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Dormant Issues Are Often Re-awakened

The unchaperoned dating code controversy may be a "dormant issue," but it is far from dead. Dormant means sleeping. It should not be too long before the controversy is awakened again.

Several weeks ago, the University issued what it called clarification of the fraternity unchaperoned dating code. Some felt it a restricted interpretation. Interfraternity Council said it could not enforce the new interpretation. The University has now said the old interpretation will be resumed.

This makes the whole affair far from dormant. If IFC cannot enforce the code, enforcement depends on the University.

The University can enforce the code if it wishes. That it does not wish to can only point to something bigger in the offing: probably housemothers. And the University is content to let the old code continue until broader action may be taken.

This should become apparent before long. No proposals have been made before any official University body. Some say the housemother question is still in the idea stage. But those ideas are coagulating.

It appears University officials are growing more and more in favor of instituting housemothers in fraternities. The question has been discussed before, but the present discussion is much more positive.

University officials have realistically said they would provide an alternative for house-

mothers. Some fraternities cannot handle the financial burden of resident housemothers. Sufficient time must be given fraternities to institute housemothers. And those unable to afford housemothers must be given an alternative.

Predominantly mentioned would be a proposal to require chaperones every time a woman is in the fraternity. This is no alternative. If this plan is presented as an alternative, Penn State will have required housemothers. Such a plan for chaperones is impossible.

Also mentioned is the possibility of having part-time housemothers. These would be available to the house when women were to be there. This has some merit. It could cut expenses. But it still presents the problem of almost limitless chaperoning.

Few consider enforcement of the present unchaperoned dating code a worthy alternative. This is unfortunate and illogical. The University has approved the present unchaperoned dating code. It is difficult to see why the University would object to it, if it were enforced. The answer here is that some members of the administration do not approve of unchaperoned dating under any regulations.

All these plans are not being considered in disjointed form. It is evident several are thinking strongly of fraternity housemothers. And although no proposal is before any official body, it may not be long before such a proposal arises. Then, the dormant issue will have awakened once again.

Picking a Name for the New Student Union

With the University's new student union building rising quickly and scheduled to open at the beginning of next fall semester, the Student Union Board is confronted not only with working out a host of operational details, but with the obviously important question of choosing a name for the building.

Three suggestions of merit have come before the board. Proposed names for the building are the Warnock Union Building, in honor of Arthur R. Warnock, dean of men for 30 years; Hetzel Union Building, honoring Ralph Dorr Hetzel, president of Penn State for 20 years; and Student Memorial Building, as a tribute to Penn State men who died in the three wars of the century.

Certainly the dedication of the building, which is predicted to be the finest of its sort in the East, is a matter calling for thoughtful deliberation. It is being constructed for the benefit of students, faculty, alumni, and others who have occasion to be at the University.

Both Warnock and Hetzel served Penn State

for a long period of time. Both were constantly interested in student activities and the welfare of the individual on campus. Both were worthy of such a tribute.

On the other hand, a small plaque in Old Main dedicated to the men who died in World War I is the only war memorial on campus. Several American colleges and universities have dedicated union buildings to their war dead.

Within a few weeks the board will meet to choose a name for the building. Students who have ideas for other names must not hesitate to make them known to the board.

The fact that each of the three proposals under consideration has many points in its favor only provides more reason for making sure final selection is based upon sound forethought, rather than on the sound of the initials WUB, HU and SMB, or on the fact that the board members want to make the meeting a short one.

—Tammie Bloom

A Town Is a Town

A town is a town is a town is a town. But there seems to be one question: can State College remain State College, even if there is no state college in State College?

Some say yes. Others say no. The controversy is raging among borough residents. Those who say no argue for the sake of progress. The yesses say it's always been that way, why change things now?

It's the same argument—the old versus the new. A name change could cause difficulty. For one thing, what would the new name be? Weatherville, Universityville, or simply the Place that God Forgot? It's a tough decision.

One thing still remains: a town by any other name is just as collegiate.

—Don Shoemaker

Another Picture

In the next few days, many underprivileged children from the State College area will be enjoying a whirl of Christmas parties at many fraternities.

Santa Claus will be at all parties and will personally deliver presents to all children.

Games for the children are planned by fraternity men in conjunction with sororities assisting them in making the parties successful. The children also fill themselves with cake, cookies, candy, and punch before being escorted home.

