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Action Needed to Overhaul 'Firetraps'

"Engineering Buildings A, B, and C are STILL firetraps!"

So says an editorial in the current issue of the Engineering Newsletter by Barry Mills, the editor of the paper. At the same time Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, announces that an inspector from the State Labor and Industry Board had checked the buildings.

This step in the right direction comes after two months of crusading by the Newsletter. First the paper just printed student opinion and appeals that something be done. Today's issue brings in an authority with a technical knowledge of fire hazards—Thomas H. Sauers, Jr., State College fire chief.

Sauers answered five prepared questions concerning conditions in the three engineering units, knowing at the time his statements would be quoted. After saying he knew of the build-ings, he said in their present condition they are not safe to hold classes in and are certainly fire hazards.

He described these hazards as the wooden floors soaked with oil, no fire escapes from the upper stories, and an elevator shaft in building B which provides a flue for fumes from the basement to the third floor. He added that so far he knew of nothing the University had done to eliminate this situation and he had never been asked for advice.

Finally, he pointed out two ways to mitigate these hazards. He recommended fire escapes for third and second floors and the installation

of an adequate fire warning system.

It seems this information proves conclusively that steps must be taken and the University officials can no longer dismiss the case with a mere "no comment." The Newsletter has un-earthed the facts; now it is up to the University to correct the ills.

The inspection of the buildings which Mr. Wiegand reports today indicates the criticisms of the units have carried home. The results of the inspector's visit won't be available until they have been evaluated by Samuel K. Hostet-ter, University comptroller. The "no comment" rule has been clapped on again.

One thing must be pointed out. It is fine for the borough fire chief to substantiate the claims of students that the buildings are un-safe and for the University to call in an in-spector, but final success lies in action. To quote the Newsletter, "We wait while the peo-ple of authority gamble with OUR lives for another month."

More Money?

Apparently Penn State isn't the only insti-tution trying to fight apathy. The state legis-lature is going through the same ordeal. Last week a cry echoed from Harrisburg deriding the legislators for being absent from sessions without "legal excuses."

Speaker of the House Hiram Andrews has put part of the blame for absenteeism on the fact that legislators are underpaid. A bill is in the wind now in the General Assembly to give representatives and Senators a boost in their expense accounts.

Opinion among supporters of the bill seems to be "give legislators enough money to meet the cost of living, and they'll be able to afford to be conscientious law makers."

Governor George M. Leader himself said he thought state legislators were among the most underpaid people in government. According to the governor, state employment is coming closer to a full-time job. From this we suspect he has the possibility of annual sessions of the legis-lature, instead of biennial ones, in mind. This, obviously, would warrant higher salaries.

If Speaker Andrews is right—that absentee-ism is the result of "too low salaries"—possibly a hike in pay is just what our law makers need to get them back at their desks.

—Peggy McClain

High Praise

The Centre Daily Times, in an editorial last week, commended University students for their service to the townspeople through Greek Week work projects.

Let's live up to the Times' high praise again this year.

—P.M.

Gazette...

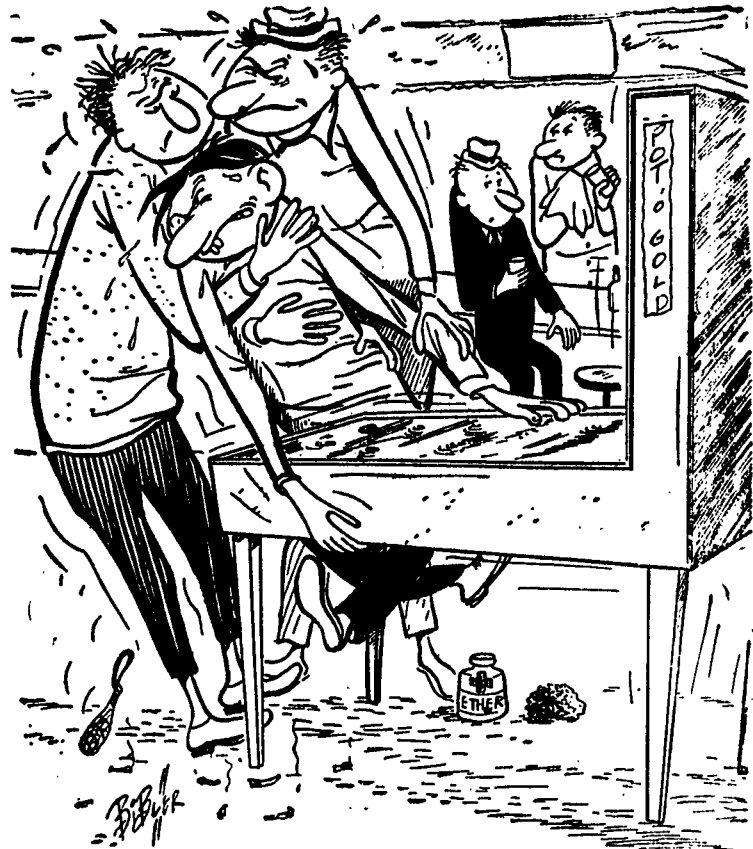
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BOOK EXCHANGE CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 102 Willard
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COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
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Woman's Building
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Living Center
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Jane Schrope.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"And then about two months ago he joined Pin Ball Anonymous."

