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Community Forum: Keep It Alive

If the Community Forum series is not successful this year, it will be dead next year. It's as simple as that. Students, faculty, and townspeople alike have failed to take enough interest in the national figures brought here by the forum to warrant its continuance.

The series opens tomorrow night with a talk by Gen. James Van Fleet. Also scheduled to appear this year are Charles Laughton, Irwin D. Canham, and Chester Bowles. Season tickets for \$4.80 are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

These four speakers are representative of the type brought to campus by the forum. Each is outstanding in his field. Yet no one—or not enough—at Penn State care to hear them.

Some have placed poor forum response on lack of student representation. This has been overcome in the new forum set-up, which includes three students on the program committee. Others have placed poor response to the pocketbook. Certainly \$4.80 is not a prohibitive price for such a product.

It is hard to understand why a college of

11,000 students and a town of 10,000 population cannot put 1200 people in Schwab Auditorium to hear national figures. If Penn State is to be a place for culture and learning, here is a good place to start.

Poor response to the Community Forum recalls what many have said about Penn State—it lives in a world all its own. If this is so, it is time to break the cocoon and see what things are about.

Something is lacking in the educational fabric of the college community when a school this large does not contain enough students and faculty to support this type of project.

The Community Forum has been, and can be in the future, a prime source of intellectual development. Penn State is certainly not beyond this development. But the College and its students will lose one chance of such development if the forum dies.

If for no other reason than to keep the forum alive, we must invest \$4.80 in it this year. If it dies, another expression of culture will go from Penn State. This is an expression of culture we sorely need.

Blood: What Happened to It?

By late yesterday afternoon, 395 students had signed up to pledge blood donations. The goal was, and still is, 500 pints—one pint per donor. To list more figures, there were about 1500 students involved in the West Dorm demonstration two weeks ago. There were 1700 students at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel last week.

Not all of the students attending either function were engaged in the malicious mischief called by some an expression of red-blooded youthful exuberance. However, at the West Dorm exhibition alone, there were undoubtedly more than 500 displaying evidence of possessing a goodly quantity of blood.

Even considering the kindly assumption that many students of the more than 900 who received minor release forms have gotten those forms signed and have just forgotten to return them, it is still difficult to understand why only 900 or even 1000 of 11,000 students have bothered to pick up the necessary forms.

Certainly with the youthful population of the College, it should be considered an insult that the blood drive goal is set for only 500 pints. Apparently it isn't.

Although the Korean police action is ended, temporarily at least, the need for blood still exists. Not all the young men in the United States were fortunate enough to receive educational deferments. In the trade of blood for brains, some men were short changed.

For those who managed to conserve their blood supply over the past two weeks, the opportunity to share that blood with someone who also likes to live will be present during the three days the Bloodmobile unit is here. Everyone who wishes to and is able to walk in to donate blood will not be able to do so whenever he pleases. A strict schedule is needed to obtain the best possible efficiency without overworking the staff or leaving them with nothing to do. But walk-ins will be needed if Penn State is to meet its obligation.

A little blood given this week may help to convince a few people that the idea of allowing some men to remain in the comparative comfort of Penn State classrooms may have its

—Dick Rau

Gazette...

- Today
- ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., Theta Xi.
 - AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERS SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 105 Mech. Eng.
 - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main.
 - COLLEGIAN AD. STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
 - COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., Business office.
 - COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7:30 p.m., 228 Sparks.
 - COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Business office.
 - COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 317 Willard.
 - EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 206 Burrowes.

- FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 316 Willard.
- FROTH CIRCULATION, old and new candidates, 7 p.m., 316 Willard.
- FROTH PROMOTION STAFF and Candidates, 7 p.m., 101 Willard.
- INSURANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- LAVIE ART CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 201 Temporary.
- PLAYERS AD. WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., Schwab loft.
- SIGMA ALPHA ETA, 7:30 p.m., Grange basement.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Man to work at College farm Thursday and Friday.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"On the other hand, it's good to have a student like Worthal in class. It completes th' other end of th' 'curve'."

State University of N.Y. Bans National Fraternities

In a move aimed at ending discrimination in fraternities and sororities, the State University of New York has ordered social organizations to sever their national ties.

The ruling applies only to state operated schools. Privately endowed colleges are not affected.

Twenty-five national groups at the two state medical schools and nine teacher-training colleges with a total enrollment of 13,000 will be affected by the order.

Eight thousand students at 11 other colleges are potentially affected. At present, they are unaffected because they do not have any national affiliated chapters on their campuses.

The resolution, accepted by the Board of Trustees of New York's State University, declares no student social organization would be permitted to exist on its campuses if it had "any direct or indirect affiliation or connection with any national or other organization outside its particular institution."

Trustees decreed that no organization should, in policy or practice, "operate under any rule which bars students on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or other artificial criteria."

Scholastic and religious organizations are exempt from the ruling. The order does not apply to state schools that are part of privately endowed Cornell and Alfred Universities. Although, the order is "effective immediately" the deadline for compliance has been set as 1958. This will allow groups time to work out financial problems arising from the change.

Dr. William S. Carlson, president of the State University, recommended the measure.

Before its adoption he told the trustees of three recent instances in which national organizations had clashed with the admission of Negro and Jewish students.

National representatives of these groups had tried to enforce "discrimination in the selection of their members against the wishes of the State University students in the chapters," Carlson stated.

In some cases, he said, the organization's action was contrary to statements in its own constitution.

At New York's Albany College for Teachers all 62 members of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity had resigned in protest against the national group's policy.

Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha sororities were suspended at Cortland State Teachers College over the discrimination issue. These suspensions were not the result of last week's ruling.

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