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## Senate Action on the Spring Carnival

Some students breathed a sigh of relief last week after the Senate committee on student affairs set up a student screening board for Spring Week.

After Spring Week, and particularly the Spring Carnival last semester, the Senate committee indicated prior approval of all events in this year's program would be necessary. Students felt this meant Senate censorship of all events, with elimination of those undesirable.

The Senate action, however, can prove an intelligent set-up. Under arrangements this year, every Spring Week event will be screened by a seven member student committee. Assistant Dean of Men Harold W. Perkins will advise the group.

Spring Carnival last year was a thorn in the side to both administration and faculty. Some objected to overemphasis on sex. Others complained of excessive class cutting.

However big a thorn Spring Week or the carnival may be to some, it is rapidly becoming a tradition at Penn State. It has enthusiastic student support and is one illustration of student ingenuity. Such events as Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower's crowning Miss Penn State can bring the College good national publicity.

Too often overlooked is where Spring Week profits go. It has been policy in the past to contribute proceeds from the week to the Penn State Student Scholarship Fund, an infant student aid program. Practically all of the week's profits are from the carnival.

Some too often forget the good points of Spring Week and would strike out those points slightly distasteful. The carnival, admittedly, was the chief objection in Spring Week. Yet

through the carnival, the scholarship fund is built.

Some events in last year's carnival were too loose. Some groups did overemphasize sex and student drinking was uncovered. This, however, by no means indicates the carnival is bad.

The Senate committee may have made a wise move in setting up the screening board. The board will review entries and give one warning to any group not conducting itself properly. If changes are not made, the board may close the event.

This seems a fair enough standard and should produce results. The Senate cannot expect the screening board to be hypocritical, however, and there should probably be few, if any, instances of warnings.

If the student screening board does not produce a more cleanly carnival this year, the Senate may clamp further restrictions on the affair, or eliminate it all together. Thus, this board may well have the tremendous responsibility of saving the carnival.

Those who breathed a sigh of relief with the Senate action had better withhold that sigh until after the carnival. There is nothing wrong with making sure the carnival does not stain the name of the College. The Senate action appears wise, but its merits cannot be determined until after the carnival is held.

The College must recognize students have a right to raise a little hell. As long as the carnival stays within reasonable bounds—which it probably was last year—there is no reason to stop it. If it gets out of hand, action must be taken. It is very doubtful, however, if the Spring Carnival has ever gotten out of hand.

## Saturday Classes: They Shall Return

Saturday classes, whether students like them or not, are on the way back under a new class scheduling plan. The new sequence goes into effect next semester.

Classes on Saturday morning were quite common in 1950-51 when many three-hour, three credit courses met Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The last two school years, however, Saturday classes have been mainly labs or two-hour periods.

The College has several reasons for resuming Saturday classes. A paramount reason is the difficulty Penn State has in justifying its need for new classroom and laboratory buildings when State legislators find few or no rooms in use Saturday morning.

What the legislature apparently overlooks is that it is a physical impossibility to utilize all rooms all the time. The scheduling difficulties encountered in attempting to do this would be unbelievable. In the nation, 60 per cent utilization is considered efficient, and Penn State averages far above that figure.

Another prime reason for Saturday classes is the increase in classroom space it will produce. Classes will be scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. In most cases Tuesday and Thursday afternoons will be kept open for labs and two-hour class meetings.

It is hard for the layman to see how shifting classes thus will produce more class space, since courses and rooms are static. However, it does. Labs are planned for certain afternoons and are removed from other times of the day when they interfere with normal class sequences. Thus, a four-hour lab that would normally interfere with four or more sequences would be held in an afternoon when it would interfere with no sequences. This would leave the

lab room open for four courses instead of only one. As a result of this type of new-found space, more sections may be scheduled.

How can more sections help the student? They give him a wider choice of class hours and perhaps a wider choice of courses. Through his wider choice of class hours, and more sections, the student may be able to more easily schedule out of Saturday classes. Thus the paradox—Saturday classes may allow the student a better schedule after all.

There will be much confusion over what courses are scheduled on Saturday. For the College, the ideal situation is to hold required courses on Saturday, thus insuring enrollment. For the professor teaching the required courses, this is not such a good idea. Nor is it for the student. Still, it is hard to visualize the student who will enroll in a Saturday class when he may take the same course on Friday.

Saturday classes, it seems, are all very nice for the College. They are not necessarily nice for the student. Many students must work to stay in college, and working on Saturday mornings can mean much. Often it is desirable, or necessary, to go home on a weekend. Saturday classes also prohibit this.

These are the days of the 40, and sometimes 35, hour week. The student is expected to spend two hours of study for each hour of class. This means a student with 18 credits spends 54 hours in college work a week. Of course, this isn't physical labor. But two full days without classes may be much more profitable than one and one-half days.

The Saturday class plan will lighten and standardize the student's schedule during the week. But where is the student who prefers Saturday classes to the present helter-skelter scheduling set-up. Obviously the plan does not have the student immediately in mind.

