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Simes' Statement: Sign of the Times

Dean Simes' statement yesterday concerning the decrease in student disciplinary cases this semester climaxes a term of steadily improving student conduct.

In his statement Dean Simes referred particularly to disciplinary cases among fraternity men and men living in residence halls. According to the dean, cases this year have decreased both in number and seriousness of offense.

He attributed this decrease to a great extent to the addition of housemothers in fraternity programs and the revision of residence hall rooming.

Conduct improvement this semester, however, goes even farther than fraternity and dormitory men. A somewhat conscientious attitude toward good behavior seems to have taken hold of the entire student body the past few months.

This is not to say the University still doesn't have its share of rules violators and "disturbers of the peace." An occasional lavatory demolition, or a toothpaste or water battle, will probably be staged ad infinitum in a school the size of the University.

However, the all-over picture is the factor that it is stretching toward a high level. The

Penn game half-holiday showed this to a certain extent when students survived an entire weekend in Philadelphia without bringing home a single letter or phone call of official complaint. The Pitt game weekend carried the theme even farther—it, too, was followed by no official complaints of bad conduct.

These are of course outstanding examples. Perhaps even more significant than they is the minimum of individual disciplinary cases taken before the administration this semester. It shows either the student courts are finding solutions to the cases brought before them without referring many to the dean of men, or there is a scarcity of cases to recommend. Either reason, or a combination of the two, is commendable.

We said above Dean Simes' statement climaxed a term of general good behaviour. However, it in no way puts an end to the matter or offers an excuse to slacken off on the conscientiousness angle. The dean's statement should, rather, be taken as a challenge—to reach a stage where good conduct is the norm, and comments either urging or praising it are unnecessary.

—Peggy McClain

A Day's Wages

The services which the Student Employment Service renders for students are obvious. But a little known fact is that the service handles daily a greater number of employment opportunities than applicants to fill them.

This would indicate either there are not many students who need employment or many students are unaware of the diversity of the program of the Service.

Probably the latter answer is more the case. The Student Employment Service has jobs of one kind or another for any student who may need one or is interested enough to inquire about one.

Many students who may feel their academic schedules leave little time for a part time job, but still feel one would be desirable, will find jobs at the employment office which can be done almost at their convenience and still give the necessary financial aid.

The diversity of the opportunities which the service can provide would surprise many students who have not as yet inquired about them. At present, the service is engaged in an extensive annual program of contacting for summer camp and resort jobs.

The Student Employment Service is organized for the specific purpose of helping students. But it can do so only if students are willing to help themselves.

—Al Klimcke

Time Won't Wait—

Contrary to a current misconception, the clocks in women's dormitories are not set a few minutes ahead of Old Main's pace.

The clocks are set according to Eastern Standard (or Daylight) Time as announced by the major radio networks each hour, regardless of the situation in the tower of Old Main.

Women students returning to their dormitories at the prescribed times for weekdays and weekends must rely solely on the verdict of the dormitory clocks.

Also contrary to belief, the clocks are not always ahead of Old Main's, but occasionally are just as likely to be behind.

What leads to the misconception is that when the dormitory clocks are ahead, students get caught and penalized. When they're behind, no one notices it.

—A. K.

Health Help

There are no first aid facilities in the men's dormitories.

The Association of Independent Men is now trying to obtain first aid kits from the University to be placed in all counselors' rooms. So far the AIM officers report they have met with little success; the University departments they have visited sympathize with them and send them on to another department.

First aid facilities would be used in the event of minor injuries or in emergency for serious cases until professional care could be secured. Women's dormitories have qualified nurses living with the students.

AIM is commended in its effort and the proper University authorities should come to its assistance.

Six Days Till...

Six 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: Six days remain . . .

Safety Valve—

Yes, Beards!

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the letter published in the Daily Collegian Jan. 6 about the female view point on beards, I feel the young lady (who prefers to have her name withheld for obvious reasons) shows evident lack of school spirit and sustains a downright narrow-minded, selfish point of view.

She says she gets nauseous when she thinks of extracting a kiss from within a beard . . . She also tells in her letter the disgrace we males would have due to our beards during the vacation between the semesters. I disagree completely. I will proudly display my beard because I am proud of Penn State, and am happy to celebrate this, its 100th birthday.

Thus men, to celebrate our 100th birthday, let's grow beards—don't let our Centennial year pass by without doing your share. My regrets to the ROTC men; as this is a land grant University, it can't be helped. However, this group by far doesn't include all the men. Let's go, fellows, don't weaken so the females' fickle ways. Let's show our school spirit and grow a beard.

—William H. Shaw

TO THE EDITOR: I am shocked! Can the opinions expressed by Miss Name Withheld actually be representative of the feelings of the girls at Penn State? If so, I have fears that American womanhood as we have known it is on the way out. What has become of the Mary Todd Lincolns (whose husband signed the grant of the land we stand on)? What has become of the Julia Dent Grants, the Louisa Fredrici Codys, the Mary McAllister Beavers and the Fannie Washburn Athertons?

It is to be assumed that all of these great women, who inspired great men with great beards, also kissed them, and probably without growing the least bit "nauseated."

Is it possible that women of this cut no longer abound in our land? If this is true, I for one am sorry to see them go.

