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Independent-Greek Project Is Needed

Approximately 1000 sorority and fraternity members will swing into civic action today as they take part in community work projects to carry out the Greek Week theme, "The Greeks and the Community."

Work projects include the cleaning up of State College parks and playgrounds and work at the Tussey Ridge girl scout camp. Interested in contributing service to the community, the Greeks can indeed be of help in these projects.

Greek Week was started last year on a smaller scale, and this year the week has grown to unexpected heights. The week has been worked out by Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council representatives.

Through this cooperative action on the campus, even greater returns will be had after the groups effectively contribute service to the community.

But, there is, perhaps, one item which could make for an even better service project as regards the campus contributing to the town area.

Since there is, initially, a specific differentiation made between Greeks and independents, it seems to us that a week similar to Greek Week could fulfill three purposes, rather than the two it appears to serve now. In addition to getting fraternities and sororities to work together and to serve the community, a week set up on the same basis which would include organized independent groups (Association of Independent Men and Leonides) would also serve as an influence integrating Greeks and independents.

There is a definite need for more cooperative work between Greek and independent societies. A service project seems like a perfect place to begin.

Greek Week will undoubtedly be a success. Careful planning has gone into all of its activities. One consideration that should be kept in mind for future campus service projects is the possibility of integrating the independents into such a program. Certainly, its success would be helpful in breaking down the unfounded barriers existing between Greeks and independents.

— Mimi Ungar

Excuse Rule Change A Welcome Revision

The wave of illnesses which passed over the campus earlier this spring caused much student protest over the College Senate rule which provided that excuses for illnesses could be issued only when students were confined to the Infirmary. Because of the epidemic, the Infirmary was unable to handle all the cases which should have been treated there and was forced to send some of these students to bed in their rooms. In accordance with the Senate rule, these students could not be given official class excuses.

All-College Cabinet took up the problem in its list of ten questions concerning the College Health Service which was sent to the Senate sub-committee on health and recreation some time ago. The question was then taken under consideration by the College Senate, which came up with a new policy at its meeting Thursday.

This new policy provides that the director of the College Health Service may give students who are sent to bed in their rooms, because the Infirmary is filled to capacity, a statement to that effect. These statements will apparently serve as official class excuses.

The new policy is, of course, not only a good one, but actually the only one that could have been made under the circumstances. It was grossly unfair that students who deserved legal excuses could not get them. They, after all, were not at fault.

A request for funds to expand the present Health Service facilities is now pending before the General State Authority. If the request is approved, as it certainly should be, the trouble of overcrowded conditions may cease to be a problem before too long.

Fee Change Needs More Investigation

Thursday night the Interscholar Council Board suggested that each school collect its student council fees at registration. The plan, which the board hopes will meet with administration approval, is a counter-proposal to that suggested by the College in an effort to equalize student-assessed fees.

In its suggestion to the students, the administration stated that its purpose is to have an exact fee figure that can be presented to parents at the time of registration. With a definite cost known, fees can be collected at registration.

One of the problems the administration wants to avoid is that presented by the bookkeeping necessitated by the variance in student assessed fees. If the ISCB's proposal is accepted, the bookkeeping that the administration wishes to avoid will be thrown on the individual schools.

Originally it was suggested that each school council adopt a 75-cent a semester fee. This figure was arrived at since the Agriculture Student Council has a 75-cent fee to provide for social activities and for copies of the Penn State Farmer for students in agriculture. The School of Home Economics also has a 25-cent fee to pay for the Home Ec News and Views. The remaining schools do not have any such fees.

It was thought that the other student councils could use a fee to provide events or projects not now under consideration. However, the usual student reaction is a howl of anguish for raising their fees for uses they have not seen as necessary or desirable. Seen in this light, the action by the ISCB is one which has taken into consideration the possible reaction of the student body.

Perhaps the administration can work out a method to consolidate all the fees with the exception of the Agriculture and Home Economics councils' fees. This will leave three possible fees—those paid by students in agriculture taking their 75-cent fee into consideration, those paid by students in home economics taking their 25-cent fee into consideration, and those paid by students who are not in either of these schools and who do not have these fees.

Some computation will have to be done if fees are to be paid at registration since there are differing fees for the various housing accommodations. The information concerning these three fees can be provided with the information concerning the varying housing fees. Students with second semester standing or higher should know in which school they are enrolled. Students new to Penn State should be able to obtain the information without much difficulty.

— Dick Rau

Carefully Consider Finals Question

Thursday's meeting of the College Senate was not only one of the busiest sessions of the year, but also one of the most important from the viewpoint of students. Among the issues decided upon were a new calendar plan, a revision of policy regarding Infirmary excuses, new rules regarding punishment for false registration, and approval of curriculums and courses for the School of Business which will open at the College July 1.

One further item of business was brought before the Senate at its last meeting. This was the old question of the elimination of final examinations for graduating seniors. The matter has been sent to the Senate committee on educational policy for study.

