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Rumored Dorm Raid Would Be Folly

Well, spring must really be here. Yes, once again the boys up in the West Dorms are talking party raid. It appears that Monday night is the date set for the next one, and it seems likely that once again "mature college students" will be making fools of themselves.

But before some of the more easily led students are talked into taking part in this raid, it would be wise if they considered a few things.

Last spring, copying raids which took place in other colleges and universities, several hundred men who, being in college should have known better, took part in a gigantic party raid which eventually resulted in all seven of the women's dorms being broken into. The unfavorable publicity which fell on Penn State and the other colleges that suffered similar outbreaks should be enough to quell any further thoughts of such affairs—at least among those students who have any pride at all in their school.

But not so at Penn State. For all last fall attempts at raids were made, led by men who seem to have shown so little intelligence that it makes one wonder just why they're in college. Each successive raid attempt was less and less important however, as students finally seemed to become aware of the childishness of the whole business.

But it wasn't only the College which suffered as a result of the raid. In the women's dorms, the marauding men broke doors, windows, and looted women's belongings. In at least one case, over \$75 worth of clothing was stolen from one girl.

And take a look at how the reputation of college students as a whole suffered as a result of the raids, particularly in the case of men. Many commentators and legislatures were only too glad to use these instances as proof that men in college should not be given any kind of preferential treatment as far as the draft was concerned. A party raid at this time, when many Congressmen are urging revision of existing draft legislation, would hurt not only those men who took part in such an affair, but also those who took no part in them.

Consider further the attitude of the College on the situation. After last year's raid, the administration issued the following statement—and it meant business.

"If there is any repetition of this incident, the College will take severe action against all participants who can be identified through exhaustive investigation."

The College intends to carry out this warning. If the Monday raid, or any future raid that may be planned, takes place, there will be people in the crowd taking names. It might also be well to consider how a student's draft status might be affected by a suspension from College, a very possible disciplinary measure.

There are plenty of students who are fed up with the assinine antics of supposedly mature individuals. What is really amazing is that a great deal of the push behind these raids is furnished by upperclassmen, who, even more than the freshmen, deserve the scorn and ridi-

cule the rest of the student body has for the supporters of such activities.

But will a presentation of these facts have any effect on those students who would take part in a raid? It's very possible they aren't even intelligent enough to understand why such an action would be wrong. Maybe a raid would be a good thing—at least it would provide a starting ground for getting rid of a few of the undesirable characters who call themselves "students" at Penn State.

Campus Politics Gathering Speed

After getting off to what could be termed a slow start, campus politics picked up speed last weekend. The State Party, victorious in the last two spring elections, enjoyed a record-breaking attendance of 572. The Lion Party, which succeeded in capturing four of the six offices in last fall's elections, had about 200 students present at the peak of its meeting, a substantial figure for this early in the political race.

This apparently increased interest in campus politics on the part of students is a healthy situation. In the past, the campus politicians have usually found it difficult to get people interested in the pre-campaign and campaign drives. A great deal of effort must usually be exerted to get out a large vote when the elections finally roll around. Last spring, a record-breaking 44.3 per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots.

The large vote and the great amount of ballot splitting were heartening, but what about the other 55.7 per cent who could have cast ballots. What, if anything, were those students thinking? Are they, as is too often the case, the students who do the complaining about student government?

The large vote cast last year, and the large turnouts at clique meetings recently, seem to indicate a growing realization on the part of students of the importance which All-College Cabinet can have in the everyday life of students at Penn State.

The occupants of the All-College offices are in control of a student government which spends nearly \$12,000 of student money. Just how much the students get out of this \$12,000 will depend on the type of people they elect to these offices.

But before there can be good candidates to run for these offices, good men and women must be nominated by the parties. Final nominations are scheduled for Sunday night. Attendance in at least one previous clique meeting will be required before students will be admitted to these meetings. If all those who have attended meetings in the past show up Sunday night, each party can be quite sure that the person finally nominated will be about the best that is available. This is a healthy feeling with which to enter upon the campaigns which will begin after the Easter vacation.

Gazette...

March 26, 1953

FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.

LION STEERING COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m., 220 Willard.

NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 316 Frear Lab.

SCABBARD AND BLADE, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Mary Bolich, Walter Campbell, Douglas Cofield, Richard Denison, Reed Dunn, John Flanagan, William Gardiner, Bernard Guernsey, Mildred Howard, Linda Jacobs, Irwin James, Jerry Kasper, Walter Kowalik, Robert E. Lewis, Robert H. McCabe, Henry Nudorf, George Riefler, Roger Risser, Carl Schrock, James Sperry, Marvin Trimas and Victor Whitesel.

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

Camp Skycrest, Pa., will interview boys March 28.

Couple without children wanted for summer employment near State College.

Waiters wanted for permanent work.

Camp Wood Haven, Reading, will interview girls, March 29.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"How come the faculty has so darn much parking space when they can't even afford cars?"

New Draft Policies Would Harm Nation

By JACK REID

Are college deferments given too freely? Many Congressmen feel this is the case. This fact became increasingly evident recently when John A. Hannah, the new assistant Secretary of Defense in charge of manpower and personnel, said in a Congressional hearing that it is all too true that the rich boy goes to college while the less fortunate goes to Korea.

This statement has convinced many Congressmen that college before military service is being used as a draft escape. The majority of draft officials and college authorities do not share this belief. They point out two unfortunate results of military service before college.

Military service before college would leave the country short of trained scientists and engineers four or five years from now, they point out. If all the men who would normally enter college in September were drafted, there would be few scientists or engineers graduating from American colleges in 1957 or 1958.

As a second result of military service before college, American colleges would be left populated chiefly by women and 4F's.

In England, where a policy of military service before college has long been followed, there is an increasing public pressure to adopt a draft deferment system similar to that in this country. Military and educational leaders who are largely in favor of draft before college argue that men going straight from high school into the army mature faster and make better students when they return to civilian life. Another advantage claimed for this method

is that once a student has put in his military service, he can start his college work without fear of military service interrupting his college education causing him to forget much of his college training.

Many Congressmen agree wholeheartedly with this policy. They point out that more than 1,400,000 men are in college at the present time. At 18,000 men to a division this represents a potential army of 77 divisions and a supply of men that would satisfy draft calls for over 20 months at the present draft rate.

These statements are true, but examine the facts a little more closely. There are 233,000 veterans of the Second World War, 42,000 veterans of the Korean "police action," and an estimated 32,000 divinity students who have been given the special 4D draft classification.

Approximately 220,000 college students are in Army, Air Force, or Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps programs; of the remaining group, over 557,000 are under draft age, unclassified, or 4F.

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