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## The TUB: Suggestions for Its Fate

One of the most widely heard guessing games on campus nowadays revolves about the question, "What will the old TUB be used for?"

There are two suggestions for possible use of the building, once the new student union is completed, which would get the most use from the building and provide the greatest service to the University.

The two suggestions are its use as a faculty Union Building—a sort of FUB—or as an expanded agricultural library. Both suggestions deserve further consideration.

A real need of the University is a meeting place for visiting delegations to the many conferences held at the University during the year. Some large conference room having more comfortable facilities than 121 Sparks is definitely lacking.

The University is rightly one of the most popular centers for intercollegiate and business conferences in the state. Yet, this function could be more than tripled if sufficient facilities were available for the meetings.

With a minimum of renovation and less than a maximum of refurbishing, the TUB could be made into such a conference center. In addition, the facilities would always be available

to the faculty of the University for departmental meetings, interdepartmental conferences, and socials.

The second suggestion—an expanded agricultural library—is also a worthwhile proposal. Although there are less than 1500 agricultural students at the University, the agricultural library is one of the most widely used of the subsidiary libraries of the University. Although no official count was ever made, it is very possible the agricultural library is used proportionately more than any other library of the University.

However, the few rooms in Patterson Hall assigned to the library are too limited in available space, and many publications from other colleges and foreign countries cannot be properly displayed. Other publications cannot be ordered for want of space, and the removal of old issues from the library makes research that much more difficult.

Although the University has one of the most outstanding agricultural colleges, the facilities for library study and research are cramped. Of course, if the library would not require all the room available in the TUB, other uses might be made of the additional space.

—Len Goodman

## Football Conferences Good—Sometimes

Penn State, because of the quality of its football teams, is often mentioned in rumors concerning possible football conferences.

Several weeks ago, Bud Dudley, athletic director at Villanova University, announced plans for such a conference in the northeast. He released the names of 12 colleges which he said he would approach as possible members. Penn State was included along with Fordham, Rutgers, Holy Cross, Syracuse, Villanova, Colgate, Temple, Boston University, and Boston College.

University officials have not yet been contacted by Dudley. If and when they are, the University must reject any offer he might make.

Membership in an organized conference is usually a desirable situation. However, the conference Dudley mentions would not be beneficial to Penn State. True, it would ease scheduling problems. And it would provide Rip Engle and his gridders with a tangible goal—a conference championship.

But Dudley's proposed conference would not provide Penn State with the calibre of competition

it is capable of playing. It would lower, rather than raise, our football prestige.

Of the 11 other teams mentioned, only Syracuse is scheduled regularly by Penn State. From the remainder, one or two teams are played annually, and compared with other teams scheduled these may be considered breather.

Penn State football has been on a continual upswing since 1947 when Bob Higgins led his team to the Cotton Bowl, after winning the Lambert trophy. Engle has continued to build teams which rank with the best in the East.

Penn State officials have indicated disfavor with the proposed conference. They have expressed a desire, however, to become a member of a strong conference.

There is always possibility that a favorable plan may be established. But until a plan can be arranged, Penn State should retain its position as one of the strongest independent football schools in the nation.

—Dick McDowell  
Asst. Sports Editor

## Christmas Spirit?

People in search of Christmas trimmings last week became so imbibed with Christmas spirit that they forgot what the holiday is all about. They cut down trees and took limbs to make their living rooms green. And in the process they almost chopped up a University research project.

In addition to this, 12 campus trees have been attacked and one borough resident has had 12 trees destroyed in the last few years by those seeking decorations.

Although there is no material evidence that students are to blame for this robbery, there is sufficient circumstantial evidence. The idea that trees are public property and subject to wholesale slaughter went out long ago. But some of us have medieval thoughts.

One thing making the situation ironic is that the Forestry department sells Christmas trees each year for \$1.50. The person who cannot afford that much for a tree had better spend his money more wisely than on Christmas.

But the most ironic part of all is the misinterpretation of Christmas spirit. If people think enough about Christmas to have a tree, there is no need to steal one. A stolen tree for Christmas is about the same as robbing the collection plate in church.

## An Opportunity

The opportunity presented by the coeducational recreation program, which is now in its second year at Penn State, is a noteworthy addition to the athletic and entertainment program at the University.

In a day when people are losing the ability to entertain themselves without spending money, a program in which students can find they are able to thus amuse themselves, rather than depend upon actors on a screen or stage, is worthwhile.

In State College, where movies, plays, and parties almost cover the list of dating possibilities on an average weekend, an addition to the list is welcome.

Approximately 75 to 100 men and 15 to 50 women devoted Sunday evenings last year to volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, shuffleboard, basketball, and other sports. This was a beginning but the number interested, when compared to those lined up before the movie ticket windows Saturday nights, is low. However, perhaps Sunday night is, for many, a study, rather than play night.

