be released to the student body. In the past, the ballots were counted in secret by the senior class gift committee and the figures not released. Last year, the choice of the gift was withheld until Class Day, resulting in many of last year's graduates being ignorant of what the gift choice eventually was.

Now that a precedent has been established, it should be kept up. Incidents such as those in the last few years lead only to hard feelings and bitterness. This should be ended by Thursday's action.

Safety Valve—

Frosh Hours Clarified

TO THE EDITOR: Military Ball does not meet the requirements of a "big dance" included in a "Big Weekend." In addition to having a "big formal dance, complete with a big-name band at big Rec Hall," as abstracted from page 65 of the Student Handbook, this weekend must include an "All-College function." The ticket sales to Military Ball are limited. Only 1000 tickets are available. Can such a dance be determined an All-College function when Penn State has an enrollment of approximately 11,000 students?

Three weeks ago, the student welfare committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Brunner, was approached about the classification of Military Ball in order to grant late hours for women. The student welfare committee is the soul authority to classify a big dance or a big weekend. WSGA Senate has authority, on the other hand, to grant late permissions for women students. Last year a set policy was made to grant upperclassmen two o'clocks and freshmen one o'clock for the Friday night dance of a big weekend. One o'clocks and 12 o'clocks, respectively, are given for the Saturday night of a big weekend.

For the first time in my four years on campus, freshman women were given a choice between hours for Military Ball weekend. The choice extended between taking two 12 o'clock permissions or a ten and a one o'clock permission. WSGA altered the trend of the past, since the weekend has socially expanded. The 1000 "invitations" to the dance now sold are more than have been sold in the past. Many fraternities are conducting house parties on Saturday night as gala as those conducted during big weekends. "Perhaps when the Military Ball committee allows unlimited patronage at its dance, this weekend will be a big one, but not until," says the Senate committee on student welfare.

Any discrepancies in the freshman Student Handbook and the WSGA handbook concerning big weekends or any other item will be cleared up shortly if students are patient. The WSGA handbook is being revised this spring. Matters of discord will be considered. If Penn State women are curious about any present rulings, or wish to make recommendations to WSGA Senate, they are welcome to attend Senate meetings each Wednesday night at 6:30 in the WSGA room of White Hall.

Every governing body must set up requirements upon which rulings are made. The welfare committee has done this in regard to big weekends. WSGA has done the same concerning hours for women. All-College Cabinet has taken its actions through rulings set forth in the Student Handbook. But the men and women behind these organizations are not trying to restrict entertainment. Remember, they socialize too. They enjoy it, and they want every Penn State student to attain the same enjoyment if not more.

—JOAN HUTCHON
President, WSGA

Handbook Upheld

TO THE EDITOR: In this column yesterday appeared an editorial by Miss Ann Lederman bawling the fact that freshman women have been denied late hours for the Military Ball. All this is very well, and students certainly should howl if they think their rightful freedom is curtailed. But it should be pointed out to Miss Lederman that standard procedure for editorializing does not include haphazardly slamming publications by inferring facts illogically from its pages. This method of using a scapegoat (in this case the Student Handbook) to enforce an argument that has no logical basis otherwise is not inherent in good journalism.

Miss Lederman's reasoning stemmed from a portion of a sentence on page 65 of the Student Handbook which defined a big weekend as one with "a big formal dance complete with a big name band at big Rec Hall." This fragment was quoted from an article entitled "Social Life." As any casual reader could determine, this article is a light and informal resume of the more important social functions which occur during the year. It quotes no rules or regulations; it is not authoritarian in nature, and there is certainly no "action prescribed" in its contents.

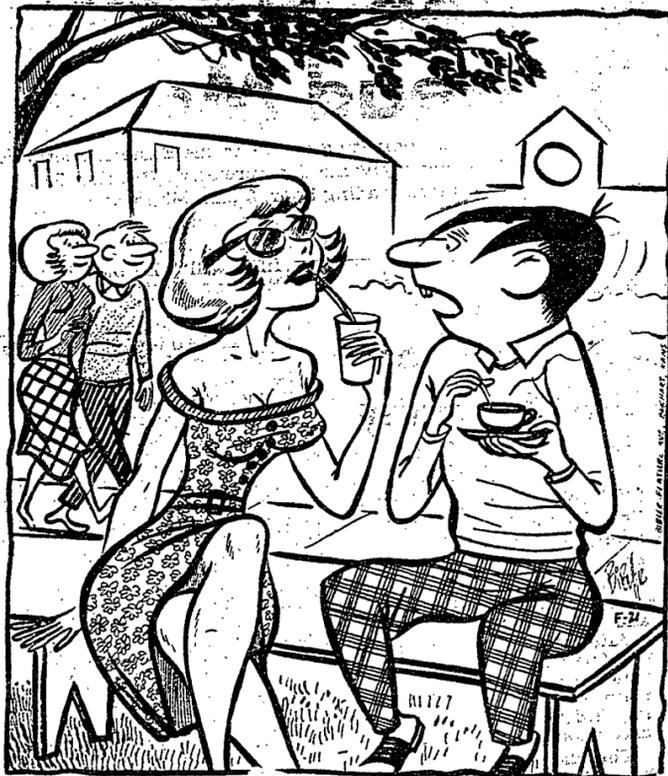
If it is true that "freshmen refer to the Student Handbook as their bible," then they should have digested by now the first sentence on page 39: "The WSGA makes all the rules and regulations concerning the coeds at the College." Evidently, rules on dating and hours are set forth in the WSGA handbook and should not be confused with a humorous description of social life, which, incidentally, was included in the Student Handbook only to show the incoming freshmen that Penn State is more than an endless procession of name cards, hair bows, and regulations.