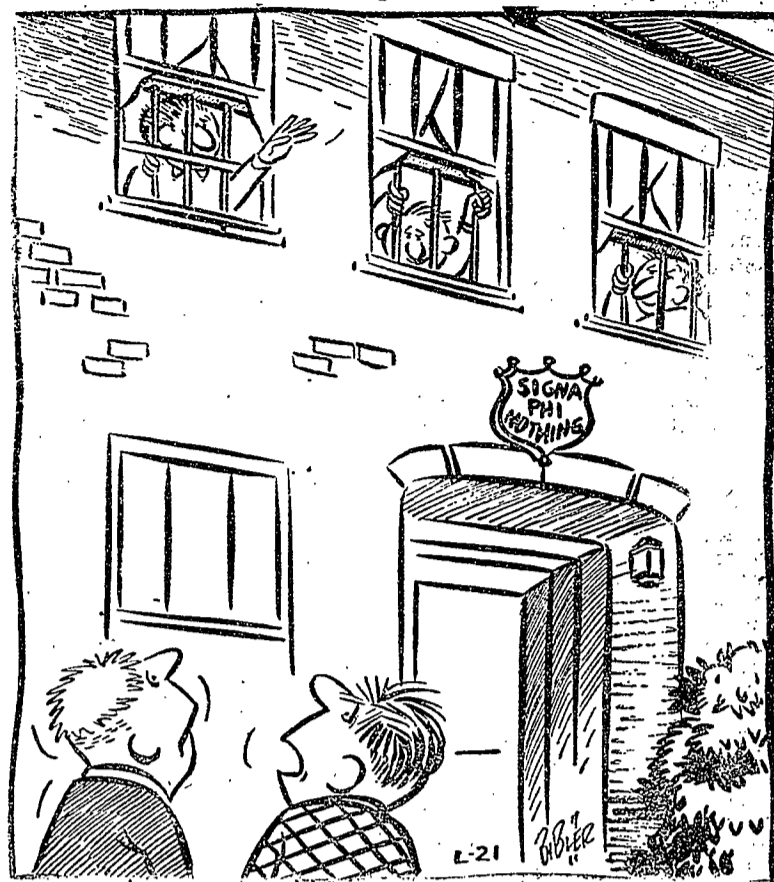
—Lash Howes

Gazette . . .

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Janet Bellen, Merlin Clater, Sally Collins, Thomas C. Davis, Matthew Friedberg, Margaret E. J. Jannette Kohli, Charlotte Lutinski, Joan MacKenzie, Mary Mayea, Lois Niederhauser, Harvey Nixon, Eve Oarnis, Donald Shaw, Donna Smith, John Stalma, Willis Thompson, Jay Tolson, and Sandra Weitzman.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I think we should ask the 'grand master' to rearrange the beds in the pledges' room."

TV and Newspapers

Singing In The Wilderness

By EDMUND REISS

An especially interesting thing, at least to University students, to be done in 1955 is the televising of lectures over a closed circuit. We are still undecided on the merits and demerits of such a plan, but we could easily be swayed to the negative side if we hear any more comments like the one that recently came to our attention.

It was pointed out this idea of televising special classes could be continued and enlarged to include all courses. Further, this could be done nationally from all educational centers, and then, to save money, universities could be done away with, and all classes could be televised directly from Washington.

This would also serve to eliminate the general need for professors, and because of this cut-down, intelligent people would be dissuaded from entering the unpractical field of teaching, for there would be very few job openings.

These people, instead of wasting their time thus, would be directed to more beneficial occupations where they would be able to serve the world.

This belief thinks lectures only are sufficient to give a student a full understanding of a subject, and, therefore, discussion classes would also be dropped, again as being unnecessary. However, for the less intelligent students, there would still be libraries to use in acquiring extra knowledge.

It is granted this point of view is rather Swiftian in character, but in a streamlined age what could be more fair and popular than streamlined education given to all by a beneficent government.

After seeing the prediction of a Michigan State physician to be false and the world would probably not end for a while, we began feeling the year of 1955 would be an exciting one, full of surprises and startling changes.

We really were happy the world would continue in the state we know it, for we like life, that is, as long as we will be allowed to wear a beard.

Still, while looking at a newspaper from one of Philadelphia's more advanced suburbs, we saw something which made us sit back and wonder. This startling gem appeared in a comic strip and showed some boys in a sled approaching the top of a hill from a side marked 1953, ready to descend to a side called 1954, and they were shouting "Happy New Year." The dates in the comic were incorrect.

We considered the idea that the artist of the comic was content with the way things had been going and was unwilling to face

the fact a new and different year was approaching. Instead, he wanted 1954 to happen all over again.

Four Grants Are Approved By University

The University has approved research grants provided by four companies for studies in the College of Mineral Industries.

A study of age-hardenable and precipitation-hardenable brasses will be conducted under the provisions of a \$4000 research grant made to the University by the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company.

The work will be conducted in the department of metallurgy under the direction of Dr. Harold J. Read, professor of physical metallurgy.

The Hercules Powder Company has provided \$10,000 for research on the use of chemicals in the secondary recovery of petroleum. The study will be directed by Dr. John C. Calhoun, professor and head of the department of petroleum and natural gas engineering.

The Stackpole Carbon Company has provided \$3000 for research on carbon types, the study to be directed by Dr. Philip L. Walker, associate professor and head of the department of fuel technology.

A grant of \$2500 from the Gulf Research and Development company will provide a fellowship in mining engineering, to be directed by Arnold Asman, professor of mining engineering and head of the department of mining.

Choir Director Better

Mrs. Willa C. Taylor, chapel choir director, is reported recovering satisfactorily from an appendectomy in the Philipsburg Hospital. Mrs. Taylor was admitted to the hospital Saturday.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Starlite Serenade
8:30	Marquee Memories "Two on the Aisle"
9:15	News
9:30	Master's Palette
10:30	Thought for the Day