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Are Penn State Students Cultured?

Culture is in trouble at Penn State. What is this term culture? According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary it is "the enlightenment and refinement of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training." Now we can go on and define the words used in the definition.

When culture at Penn State is spoken of, it is hardly meant to imply all of those big words used above although this as an end result may be desirable. Rather we refer to a more rounded college life that would be complimenting those phases now so well developed—social life, academic pursuits, sports, humor . . .

Lacking from this list is our version of culture; that field commonly referred to as the arts. Penn State needs more attention to Community Forum, Community Concert, the University symphony orchestra, painting, sculpturing, combined art exhibitions, serious literary endeavors . . .

Most notable of the student body's past indifference to culture was the death last year of the literary magazine, Inkling. After several years of struggle and even support from other publication and financial backers, it was forced to close in the spring with its books deeply in the red. Its last publication recorded only 50-some sales. Its companion publication, Pivot, which is devoted to poetry, survives only because of the faithful backing of several members of the English literature department.

All this occurred while the Froth was having a record year, State College movie attendance

was near capacity, and magazine stands reported rapid sales of pulp magazines. And, also, at other colleges and universities, literary magazines were being sold on a state-wide and larger basis and attracting famous outside contributors.

Tonight another of the half-heartedly supported cultural outlets at the University is to be discussed by All-University Cabinet. We are referring to Kirk Garber's scheduled report on Community Forum.

To quote from his report: "Attendance at the first forum (Clifton Fadiman) was poor but was quite improved for Agnes Moorhead's appearance. A special effort is being made to publicize Carlos Romulo's (a former president of the United Nations Assembly) appearance." This means 12,000 students plus borough residents can not fill 1200-seat Schwab Auditorium.

The Forum report goes on to make quite a desperate-sounding proposal—that admissions to Community Forum be included in the student activities next fall. This seems desperate because it removes the prestige now attached to the speakers and places it on the basis of the 8 a.m. Monday lecture. If it might be assumed this activity status might include a student assessment to cover the cost, the situation is really serious.

Cabinet receives this report of hard times tonight and must do something more than just pass the report. It must investigate and act to preserve Community Forum and to advance the cause of culture's struggle for survival at Penn State.

Seven Days Till...

Seven days remain before the clique chairmen of the Lion and State parties will be called upon to present their new constitutions to the Senate subcommittee on organization control.

If they don't present their new constitutions, the parties will not be chartered by the Senate group.

And the subcommittee has ruled that the parties must be chartered if they are to remain alive on the Penn State scene.

We, like the clique chairmen, withhold further comment, except for one reminder: Seven days remain . . .

—The Watchbird

Money, Money

Do the books balance?

That is the question the members of All-University Cabinet will be asking themselves and Ernest Famous, elections committee chairman, tonight.

Mr. Famous will present a somewhat belated report on expenditures during the fall campaign. The report is in two parts, one submitted by the cliques to the elections committee and the other a record of their funds as handled by Associated Student Activities.

The first report was submitted to Mr. Famous on Nov. 11. The other report was filed just prior to Christmas vacation.

Perhaps this explains what appears to be a discrepancy. Perhaps the parties had occasion to spend their funds between these two dates.

We hope Cabinet will ask questions to satisfy natural curiosity about the financing of the campus political parties.

We wonder why Cabinet had to wait three months before getting a report on the election's fiscal factors.

And we wonder if there isn't a need for a more complete auditing of the finances of the two parties.

Answers, which we hope will be furnished tonight, to questions raised by the two reports may prove instructive. They will be—if Cabinet poses its questions.

—Mike Feinsilber

Tell Us, Please—

It's time for a progress report from the All-University constitution revisions committee.

The group has been "revising" for several weeks. It closed its meetings to the student body and the press, but at the same time said it would issue progress reports "from time to time." We assume it did not mean by this "from semester to semester."

So far neither All-University Cabinet nor the Collegian has received official reports of what the committee is doing to student rights and student government. If the committee is having trouble making suitable revisions perhaps it would be wise to open its meetings to student opinion. If revisions are going along smoothly, no harm can come from publication of them.