## Gazette...

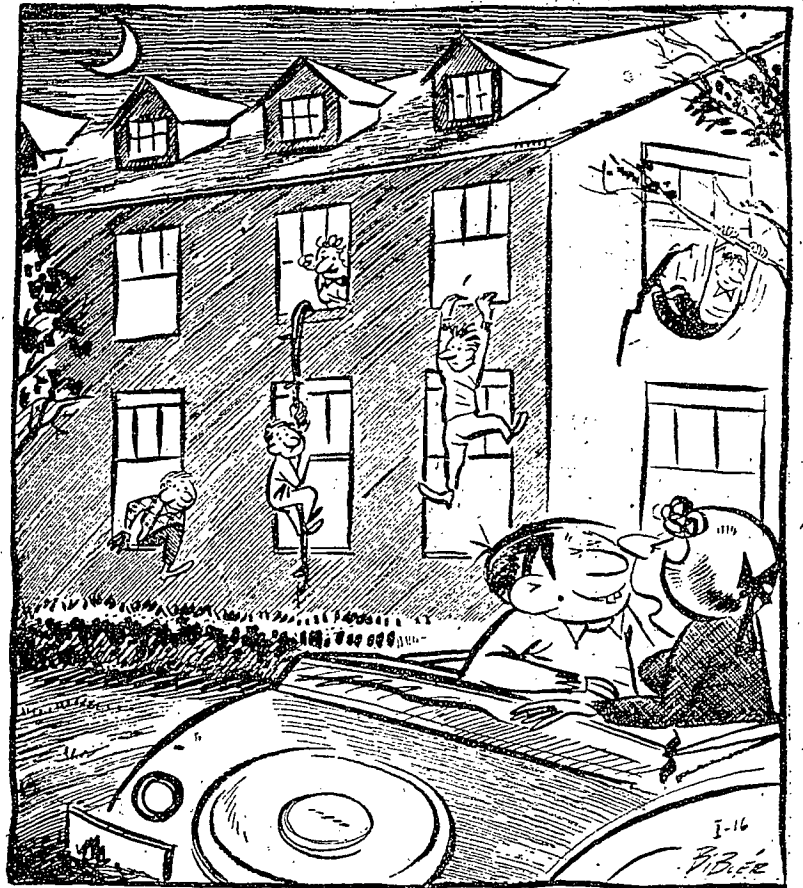
Today  
CHEM-PHYS STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 103 Osmond.  
GENERAL AG CLUB, 7:30-8:30 p.m., 210 Ag.  
NEWMAN CLUB discussion group, 7:30 p.m., Student Center.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Counselors—The Iron Rail, Mass. will interview experienced women Oct. 26.  
Girl to cook every evening 4-7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE  
The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.  
THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS will interview Jan. graduates in CE, EE, IE, ME, and Ch.E. on Oct. 27.  
CARTER OIL LABS. will interview Jan. graduates in ME, EE, Ch.E., P.N.G. and Geo-Chem. on Oct. 28 and 29.  
WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CO. will interview Jan. graduates in ME, IE, EE and Phys. on Oct. 29.  
PROVIDENT MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. of PHILA. will interview Jan. graduates in Bus. Ad. and Arts & Letters on Oct. 30.  
CELANESE CORP. OF AMERICA will interview Jan. graduates in Ch.E., IE, ME, Chem., and Labor-Management Relations on Oct. 30.  
WEST PENN POWER CO. will interview Jan. graduates in EE and ME on Oct. 30.  
DOW CHEMICAL CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Metal., Chem. Ch. E, ME; M.S. candidates in Metal., Chem. Ch.E. and ME who have completed at least one semester, and Ph.D. candidates in Metal., Chem., Ch.E. and ME expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 28.  
RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA will interview January graduates in EE, ME, ChE, Physics and Ceramics Oct. 21.  
RCA VICTOR will also interview Jan. graduates in IE and Metallurgy on Oct. 20-21.  
PROCTOR AND GAMBLE CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. and Ag. Bio-Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 21.

