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Considerations on Extending WDFM Hours

Several considerations must be made concerning the recent move to extend Station WDFM's broadcasting hours during final examinations.

Some students are anxious to have the station broadcast until 2 or 3 a.m. daily during exam week. About 14 petitions requesting that move are circulating on campus. But David R. Mackey, faculty manager of the station, and Wilmer E. Kenworthy, member of the station board of directors, have voiced disapproval of such an extension.

Earlier in the semester, some disapproval of WDFM hours was expressed. The station now broadcasts from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. There were requests to change those hours to 9 p.m. to midnight. The new request for extension to 2 to 3 a.m. seems a bit unnecessary.

If most of the student body listened to WDFM or had access to its broadcasts, such extension might be worth more consideration. But WDFM has not installed its dormitory translators, and most of the student body is not able to hear the station.

In view of this, it seems a waste of station personnel time to broadcast until the early hours of the morning. This could have an unnecessarily adverse effect on their academic standing. Despite this, most of the station student personnel indicate interest in carrying out such a schedule.

Mackey opposed the plan vaguely as contrary to the policies of the station at the present time. Kenworthy opposed the plan because "it is not the function of the station to be on the air for entertainment."

Alteration of the station's hours to 9 p.m. to midnight seems acceptable. This has also been contrary to present station policy. This alteration, however, is much more desirable than the present plan to change the hours.

The question of station policy need not enter into the picture. Unfortunately, the station does not serve enough of the student body to warrant the extension of station hours during finals. The station board of directors need look no farther than this.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"No, not tonight, Professor Snarf has been temperamental, sullen, cynical, nasty, an' in a bad mood all day, so he thought he'd better take advantage of it and grade papers this evening."

The 18-Year-Old Vote Makes Good Sense

Proposed bills amending the U.S. Constitution to allow 18-year olds to vote make good sense. The legislation—as asked by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his State of the Union address—would be a logical step forward.

In American society the majority of 18-year olds are job-holders. They are, for the most part, citizens of their communities. By 18, their formal education has ended. Why not allow them the right of participation in the governments of their communities?

Immediately following World War I there was another debate about granting the vote to an "immature, ignorant, and irresponsible" group. In the 1920's thousands of people believed that women were too unaware to make intelligent voters. And they were, then.

In 1952 more women voted than did men. Women, having been granted the right of participation, had learned to use the right and had taken the responsibilities which accompany participation. The result: a stronger democracy.

We believe 18-year olds would also become valuable citizens if given the opportunity. Because no other group has as great a stake in the future, we believe they would be aware of the importance of their votes.

The millions of high school graduates who every June get jobs form patterns they will follow the rest of their lives. It is important to the future success—or failure—of American democracy that voting be part of the patterns.

It has been argued that because an 18-year old is old enough to fight he is not necessarily old enough to vote. It is not because he is old enough to fight, but because he is being called upon to fight that he should be granted the vote. Is it logical to ask the 18-year old to fight for a government in which he has no part? Should we ask the 18-year old to fight for principles and policies he has no part in forming? Isn't the soldier who fights for the government he helped elect a better soldier?

We do not presume that the 18-year old voter will immediately solve the problems that have baffled governments throughout history. We have no illusions about any superior intelligence of the 18-year olds. We also have no evidence of

any inferior intelligence or any lack of ability to think intelligently.

Another effect of the amendment would be to equalize the minimum voting requirements in all states. This makes sense. It makes no sense at all that an 18-year old in Georgia is old enough to vote, while an 18-year old in any other state is not.

It may—or may not—be true that Americans at 21 are in a better position to make decisions than at 18. But the incentive of a more immediate vote might very well be the incentive for high school pupils to learn about democracy, and might make of them better, more intelligent, voters for the rest of their lives.

—Mike Feinsilber

Safety Valve— Sees Misinformation

TO THE EDITOR: I have just finished reading the articles concerning the Recreation Hall seating plan and was dumbfounded to read Edward Czekaj's statement that, according to the minutes of All-College Cabinet at which the plan was adopted, a minimum of 300 tickets must be placed on sale to the public. As a member of the cabinet which passed the plan and as a proponent of the idea, I wish to clarify Mr. Czekaj's misinformation.

When the original Rec Hall seating plan was presented to cabinet—the one which proposed the setting aside of 300 seats for each indoor athletic event for sale to the public—the majority of cabinet objected strenuously to the idea . . . (When) it became evident the seats in Rec Hall were not being put to their fullest advantage, a new plan was formulated. I discussed this plan carefully with Joseph Lemyre, then president of the Athletic Association, and agreed with his proposals for a revised seating. In this plan there was no mention of any "minimum of 300 seats."

. . . In spite of apparent student dislike of the plan at present, I still maintain that the idea is a fine one . . .

The Collegian's own recently conducted poll showed that most students still do not understand the Rec Hall seating plan. This type of apathy has long been of major concern, not only to cabinet, but to all organizations on campus . . .

● Letter cut

—David M. Pellnitz
1952-53 editor, Daily Collegian

Gazette . . .

Tomorrow
CHECKER CLUB 8 p.m., TUB.