It's time for a progress report.

—Peggy McClain

Safety Valve—

Female Viewpoint

TO THE EDITOR: Do men truly want to grow beards?

I get nauseous when I think of beards. I get dizzy when I think of trying to extract a kiss from under one. I shudder at the thought of dating a man who looks like a cross between a walrus and the Smith brothers. I despair that men really have "deep within their souls the smoldering desire" to go around with protrusions like the quills on a fretful porcupine. I grow melancholy when I think of people who invented high quality, sharp, super-thin razor blades. They work so well.

I think of Greek Week. The Greeks strove for perfection in beauty. And who are we to take their name and toss their ideals out the window? What will the community think of the shaggy plumage of fraternity men as they start projects to prove they are mature citizens?

And spring vacation. Picture Mom's horror when her beloved boy (once so eager to remove the beginnings of a fuzz in his early teens) when he returns home with a corrugated mane. What are the clean shaven neighbors to think of Penn State?

Then ROTC. This poor majority is in a pickle. Demerits pile up if they conform with the policy. They shall be singled out as weak in heart if they abstain.

I fear the ratio is lamented over enough without deliberately cutting it again. For what girl wants to go to a dance, or even date a Van Dyke?

Let's be mature and keep buying razor blades and not go hunting for mustache cups.

—Name Withheld

Music for Skating

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the letter published in the Daily Collegian Jan. 4 about the skating rink, I feel the fee of 25 cents for the students' use of the ice is not exorbitant. I do believe, however, music should be supplied while skating. I have no knowledge of any artificial rink not playing recorded music.

Another suggestion is issuing season passes at a fee set in the vicinity of \$4 a year. This fee would enable students to skating as many times as he wishes but would not, of course, include skate rental.

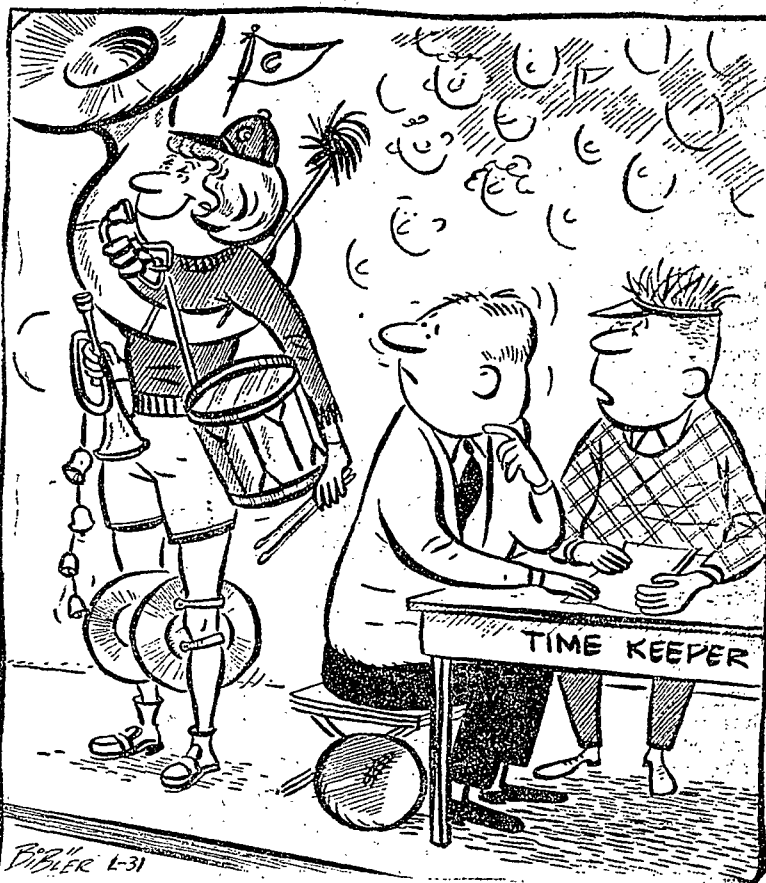
—Frank Simokai

Gazette . . .

