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Refusal for Late Hours a Bad Move

The Senate committee on student affairs dealt Spring Week plans a harmful blow between semesters when it refused a request for late Spring Carnival permissions.

Prior to semester recess, Women's Student Government Association requested 12 o'clock permissions for coeds. This request was in line with action taken in previous years when 12 o'clock permissions were given for the carnival.

The basis for refusal to grant carnival late hours is that Spring Week is a school week, not a party week. This stems from a prime criticism of last year's week—that it conflicted seriously with the academic program.

This attitude on the part of the Senate committee is unnecessary. It is not impossible that Spring Week could be both an academic and party week. And it is doubtful if Spring Week hurts the academic program as much as some would have us believe.

Granting 12 o'clock permissions would not be enough of a temptation to coeds to seriously harm their scholastic standing. But refusal to grant the permissions can cut the carnival short, reduce its money-making capacity, and seriously hurt the entire week.

Defenders of the Senate action claim coeds may use 11 o'clock special permissions for the carnival if they wish. If this is true—if many coeds do use 11 o'clocks—there is no real reason why 12 o'clocks cannot be granted. Few coeds, if any, would spend the hour from 11 p.m. to midnight studying.

Refusal to grant late permissions, however, will mean the carnival must close about 10:30 p.m., or one hour before really necessary. The late hours of Spring Carnival are its best hours. Income from the carnival goes not only toward promoting the week, but toward a student scholarship fund. This is a worthwhile end.

If Penn State had an other similar social event—if Spring Week-type events occurred twice or three times a year—a cutback in hours might be understood. But late hours for this one carnival event do not seem too much to ask.

Last year's Spring Week met two major criticisms: the carnival was too sex-ridden, and the week caused a high incidence of class cuts. The University this year set up a screening committee, an intelligent move. The week was progressing well, and the carnival was gaining another chance, when the late permission action came.

The Senate refusal is merely an expression of disapproval over last year's events. That disapproval has already been expressed. It is time to give Spring Week and the carnival another chance.

The student who is torn between studies and Spring Week should be mature and intelligent enough to make his own choice. If he puts social life before academic life when he cannot afford to, this is a good time for him to learn. The Senate attitude in this situation is not warranted.

A Student Welcome

Penn State's new crop of freshmen and transfer students has arrived somewhat unceremoniously on campus. And as classes get underway the Daily Collegian, for the student body, bids them welcome.

To those who transfer here from another institution, we extend a hope you may find here what you could not find elsewhere. To those coming into college life for the first time, we extend a hope for success.

Penn State is a large institution, and somewhat impersonal. But this impersonality may be dwarfed in consideration of the many advantages of a big school.

At Penn State a student may become largely what he wants to be. He may become a good student or a poor one, an educated person or an uneducated one, perhaps even a success or a failure.

The primary concern of American education today, James B. Conant has said, is to cultivate an appreciation of the responsibilities and benefits which come to use because we are American and free. If Penn State can do this much at least, the stay here will have been worthwhile.

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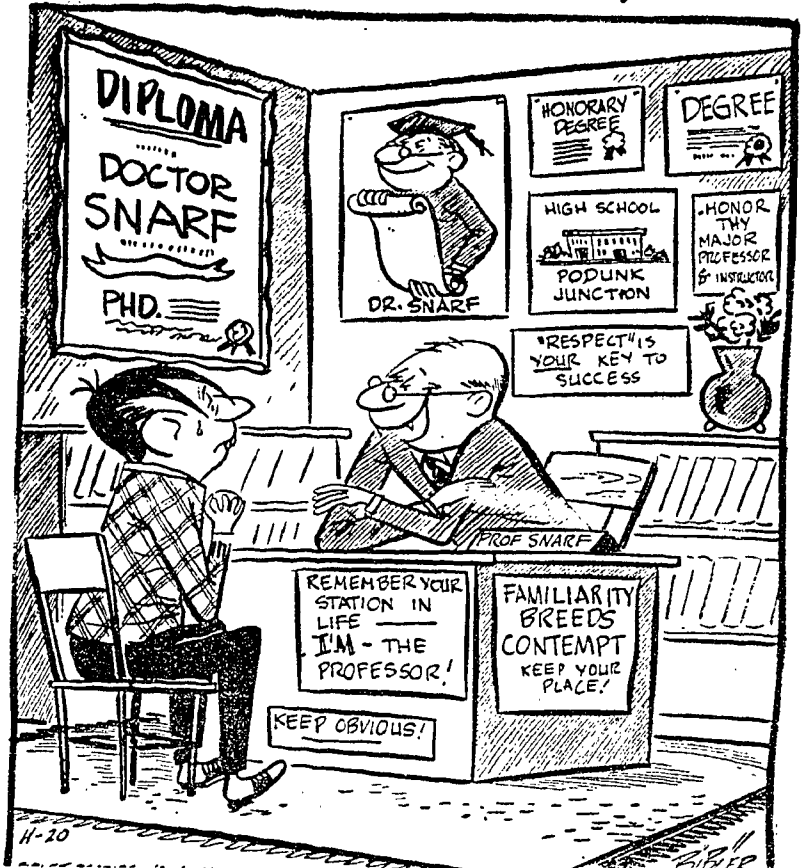
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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Try to forget for a moment I'm your professor and let's talk your problem over man to man."