These parties are another example of the philanthropic work of the Greeks on campus. This side of the picture—service to the community—rarely receives proper recognition.

—Cecilia Johns

Gazette . . .

Tomorrow
JAM SESSION, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Temporary Union Building.

Monday
PI OMEGA PI, 4-5:30 p.m., Simmons Study Lounge.
WRA BRIDGE CLUB, 7 p.m., WRA playroom.
WRA FROSH BOWLING, 7 p.m., alleys.

INFIRMARY

James Davis, Alice Grubb, John Hogan, William Hoover, Aaron Kaye, Dean Kratzer, Polly Lazarus, Roberta Lerch, Guillermo Lopez, Eleanor McKenzie, Charles McMinn, John McNeill, Clark Nicklow, Edward Pasko, Leroy Sacks, Donald Schwartz, Harris Sklar, Anthony Torretta, Marilyn Ward, Glenn Wiggins.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Waiters to work on campus.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.
M. W. KELLOGG CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Ch.E. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; M.S. candidates in CE, ME, and Ch.E. who have completed at least one semester; and B.S. Jan. graduates in Ch.E. in Dec. 7.
STANDARD PIEZO CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Bus. Adm., Bus. Mngt., Eco., IE, Arts and Letters, Labor Management Relations, and Math. on Dec. 7.
THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA will interview all men interested in a career in professional boy scout work on Dec. 8.

ATLAS POWDER CO. (CENTRAL RESEARCH LAB.) will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Chem., Ch.E., Mining E, IE, CE; M.S. candidates in Ch.E. and Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E. and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Dec. 8.

GRANGE LEAGUE FEDERATION will have a representative on campus Dec. 8, 9, and 10. A group meeting will be conducted for all interested seniors at 7 p.m., Dec. 8 in 105 Forestry. Arrangements for interviews may be made at that time.

VISKING CORP. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Chem., Ch.E., and ME; M.S. candidates in Chem., Ch.E. and ME who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Ch.E., and ME expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Dec. 9.

FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER CO. will interview Jan. graduates in A and L. Bus. Adm., and Acctg. on Dec. 10.
BELL TELEPHONE LABS. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, ME, Engr. Mech.; M.S. candidates in EE, ME, Engr. Mech., Math., Physics, and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Dec. 14 and 15.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS will interview women in Recreation, Phys. Ed., and Health Ed. Dec. 14, and 15.

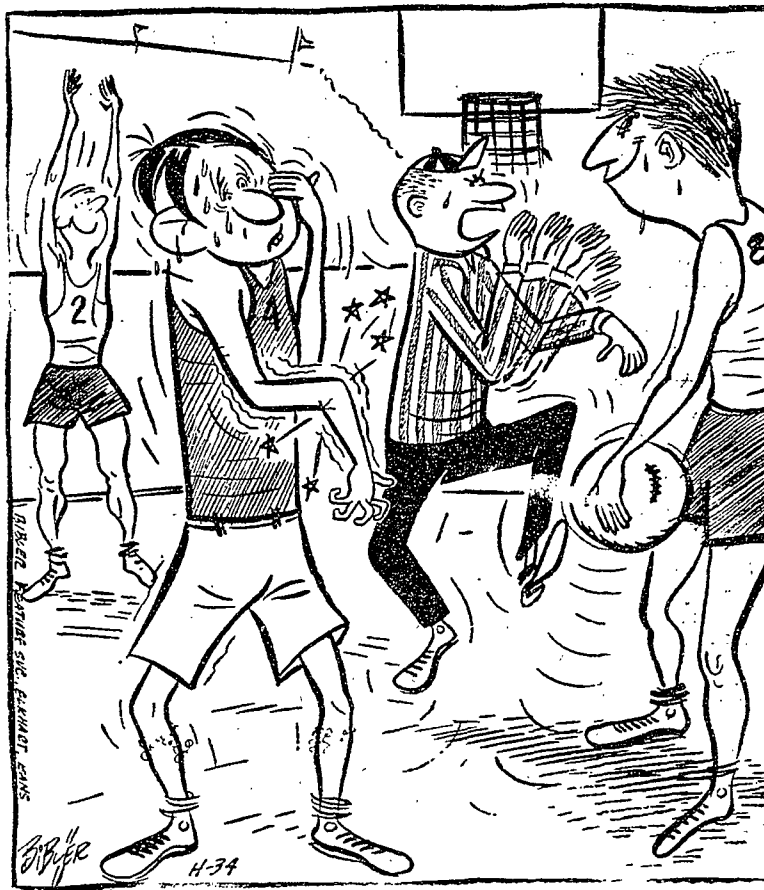
ARMSTRONG CORK CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Bus. Adm., Eco., and L.A. for non-tech. sales, EE, ME, IE, and CE for Tech. sales, IE for Industrial Engineering work, and Chem. and Phys. at all levels for research and development on Dec. 15 and 16, 1953.

ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG. CO. will interview Jan. graduates in ME, EE, and IE on Dec. 16.

ROHM AND HAAS CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, IE, ME, Ch.E., and Chem.; M.S. candidates in Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Dec. 17.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I SAW you foul him—THAT'S a FOUL."

Clarifying Policy

By DAVE JONES

From time to time it becomes necessary for the Daily Collegian to clarify its editorial policy for those who do not—or will not—understand what this newspaper is trying to do. In the light of recent sharply critical letters and accusations being thrown at the paper, this seems the time for a clarification.

The Collegian operates on the assumption that students not only have the right to know, but the desire to know. Unless it is granted that much, the Collegian cannot otherwise justify its existence. Proceeding on the assumption that students want to know, the Collegian attempts to present information as best it can.

Sometimes what the Collegian prints is not pleasant to those involved. But if the right to know is to continue, both pleasant and unpleasant aspects must be printed. After all, the Collegian does not make the news, but merely reports it.

In a recent unsigned letter, the Collegian was asked to "clean up the editorial policy . . ." This came as a result of conflicting stories in a discipline case. As the letter said, the incident was unfortunate. But the writer criticized the Collegian because it attempted to find out the real story and kill the rumor.

In a still more recent letter, the Collegian was criticized because it reported a student was moved from West to East Dorms in a discipline case. The writer here felt resentment toward "the manner in which this action was reported by the Daily Collegian." The newspaper said a student who instigated a demonstration was to be moved to the East Dorms. Perhaps this disciplinary action did not meet with the letter writer's approval. But he overlooks it was not the Collegian which took the action, but student government.

What the Collegian was criticized for was reporting the facts. If students don't like the facts, that is unfortunate. The Collegian cannot assume the responsibility to report only good in a world where there is bad. This theory was set forth last spring when the Collegian clearly stated its policy in two articles. We believe those principles will stand under any circumstances. And we have not received any criticism of those principles. The criticism has come only in their employment.

When the Collegian errs, it does not seek escape with alibi. There are many obstacles to reporting the facts. The College Senate committees, Judicial, and Association of Fraternity Counselors are only three of many campus groups barring reporters from meetings. Yet, when any of these groups—and many others—want something from Collegian, they are only too anxious to be cooperative.

The difficulty is this: too many

members of the administration, faculty, and student body do not want the Collegian to print the facts. They either fear irresponsible reporting or the consequences of complete reporting. And too many students want to hear the unpleasant things of others, but not themselves.

It is not the purpose of the Collegian to stand in the Old Main tower and wave the blue and white flag. On page one we carry the legend "For a Better Penn State." As we have said before, the best way to a better Penn State is to present the truth about it. Truth, you know, can only hurt those who have something to hide.

Harvard, Yale To Send Papers To New York

Good news for news-starved New Yorkers: copies of the Harvard Crimson and the Yale Daily News are coming.

Several thousand copies are being supplied to New York by editors of the campus papers. The city normally consumes 5.5 million copies of seven daily papers.

A strike by the photo-engravers' union has halted publication of six of the city's dailies, and the Herald Tribune voluntarily ceased publication until the week-old walkout is settled.

From 5000 to 10,000 extra copies of the Yale Daily News are being printed for shipment to New York by automobile. An editor of the paper said copies may be given away on the streets.

Crimson editors said "a few thousand" copies of the paper were also being sent by automobile.

Whales May Wait, But Tagging Proceeds

The next whale you hook may carry an identity tag.

A group of scientists interested in the habits and life span of whales is currently sailing to the Antarctic on a whaling vessel. When they spot a whale they'll shoot—not to kill, but to identify. Markers will be shot into the blubbery flanks of the whales with 12-gauge shotguns.

And the whales—not a bit interested in the habits and life spans of humans—will have to swim and bear it.