SOCONY-VACUUM OIL CO. will interview January graduates in the fields of CE, ME, Ch.E, Bus. Adm., and Liberal Arts on Oct. 21.  
DU PONT will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., ME, Engineering Mechanics, Chem. and Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 21-23.  
THE BURROUGHS CORPORATION will interview January graduates in ME and EE on Oct. 22.  
FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATION LABS. will interview Ph.D. candidates in EE and Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, M.S. candidates in EE and Physics who have completed at least one semester, and January B.S. graduates in EE and Physics on Oct. 22.  
DU PONT will interview M.S. candidates in Ch.E., ME, IE, Chem., and Physics who have completed at least one semester, and January B.S. graduates in Ch.E., ME, IE, Chem., and Physics on Oct. 22-23.  
SHELL DEVELOPMENT CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 22-23.  
PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. will interview January graduates in Chem., Physics, Accounting, Business Management, Mathematics, Ceramics, Metallurgy, Ch.E., EE, IE, ME, on Oct. 23.  
NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION (COLUMBUS DIV.) will interview Jan. graduates in Aero. Engr., ME, EE, CE, and Arch. Engr. on Oct. 27.  
NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, LOS ANGELES DIV. will interview January Graduates in Aero. CE, EE, ME, Arch. Engr., Ph.D. candidates in Aero, EE, CE, ME, Arch. Engr., M.S. candidates in Aero., EE, CE, ME, and Arch. Engr., on Oct. 26.  
THE NATIONAL TUBE DIV. OF U.S. STEEL will interview January graduates in ME, EE, and Metal. on Oct. 26.  
CURTISS-WRIGHT (PROPELLER DIV.) will interview Jan. graduates in Aero. Engr., ME, EE, and Metal.; and M.S. candidates in Aero. Engr., ME, and EE who have completed at least one semester on Oct. 27.  
PITTSBURGH CONSOLIDATION COAL will interview January graduates in Chem. and Ch.E., Ph.D. candidates in Chem. and Ch.E. expecting to receive degrees in 1954, and M.S. candidates in Chem. and Ch.E. who have completed at least one semester on Oct. 26.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I'd better go in now, Worthal—I see th' dorm hostess got back."

## Glancing Around

### At a Bloodletting

By DICK RAU

In everyone's life there comes a time when following a principle in which one believes gets one into a somewhat inconvenient situation. I have a knack for getting into these situations. I must be talented.

For example, about four weeks ago, the chance came up for a group in which I am interested to put a display in a downtown window. In view of the short notice, the question arose as to whether or not we could do it in the required time.

When asked what I thought about the possibilities, I answered in a burst of enthusiasm. The result was almost predictable.

"All right, you're in charge of it."

"Thanks."

And so it goes. Once I believed in the principle of helping one's fellow man every time one's fellow man seemed desirous of having a bit of information. This resulting situation was not quite as predictable.

The fellow man I was about to meet was standing in front of the public library at home tugging vainly at the door. Failing in either getting into the home for unwanted wood pulp or in pulling the handle off the door, he turned to me and asked when the library opened.

I leaped to the opportunity to provide information for a man who wished to join a more intellectual climate than is found on the streets, and pointed out the sign painted in rather large letters that said during the summer the library was closed Wednesday evenings.

Seeing that his attempt to mix with the literary works of the intelligentsia was thwarted, he changed his objective and asked where the nearest house of impoverished virtue was.

"Sometimes I don't quite understand intellectuals."

The policy of following my principles was pursued with somewhat less vigor after that little incident—until last week. There was a call for blood. I heeded it. Just why I did it, I haven't quite figured out yet. Certainly the general behavior pattern of grabbing for a soft absorbent bit of material after a one-sided bout with a razor blade hasn't become one of my conditioned reflexes. But the principle was followed to its normally bloody conclusion.

My first indication that I was acceptable to the corpuscle collectors arrived in the form of a postcard containing all sorts of information about where and when I should appear and what I should eat.

Eating hadn't been too much of a problem with me. It was easy. All I had to do was walk into a diner, find a menu, study the right-hand margin until I

found the lowest figure, and order.

With the arrival of the postcard, my firmly established routine was in for a blast. The postcard proclaimed proudly the glories of eating dry toast, black coffee, vegetables raw or boiled in water, and condemned the consumption of fats or fried foods. I happen to like toast soaked in butter, coffee with cream, fried foods, and vegetables any way they happen to come along.

Unfortunately in the past year I acquired the habit of going to the same diner three times a day, seven days a week. In doing this it has also happened that I have had the reasonably good fortune of having the same waitress at about every noon meal. She is one of the more efficient order takers, and it is understandable that after about a year of hearing orders for a bowl of soup, a gooky sandwich, and coffee with cream that she had trouble when I ordered two tomato and lettuce sandwiches, an order of toast, and black coffee. My stomach was confused too.

On the way to the collection point, I met a fellow Daily C worker who regaled me with conversation on how people have passed out at these community bloodlettings, and then proceeded to tell me how badly he felt after working all night. I resisted the urge to send him into the basement of the new Student Union hole and we shortly found ourselves at the end of a line of students—one of those evidences of an advanced civilization.

The line eventually led past a desk with records of previous donations. I judged from the bitter protestations of the clerk that the records had been filed under a system known to the person who did the filing, but carefully concealed from everyone else.

While we were waiting for a physical examination, I casually scanned the questions listed on the form. There was one I was strongly tempted to X in the "yes" column. The reaction from the nurse might have been interesting to observe. The question: "Have you been pregnant during the past year?"

The job of tapping my finger for a sample proved to be interesting. The puncture was made. I sat back down on the chair. A red corpuscle stuck his head out, sneared at the nurse, (Continued on page five)