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Spring Week Hours: Take Another Look

Increasing discontent over the Senate committee on student affairs' refusal to consider late permissions for Spring Carnival has been evident among students. The Senate committee should view this discontent with concern when it is asked to reconsider its action.

The Spring Week committee has said it will ask the Senate committee to reconsider the refusal. A Women's Student Government Association spokesman said a letter would be written to the committee, although its nature was not disclosed. Twelve students in a Daily Collegian spot survey unanimously opposed the Senate action. And the College of Business Administration Student Council has recommended granting late hours.

Women's Student Government Association submitted a request for 12 o'clock coed permissions for the carnival at the Senate committee's Jan. 27 meeting. The Senate committee said the request was not in order because Spring Week plans were approved in November with agreement for no request of late permissions.

This reason for not granting the permissions seems unjust. True, the Spring Week committee should have included the late hour request with its plans. But Spring Week officials claim they have heard of no agreement not to request the permissions. In the past late hours have been granted.

Had WSGA requested something more acceptable to the committee along carnival lines, it is questionable if the Senate committee would have denied the request merely because it was

out of order. The problem here lies in the fact that the request is objectionable to the committee, and the committee seems to be sidestepping the issue by calling the request out of order. There is no reason to stop new ideas on an old subject merely because the old subject has passed.

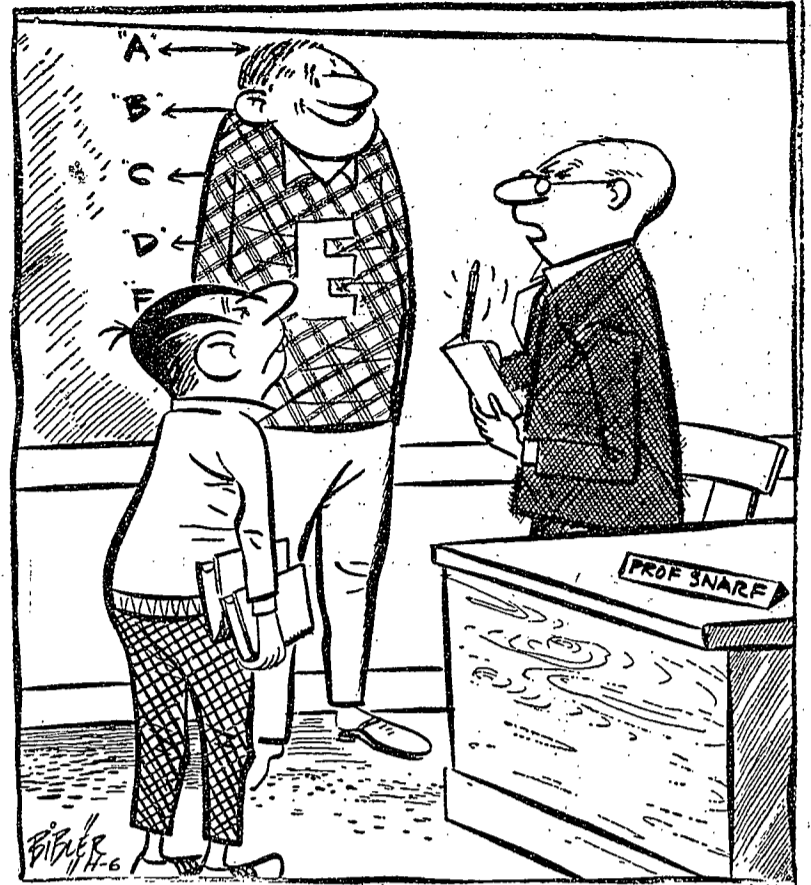
The question of late carnival permissions goes deeper than mere procedure. There is hesitancy to grant these late hours because last year the carnival was criticized for its sex element, and its conflict with the academic program. Here is the crux of the problem. And it is on this point that late permissions should be evaluated.

A screening board has been established to evaluate the content of this year's carnival. This was an intelligent move. But now late permissions have not been granted, an action which could seriously harm not only the carnival, but the entire week.

It does not seem too much to ask the Senate committee to reconsider its action on the late hour request. The request has obvious support from the student body. True, this does not necessarily make it a good request. But the interest shown here is a strong indication that the problem has another valid side.

Granting 12 o'clock permissions will probably do little harm to the academic program. The student who must study, and lets the carnival interfere, will suffer. But the student who must study must also learn to discipline himself. If he cannot, this would be a good time for him to learn.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"So I happen to enjoy basketball—what's that to do with the way I grade in this class?"

I. Student Housing: The Shortage Exists

(First in a series of three editorials describing the student housing problem in State College.)

There are, at present, indications of a very real shortage in student housing in State College. What are the factors that might explain why the shortage exists? Under what conditions do many students live? And, what steps should be taken immediately by the University to solve the problem?

These are a few of the questions that will be posed for the next few days, answers to which will vividly highlight the problem, probably for the first time.

