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Merger Proposed For Nittany, Pollock

The merger of Pollock and Nittany Councils into an East Dorm Council was proposed last night at a meeting of Nittany Council by Richard Steindel, council president, and Thomas Kidd, a member of Pollock Council.

A social committee of the Nittany area was created at the meeting to replace Barons, Nittany-Pollock social organization. This committee will serve until an East Dorm area social committee is established under the merger. Kidd will write a constitution and present it to the Nittany Council in two weeks. Kidd said the new constitution would be adopted as an amendment to the councils' present constitutions. He said the new constitution would also be made consistent with the constitution of the Association of Independent Men's Board of Governors, the group with which both Nittany and Pollock are associated.

Hat Societies Will Compile Officers List

Hat Society Council will compile a file of major officers and committee chairmen of campus organizations.

Richard Grossman, chairman of the project, said yesterday he will contact fraternity and sorority presidents, leaders of independent organizations, student council presidents, athletic head managers, All-University committee chairmen, and other officers in compiling the list.

The list will be used by men's hat societies for tappings, Grossman said.

The letter Grossman will send out will ask that only major leaders be named. For example, the chairman of Spring Week would fill out a form listing the chairmen of the week's events. The parade chairman, for example, would not be asked to name the members of his committee.

Activity forms will be available at the Student Union desk in Old Main for major organizations omitted on the mailing list, Grossman said. He said forms should be turned in by Monday at the Student Union desk.

Radio Tests To Continue In WD Area

Tests of the transponder, installed in the West Dorms area a week ago by Station WDFM, will continue intermittently throughout the week, David R. Mackey, general station manager, said yesterday.

Tests will be run during the regular broadcasting hours, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Mackey said student response during the first week of testing was good.

Students have been asked to listen to the station during the broadcasting hours, and to contact the station to comment on reception. Students may call the station, ext. 2409, or mail a postcard to WDFM, Sparks Building. Students may pick up Station WDFM at about 700 on their AM dials.

When the transponder is operating satisfactorily in the West Dorm area, it will be tested in other areas. When final testing is complete, specifications for the transponder will be drawn up and submitted to a commercial concern for production.

Present plans call for nine transponders to be manufactured—one for each dormitory area and one spare. It is hoped transponders will be installed in the West Dorm area, the Nittany-Pollock area, Simmons, McElwain, Grange, McAllister, Woman's Building, and Atherton.

Inking Candidates, Staff Meet Tonight

Inking editorial staff and candidates will meet at 8 tonight in 201 Willard. Poetry and short stories for the magazine will be accepted until March 1 at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Charles Mathias, co-editor, has announced.

Council Favors A Separation Of WD Residents

By BILL SNYDER

West Dorm Council last night approved a proposal to separate West Dorm area freshmen and upperclassmen into different living units and to increase counselor supervision in the freshman units. The proposal was made by James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs.

The proposal, which will be sent to Dean of Men Frank J. Simes in the form of a drafted letter, would:

1. House upperclassmen in McKee Hall;
2. Have three resident counselors per floor in the other four men's dorms, which would be restricted to freshmen;
3. Convert present counselors' suites into study rooms with the counselors moving into single rooms.

The purpose of the suggested changes is to meet the present problem of failing grades and increased vandalism in the area believed to be caused partly by present system of allocating counselors.

The council voted to draft a letter to the Dean of Men's office favoring the proposal.

Dean said the new plan would help meet the disciplinary problem caused largely by freshmen in the West Dorm area. He said that under the plan resident counselors would be placed where they are needed most.

He emphasized the proposal is not an order to go into effect immediately.

Dean also reported to the council that officials of Bell Telephone Co. warned they would discontinue social telephone service to the area if "vulgarity" is continued over the phones. The warning followed a complaint made by the company's officials after three Nittany residents made an "indecent proposal" to a coed in Women's building.

The telephone company, according to Dean, said any further vulgarity would result in a disruption of the phone service throughout the University—save for inter-office and other business use.

Dean said a disruption would be possible, since the University has no control over the phone service, a public utility.

He urged the council to caution all residents in the West Dorm area about using further vulgarity over the phones.

The incident mentioned above has resulted in the women being withdrawn from college by her father, Dean said. The three men are scheduled to come up before the Senate disciplinary committee and may also face a civil prosecution.

In other action the council voted to ask the Dean of Women's office for West Dorm co-education dinners at least once a week. Five women from Thompson were present to voice Thompson suggestions for improving the dinners.

Soph Chairmen Are Announced

Committee chairmen for the sophomore class semi-formal dance March 20, have been announced by Robert Harding, class vice president and chairman of the dance.

They are Joan Alfieri, publicity; Nancy Shafer, decorations; Richard Rivers, orchestra; Lynn Meyers, management of Recreation Hall; Barbara Stock, class secretary-treasurer, finances; and John M. Russell, advertising.

Michael Rosenfeld and Janet McKee will be in charge of the class queen contest to be held in conjunction with the dance.

Sophomores who want to work on dance committees may contact class officers or committee chairmen, Hugh Cline, class president, has announced.

