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Guess We're Not Big Boys and Girls

Penn State students have long returned from Philadelphia and the Penn weekend, but the turmoil they created is still alive. This is not a tribute to the student body.

Reports of misconduct and damage caused by Penn State students in Philadelphia hotels had reached College officials by Sunday evening. This is not a tribute to the student body.

About the only tributes to the student body coming out of the entire weekend were the fine performance of the football team in losing, and the good halftime show of the Blue Band. These were the only two Penn State performances of merit in Philadelphia.

Wednesday both a representative of the Dean of Men's office and the president of Interfraternity Council commended fraternities in general for their conduct at the game. Fraternity men were congratulated for keeping the name of Penn State fraternities clean.

In direct contrast, the President's office has received numerous letters from Philadelphians complaining about student conduct during and after the game. Reports of damage have been received, but no official statements have yet been released.

It is hard to reconcile these two stories. If

student conduct was bad, surely fraternity men cannot be singled out as either prime offenders or non-participants. Bad reports have not been aimed at individual fraternities, but this does not mean fraternity men were less involved than any other group. The IFC stand, when viewed in the light of complaints being received by the College, implies indirectly that independent men and coeds were most at fault.

This, of course, is not the intent of IFC. But it is obvious that no group—fraternity or independent—may be singled out for good behavior at Penn weekend. Conversely, no group can be singled out for bad behavior. The conduct stains the student body as a whole.

It is beyond comprehension how supposedly intelligent students can so completely disregard their own and the College's reputation. Such student actions could quite conceivably affect the College's appropriations from the State legislature.

Prior to the Penn weekend came a plea for the students to act like big boys and girls. We did not act like big boys and girls. We acted like little boys and girls—which is what we must be if we act the way we did at Penn.

III. What Does NSA Mean to Students?

(This is the last in a series of three editorials on the National Students' Association and Penn State.)

The National Students' Association is an organization that works two ways. Not only do individual student bodies receive ideas and information from the national offices, but they in turn contribute pet ideas and projects for assimilation—another proof of the student as the association's nucleus.

In the past, Penn State's contribution has been practically nil. This is one main reason why NSA has not worked well here. A new all-the-way-for-NSA policy, however, could change our attitude from negative to positive if it is sensibly applied.

As has been mentioned previously, national subcommittees are placed on member campuses if those schools request it. NSA enthusiasts on this campus hope that someday—perhaps this year—Penn State will be the center of a national program. Talk so far has been directed toward a leadership training subcommittee. A local program of this type had its beginnings here last year, when officers of various organizations were invited to discussions on parliamentary procedure, persuasive speaking, and other topics. As the program would develop here, ideas could be prepared and sent to the national offices, where in turn they would be distributed to member colleges. Result: Penn State would finally achieve active membership in NSA. Through helping other schools in the leadership training area, Penn

State would be helping its own student government.

Discussing NSA workability leads to another proposition—the relationship of NSA to student government. The two, in a highly successful program, should become interdependent. Certainly, until NSA reaches a point of independence in its own right, there should be close working together between All-College Cabinet and NSA officials. Providing for the NSA coordinator, usually the most informed NSA man on campus, to sit as an ex-officio member of cabinet seems the best way of accomplishing this.

Unfortunately this is one of the disputable points in reestablishing NSA on campus. But an all-the-way policy could never be achieved without such a provision; objections to it are mighty weak.

What does this mean to Joe College—all this abberwocky about national commissions and x-officio coordinators?

It means plenty. If NSA is worked well on this campus it will affect him in more smoothly working activities, better coordinated academic programs and in his thinking about big issues. One catch. It can only work well if Joe himself takes every opportunity to find out how he can become a working member of this association founded "to serve the educational community." And the sooner he starts, the better it will be for the national organization, the campus body, and most of all, J. College himself.

—Baylee Friedman

and Chester Bowles, former ambassador to India, should be no less interesting.

All in all, the events will be well worth the \$4.80 price of admission, and should stimulate, both socially and culturally, Penn State night life.

—Leonard Goodman

Community Forum

One of the biggest social-cultural bargains offered at the College is the annual State College Community Forum series.