First, what have been, and what are, the continuing signs of the shortage other than the perennial gripes of the independent men?

The very number of students seeking rooms that has been turned away from the Dean of Men's office without rooms, and even without leads, is a sign of the shortage. Even though locating rooms for independent men is not a regular responsibility, the office has helped many men find rooms, and requests increased immensely this year.

Another sign was the fact that first semester Korean veterans were required to live on campus this semester. The living accommodations

in town affected the decision of the University in this matter.

Furthermore, requests have already been received by the Dean of Men's office for rooms and apartments for next fall, showing how far in advance some have been forced to plan.

It should be kept in mind that this is not a new problem for State College. Ever since the University first showed signs of growing pains, it seems a housing shortage existed.

"A History of State College: 1896-1946," by Vivian D. Hench, says "the town was suffering one of the worst housing shortages in its history" in the '20's. "No wonder," the author continues, "young couples greeted each other with 'In whose attic are you living?'"

In fact, there was quite a building program in State College in the '20's. The Chamber of Commerce in 1921 built a block of small houses on Gill street to alleviate the shortage.

More recently, it was estimated by the Chamber of Commerce that domestic building was 30 per cent higher in 1953 than in 1952. The effects on student housing, however, seem negligible.

The problem certainly seems to exist, and its existence is realized by both the community and the University staff. But, to these many years, it does not seem that any effort was made to meet the problem four-square.

—Len Goodman

Gazette . . .

Today

- CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., in 3 Sparks.
- LECTURE-DISCUSSION, Professor A. W. Case, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center.
- PLAYERS' ADVERTISING WORKSHOP, 6:45 p.m., Schwab.
- WDFM GENERAL STAFF MEETING, 7 p.m., 305 Sparks.
- IOTA ALPHA DELTA, 7 p.m., Pollock Dorm 8.

Tomorrow

- YOUNG DEMOCRATS, 7:30 p.m., 217 Willard.

INFIRMARY

Arthur Bloomwell, Sidney Brindley, Jess Coolbaugh, Louis Fryman, Margie King, Robert Krakoff, George Kreidler, Sally Lewis, Surendra Mathur, Paul O'Brien, Roman Pienta, Martin Rawhouser, Gilbert Remy, Wesley Romberger, David Shroyer, Leo Synnestvedt, Robert Wain-scott, Harold Willard.

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: Delwood—Feb. 17; Barree—Feb. 24; Trail's End—Feb. 27; Hiram House—March 2; Abington YMCA—March 16.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

- THREE DIVISIONS OF U.S. STEEL CORP. will interview graduating seniors in Chem., Phys., ChE, Aero, E, CE, EE, IE, ME, SE, & Mng. E. Math., Ceramics, Geology & Mineralogy, Min. Prep., Metal., PNG, and for sales Bus. Adm., Industrial Psy., and L.A. on Feb. 18.
- WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP. (Research Labs. & Atomic Power Div.) representatives will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Math., Metal. Phys., ChE, ME & EE expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on Feb. 19.
- E. I. DUPONT will visit the campus to interview graduating seniors in Chem., Comm. Chem., Phys., Science, ChE, EE, IE, ME, and Mining Engr. on Feb. 22, 23, 24.
- EASTMAN KODAK CO. will interview graduating seniors and M.S. candidates who have completed at least one semester in Bus. Adm., Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Eco., Finance, Trade & Transportation, Chem., Phys., Science, Math., ChE, EE, IE, ME on Feb. 22 and 23.
- FEDERAL AGENCY ENGAGED IN NATIONAL SECURITY WORK will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., A&L (Eco., History, Pol. Science), Languages (not Romance), Geography, and Secretarial Science on Feb. 22 and 23.
- BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME, CE, ChE, EE, IE, Mining Engr., Metal, Ceramics, and a few students in Purchasing Acctg., Finance and Industrial & Public Relations on Feb. 22 and 23.

