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Dorm Dress Rule: Passing the Buck

Dress rule or no dress rule, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the minds of men to dress up on Sundays or go sloppy does not seem to matter to those who eat in University dining halls.

All-University Cabinet tried to do something about this attitude by passing a dress rule, recommended last fall by the Student Encampment at Mont Alto. This rule said all men living in dormitories would wear coats and ties to Sunday noon meals and coeducational dinners, and wear a collared shirt and slacks to evening meals.

Such a requirement was only a partial solution. It did not take into consideration any dress during the day. It was, however, a step in the right direction.

Unfortunately, some students do not want to dress up even on Sunday. They seem to think no one will mind them eating Sunday dinner in dungarees and T-shirt. People who reach college should realize that as college students, the public expects them to be fairly neat. There are many visitors to campus on Sunday. It is no credit to the University for visitors to see students dressed as they too often are.

Many freshmen come to college expecting to dress fairly well. They soon discover many upperclassmen do not agree. Freshmen then decide they will not dress up.

There will be a new group of freshmen entering the University in the fall. This group should not be subjected to the present bad dressing habits of many dormitory men. They need not be.

Although the dress rule is officially still in operation, enforcement has gone on the rock pile. If the spirit moves a student, he dresses. If it does not, he remains in dungarees. There still is a chance to improve conditions. Unfortunately, every agency which could support the requirement has passed the buck.

Next year the program can start with a clean slate. The dress rule should be enforced. Plans to enforce it should begin now. There should be no buck-passing.

-Phil Austin

LA Pioneering

When William L. Werner, professor of American literature, delivers his lecture on "Penn State and American Literature" Monday, he will probably point out to doubters how effective the Liberal Arts college has been as a pioneering institution.

When one argues how good certain Penn State colleges are, he tries to show what significant contributions have been made in the past by people in these colleges. In this way he prophesies what kinds of excellence will come in the future. The past performance seems to be a guiding factor in rating anything.

A little-known fact about the Liberal Arts college is that it was the first to begin the teaching of American literature, due to the work of Fred Lewis Pattee. Before Pattee, no institution of higher learning had considered America's writers worthy of study. Pattee proved them wrong.

Werner's lecture should be an excellent opportunity for those who cannot see anything effective in the Liberal Arts college to learn some of the past glories of this institution.

-Edmund Reiss

On Drive-Ins

Every day for the past four days Capt. Philip A. Mark, head of the Campus Patrol, has stood in the middle of Pollock road. He has stood there in plain sight with a pencil and a pad of blank tickets in his hand.

Every day for the past four days students—34 of them so far—have driven down Pollock road and have been stopped by Mark.

The captain and the driver converse a bit and then generally Mark fills out another of his tickets and awards it to the student.

It costs the student \$1 or more to get rid of it. This seems to be quite an improvement over the old system. Before, campus patrolmen had to go out with their blank pads and seek traffic violators. Now the violators drive right up to the patrolmen.

That's real nice of them. Some people—about 34—never learn.

-Mike Feinsilber

Safety Valve—

Hits 'Salesman' Review

TO THE EDITOR: After reading Ed Reiss' review on "Death of a Salesman," I am still not sure if it was written for a college newspaper or as a comp. 1 exercise on the use of adjectives.

In 11 paragraphs, Reiss managed to make more broad generalizations about nothing and say less than anything I've ever read before. In fact, in all that space he didn't even bother to mention 11 of the 13 cast members.

Perhaps (he) was too busy getting poetic with the deep water and waves of emotion.

-Allison Munn

Gazette . . .

INFIRMARY

Russell Courtney, Robert Hollen, Kenneth Meredith, Charles Miller, Harvey Wolfson. PLACEMENT SERVICE

This is a partial and unofficial listing. Complete information on placement may be secured at 112 Old Main. NATIONAL TUBE DIVISION OF U.S. STEEL (Lorain) will interview graduating seniors in EE, ME, and IE on March 15. PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., L.A., and Math. (actuary work); M.S. candidates in Finance who have completed at least one semester on March 15.