Frosh Responsibilities Stressed by Prexy

By BILL JOST

Less than half of the new students arriving on campus this semester heard President Milton S. Eisenhower deliver his traditional welcoming address last Tuesday in Schwab Auditorium.

The President told the students that although they are at the University to gain knowledge in a specialized field, they should also

prepare themselves in other fields to become better individuals and citizens.

He especially emphasized that the students, in their four years at the University, should obtain the ability to communicate with clarity and logic, a broad understanding in many fields, the quality of good judgment, and an abiding firm commitment to the free way of life, and also to gain through the development of strong individual character.

The President said college is much different from high school where there is always someone to supervise studying. In a University, he said, "you are on your own and it's up to you whether you obtain a good education or pack up your bags and go home."

Nevertheless, the President explained there are counseling services for almost all difficult situations in which a student may find himself. He told the new students they should take advantage of these services whenever necessary, and also said it is up to them to seek help whenever they are in trouble.

Each student at the Univer-

sity is receiving a scholarship of about \$700 a year from the taxpayers of the state, the President said, and he called on each to show his appreciation by doing responsibly what he came here to do—get an education.

Less than 200 of the 474 new students on campus heard the President speak. At the meeting, All-University President Richard Lemyre explained Penn State's student government organization.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

7:25 Sign on
7:30 UN Story
7:45 Informally Yours
8:00 Record Preview
8:15 Call Card—"The Bet"
8:30 Tops in Pops
9:00 Semi-pops
9:15 News
9:30 The Ringer (BBC Drama)
10:30 Sign off

Forensic Council

Forensic Council will have its 1954 LaVie group photo taken at 7 tonight at the Penn State Photo Shop.

Gazette...

Today

ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 203 Willard.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main.

COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard.

COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7:30 p.m., 105 Willard.

COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, all boards, 6:30 p.m., Business Office.

COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Office.

COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie.

ED STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 204 Burrows.

FROTH AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth Office.

FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 217 Willard.

PENN STATE WOMEN'S CHORUS TRYOUTS, 7-9 p.m., 214 Carnegie.

WDFM CANDIDATES FOR CONTROL OPERATING, 7 p.m., 305 Sparks.

Tomorrow

MI STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 208 Willard.

INFIRMARY

Louis Cohen, Lloyd Eddings, Barbara Lordly, Richard Sander, Karl Schwenzfeier, William Stiffler.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Graduate student in EE wanted for part-time laboratory work.

The following camps will interview prospective counselors. Students may sign up at the Student Employment Service: Ken-Mont and Ken-Wood—Feb. 12; Delwood—Feb. 17; Barree—Feb. 24; Trail's End—Feb. 27; Hiram House—March 2; Abington YMCA—March 16.

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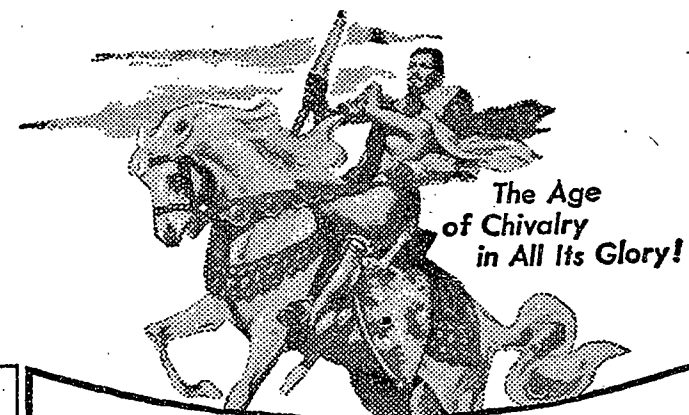


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