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What Good Is Student Encampment?

Recommendations from the 1953 Student Encampment will begin flowing into All-College Cabinet for final approval tomorrow night. Cabinet must act favorably upon each resolution before it may go into effect.

The Student Encampment was held prior to Orientation Week at Mont Alto Forest School. The second such event, the encampment brought together about 130 students, faculty, and administrators to discuss, no holds barred, mutual problems. The purpose of the encampment is to bring together good ideas, to solve those problems with resolutions, and to present those resolutions to cabinet.

Cabinet tomorrow night will consider the most pressing of these encampment recommendations. The recommendations grew out of encampment discussions on 13 topics.

Bringing together leading students and College personnel to pool resources is no small task. In accomplishing the task, the encampment committee made mistakes. In some cases, proper students and administrators were not invited to the encampment. Too many problem areas were handled in the length of time provided. In general, there was not enough time to discuss, and were not enough heads to think together. But as the encampment grows, these problems will diminish.

The Student Encampment, properly utilized, may bring together good ideas and solve many problems. But these problems cannot be solved merely by resolution. They must be effectively implemented. Getting the ideas has been accomplished. Actuating them is another thing.

The encampment proposals are the result of long, hard, and generally good thinking which cannot be reproduced by cabinet in the short time it has to consider them. Some proposals will be poor, but most will be good for both students and the College. Cabinet should listen closely to the encampment proposals and realize they are the result of solid thinking. Cabinet had better deeply consider the implications of the proposals they are about to act upon.

If the encampment and its purpose is to be a success, then the College also must heed the resolutions. If the proposals represent solid thinking to cabinet, they must also represent solid thinking to the administration, faculty, and the student body. The encampment proposals are largely the result of student thinking. If Penn State is to provide better educational opportunities, the College must also give the students liberal control over themselves. One way is for the College to effectively carry out the cabinet-approved resolutions which have grown out of the 1953 Student Encampment.

Vets and Frosh Can Live Together

Since the first years of the Korean police action have elapsed, there have been veterans of that action arriving on campus. Last year a sizable group arrived on campus. This year there will probably be a larger group in our midst.

With the arrival of these men, problems may also arrive; not that these problems will be brought on by the veterans as such. They will be problems that are inherent with the placing of one group of people, who have grown up in an environment totally different from that of college, into a group that has known little else but either the high school or home environment.

Methods have been suggested to ease the conflict between the two groups. The Veterans Club, for example, was organized to help the veteran, particularly the Korean veteran, gain information concerning educational benefits

under Public Laws 550 and 346. The club has also helped plan social events for both veterans and non-veterans.

However, one of the best ways to avoid conflicts is a little understanding between the non-veterans and the veterans. Both should realize they are in some respects poles apart. The veterans have received some training through the armed services for resolving differences that aren't to be found in Robert's Rules of Order. They also may have learned some means of recreation that differ somewhat from the non-veteran's idea of sport.

The non-veteran freshmen in their youthful exuberance may at the same time become extremely irksome to the veteran. Each can learn something from the other. Since both the veteran and the non-veteran have supposedly the same purpose in mind, namely a college education, there exists a common basis for the solution to conflicts that may arise.

With the common basis in mind, plus a little understanding and respect for the rights of others, both the veteran and the non-veteran can get more out of college than the memory of battles won and lost.

—Dick Rau

Safety Valve ...

Protest Wearing Ties, Coats in Dining Hall

TO THE EDITOR: A notice from the Dean of Men's office has recently been posted in the Nittany-Pollock area which specifies coats and ties will be worn for the Sunday noon meal. What folly! We feel this regulation is not only unnecessary but impractical. The Nittany dining hall is not one of the showplaces of the College. It lacks the restaurant-like atmosphere of the West Dorms. It is more the "greasy spoon" type of eating establishment. Our apologies to the dining hall personnel who do the best with what they have.

We feel that persons responsible for this ruling have no right to dictate our manner of dress. However, if a majority of the persons eating in this dining hall feels there should be a ruling of this type, we would be willing to abide by it. Why can't we of the Nittany-Pollock area decide on this issue for ourselves?