Intelligent Vote

A common complaint among women students is that so few voters know the candidates for Women's Student Government Association offices. The result: many vote by pictures, nice-sounding names, or casual acquaintances.

This is understandable in a University this large. But what is not understandable—or justified—is the fact that there is little effort expended to meet the candidates.

Newspaper articles discussing viewpoints of the presidential candidates can be a help in voting. These should be read. And tomorrow, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Atherton lounges, every woman student will have the opportunity to meet the candidates in person.

The WSGA tea was scheduled before elections so candidates might be introduced. Women voters who take advantage of this will probably cast ballots with more thought and more sense than those who do not. Unfortunately, those who do not take advantage of the tea will probably resort to voting on the basis of pictures.

-Baylee Friedman

Alumni Donate \$24,000 to Fund

Although the 1954 Alumni Fund does not officially open until Monday, more than \$24,000 in contributions have been received already, the Alumni Association office has reported.

Brochures explaining the fund and its accomplishments were mailed this week to all alumni of the University.

In the first fund last year, 3200 alumni contributed more than \$187,000. The money was allocated to various projects on campus, including furnishings for the new Student Union building, the meditation chapel, and scholarships.

The purpose of the fund is to give alumni the opportunity to contribute to projects at the University which cannot be financed by federal or state aid.

Werner to Honor Pattee In Simmons Lecture

William L. Werner, professor of American literature, will discuss "Penn State and American Literature" at 4:15 p.m. Monday in 121 Sparks.

In this lecture, the first of the eighth annual Simmons series, Werner will pay tribute to the pioneer activity of Fred Lewis Pattee in the study and teaching of American literature.

Huston Elected Head Of Ag Ed Honorary

Robert Huston has been elected president of Alpha Tau Alpha, agriculture education honorary. Other officers are Rollin Swank, vice president; John Harris, secretary; Richard Weaver, treasurer; Ronald Hershberger, reporter; and Norbert Szarleta, sergeant-at-arms.

Eng Scholarship Open to Sophs

The Square D Co. of Detroit, Mich., has endowed a \$450 scholarship for a sophomore in electrical engineering, industrial engineering, or mechanical engineering, Earl B. Stavely, assistant dean of engineering, has announced.

The scholarship will be given on the basis of character, personality, leadership, and financial need. To be eligible the student must rank in the upper two-fifths of his class.

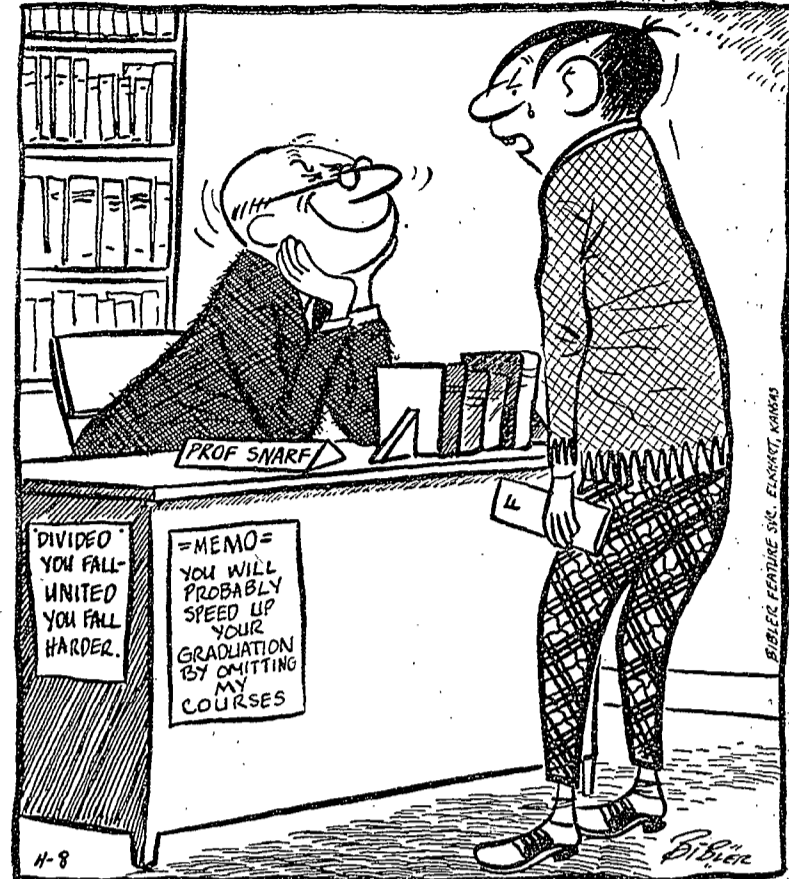
Application forms are available in 204 Main Engineering.