For others, the coed rec program can provide a really good dating project for Sunday night. More than that, it can be a chance to meet other students in a pleasantly informal atmosphere.

—Nancy Ward

## Gazette . . .

- Today
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main.
  - COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard.
  - COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., business office.
  - COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
  - DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Business office.
  - DEMOLAY CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 104 Willard.
  - PENN STATE FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor, Rec Hall.
  - POLLOCK COUNCIL, 6:15 p.m., Nittany 20 Council Room.
  - WRA BADMINTON, 8:45 p.m., Gym.
- Tomorrow
- POLLOCK COUNCIL MEMBERS LAVIE PICTURES, 6:45 p.m., Penn State Photo Shop.
  - WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS PARTY, 7:15 p.m., Westminster Foundation.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**  
Students who will be in State College and wish to work over the holidays should report to Student Employment.  
Man to work for room, starting January.

**PLACEMENT SERVICE**  
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.  
A representative of the city of Philadelphia will conduct a group meeting on Dec. 16, for all students from the Phila. area interested in civic jobs. Further information concerning opportunities and the time of the meeting can be obtained in the University Placement Service, 112 Old Main.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Not so much pepper, Worthal. Not so—Ah—much—Ah—ha-pep—ah—"

## Interpreting the News

# Chinese Reds' Acts Endanger Conclave

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.  
Associated Press News Analyst

The actions of the Chinese Communists at Panmunjom are calculated to prevent what they seem to want most, a five power conference.

A basic feature of American policy on the whole subject of negotiating Far Eastern settlements has been to test the possibilities through contact with the Reds on Korea.

If, in the Korean discussions, the Reds showed signs of sincerity and reason, the United States was prepared to offer to move on toward broader discussions. In fact, the ability to make such a proposition was one of the few bargaining cards which the Allies held as they contemplated what the Reds would want in return for a Korean settlement.

The Reds apparently recognized this and sought to make the Allies play this card in the preliminaries.

They ran into another feature of Allied policy, however, which they apparently failed to discount in advance. That is the determination to avoid, from here on out, in Europe or in Asia, any more of the useless, long-drawn-out sessions which have typified Communist negotiating tactics over the years.

This attitude, rather than the specific Red insults of last week, was fundamental in the decision of Arthur H. Dean to walk out, making resumption of the preliminary discussions dependent on a specific Chinese request.

And, after an interval of vituperation, that is what they were expected to do. It was what Russia did last month after the Allies had accepted her actions regarding a four-power conference on Germany as a rejection of offers to meet. It was a reversion to the long-standing Red policy to negotiate ad infinitum.

If the Chinese Reds do not act soon, however, the problem will revert to the United Nations. And that may be what they want. Russia did her best to keep thrashing the matter in that forum during the session just ended. If there is no peace conference, the question of what to do with the anti-Communist North Korean and Chinese prisoners of war now in the hands of the Neutral Repatriations Committee will become serious. That operation was scheduled to end in January.

As for the other nations expected to come up at the peace conference, whether or not it is held seems to make small difference. The recent Chinese trade deal with North Korea and the newly announced program of Russian-aided rehabili-

ation make it clear that North Korea is being built up as an adjunct of the Communist sphere without any idea that it will be reunited with South Korea. The Allies have nothing to offer for its return.

Every indication is that the problem will settle into one comparable with that of East Germany. The Reds can still get a conference, and by a show of sincerity have it extended to cover all Asia. But they'll have to reverse their tactics to do it.

## Outing Club Has New Constitution

The Penn State Outing Club has adopted a constitution with only minor changes from the original draft.

Officers will be elected Jan. 6. The nominations committee will present a slate of nominations. Officers may also be nominated by a petition signed by five members. Richard Wahl, seventh semester education major, is acting chairman of the club.

The club will hold a Christmas party tomorrow at the Forestry cabin in Stone Valley. Members will meet behind Osmond Laboratory at 2 p.m., Wahl said.

## Riding Club Party

The Riding Club will hold a Christmas party at 7:30 tonight at Delta Upsilon, 229 Miles street.

## Tonight on WDFM

- 7:15 Sign on
- 7:30 Informally Yours
- 7:45 Trash Can Santa Claus
- 8:00 Record Prevue
- 8:15 'Vacation: Canceled'
- 8:30 Tops in Pops
- 9:00 Semi-pops News
- 9:30 Dearest Wife (BBC Drama)
- 10:30 Sign off

## LaVie Group Photo Schedule

- The unofficial schedule of group pictures tonight for the 1954 LaVie at the Penn State Photo Shop:
- Debate Team . . . . . 7:00
  - Forensic Council . . . . . 7:15