AIM Board Recommends 3 Probations

Recommendations to place two students on office probation and a third on board probation were made to the dean of men by the Association of Independent Men's Judicial Board of Review.

The recommendation on one student, from second floor Hamilton Hall, who was accused of burning the surface of a desk in his room, carving on a chair, and damaging the ceiling in the hallway, asked that the student pay for the damage and a letter be sent to his parents in addition to office probation.

\$87 Damages

James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs, has reported damage to the desk and chair was about \$7 and to the ceiling, about \$80.

In the other case where office probation was recommended, a second semester architecture major admitted setting off a homemade firecracker in his dormitory room. The board accepted a recommendation from the student's dormitory counselor that he be placed on office probation, John Ball, board chairman, said.

Given Board Probation

A third semester electrical engineering major was placed on board probation for giving a master key of the Hamilton Hall elevator to another student. The student who received the key was not sentenced by the board because he had a legitimate reason to hold a key to the elevator.

Any student found illegally possessing an elevator key in the future will be subject to discipline by the AIM board, Dean announced.

Board probation means the student must attend meetings of the board this semester.

Office probation means that if a student is involved in any further disciplinary action, the offense is recorded on his permanent record in the Dean of Men's office.

PSCA, Ed College Plan Coffee Hours

The Penn State Christian Association and the College of Education will sponsor coffee hours for graduate students this semester.

The PSCA will hold the first coffee hour for graduate students from 3 to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Hugh Beaver room, Old Main. Members of Graduate Student Council will serve as a reception committee.

The College of Education will hold coffee hours for education graduate students from 3 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in 6 Burrowes, Nicholas Troisi, graduate student in education, has announced.

'Who's in the News'

Copies of "Who's in the News at Penn State" are still available at the Student Union desk in Old Main for students whose names appear in the booklet.

Indian Prime Minister Requests Cease-Fire in Indochina War

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 22 (AP)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru extended an "earnest and humble plea" today for a cease-fire in war-battered Indochina. But he made clear India will shoulder no responsibility for such a move.

Nehru told India's Parliament he thought the bloodshed should be halted until the big powers have a chance to solve the seven-year stalemate at Geneva April 26.

"It would seem a tremendous pity," Nehru declared, "that this terrible war should continue when a serious effort to meet and discuss this problem" is scheduled to take place between the Big Four and Red China.

"It is desirable I think, to have some kind of cease-fire without any party giving up its position," Nehru said.

'Effort' Asked

Thus, he said, he addressed "my earnest and humble pleas to both the great and little powers concerned to make an effort, though it is not our (India's) desire to interfere or shoulder any responsibility in this connection."

The French—who are leading the three associated Indochinese states in the fight against the Communist-led Vietminh—have expressed doubt there is enough time before the Geneva parley to work out a cease-fire. They also pointed out there is no clearly defined line along which to mark the combat zones—as in Korea.

Cease-Fire Call Reported

The Associated Press reported Saturday in a United Nations dispatch that Nehru was planning a cease-fire call. UN diplomats said the move apparently was being timed to get attention at the Geneva conference. That parley is being held mainly to deal with Korea, but it is also expected to range over Indochina and other Asian issues.

Commenting on the UN dispatch, diplomatic officials in Washington said they regarded any Indian peace-making role as impractical on the eve of the Geneva parley.

Trade Is Topic Of Triangular Debate Tourney

Foreign trade will be the subject of two afternoon debates and an evening symposium when the Forensic Council plays host to the debating teams of Bucknell University and Dickinson College in the second annual forensic tournament tomorrow.

Irwin Weiner and Arthur Saperstein of the University men's debate team will debate Nancy Cole and Marian Shuttack of Bucknell at 4 p.m. in 13 Sparks. Ronald Isenberg will preside. John Boyd and Harvey Reiseman of the University will debate Susan Marquardt and Amin Alley of Dickinson at the same time in 234 Sparks. Chairman will be Herman Golomb.

The symposium will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 316 Sparks. Speakers will be Murray Horowitz, of the University; Ronald McCreery, Bucknell; John Matta, Dickinson; and Ronald Lench, University. The quiz panel will consist of Stephen Goldsmith, Bucknell; Alan Kramer, Dickinson; and Dan Fegert, University. Dr. Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of speech, will preside.

Grads May Get More Library Typing Rooms

Additional typing rooms in the University Library will probably be a reality in the near future, Moylan Mills, chairman of the typing investigation committee, told Graduate Student Council in a report on his meeting recently with University Librarian Ralph McComb.

At present the only typing rooms in the library are small and on the basement level. As soon as the rooms in the new wing of the library are finished, they will be available for student use, Mills said.

It is still not known whether or not the University will supply the typewriters, Mills said. Students may have to bring their own portable machines or a rent-a-type system may be installed.

The rent-a-type system, now in use at some of the larger universities, works on the same principle as the dormitory washing machine system. Students deposit a quarter in a slot in the typewriter and then have use of the machine for several hours.

Parmi Nous to Meet

Parmi Nous, senior men's hat society, will meet at 7 tonight at Beta Sigma Rho.