Military Ball is not an official big weekend as defined by the College. But general student terminology tends to be more inclusive; thus, Military Ball is designated "big" in the Student Handbook because in fact it is big from the student's viewpoint. Page 65 then, does not attempt to overrule WSGA.

The Student Handbook did not make a mistake. It is a wonderful publication, and, fortunately, its contents are so objectively stated as to be entirely unrelated to this particular problem, and therefore an unstable foundation for the argument as presented.

Letter Cut John Hoerr, Handbook Editor Ed. Note: We fail to find any "slam" at the Student Handbook, intended or otherwise, in the editorial in question. Miss Lederman's use of the handbook as a reference is only natural, particularly in the case of freshman women, since they have little else to turn to. Since the handbook is "so objectively stated," it could offer no better reference for Miss Lederman's arguments.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Say, why don't you take off those colored glasses so I can see if you see where I'm looking."

The Ossier Cage

By BARRY FEIN

In the merrie days of the deceased author maister Will Shakespeare, an ossier cage was the name given to a wicker basket into which was stuffed a multitude of stuff.

With this in mind, what could be a better name for the varied verbiage which follows? Therefore, into this printed ossier cage we shall proceed to stuff many words about many things.

Gazette...

February 28, 1953

FENCING CLUB, 1 p.m., Rec Hall.

NAVAL RESERVE ELECTRONICS UNIT, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Eng. E.

NEWMAN CLUB, 7:45 p.m., Old Main.

RESORT SEMINAR, 3-4 p.m., 100 Horticulture.

March 2, 1953

CABINET PROJECTS COUNCIL, 8 p.m., 213 EE.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Complete lists of visiting representatives are available at the College Placement Office in 212 Old Main. Interviews can be arranged and information secured at the office.

Toledo Edison Company will interview B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E. and M.E., March 2.

The Metallurgical and Chemical Division of General Electric will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem., Chem. Eng. and Metallurgy, March 5 and 6.

National Tube Division, U.S. Steel, Lorain, Ohio, will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in: E.E., C.E., M.E., L.M.R., and Ind. Psych., March 6.

National Tube Division, U.S. Steel, Lorain, Ohio, will interview juniors for summer work, March 6.

Corning Glass Works will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Phys., Accounting, C.E., E.E., E.E., and I.E., Ceramics and Metallurgy, March 6.

Kimberly Clark Corporation will interview B.S. candidates in Phys., Chem., Accounting, Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E., March 9.

Touche, Niven Bailey & Smart will interview Accounting majors, March 9.

Hercules Powder Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., Chem., E.E. and M.E., March 9.

Dow Chemical Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Phys., Chem. Eng., I.E., M.E., and Metallurgy, March 9.

Sears, Roebuck & Company will interview June graduates interested in a career with Sears, March 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Burroughs Adding Machine Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E. and Physics, March 11.

U.S. Steel Company will interview graduates interested in Industrial Sales, March 11.

National Tube will interview Commerce and Economics and Accounting majors, March 11.

Chicago Bridge & Iron will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., March 11.

Metropolitan Edison Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., March 13.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Couple without children wanted for summer job near State College.

Camp Cherokee, Pa., will interview March 6.

Hiram House Camp and Camp Cleveland will interview March 9.

Camp Conrad Welser, Pa., will interview March 10.

Trail's End Camp, Pa., will interview March 14.

Boys wanted to work for meals on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, for the rest of the semester.

Licensed beauty operator wanted for full or part-time job.

At times it seems as if spring is attempting to make itself felt around the campus. You know what spring in State College is, don't you? That is the time of year when the tops of the glaciers begin to melt, and one can find the bodies of old classmates slowly thawing in the bright sunlight.

Coed drinking is O.K. so long as the girl has that watery look in her glass and not in her eyes.

All these complaints about living in Pollock Circle seem a bit petty to this writer. The place has some advantages. After all, where else can one grow mushrooms right in one's room?

With spring house parties on their way, here are a few suggestions for selecting chaperones:

1. The best kind are those with poor eyesight. They squint and stagger around, not getting too close to anyone for fear that they appear to be staring.

2. Chaperones with poor hearing are also greatly to be desired. You can always snitch the battery out of their hearing aid, and they won't be able to hear the clink of glass on glass or the smack of lip on lip—or even hand on face.

3. The highbrow chaperone can easily be diverted. Have one of the intelligent pledges get his aid in deciphering Chaucer. Once the pledge gets him in a corner, he can keep him occupied all night with the question, "Was there a beginning?"

4. The house adviser also makes a good chaperone. Be sure to come to him with your bills and financial problems in the beginning of the evening. Those figures in the debit column can make his head swim—while yours can swim for more pleasant reasons.

State College seems to be a dumping ground for stray radio signals. It certainly is hard to get any out-of-town stations around here. The only time we did get NBC, it turned out to be the North Korean Broadcasting Company.

We did, however, enjoy their programs. They had one band that was billed as playing "The Sweetest Music This Side of the 38th Parallel." Now, there might be a good idea for the Senior Prom.