INFIRMARY

Geraldine D'Alio, Arnold Dalton, Maryetta Henderson, Richard Leety, Dean Moyer, William Pharaoh, Charles Schulz, George Seid, Archie Sirianni, Catherine Stewart, Jean Wagner, Everett Weidner.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Delwood in the Poconos will interview students who are interested in counselors' positions on Feb. 16. Interested students may sign up for appointment at the employment office.

Camp Ken-Mont and Ken-Wood, Kent, Conn., will interview men and women on Feb. 12.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.—Lord Brougham

Varying Uses Found For 25-Cent Fee

By MARCIE MacDONALD

The 25-cent general student assessment, begun this semester by action of All-College Cabinet, has been deposited in the treasuries of the student councils of the nine colleges and is being used for student activities, according to the presidents of the councils.

The College of Agriculture Student Council's activities this fall have been Howdy Night for freshmen, the annual Ag Hill Party, and a series of coffee hours with Dean Lyman E. Jackson. The assessment has also helped pay for the Penn State Farmer, For-ester, and Scientist, and the Ag Hill Breeze, regular publications of the college.

Business Plans Paper

The student council of the College of Business, now in its first year of organization, sponsored student mixers during the fall and plans to publish a newspaper during the spring semester. The council also has planned a series of coffee hours, and a faculty rating program.

The allotment of the College of Chemistry and Physics Council is being used for general council project expenses, including the Chem-Phys Newsletter, mixers, and blue book files.

Evaluation Planned

Coffee hours and a Christmas party for faculty and students were sponsored by the council of the College of Education during the fall semester. The council is also planning to publish a newspaper similar to News and Views, the publication of the College of Home Economics. The education council also plans an evaluation series that will cover courses, text books, and faculty.

The College of Engineering Student Council plans to use the assessment as part of its general treasury to sponsor the Open House on April 10. The council will also hold a mixer in March, and has set up a committee to investigate possible student activities for the spring semester.

Held Student Mixer

The Home Economics Council pays for the publication of the magazine News and Views with its allotment. It also sponsored a student mixer and a faculty tea early last fall.

A series of weekly coffee hours have been sponsored this semester by the Liberal Arts Council. The assessment fund will also pay for the council newspaper, which will be available early in the spring semester.

Coffee Hours Held

The Mineral Industries Council has also held student-faculty coffee hours during the semester. The fund is also being used for the Mineral Industries Newsletter.

The College of Physical Education and Athletics Student Council has paid expenses for representatives to the state convention

of schools of physical education and has planned a sports day to be held in the spring. The fund also pays for the Discobolus, the council's newspaper, and for the Paul Smith memorial scholarship trophy awarded each year to a senior man.

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates 29

Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society, initiated 29 new members at a recent meeting, president Jean Amberson, professor of home economics education, has announced.

New initiates are Helen Bergman, Ernest Brozier, Louise Castrodale, George Dvorozniak, Daniel Kestill, Nguyen Tu Ban, Elsie Devlin, and Daniel Pettinato.

Barbara Bistline, Marian Cooper, Marion Cullen, Robin Eiche, Robert Euwema, Lawrence Gregor, Harry Hazlehurst, Robert Hess, William Kilmer, Ralph McConnell, Susan Minnich, Richard Oswald, Kae Parks, Lois Patterson, Martha Richards, Charles Rohrbeck, Winifred Scott, Philip Sheridan, Douglas Speicher, and Thomas Younkins.

Fellowships are available from the national association for graduates who wish to continue study. Dr. Amberson said. Interested members may contact Eleanor Best, chapter secretary, at 105 Temporary.

Any student with a 2.6 or better average is eligible for membership in the All-Campus honorary, Dr. Amberson pointed out.

Professor Writes Book On German Grammar

Nora E. Wittman, assistant professor of German, has written a new book entitled "Brief German Reference Grammar." The 88-page book is a concise presentation of grammar, word order, and syntax.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign on Prevue
7:30	Marche Memories
8:00	Record Prevue
8:15	Just for Two
9:00	Semi-Pops
9:15	Campus News
9:30	Dance Party
10:30	Sign off

Safety Valve . . . On Giving Blood

TO THE EDITOR: The campus Red Cross Unit wishes to state a few facts about recent articles on the recommendation of AIM's Judicial Board of Review regarding the punishment of 34 members of Nittany Dorm 43. In the first place, no one from the Judicial Board of Review contacted anyone from the Red Cross to see if their proposal was acceptable prior to the first article in the Collegian. Though the Red Cross sincerely wants volunteer donors to give blood, to classify giving blood as a suitable punishment is certainly not the right attitude and puts an unfair stigma on donors who volunteer out of free choice.

The Red Cross will gladly welcome and appreciate all donors who voluntarily sign up, but to approve a punishment where there was little or no choice given to the boys hardly would be in keeping with the principles for which the Red Cross stands.

Furthermore, if the Red Cross did go along with AIM's recommendation, it would probably lead to other Judicial and Tribunal groups using this means of punishment for various offenses, and in no time every "donor" in line at the Bloodmobile visit would be saying to the person in front of him, "What are you in for?"

John J. Huber, faculty adviser,
Campus Red Cross Unit