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 105 Ag Eng
CABIN AND TRAIL DIVISION OF PENN STATE OUT-
ING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 121 Sparks
DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy
FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Rec Hall
GEOPHYSICS SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 217 Willard
NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 121 MI
PHI MU ALPHA, 9 p.m., 100 Carnegie
PI LAMBDA SIGMA, 8 p.m., 104 Willard
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west Lounge, 2nd floor Atherton
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Robert Bahrenburg, Merlin Glaser, Matthew Friedberg,
Richard Hartmann, Margaret Kidda, Jeannette Kohl, Char-
lotte Lutinski, Joan MacKenzie, Lotte Margulies, Lawrence
Mayer, Stanley . . .
John Schofield, Edward . . .
John Stalms, Beverly Stein, Willis Thompson, Jay Tolson.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Worthal's girl — Sometimes I almost dread to see him make a basket."

Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MacDONALD

The letter to the editor which appeared in yesterday's Daily Collegian concerning beards brought much discussion of the subject to the campus dining hall tables.

Most of the discussion was merely howls of protest. Some brave girls ventured to say they would be interested, to say the least, to see the entire male faction of the student body wearing beards.

But for the most part, remarks reflecting ridicule and disgust accompanied this new beard proposal. This must be a modern idea, it seems that in all the historical novels we've read the big man with the beard was the great lover and the clean shaven ones were

either half-grown boys or American Indians.

We wonder if Penn State men are brave enough to gamble on the fickle heart of woman and grow beards for the Centennial celebration. It seems like a good idea from where we sit; something different and a little unusual. Our dear old alma mater might even make the AP.

A committee could be appointed to handle the contest. All-University Cabinet could be easily persuaded to handle the appointing of such a committee, of course. Prizes additional to the ones suggested by Mr. Howes could be offered; for instance, one for the man most often mistaken for Ernest Hemingway, one for the man who sent more women screaming and running away, and one for the man who's beard was most different in color from his skull covering.

The only problem presented by a mass beard-raising project is that the coeds are left out, by nature. This of course, would never do. The men are going to have a hard enough time as it is with them. Maybe some group could launch a hair-growing contest for the girls. Then we could climax it all with a Lady Godiva parade.

Well, at any rate, we think it's a good idea to undertake some little festive project like growing beards for such an occasion as the Centennial. Without a lot of student interest this year can turn out to be no different from any other, except for the administration's plans. And they, too, need student interest behind them.

Mr. Howes is to be commended for his attempt at initiating such a project. We hope his idea catches on. Maybe faculty members would be willing to join the party, too. Or will our famous student apathy send this idea to an early and unwarranted death?

Enlistment Now No Guarantee Of GI Benefits

The opinion that men students who enlist in the armed forces before Jan. 31 will not receive 36 months of schooling at government expenses was confirmed yesterday by a letter from the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

The letter, received by Dean of Men Frank J. Simes, points out that a recent order of President Dwight D. Eisenhower "terminates accumulation of benefits after Jan. 31 for all those now in service or joining before that date."

Thus, enlisting in the armed forces now will not guarantee educational benefits in the future.

However, the letter indicated, Congressman Olin E. Teague (D-Tex.) chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, has announced the first order of business of his committee will be to consider a bill to make possible the full accumulation of 36-months of veterans' educational benefits by men who enter service before Jan. 31.

Teague feels men already in service would feel the government had broken faith with them if their accumulation of benefits was ended on Jan. 31.

At its recent annual convention, the land-grant group, of which the University is a member, maintained that veterans' benefits should be retained "for as long as Selective Service for extended active military duty is continued."

The United States Chamber of Commerce has recommended discontinuance of the veterans' educational program as "unnecessary."

Simes reported Tuesday that several men had withdrawn from the University because of an apparent misunderstanding about the Presidential order terminating benefits.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:45	As You Believe
8:00	Concert Cameos
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10:30	Thought for the Day