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Players Needs Permanent Use of TUB

Sometime within the next few weeks, the fate of the Players' Centre Stage will be decided. The pending decision—whether or not Centre Stage may have permanent use of the Temporary Union Building after the new HUB is opened in February—will in turn determine if Centre Stage will continue to exist this year on campus.

For the past ten years Centre Stage, Players arena-type production, has had permanent weekend rental of Woodmen's Hall in State College. This summer permission was withdrawn because the hall is to be used by town groups. Thus, this semester the University granted Centre Stage use of the TUB on Friday nights.

This action by the University showed a genuine interest in the dramatics department. Because there was no other place for Centre Stage to go, use of the TUB actually has saved the group from "retiring" for the semester.

However, although it would have been unfeasible for the University to turn over both Friday and Saturday night use of the TUB to Players, the one-night restriction has handicapped the group so far as ticket sales are concerned. When the TUB is closed to student activities in February, after the opening of the HUB, Players possibly might be stripped of even this one-night per week stand.

As has been pointed out, the University has taken great interest in the welfare of Centre Stage and the dramatics department in general. The question is not one of giving or withdrawing support from the group through deciding the matter of permanent use of the TUB. The problem is determining whether Players has greater need than any other campus group, student or otherwise, asking for use of the TUB.

Players is one of four relatively pertinent groups applying for permanent use. Other applications have been for a meeting place for General Extension, a research laboratory and a general recreation room for men living in the Nittany-Pollock area.

Should a research laboratory be established

in the TUB, use by any other group would be prohibited, because of the necessary research equipment that would have to be installed. Conversion of the TUB into a recreation room would be an unnecessary duplication of the function of the HUB.

This leaves the General Extension and Players applications to be considered. Use by General Extension would involve little or no change in construction of the building, as the function would be primarily that of meeting and conference rooms for visiting extension workers.

The group has expressed a need for such meeting quarters because of the difficulty in scheduling class rooms for large groups on week nights.

It would seem that a compromise between the two groups—Players and General Extension—would be the most feasible solution, and the idea toward which the University seems to be leaning. Under such a plan, Centre Stage would have the TUB on Friday and Saturday nights, and probably the entire week before opening performances, and Extension would have priority on week nights.

Players would not need to make any major construction changes in the building. The ballroom would probably be used as the arena stage area; the present stage room would serve for technicians; the ping pong room could be used for a dressing room; and props could be stored in the basement. The front lounge could be used as a lobby and ticket booth; and possibly the snack bar could be maintained by Players for serving refreshments.

It would be a great favor to Players and the student body if the University sees fit to grant this permission. Obviously both groups have an obvious need for such use. It is of course possible that, from a long-range viewpoint the administration must take in this case, some other plan must be worked out.

We ask, however, that the administration give Players intent consideration when making final decisions on this matter.

—Peggy McClain

'Who's Who' Decision: Commendable Step

All-University Cabinet Monday night proved its members had the best interests of the University in mind when it voted 17 to 3 to cease participation in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

The action followed over two months spent in unsatisfactory contact with the editor of the publication, H. Pettus Randall of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Three letters were written and went without replies before Mr. Randall saw fit to answer a fourth inquiry written by Robert Homan, All-University secretary-treasurer and head of a committee set up to look into the book.

This reply came only after a very stern letter by Mr. Homan in which he said: "If we do not hear from you concerning this matter within a week of your receipt of this letter we will take it upon ourselves to find out the information by writing to the other schools in the program telling them of our dissatisfaction with your attitude and our serious thought of dropping from the program."

Mr. Randall answered this letter very politely and explained the publication was set up and run by himself. It costs nothing from a properly named student to be included but there is a charge if the student wishes to have a copy of "Who's Who" or have the key of the group. There is no uniform method of selecting students because of the great differences among the schools represented.

Judging from the literature accompanying the letter and the letter itself, there seems to be nothing legally wrong with the setup of the publication. The schools included participate at their own wish and it costs nothing for the student to be listed if selected. As to whether

the publisher is making a living selling a complement to students, this holds no water since there is no charge.

The issue as it faced Cabinet was one of having or not having the name of the University appear in the publication. As such there were two considerations—whether the majority of the schools represented were of the size and type of the University; and whether the University would be put in the position of possibly being used as an example of the type of schools participating in selling the publication to other institutions.

On the first count it was decided many schools which the University is accustomed to associating with were not included in the publication, apparently through their own choice. Notably absent were the Big Ten schools and the larger Ivy League schools.

Because of this scarcity of large, well-known schools it was feared by many cabinet members that the University might be harnessed by the publication in any attempts it might make to sell itself to non-participating schools. This was questioned because knowledge of the publication was so slight and because the University does not lend its name to commercial ventures.

Thus Cabinet decided not to recommend participation in "Who's Who." It was not because of danger to individuals since information received from the publisher indicated the publication is perfectly legitimate. It was decided on the grounds that the name of the University should not be put into something about which so little was known—a wise move and one that could be used as a pattern in the future.

Gazette...

