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Drinking Can Endanger Spring Week

An example of how a few students can harm the entire student body was given Wednesday night when at least six students were apprehended for violation of College drinking regulations. Four have been placed on office probation for their actions.

Spring Week has in five years become one of the outstanding social events at Penn State. Fraternity, sorority, and independent groups plan and work for many weeks in preparation for Spring Week activities. Winning groups receive trophies. More important, a Penn State student receives a scholarship through these activities. And now, as Spring Week reaches a new high, a few students endanger the entire program by allowing drinking to creep into the carnival.

Many colleges do not have a Spring Carnival, and many have no social event approaching Spring Week. Penn Staters have come to accept the carnival and the week as a normality. But it is still comparatively young at the College.

Now that Spring Week has become established at Penn State, it is important a few students do not kill it. If some students continue to disregard College drinking regulations, Spring Carnival, and even Spring Week, may be brought to a quick end.

Those apprehended were not the only students possessing alcohol at the Spring Carnival. It is unfortunate a few students must suffer while others are able to evade discovery. Most students at the carnival, however, were not involved in drinking.

Too often those who drink disregard the harm they may do others. This is an example of that situation. Until a few irresponsible students think before they act, and until those same students consider the harm they can do the student body by their actions, the College will keep a wary eye on Spring Week events.

It should not be necessary for the College to be the moralist watchdog of the Spring Carnival. It is definitely not necessary for students to endanger the life of the carnival by inconsiderate actions.

New Housing Plan Will Aid Students

The Dean of Men's office has released a plan that, with the cooperation of town landlords, can be of great benefit to the student body in the future.

The plan, to establish a list of approved town rooms which would be made available for students desiring to live in town, has been in the making for several years. It has now emerged with the cooperation of the State College Chamber of Commerce.

Although the plan is entirely voluntary on the part of landlords, over 200 have already applied to have their rooms inspected. The purpose of the inspection is not to deny income to landlords, whose facilities fail to meet a prescribed degree, but to list facilities that have been approved. If a student wishes to live in a home that is not on the approved list, he may do so. However, he does so with the knowledge that the room is not recommended by the Dean of Men's office.

A list of standards has been mailed to landlords to give them some idea on what basis the College will inspect rooms. Landlords may use the list to improve their facilities before the inspecting team arrives.

Any man living in a rooming house in town would approve of these standards prescribed by the list:

A 60 square foot minimum of floor space per student and a closet space of at least 22 inches by 36 inches per student.

A study desk and a straight-back chair for each student, a full-size 39 inch bed, a dresser or chest of drawers per student, one easy chair for every two persons, and linens furnished and changed once a week.

A bathroom, including tub or shower, hot water, wash bowl, and toilet for every eight students.

Students living above the second floor must have at least two ways to leave the residence in case of fire, and the entrances, halls, stairways must be kept clean, unobstructed, and adequately lighted.

The window area of every room be at least 15 per cent of the floor space, and 100 watts of light be provided per student.

A telephone available for making local calls. Students' rooms be cleaned once a week and bathroom fixtures cleaned daily.

Many of these standards, if set long ago, would be benefiting town residents today. Progress can still be made, and the inspection can be developed to such a degree that Penn State will be known for its rooming house system.

Penn State has a large town, non-commuting, rooming house section. At present, there are many roomers who are dissatisfied with their facilities. The new plan is no cure-all, but it is a long step in the direction other colleges have taken—a step in the right direction.

—Phil Austin

Safety Valve—Defends Activities Proposal

TO THE EDITOR: It looks as though an explanation is in order for the new point system recently discussed by Women's Student Government Association. Editorials and comments have been misconstrued to say it is a dictatorial procedure legislating interests to students not quite mature enough to select and place limitations on themselves.

Not at all! Anyone familiar with the point system readily sees that it bars none from joining as many activities as he wishes. But it accomplishes two important purposes instead. Through the distribution of campus activity responsibilities, a larger number of students may share in the education, experience and pleasure of leadership positions. At the same time, it helps a student realize the importance of striking a happy medium between activities and academic work.

No governor is saying students are not wise enough to do these things for themselves, but a system will make it easier. A student in his freshman year and the years following may take part in and reap the educational and social benefits every activity on campus has to offer. A point system will only limit his work load and leadership positions. When only a few students on campus carry the presidencies and chairmanships of all groups, it is my opinion that we are underestimating the potentiality of others. Give the fellow, who is not especially well known but interested, a chance for leadership and I'll wager that he will do as good a job and perhaps a better job than the known personality who has his finger mixing every pie.

Let me elaborate on the new proposal for a point system. Hypothetically, we will set the point limit at four. (And since it is a women's organization originating this system, we shall speak only of women's activities for the present. If, when accepted and inaugurated, it catches fire throughout the campus, it can be set up on an All-College basis as well.) There will be a standards board, made up of an adequate representation of the activities on campus, to determine the work load of each activity officer. No officer, however responsible, will receive more than three points—thus allowing her to hold a one-point office in her sorority, on a board of publications, a theater guild, etc. Sorority presidents could be given a two-point

limit, which would allow them another two-point position in a campus-wide activity. I cannot describe all the determinants here—that is to be done by the board—but I hope from this excerpt my reader derives a general knowledge of the mechanics involved.

A standards board to enforce the system would add one more responsible activity to the campus—an activity to include the math majors, bookkeepers, and accountants. It, too, could have leaders, and help to spread the fellowship and leadership training for all which is needed on a campus this size.

A point system will take work to set up. But it will take a whole lot less work to keep going. Honor societies will be aided by the system in their selection of members. More students will benefit from a greater opportunity for well-rounded college life. Instead of having a lopsided program either academically, socially, or activity-wise, every student has a better chance to get a taste of each.