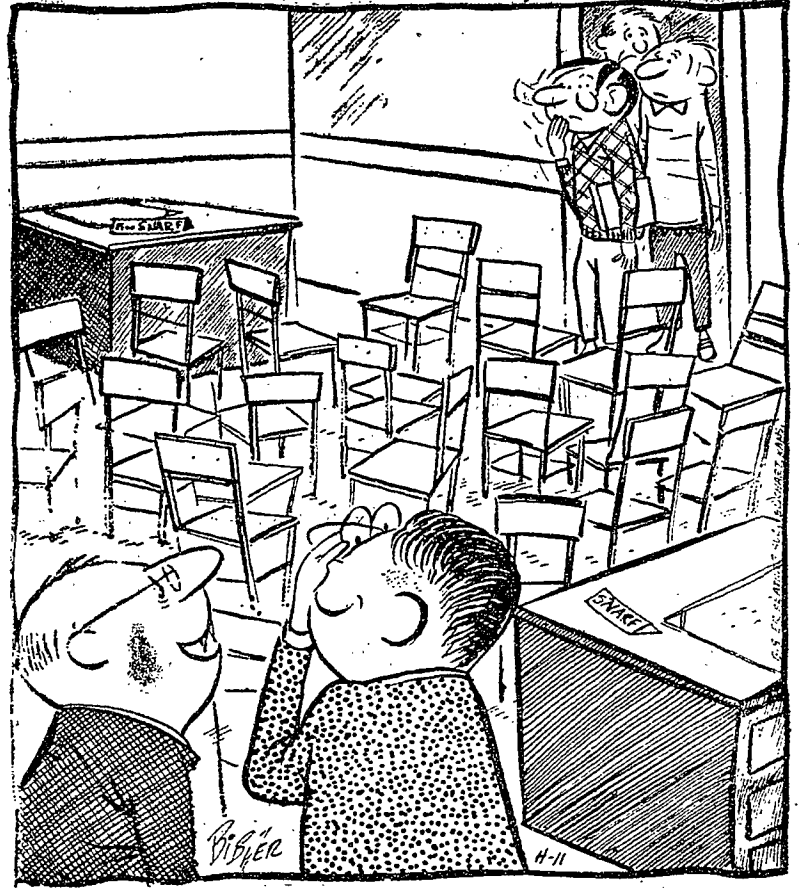
Rollin Mann, Walter Whitcher, Francis Yagelowich, John Wallis, Ronald Lehmen, Raymond Oberleitner, and Sherwood Hill.

Gazette ...

- Today
- COLLEGE RADIO STATION candidates, 7:30 p.m., 304 Sparks.
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS Staff Candidates, 7:30 p.m., 2 Carnegie Hall.
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN SOPHOMORE Board, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie Hall.
 - FROTH ART CANDIDATES, 8 p.m., 9 Carnegie Hall.
 - FROTH EDITORIAL STAFF and Candidates, 8 p.m., 9 Carnegie Hall.
 - HILLEL RADIO and Crew Tryouts, 7-9:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation.
 - WRA HOCKEY CLUB, 4 p.m., Holmes Field, all students welcome.
 - WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., Rhythm room.
 - WRA LIFE SAVING CLASS, 7 p.m., locker room. Non-saving class.
 - Thursday, Sept. 24
 - CHAPEL CHOIR rehearsal, 7 p.m., Carnegie.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I put a desk at both ends of th' classroom—confuses heck out of those students who always sit in th' back row."

Glancing Around

At Encampment

By DICK RAU

There comes a time in everyone's life when he is called upon to think. This, unfortunately, has happened to me—twice, and before school started yet. The first time it was the first student encampment at Mont Alto last year. The second time was Sept. 10-12, another encampment. The first time I helped cover the affair for the Daily C. The second time I enjoyed it.

Encampment resolutions, as you will find out shortly, sometimes

have a tendency to be varied and long. That, fortunately, is someone else's worry this year. Since no one has yet expounded on the lighter side of the encampment, I thought I would take a few liberties.

My first view of some of the encampment personnel was somewhat startling. There, spread out on a vast expanse of green, was a representation of students, faculty, and administrative personnel crouching and wildly leaping about, occasionally emitting shouts of glee. My first impression was that some of the men had been standing around under the mid-day sun too long without a hat.

Closer examination revealed they were engaged in the time-honored pursuit of catching grasshoppers. Of course, what else would they be doing? In Mont Alto, everybody catches grasshoppers. It's almost a national pastime. It's not the effect of the altitude on the population. It's the trout.

In every society there is a group that, in the long run, calls the tune for everyone to follow. In Russia, it's the communists. In the

United States, it's one of the political parties. In Mont Alto, it's the trout. The trout loll about in their humidified atmosphere all day while highly educated humans chase around the greenward capturing grasshoppers for the trout's table. Considering the number of times the grasshoppers outwitted the College men, I would say either the grasshoppers are quite clever or else our education system is faulty in its student selection procedure.

I failed to learn who instituted the practice of keeping the trout well fed. It certainly wasn't the grasshoppers. The grasshopper population takes a rather dim view of this state of affairs judging from their mute protestations.

The grasshoppers try to take care not to get their feet wet. It can be hazardous. The trout are not so lazy that their meal must be served to them personally on a platter. They will even stir themselves to come to the surface for their repast. It is really quite a sight to see a yawning mouth break through the water to snap

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