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University Kills Forum: Cultural Void?

Another broad educational outlet was closed yesterday with the announcement that the State College Community Forum will be discontinued.

The Centennial Year, while seeing many outstanding events dot the University calendar, has been one which has also seen the end of some of the annual extra-curricular activities which supplemented the classroom in providing a liberal education. Probably the other most noteworthy loss was the failure of the students to produce a literary magazine.

We mourn this as another step toward the death of "culture" at Penn State. Culture is enclosed in quotes to point out it is not used in the snobbish sense, but refers to the learning the student should get in addition to attending a minimum number of classes, having three meals a day, sleeping eight hours, and partying each Saturday night.

Community Forum vacated its niche in the culture corner for the same reasons which licked Inking, the extinct campus literary magazine. They were: inadequate funds available, lack of community interest and support,

and desire by people for entertainment such as the forum is not organized to provide.

Looking at any of the yearly bills of fare should more than convince the doubters of the worth of the forum. Just this year it featured Clifton Fadiman, Agnes Moorehead, Carlos Romulo, James Hepbrun, and Ferdinand Kuhn for \$4.40. To mention one, Romulo is now billed as the leading orator at the conference of African and Asian nations in Bandung, Indonesia.

Attendance at the forum presentations has been slipping for some time as all members of the University community, students, faculty, administration, and townspeople, have ignored the offerings of the groups. It is sad that the members of the Penn State family have to turn out a broadening influence like this in the Centennial Year.

All that was asked by Community Forum was that some 1200 people, out of the 12,000 students and similar number of residents of the State College area, attend the presentations. It is dead and with it dies another stab at bringing "culture" to the Nittany Valley.

One-Way Traffic Needed on Shortlidge

All-University Cabinet got its fingers slapped yesterday when Physical Plant Director Walter Wiegand declared unfeasible its recommendation that Shortlidge road be made a one-way street on weekends.

Before Easter vacation, Cabinet passed a recommendation that the street be made one-way (with traffic running south down the hill) from midnight to 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturdays. However, when Mr. Wiegand was approached with the idea, he said that such an arrangement would only add to the confusion.

This is questionable. Nothing short of an earthquake could add to the confusion that now exists on Shortlidge road on weekend nights.

At present, traffic travels both up and down the road. Drivers park on either side of the street. The result is a four-lane lineup of cars on a road built for two-lane traffic.

To add to the confusion, the parked cars are pointed both north and south on both sides of the road. Cars also are moving both north and south along the center of the road in a steady stream. The parked cars are trying to nudge their way from all angles into the moving line.

And in the process of this migration, pedestrians must risk their lives trying to cross the road.

If a one-way plan were put into effect, the road would at least be reduced to a three-lane traffic. Granted, cars would park on either side of the road, but the moving stream would be one line only.

This reduction in the number of lanes alone would improve the condition.

Mr. Wiegand's opinion that students would not obey the one-way traffic regulation is also questionable. The fact that students have requested such a traffic plan suggests that they recognize the need for improved conditions on Shortlidge road.

If students were informed of the regulation, the majority of them would obey. Those few who would violate any traffic law would soon find it impossible to move upstream against a steady lane of traffic moving downhill.

The students have asked that this regulation be put into effect. By this, they have taken the first step toward remedying a perilous condition. The Physical Plant owes it to the students to at least try the plan.

—Peggy McClain

A Note of Thanks—

Thanks!

Speaking for many of the June candidates for degrees, we would like to thank the administrative officials and the representatives of the senior class responsible for making an alternate, indoor commencement available in case of "extreme" weather conditions. This is what the majority wanted.

Despite a dislike by many for the commotion raised in discussing the issue, the end result was good in that the students were able to convey their wishes to those in charge. This has created additional trouble and expense in arranging the indoor ceremony, but it will pay off in the event of "extreme" weather.

We are glad to see a ceremony guaranteed for the Centennial Year commencement exercises.

No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings.—Blake

Gazette...

- Today
- ALL-UNIVERSITY CABINET FOODS COMMITTEE, 7:15 p.m., 109 Waring
 - ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, 8 p.m., 203 Willard
 - CLOVER CLUB, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB
 - COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 111 Carnegie
 - COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
 - COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., business office
 - FROTH AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth office, HUB
 - FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, all boards and all interested, 6:30 p.m., 303 Willard.
 - NEWMAN CLUB, DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Church
 - PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Psychology Laboratory
 - SOPHOMORE CLASS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 8 p.m., 216 HUB
 - YOUNG REPUBLICANS CLUB, 7 p.m., HUB
 - UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
 - John Akers, Sidney Brindley, Joseph Casarin, Sally Collins, Franklin Cortese, Brent Curtis, Harold Dunlap, Melford Hersey, Richard Johnson, Gene Kessler, Diane Krause, John Ostroski, Edward Patrick, Ted Rockafellow, Charlene Rubin, Clifford Strenko.
 - STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
 - The following camps will interview students: Conrad Weiser, April 21; Menatoma, April 22, 23; Kon-o-wee, April 23; Sinking Creek, April 28, 29. Sign for interviews in 112 Old Main.