- CLEVITE CORP. (Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. and Brush Electronics Co.) will interview graduating seniors in Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Chem., Phys., Metal., ChE, EE, IE, and ME on Feb. 22.
- WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE COMPANY (Industrial Products and Air Brake Divisions) will interview graduating seniors in ME and a few outstanding EE on Feb. 22.
- GENERAL RAILWAY SIGNAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, IE, ME on Feb. 23.
- NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm. and Liberal Arts on Feb. 23.
- HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Liberal Arts and Education on Feb. 23.
- AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME, IE, Chem., Engr., Acctg., and A&L on Feb. 23.
- MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO. will interview graduating seniors in P.N.G., and Mining Engr. on Feb. 22.
- PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS CO. (paint div.) will interview graduating seniors in Chem., Commercial Chem., Bus. Mngt., ME, ChE; M.S. candidates who have completed at least one semester in Chem. and Chem. Engr.; and Ph.D. candidates expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 in Chem. and ChE, on Feb. 23.
- NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC. (Downey, Calif.) will interview graduating seniors in Phys., EE, ME, CE, Aero, Engr., and General Engr.; M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Feb. 24 and 25.
- AMERICAN STORES CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME, CE, EE on Feb. 24.
- CHAS. PRIZER & CO., INC. will interview graduating seniors in Chem. (Analytical), ChE, and IE; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on Feb. 24.
- COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC. will interview graduating seniors in Fuel Tech., ME, and ChE on Feb. 24.
- SPERRY GYROSCOPE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Phys., Aero Engr., EE, and ME on Feb. 24.
- WEIRTON STEEL CO. will interview graduating seniors in Metal. and ChE on Feb. 24.
- WAGNER ELECTRIC CORP. will interview graduating seniors in ME and EE on Feb. 24.
- ALLIS-CHALMERS will interview graduating seniors in EE, IE, and ME on Feb. 25.
- MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in Chem., ChE, EE, ME on Feb. 25.
- MINNESOTA MINING & MANUFACTURING CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Bus. Mngt., Finance, Trade and Transportation, Marketing, Chem., Comm. Chem., ChE, EE, IE, ME, A&L, Ceramics and Metallurgy on Feb. 25.
- STANDARD OIL DEVELOPMENT CO. (Esso research center) will interview graduating seniors in Chem., ChE, Fuel Tech., ME, EE (Power), & CE; M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Feb. 25.
- ANCHOR HOOKING GLASS will interview graduating seniors in Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Marketing, Arch. E., IE, CE, & ME on Feb. 25.

Penn State Sees Point 4 at Work

By BETTY KOSTER

America's world-famous Point Four program has found its way to the Penn State campus by means of the overseas student exchange program, begun at the University in 1952, to allow foreign labor and political leaders to study in the United States.

Since then, approximately 80 students from eight foreign countries — including India, the Philippines, and several of the South American republics—have participated in the program, according to Eugene A. Myers, associate professor of economics.

In his speech before members of the Faculty Luncheon Club, the Lebanon-born professor told how these men and women absorbed a great deal of knowledge on subjects as industrial and labor relations, the American economy, history, and even public speaking, through actual experience, classes, field trips, and weekly seminars.

In most cases two of six months in the labor education program were spent at the University in specially designed classes. Daily classes of 5½ hours, two evening sessions consisting mainly of films supplied free of charge, and a weekly seminar on the program itself, comprised their formal education. This was supplemented by field trips outside the University to see industry in operation.

Speakers from labor and government came regularly to the University to speak to the foreign students. Myers explained that one of the reasons for Penn State's choice for the program was its proximity to Washington, D.C. He added that its "friendly atmosphere and isolation from the mad rush of city life" also influenced the choice.

Concrete indications of the value of the program were illustrated by Myers when he told of articles on labor structure and function in the United States, written by one of the participants to give his people a better idea of what this country is like. Another student has established a labor education school in Indonesia, Myers added, and these men and women have also been better able to fulfill the important labor and governmental positions many of them held before coming to Penn State.

Although the program is not in effect this semester, Myers said he was sure it would be resumed soon.

Hotel Greeters' Officers

New officers of the Penn State Junior Hotel Greeters Association are Harry Wendel, president; Russell Bond, vice president; Theo Balabanis, treasurer; and Joseph Moose, Home Economics Spring Week chairmen.

Dean Hit Flies, Kept Morale

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. William F. Dean kept up his morale as a Communist prisoner in Korea by computing his "batting averages" on the flies he killed.

"The trick is never to swat a fly when he is standing still," Dean writes in his Saturday Evening Post account of three years as a captive of the Reds.

"Wait until he starts walking or lifts his front feet to wash. Then you bust him because he can't take off without shifting position first."

Dean said he killed a grand total of 40,716 flies, running up his average on hits and misses to .850.

"Anyone who wants to challenge my three-year swatting record will have to show me the flies," he boasted.

For his other type of mental gymnastics: "Then one day I began working on squares and square roots and really got interested. I memorized the squares of numbers from 1 to 100. Then I began hunting for fast systems of squaring.

"For example, the squares of numbers between 10 and 20 have the same right-hand digits as those between 60 and 70 and the relationship follows through. So the square of 40 is 1600; the square of 41 is 1681 and the square of 42 is 1764 and the square of 90 is 8100, the square of 91 is 8281 and so on.

"If you're not interested in mathematics, this sort of thing may drive you to beating your head against a wall but, believe me, it kept me from beating my head against one."

Hokanson to Speak

John F. Hokanson, University veterinarian, will speak to the Riding Club at 7 tonight in 317 Willard.

Tonight on WDFM

- 7:25 ————— Sign on
- 7:30 — The Case of Mary Blanding (BBC)
- 8:00 ————— India vs. Penn State debate
- 9:15 ————— Campus News
- 9:30 ————— Masterworks Hour
- 10:30 ————— Sign off