Flying Club to Meet

Maj. George W. Casey of the University Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps will instruct the Flying Club on flight navigation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, William Fehr, club president, has announced.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"... On th' other hand . . . this bar-two JUST MIGHT reflect a pretty poor job of teaching."

Interpreting the News

Soviet Bloc Trade Could Be Ambush

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

Western countries which wish to increase their trade with the Soviet bloc are beginning to recognize that they could walk into a diabolical ambush.

When the Marshall Plan was devised it was realized that European recovery would never be complete without re-establishment of East-West trade. When, at the end of the plan's four years, its aims had not been fully accomplished, the United States decided it was better to keep on sending economic aid rather than have her allies tie their economies too closely to Russia's, and rather than give the Eastern countries the benefits which they, too, needed from trade.

Recently, as this economic aid shifted more and more to the military field and appeared sure to end soon, Western Europe has been making more and more trade agreements with the East. Even the embargo on shipping strategic material has been slipping. Recently, the President had to use his discretionary power to excuse a number of violations which, under a strict interpretation of the economic aid laws, would have required cutting off several countries, with resulting estrangements.

This business of trade with the East is not merely a matter of deciding to whom it is most valuable. It directly involves fundamental policy based on assessments of the relative positions which it creates.

In the last two years Western policy, particularly with regard to its military preparations, has come to be based on the belief that Russia plans no immediate war that she is sticking to the Leninist idea that she must become self-sustaining before she can actively undertake world revolution; that her belief in the eventual collapse of the Western economy is still the guiding principle in all her actions.

Considerations of trade policy thus involve the progress of Russian policy toward the time when she will conceive of herself as capable of supporting world revolution.

More than that, however, it involves placing a weapon in her hands which she might be able to use, at some moment when the Western economy might be precariously balanced, to tip it over.

If the Western nations should get their economies tied up with Russia's to the point where it was really important, and then get into a depression, Russia might be able to turn a serious situation (Continued on page five)

'Thinking Machine' Is Latest Fad In Symbolic Logic

A new "thinking machine" has been developed by Roger W. Holmes, professor of philosophy, at Mount Holyoke College. He says the machine "is to logic what an adding machine is to arithmetic."

The machine, according to Holmes, uses fundamental symbolic logic to solve problems. The device has a complex system of electrical relays which flashes lights on a control board.

He claims it can tackle complex processes of reasoning with greater speed and accuracy than a human, but it can't perform any function which a human couldn't do for himself with a pencil and paper. The professor sets up the questions with a system of symbols.

He says the machine can explore the field for new principals and can also test the validity of basic laws of logic.

Holmes believes a larger model than the present one, which is about the size of an old-fashioned table model radio, would be of great value in industrial and military planning, or in crime detection.

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

Table with radio program schedule for WDFM 91.1 MEGACYCLES, listing times and program titles for Tonight and Monday.