The question of senior finals has been aired many times before. It would seem that some new approach is needed. We do not believe it is necessary to entirely eliminate senior finals. However, it would seem that some substitute plan could be effectively used at Penn State.

Just what kind of a substitute plan might be presented? Perhaps one solution might be optional finals for those students who are passing courses with certain grades, with those below grades being required to take the finals. Obviously, if a student has done "three" work throughout the semester, there is little chance that the final will have much effect on his grade. Some students going into the final with a "two" average would be satisfied with the "two", while others would be willing to take the exam in the hope of pulling their averages up. On the other hand, students with a "one" or below probably need the extra work on their courses which the final exam usually requires.

It is to be hoped that the Senate committee does not lightly dismiss the request of the senior class senior finals committee as just another attempt to get out of some work. There are some merits to be considered.

Gazette...

April 11, 1953

FENCING CLUB, 1 p.m., Rec Hall.
FROTH PROMOTION STAFF, 10 a.m., Froth office.

THETA SIGMA PHI, 10 a.m., Simmons initiation room.

April 12, 1953

NEWMAN CLUB, 7:45 p.m., 405 Old Main.
UNITARIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., Friends Meeting House.

April 13, 1953

PENN STATE VETERANS CLUB, 7 p.m., 110 EE.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Daddy, this is Worthal—I believe he mentioned he's flunking one of your classes."

Strictly from — Ungar

After every important athletic event (e.g. Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling meet), the Daily Collegian sports page usually runs a column of sidelights regarding the event. Such a column is often entitled "Sidelights."

We think the idea is a good one—so good that we feel that a column of sidelights relating to the recent Grand National Debate and Forensic Tournament held

over Easter vacation at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., is in order. We might even be original and sub-title the column—"Sidelights on Debate."

Eight enthusiastic College coeds made the trip—which turned out to be a successful one. But, disregarding the main business of the trip, there are certain happenings which deserve attention.

Upon crossing the Mason-Dixon line, of course, there is the immediate realization that fragments of Civil War feelings still exist. An example of this was afforded to the contingent of women early on the trip. After eating in Winchester, Va. (the apple city), five of us were in the lounge of the George Washington (being a Virginian, everything in that state is named after him) Hotel broussing around, when a mighty Texan (with a Virginian friend) politely (?) approached us. He questioned us as to where "we all" were headed.

We revealed the information regarding the debate tournament and told him we were debating on the topic of whether the Congress of the United States should enact a compulsory federal fair employment practices law. This really stimulated that Texan, and he began to lecture on the inconsistency of northerners invading the south and telling the southerners what they should do.

He expounded on the negative viewpoint and ended up in a debate with Penn State's affirmative debater, Susan Holtzinger.

Perhaps this was a means of being friendly, even though he was quite worked up over the matter (sounded almost like a debater). Contending that he has seen the world and lived in the south, he finally gave up—wishing all of us good luck.

The further south we went, the warmer it was. And upon arriving on the Mary Washington campus, we were all greeted with the familiar southern expression, "Hi honey." This phrase only has effect, however, when heard with the southern accent.

It must be admitted that southern hospitality has really got it. But, as for southern cooking—Penn Staters should rise and thank the food service for its wonderful cooking.

Since we were housed on the Mary Washington campus, we also had the pleasure of eating in the Mary Washington dining com-

mons. Whether the condition of the food should be attributed to institutional or southern cooking, we are not sure. But, one thing we are sure of is that the food cannot compare to what is offered in Penn State dormitories. The best meal was the last one—and that one was beef stew—so you can imagine how delicious it was.

Penn Staters complain about getting too much creamed food. Well, the food at Mary Washington College is not only creamed to death, but it is also seasoned to death.

Still, the women on that campus survive. So, perhaps they have made the rare adjustment or this food is typical of southern cooking.

We asked one of the coeds how she felt about the foods at Mary Washington and she told us it was far superior to what was served last year. The only thought that we had was—wonder how horrible the stuff tasted last year. We were there—but our comments then were the same as now.

Since most of us didn't eat too well in the dining hall, we frequented the college's coffee shop. Here, we didn't do much better. But, we were able to get common sandwiches.

The atmosphere of the coffee shop was quite different, we were told, from what it usually is with just the Mary Washington coeds around. The main change was that smoke filled the air. The only place on the campus where smoking is allowed under normal conditions is in the dormitories. Even though the visitors changed the atmosphere, the Mary Washington students who served as hostesses still conformed to the rules. (and Penn State coeds complain!)

We thought that we were lucky going on a five-day debate trip. But, most of the mid-western and western schools attending the tournament had been traveling on debate since Mar. 11 and will not return to their institutions until April 15.

Even though it is a grind to debate nine times within two days and run from contest to contest, the personalities, accents, and ideas of students from every corner of the United States do add a certain color to such a trip. Easter vacation lost—Penn State coeds who made the trip will never regret the loss and never forget the profits and pleasure derived from such an experience.