UN Charter Revision Possible — Atwater

By LARRY JACOBSON

Revision of the United Nations' charter might possibly be the biggest factor affecting the UN as it enters its second decade, Dr. Elton Atwater, associate professor of political science, said at the Faculty Luncheon Club yesterday.

A provision was made for charter revision at the San Francisco Conference in 1945. This is the year that revision may take place, and the United States is pushing the idea of revision, Dr. Atwater said.

The UN has come a long way in 10 years, he said, but there are many weaknesses in its structure which could conceivably be mended by a revision of the charter. However, revision will be difficult to accomplish, since Russia is sure

to use the veto to overrule any idea objectionable to her, Dr. Atwater said.

During the past 10 years, there have been two main fields of UN endeavor: collective security and economic and social aid, he said. The UN has made great progress in the latter field, but has been very disappointing in the former, Dr. Atwater said. There are many people who feel the UN should be allowed to maintain a police force and control armament in the member nations, he said. But any changes along this line would, in all likelihood, be vetoed by Russia, he said.

Therefore, most charter changes will probably affect the field of economic and social aid, Dr. Atwater said. It is in this field, he said, that the UN holds the most hope for the next decade. In all likelihood,

the problem of collective security will have to be dealt with through the present methods being employed, he said.

The use of the UN General Assembly for the settlement of disputes instead of the Security Council is the one hope for better results in the field of collective security, Dr. Atwater said. Of course, he added, without Security Council approval, the UN cannot act as a body. But if the General Assembly approves any security action, he said, separate members of the UN may act accordingly.

"The United Nations is only as much as the member nations contribute," Dr. Atwater said. Charter revision only deals with the mechanical operation of the UN, he said; it is up to the members to use the humane and social parts for the improvement of the world.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Hello, Records Office? Miss Slavson has just withdrawn from 'cooking 281!'"

—Some Philosophical—

Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN—

It must be tough to not be a student. It must be very difficult to sit on the other side of the table in dealing with students and yet have to think like students. No wonder non-students get gray hair.

With this in mind, we would like to try to explain to the harassed administrator or instructor the way a student looks at things and expects others to look at them also. Remember, you can please some of the people all the time, all the people some of the time, but not all the people all the time.

First, the student likes to feel important. This is a common desire among all people, but the student does not think he is always one of the common people. The big difficulty is that the student is only willing to be made to think he is important for his first three years; the senior year, he sees through the niceties and wants the truth and real importance.

All too often, the elders "throw him a bone" so he will think he is the man of decision when in reality the course has already been set for him. At other times he is given the job of ax-man under the impression he is actually deciding the fate. Eventually, after three years, he sees through this.

When he does come up with something he thinks is a good idea, he is very proud of it. Most of the time he is satisfied to just busy himself with internal affairs, but occasionally he has a brainstorm which is worth a try. He hates to be told it will not work.

He is from Missouri and has to be shown. Hating to go down without a fight, he at least wants his ideas to be given a try. None are more humble or red-faced than the student; however, when his idea is proven unsound.

The average student comes to the University full of visions of how he is going to get into activities and give the college community the benefit of his skills and ideas. While a school of this size offers the facilities and outlets to do this, the somewhat impersonal atmosphere is not too conducive to encouraging this.

Ninety-nine per cent need a bit of prodding, well-placed congratulations for jobs well done, and large amounts of hints on how to accomplish things. He is the place where thoughts and works come from, but they do not come unaided.

Once he gets an idea, as mentioned before, he is justly proud of it and will pursue it until the "last dog is hung." Often, to the old sages, he may seem over-zealous, but seldom is his drive for an end prompted by improper motives. It comes from the new

areas open to him through his education and his independence.

When his thoughts and works are twisted towards ends not for a better Penn State, this often is the result of his good intentions being ignored or belittled. Then he decides there is no place for constructive action and his dream of college activities bursts. He either gives up and retires from student endeavors or goes out all for himself and not for the school.

Yes, non-students, the student is a rather complex individual in a very formative period. He needs training, encouragement, congratulations, understanding, cooperation, and sincerity. While to your conservative and well-tempered ways he seems impetuous, he is ambitious without bounds and should not be taken advantage of.

HEC Elections To Be Held

Elections for officers of the Home Economics Student Council will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Home Economics Living Center.

The nominations committee will present the following slate of officers: president, Nancy Scholl, fourth semester home economics major; Susan Hill, fourth semester home economics major; and John Seastone, sixth semester hotel administration major. Secretary-treasurer, Leslie Shultz, second semester home economics major; and Elizabeth Beveridge, fourth semester home economics major.

The nominees for vice president will automatically be the two that do not receive the presidency. Nominations from the floor will be accepted before the final ballot is taken.

Pollock Council to Meet Tonight

Pollock Council will meet at 7 tonight in the council room of Nittany 20.

Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:25 ----- Sign On
 - 7:30 ----- Marquee Memories
 - 8:00 ----- Behind the Lectern
 - 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