—Jo Hutchon
Retiring WSGA president

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COLLEGE HOSPITAL

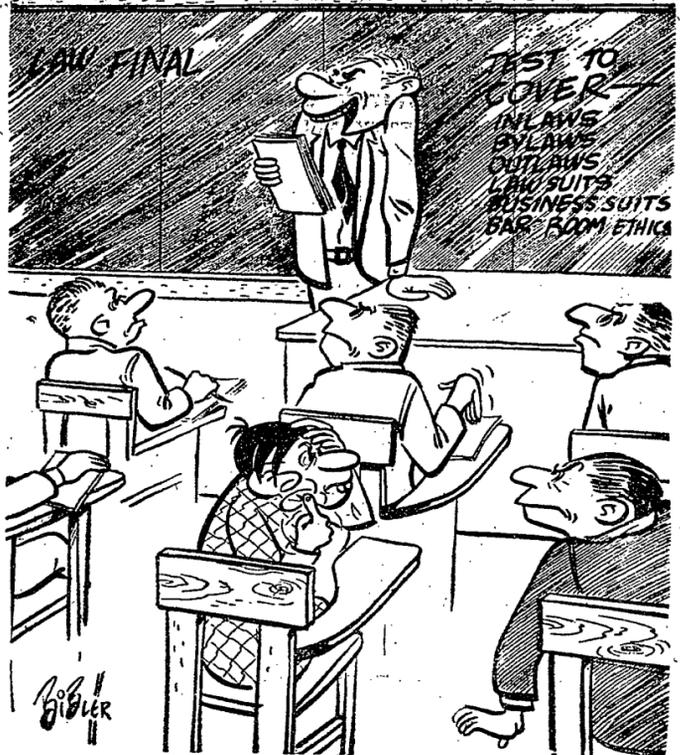
Barbara Alrich, Charles Belan, Gerald Bidlack, Octavio Cano, Howard Frank, Joseph Gower, Glenn Grove, William Hafley, William Hanlin, James Krauss, Benjamin Kreider, Lee Kummer, Ralph Laudenslayer, Justin Lipman, Robert T. Miller, Walter Pimbley, Wilhelm Reudenbach, Herbert Rosenberg, Alan Schriesheim, Russell Wasser, George Welkie, Wayne Wolfkeil and Kenneth Wright.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Students from Philadelphia area wanted for summer jobs in selling.
Men wanted for meal serving jobs on and off campus next fall.
Men wanted for garden and lawn, housework, and odd jobs.
Men wanted for production work near Lancaster. Full time summer work.
Boy or girl with medical lab experience wanted for latter part of July, beginning of August.
Boy or girl with ability to take x-rays wanted for first two weeks of August.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"First let me warn you that anything you say may be held against you."

Interpreting the News

Attlee's Statements Hurt Aid Program

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
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Congressional reaction to statements made during the recent British foreign policy debate makes it clear that Clement Attlee has damaged the foreign aid program on which his country is dependent, and which comes to a vote in Washington soon.

There is a touch of pride in the British press, even among those papers which decry any breach of Anglo-American relations, that British leaders have finally spoken out boldly. British thought is depressed by the nation's lessening power in world affairs, and every show of independence is welcomed by public opinion.

On the American side of the Atlantic, however, there is irritation that Churchill should be trying to move faster than Eisenhower toward direct peace negotiations with Russia, and that Attlee should choose this time to attack the policies, motives and even the fundamental institutions of the United States.

The President declined to get himself involved in the argument at his news conference Thursday. He said just about what he's been saying: that he is just as anxious for peace as anybody but doesn't want to get involved in just another Communist run-around. Premier De Gasperi of Italy had just issued a statement saying about the same thing.

In Congress, however, statements were bitter. Senator Dirksen just about summed up the attitude with his promise to take the Attlee statements, and Churchill's failure to refute them in Parliament, into very strong consideration when it comes to vote appropriations for foreign aid.

There was already strong sentiment in Congress for even greater cuts in the foreign aid program than had been suggested by the Eisenhower administration. Many observers had their fingers crossed against action which would actually interfere with the nation's international program and weaken the Allies at a time when, if negotiations with Russia should develop, strength in the background would be of the utmost importance to Western representatives. Real slashing of the aid program now seemed a greater possibility than ever.

The ill-timed dispute also strengthened the Russian hand directly. It will naturally be accepted, even more importantly by the Russian people than by the Russian government, as evidence of the inevitability of splits in the Allied front so long predicted by Communist theorists.

The dispute will blow over, just as disputes between the U.S. and Britain always blow

over, because of their fundamental affinities. But in the meantime the Allied tactical situation, and perhaps even its strategic position, has been damaged.

Now Hear This: Railroad Collisions Against Regulations

It was okay for railroad conductors not to wear socks while on duty in 1897, but collisions were definitely against regulations, and trains had to be stopped before they ran over livestock.

So reports Tracks, publication of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Regulations for trainmen provided that:

"All trains will leave on time.

"No collisions allowed.

"Trains must stop before running over livestock.

"Passenger conductors must wear shoes while on duty, socks not required."

In addition, railroad workers were told to "drink nothing but cold water while on duty."

And touting favorite saloons was taboo for workers on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad in 1854. A book of rules contained this warning:

"Conductors and other trainmen must not attempt to influence passengers in favor or against certain saloons, but must act impartial in this respect."

How to Get Candidates? Candidates, Candidates,

"I won't belong to any group that would stoop so low as to have candidates like me."

That must be the attitude of Holman Norris, 84, of Wayne, Me. He was so dismayed at the Prohibition Party's dwindling membership and selection of candidates that he quit.

"It got so small," mourned Norris, "they asked me to be a candidate."