The lineup of personalities this year promises to be one of the most entertaining and informative ever presented, and augurs well for the future.

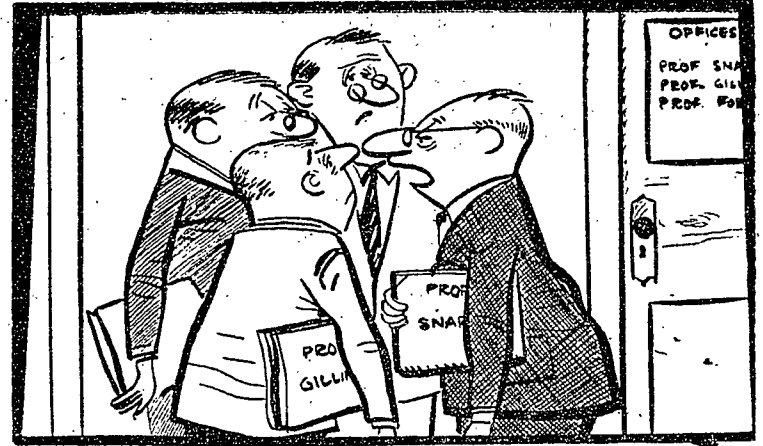
The first speaker, Gen. James Van Fleet, should begin the series with a bang on Oct. 14, for he has been one of the more or less controversial Washington personalities.

Charles Laughton, the second speaker, is well known to all students. Currently, he has been delighting audiences in a nation-wide tour with readings from the Bible, Dickens and other English classics. In addition, he is the director of Paul Gregory's "Second Drama Quartet," which has been touring the country with a recitation of Benet's "John Brown's Body." Laughton is scheduled to speak Nov. 19.

The remaining two speakers, Irwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor,

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"School, school, school—Thank goodness it's Friday."

Short 'Change

By GUS VOLLMER

Previous to last year the men at Swarthmore College were allowed to entertain women in their dormitory rooms on Sunday afternoon for a short time. At the present time students are allowed to have one open house a year during which the women may actually be in a man's room.

The reason for the Sunday afternoon suspension: a coed was caught in the rather daring act of rubbing a male student's back.

When several students in a class at Northeastern University voiced their objection to having an exam following the weekend of the junior class dinner-dance, the professor said, "for years I have been urging the classes to hold their proms in the afternoon. All you have to do is pull down the shades in the ballroom and it will seem like nighttime."

"You could hire the orchestra for a nominal fee, since rarely is one called on to perform in the afternoon. When the prom is over you still have time to go home and study."

"Of course all I ever get for my suggestion is what I'm getting from you right now—tolerant smiles."

P.S.—Professors at Penn State must get the activities calendar and schedule exams following every big weekend, right?

People who worry about adverse publicity are offered some morale-boosting words by the Rocky Mountain Collegian, publication at Colorado A & M. Declared the paper:

"In each town, at least one-fifth of the people can't read and the best-selling papers don't reach 30 per cent of the residents. One-half of those who buy the paper never see the article carrying adverse publicity. One-half of those who see it never read it."

"One-half of those who read it do not understand it. One-half of those who understand it are not interested in it. One-half of those who are interested in it

don't know the person referred to in the article.

"One-half of those who do know him, don't believe the story. The rest who do believe it are not worth the friendship, so why worry about them?"

Students in a Purdue University entomology class exterminated approximately 600 rats in a one-night raid in a Lafayette dumping area recently.

The mayor of Lafayette cooperated with the students and closed the dump so they could spread "1080," a powerful poison. In the morning, hundreds of dead rodents were lying about the dump.

The project is a practical training exercise for students interested commercially in rodent control.

This mock interview between a "veteran" sports editor and a candidate for the sports desk appeared in the Daily Athenaeum of West Virginia University.

What is a football player? A griddler.

What is a football? A pigskin. What does the griddler do with the pigskin? (see, he's catching on already.) He carries mail or lugs the leather.

What is a touchdown? That's when the griddler hits pay dirt.

What is a pitcher? A moundsman, a hurler, a chucker.

Et ad infinitum.

Of course, our Collegian sports scribes write the "Queen's English, don't they?"

Now to be a little more serious, here is a real feat.

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