—Widely Scattered—

Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

DEBATERS' CONGRESS—

Saturday was the second day of the Interstate Debaters' Congress sponsored annually by the Penn State teams. Schools from six states, we are told, came here to perform in a mock assembly and attempt to pass bills, one for subsidized education and one dealing with the southeast Asia situation.

It seemed the debaters were having as much trouble as our professional bill-passers in Har-risburg and Washington. The edu-cation bill, which was debated Saturday morning, was buffeted by 19 proposed amendments, and for all the trouble not one of the changes was passed.

Aby conducted by Ben Sin-clair, a member of the Penn State men's team, the session rolled on with great smoothness and logical progression. It made local obser-vers mumble wishes that their fraternity, sorority, club, class, or bull session could move along as orderly. Maybe even All-Univer-sity Cabinet could learn a lesson.

Actually, however, there was one very bad thing about the Congress that was especially noticeable to the outside obser-ver: the salons are too busy play-ing politics. This evil, that plagues even the professionals, kept the participants from real-ly losing themselves in the de-bate for fear of offending some-one they were counting on for support.

In the elections of officers for next year, the process was func-tioning at its best. The machine moved, and the Congress fol-lowed. Maybe these people learned to be all-round politicians, but it ruined their chances of be-ing statesmen.

DORM STATISTICS—

Donald Shoemaker, currently keeping his eye on the two labor unions for University employees for the Daily Collegian, has brought in some interesting sta-tistics on supplies for women's dorms that seem to be of some consequence. They were dished out during a report on work loads at a union meeting.

This is what an average dorm-itory for 400 women students con-sumed in one average month:
2313 sheets.
2101 pillow cases.

- 179 towels.
- 29 dish towels.
- 62 tea towels.
- 182 shower curtains.
- 25 bath mats.
- 91 wash cloths.
- 123 linen towels.
- 14 bed pads.

This, for your further informa-tion, made a total of 5119 pieces weighing a total of 4550 pounds.

About the only conclusions we could draw from this impressive list were that the ladies' dorms are very clean, indeed. Also, fig-uring four changes a month, we deduce 53 women do not use pil-lows in this dorm and there must be roughly 45½ showers in the building.

HUB OFFICE SPACE—

Reliable sources have informed us the Interfraternity Council is in the midst of making a consti-tutional change to enable it to use its new office space in the Hetzel Union Building.

The change will establish a sort of controlling board to run the office in the absence of the elected officers. This is what happens when a group suddenly falls owner of something so nice; it takes a constitutional revision to handle it.

TELEVISION JACKETS—

Word has reached University Park that the enthusiastic student, and the one who can afford tele-vision, can now personalize his set with school colors and letters.

The Raytheon Manufacturing Co. of Chicago has introduced a
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Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:35	Sign On
7:38	Paris Star Time
8:00	Behind the Lecturn
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	Informally Yours
9:15	News
9:30	This World of Music
10:30	Thought for the Day

Big Day at HUB

It's a big day on campus today. The HUB opens!

After two years of waiting, students can now move into the spacious student union building. Make the most of it—the HUB is for your pleasure. It includes everything from cafeterias to grand pianos.

It's the concrete result of thousands of dol-lars put aside, and just as many man-hours of labor and planning. Students have many per-sons to thank for this building, and the best way to do this is to put the grand building to the best use possible.

So let's welcome the HUB. It's your building.
—P.M.

Safety Valve—

Brave and Tattered --

TO THE EDITOR: The easiest way to tell that Penn State is 100 years old is to glance at the flags while walking in front of Old Main.

The poor State flag is so tattered and torn that it easily could be mistaken for a pirate banner or the last remnant of the panty raid. Although "Old Glory" is somewhat less torn, it is faded far past the burning stage.

If there is no fund for purchasing new flags, maybe Cabinet can allocate one or the senior class can donate a portion of its gift fund.

Let's have a decent funeral for the old flyers, and start the second 100 years with new flags.
—Aner Carlstrom

TO THE EDITOR: Over the weekend with the beautiful weather, the opening of the HUB, the eastern wrestling championships, and the de-baters congress, there were many visitors on campus. Although Old Main looked her usual beautiful self, in front of her were two things which certainly detracted from, if not marred the perfect picture.

I refer to those two shredded things flying from the flag poles. The State flag was ripped almost three quarters of the length and about a third of the depth. The National Colors were shredded for about ten inches. They were really a mess.

It seemed especially out of place this par-ticular weekend, with all the above mentioned visitors. Surely there were many pictures taken of our Old Main with very battered flags.

Maybe the senior class should donate a sup-ply of flags if the University can't keep decent ones flying.
—Terry McName

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