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## Student Special Fiasco Sign of Negligence

Sometimes there is no excuse for making a mistake. Such is the case with the student special in the Terrace Room of the Hetzel Union Building which has cost more at the special price than at a la carte prices several times since its inception.

The people in charge are more than willing to admit red-facedly that on at least two occasions there has been a mistake, and it was possible to buy the same items cheaper by the item than grouped together under the student special. They assure us it will not happen again.

We will be the first to grant these people in food service that mistakes can be made, but why do they always have to be made when they affect the students' pocketbooks? When food service has done such a fine job designing, equipping, and staffing the dining facilities in the HUB, why must there be a foul-up on that last important item, the prices?

Food service, while providing a student necessity quite adequately, often proves unsympathetic to the student as a human being. In the striving for the efficiency of institutional feeding, the personal touch is all too often lost. The feeling is that the student should be glad to get what he is getting for the reasonable price he is paying.

Thus food service treats students. When there are complaints, the authorities are more than glad to soothe out the trouble for the sake of good public relations. Normally, however, these people are about as willing to pay enthusiastic attention to students as a father to a hungry baby at 3 a.m. on a cold night.

We would like to see food service watch out for student needs as they pretend to. The ob-

ject of a student special is to save the student a few cents a day, but yesterday the 80-cent special cost only 76 cents a la carte. Let's not worry about decor, streamlined service, and how we look to an outsider. Food service is here to serve the student and this includes saving him money.

There are no excuses—and apologies are rather weak for actions such as the student special fiasco.

## Unneeded 'Buffer'

The proposal that All-University presidential candidates' scholastic average requirements be raised from 1.0 to 1.3 is most generous. It is intended to allow these officers a "buffer" in case their averages should drop, during a school term, below that figure necessary to remain in activities.

Assumedly, this would prevent the All-University positions from being vacated in the middle of a term in case one or more of the officers didn't quite make the "academic grade."

It would be equally generous to set aside a trust fund for these officers in case they overspent their compensations and needed some more cash to remain in school.

It would be far more realistic to raise the scholastic average for all activity participation to the extent that a slate of academically capable student leaders would be assured, and Cabinet would not have to worry about losing any of its officers to the plight of the below-

—Peggy McClain

## Safety Valve...

### On 'Pollock Quorum'

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to reply to the editorial in yesterday's Daily Collegian. The editorial has a valid criticism. Pollock Council did not have a quorum at the meeting held last Saturday.

... The meeting on Saturday was a special meeting and not a regularly scheduled meeting; hence, the council members had made previous commitments which did not enable them to attend the meeting.

Another factor, I believe, is the present constitution of the Pollock Council. The constitution requires that a quorum consist of at least 13 members. Pollock Council presently has a total membership of 18.

The council needs more than a majority of the membership to conduct business. This aspect shall be corrected soon since a new constitution for Pollock Council is being drafted.

The editorial also pointed out that this is the first time this semester Pollock Council failed to have a quorum present. This, indeed, is remarkable since the constitution requires a quorum of such a great number.

Pollock Council has a problem. The council recognizes the problem and the council is taking action to resolve the problem.

—Harry Martini  
President, Pollock Council

### A New Approach --

TO THE EDITOR: I note the Daily Collegian has long been concerned with the alleged apathy of the student body toward campus affairs. More particularly . . . that those male students who are not members of fraternities show insufficient interest in the conduct of student government. The traditional proof of this apathy has been the small turnout at student elections.

... As a solution I propose a somewhat different use of an old democratic tool. The referendum . . . it would increase the participation in elections of those students who are not interested in "politics."

Specifically I would recommend that certain important questions be placed in referendum before the student body as part of the spring elections. If more student interest in student government is the goal, then this is the workable means of obtaining that goal.

... Certainly we in a community of selected scholars can follow William Jennings Bryan in our own local student government when he said, "We are willing to submit any question that concerns the people of this country to the people themselves."

• Letter Cut

—Arthur Greenstein

## Gazette...

Today  
AIM BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 7:30 p.m., 108 Willard  
BIZ-AD BULLETIN, candidates and staff, 7 p.m., 11 Sparks  
CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 3 Sparks  
NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rosary, 4:30 p.m.; Novena, 7 p.m., Church; Choir Practice following Novena  
OUTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Rec Hall  
PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, 7 p.m., 102 Willard  
PERSHING RIFLES, 7 p.m., Armory; Class A Uniforms

PHI MU ALPHA, 9:15 p.m., 100 Carnegie  
PLAYERS' ADVERTISING CREW, 6:45 p.m., Schwab loft  
RIFLE CLUB, 7 p.m., Rec Hall

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Douglas Bastian, James Bates, Herbert Bouquin, Donald Chapman, Joan Chase, Nancy Eaker, Margaret Fisher, Lawrence Golden, Dianne Herold, Roberta Lerch, Mary Ann Lewis, Paul Merkel, Kenneth McClymonds, Frederick Montanari, Sheldon Odland, Evelyn Onsa, Richard Ormsby, Francis Parshall, Louis Schneider, Shelia Teplitz.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Now that we've boiled your paper down to this relevant material—I think you're ready to rewrite."

### That Word—

## Adam's Other Rib

By PEGGY McCLAIN

For years and years Penn State students have been waging a major battle with themselves and each other over indifference, unconcern—all the words that end up with the general label of apathy.

The word is overused (and often misused). But regardless of just what source it stems from, apathy (in its truest sense) is with us on campus, and seemingly to a very significant extent this semester.

This is not to say there is no room for apathy—were it discarded, those seeking advancement, we fear, would find far too much competition to make much gain.

But let's think a little beyond the campus as such, and take a look at what apathy means in a student's "life,"—not as a student, necessarily, and not as the proverbial "student body being exploited by those junior thieves of student rights," but just as a person.

In the first place, we will probably all agree that campus organizations, if isolated, mean little. Standing alone, they scarcely warrant the constant drives for support. Each, if dissolved, could probably be replaced by another with grand success.

All-University Cabinet, Women's Student Government Association, even the Daily Collegian—none of these are indispensable. They are merely the symbol on campus of government and the press, and the same symbols could be vested in another governing body and another newspaper.

In the same breath, we must admit that none of the leaders of these groups, and for that mat-

ter no student on this campus is any less dispensable to the University—valuable, perhaps, but replaceable.

BUT—we don't think this way. These groups and these persons, to us, cannot be replaced. Should we view our entire environment with such a callous eye, we would soon find ourselves without any form of security or stabilizing factor to hold onto while we're trying to get through life.

Objectively, every "thing" around us is only a symbol. But in our own minds, these same things are very real.

Students aren't going to find conditions much different when they are graduated. The groups will be a little different, the pressure for interest probably

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### Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:25 Sign On  
7:30 Stand By  
8:00 Open to Question  
8:30 Masterworks from France  
9:00 Call Card  
9:15 News  
9:30 Light Classical Jukebox  
10:30 Thought for the Day

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