Today
CHESS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Sparks
NEWMAN CLUB NOVENA, 7 p.m. through Dec. 8, Our Lady of Victory Church
MINERAL INDUSTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 209 Willard
PENN STATE RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
PERSHING RIFLES, 7 p.m., Armory
PLAYERS ADVERTISING CREW, 6:45 p.m., Schwab Loft
THETA SIGMA PHI, 8:15 p.m., 111, Carnegie
WSGA SENATE, 6:30 p.m., WSGA room, White Hall
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Albert Harman, David Howell, Roscoe Kauffman, Patricia Lambert, Samuel McKibben Jr., Fujio Oda, Albert Sankin, Barbara Shea, Harry Spayde, Phyllis Trapletti.

None of us like to have to go after our meal ticket when we forget it or buy a new one if ours is lost, but why should anyone else want to pay to feed our weekend visitors and people who get their meals in town?

When the employees have to wait every night to clean up for a few people who always insist on being the last ones done or who would rather come at the last minute to eat instead of waiting in line like the rest, it makes it bad for the ones who do have a good excuse for being late.

Our food supervisors are doing their best to feed us with the equipment and help they have; and when we don't always play fair with them, why should we expect them to go out of their way to help us?

—Ralph Boylan

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"He told me he was a guard for the team—do you suppose he meant for the equipment?"

Old Farmers' Almanac

of all things...

By MIKE FEINSILBER

From Dublin, N.H. comes word that all, after all, is not abnormal and that the world will have weather the next 12 months.

This reassurance comes by way of "The Old Farmer's Almanac(k)" for 1955, "Being 3rd after Bissextile of Leap Year and (until July 4) 179th year of American Independence," or, if you prefer, "Atomic Year 11."

Along with a free copy of the almanac(k), Mr. Robb Sagendorph, (Harvard '22), its editor and publisher, sends the most fantastic press release I've seen yet, measuring some 19 by 25 inches. This, I take it, is hint enough from Mr. Sagendorph that the Old Farmer should not go unnoticed in the pages of the Daily Collegian. Hint taken.

The Almanac(k), covered as usual in prefaded yellow paper with a design that's been with

stance, we find from the first to the tenth:

- Full storm and high tides
- While a pale moon hides.
- From the 11th through the 14th.
- Not nice
- For men or mice.
- To the 21st:
- Still colder
- And bolder.
- And through the month:
- Thaw a while
- But don't smile
- It storms begorrah
- Today and tomorrow.

Well, that takes care of January and, Mr. Sagendorph claims, it does so better than the U.S. Weather Bureau can.

There's more to the almanac(k) than the weather. There are quips ("The dignity of a senator seems to depend on how undignified he can get"), there are recipes for all sorts of victuals, there are word charades and riddles, there are handsome woodcuts of "the joys and sorrows of some of grandpa's old fashioned winters," there's a section commenting on the H-Bomb and the weather, and there are charts informing one about anything from domestic postal rates to the reproductive cycle in farm animals. Advertisements, not particularly designed to be amusing, but amusing, nevertheless, are therein contained as well.

Why, there's even a story about a certain travelling salesman whose car got stuck right in front of a farmer's house...



The Almanac(k)
It's Weatherwise...

it all its 163 years and "containing, besides the large number of Astronomical Calculations and the Farmer's Calendar for every month in the year, a variety of New, Useful and Entertaining Matter," is, mind you, no small enterprise and no trifling matter. Last year, for instance, it had a record press run of 600,000. But more important (even to Mr. Sagendorph) is the position it's kept in New England's kitchens. In them, it continues to be treated with reverence due its aged wisdom.

Why so? Well, for one thing, it predicts the weather. The weather is important everywhere, but up New England way it's an essential Conversation Piece and—like beans and codfish—part of man's diet.

Mr. Sagendorph not only predicts the weather a year ahead of time, but does it in rhyme. Running down January next, for in-

Favro Is Recuperating

Richard Favro, president of the Business Administration Student Council, is at his home recuperating from an attack of appendicitis. He is not expected to return to the University until the end of the week.

'King' Photos Available

Mardi Gras king candidates may pick up their photographs at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Tonight on WDFM

- 7:25 M.I. MEGACYCLES Sign On
- 7:30 Sports Roundup Stand By
- 7:35 Open to Question "Speech as a Medium of International Understanding"
- 8:00 Master Works from France
- 8:30 Call Card
- 9:15 News
- 9:30 Light Classical Jukebox
- 10:30 Thought for the Day (Sign Off)

Safety Valve— Defends Food Service

TO THE EDITOR: It seems as though there are some students who feel that the shortcomings of the Food Service are all to be blamed on the Food Service or supervisors. So far in (Daily Collegian) editorials, I have seen only one side of the picture.

So you (students) want another line in Pollock? Remember it is going to cost more money—maybe not \$14,000 but just the same it is you who will have to pay. The next time we go through the line remember that while we are skylarking while loading up our trays, there are a lot of our buddies waiting in line behind us.

When cooking for nearly 2000 people in one dining hall, you can't cook to please every one. Some of the food might not taste just right, but even "mom" has the same trouble once in a while.

It is a little funny to see food that doesn't taste good piled in a heap on the table with a little sign on it, or broken dishes on the floor and food spilled on chairs. But remember that someone will have to clean up the mess and they might not get time to wipe off every chair. If we want a clean dining hall, everyone will have to help.