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Spring Fever Antics: Loaded with Dynamite

Somebody tried to start something last night in the West Dorm courtyard. It looked like the start of what was billed as a "panty raid" four springs ago.

It is not necessary to plead with students at the University asking they not indulge in such a juvenile undertaking again. This is not necessary because University administrators have already announced their intentions of suspending or expelling any student who incites or contributes to such a situation.

Students are not being dared to do something by this statement, but rather they are being warned of what the consequences will be if they do. Thus there can be no plea of ignorance of the regulations if someone is caught. It also mandates that the University take action since student conduct has forced a stand to be taken. There can be no backing down.

This statement is not a bit of punishment trumped up to meet the occasion but is an application of rules in the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students. They provide that any individual shall be responsible for conducting himself in a manner not prejudicial to the name and reputation of the University.

Frankly, this action should have been unnecessary. The public relations efforts of the

school could be hurt immeasurably by any outburst such as was on the way last night. Student conduct has improved greatly since the past panty raid and destructive antics at football games, and the only indication of undesirable doings were at this winter's Penn-Penn State basketball game.

Since the demonstration happily never reached a climax but died out as it began, it is not possible to label the affair with any descriptive term. Neither is it possible to attribute the source of the disturbance to any one person or group.

Naturally the men who milled and shouted in the courtyard can be censured as responsible for very unbecoming action. Also, however, one must censure the women living in Thompson Hall for their part in encouraging further trouble. Many were seen enticingly hanging from windows or standing about the entrances urging the men on to the attack.

The men should never have begun the rally; better they had played softball. Then, the women should never have encouraged it. A nasty incident was averted and was neutralized, which is to the credit of the students, but it could have been tough—on the University and the students involved.

Last Chance, Frosh!

The freshman year is the time to start building class unity. The freshman class and its officers do not seem to realize this.

Class unity is a difficult thing to achieve. But it is not impossible—if you start early enough. Less than six weeks remain of actual classes, and the freshman class has had but one activity—a Centennial dance.

Go further. Many freshmen, as shown by a limited poll conducted by this writer, do not even know the names of their officers.

The freshman officers might take note of the successful class mixers the sophomore class conducted. Also, the officers might explore the possibilities of having freshmen work with the student appeals boards—recommended by All-University Cabinet last Thursday—if they go into effect.

The class officers might also work with area councils of the Association of Independent Men on problems dealing with freshmen students. Working with the All-University Cabinet committee on the parking situation would be another way for the class officers to serve the students.

The freshmen elected the officers hoping they would find solutions to the many problems facing the class. But all concerned have sat idly by most of the year.

It's getting late, but not too late to start building class unity yet this year. Freshman class officers, start being class leaders. —Ed Dubbs

Safety Valve— Time for Action

TO THE EDITOR: In stating that the All-University Cabinet request that Shortridge Road be made a one-way street on Friday and Saturday nights is unfeasible, Walter Wiegand, director of the Physical Plant, made an unfortunate decision.

The mildest thing one can say about the traffic situation in that area on Friday and Saturday nights is that it is a mess. But perhaps the worst aspect is that nothing is being done about it, and apparently nothing will be done.

It is the duty of the Physical Plant to correct a very real danger and accident hazard. In my opinion they should put into effect Cabinet's proposal and enforce it.

To state that a campus patrolman was necessary when this was tried two years ago and that it failed then, cuts no ice with me. It is sheer negligence not to have a patrolman there now, and until the situation is corrected there should be as many as necessary on duty.

The money for such a patrolman can come from any one of a number of sources—for instance, Traffic Court fines. The point is to solve the problem.

It is high time that certain sections of the administration begin to pay more than lip service to recommendations by Cabinet. After all, the University is here to serve the students and the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. Cabinet represents a good segment of the students and taxpayers, and it is rather tiring to see honest attempts to solve problems rejected with no alternate solution presented. There is a definite problem: we want it solved. —Benjamin Sinclair

It is better to wear out than to rust out . . . —Bishop Richard Cumberland

They can conquer who believe they can. —Virgil

Got a Spare Pint?

Students should start now to gather together all their inclinations toward charity, steel their nerves, and plan to part with a pint of blood. The spring Blood Drive will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday. The Red Cross campus unit has asked for a five-donor minimum from each sorority.

If the minimum is filled, the Red Cross campus unit's goal—300 pints—will be achieved. But this does not mean the campus unit wants 300 pints only. The greater the donations, the more lives will be saved.

Giving blood costs students nothing which they cannot afford. The semester is almost over—students won't miss a little energy right now and they'll have lots of time to re-accumulate their lost corpuses before finals start in May.

But giving blood will pay off for students—in the satisfaction of offering valuable service and help and, more concretely, in making them eligible to draw blood free—should such be necessary—at any hospital in the country which supports a Red Cross blood program.

Give a pint of blood for someone who needs it much more than most University students. End the semester with a final great service. —Peggy McClain

Outstanding—

Life often seems to be one large game of give and take. This has been illustrated by two recent happenings; the announcement of the success of the Salk polio vaccine and the news of the death of the world's outstanding scientist, Albert Einstein.

It happened in two's. As the world was rejoicing over the perfecting of the life sustaining serum, it was plunged into mourning by the death blow which removed the author of the theory of relativity and leader in the fields of nuclear fission and electronics. They were indeed two marks in the calendar year, but of opposite nature.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower has suggested Dr. Jonas Salk receive a proposed distinguished civilian achievement award. Actually, however, we believe Dr. Salk's reward will come each time a child is prepared to ward off polio through the injection of his vaccine. He deserves to feel very "good inside."

Einstein too has received his share of rewards, including the Nobel Prize. No longer can he accept in person. From now on there remains only the homage which will be paid to his name in the realm of science and mathematics.

It has been a time of momentous events, and we have been there. While one has included a death, the accomplishments of both will live on. The two opposites have both pointed in the same direction—ahead.

Gazette . . .

- Today
- ACADEMIC FREEDOM FILM, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, HUB.
- AGRICULTURE EDUCATION CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB.
- ASSOCIATION OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL INTER-NATIONAL, Education Carnival, 7 p.m., Atherton Lounge.
- CHESS CLUB, 7 to 10 p.m., 3 Sparks.
- PHOTO, all interested in editorial staff, candidate's meeting, 7 p.m., Froth office, HUB.
- LIBRARY GUIDES, Liberal Arts Open House, 6:30 p.m., Room S, Library.
- MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Room 214, HUB.
- NEWMAN CLUB, DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., church; NOVENA, 7 p.m., church; Choir Practice, after Novena, church.
- NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries.
- PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, 7 p.m., Weight Room, Rec Hall.
- PERSHING RIFLES, 1900 hours, Class B, Uniform, Armory.
- PHI MU ALPHA, 9 p.m., 100 Carnegie.
- PI LAMBDA THETA, 7:30 p.m., Simmons Lounge.
- PLAYERS, Advertising Crew Meeting, Schwab.
- RIDING CLUB, 217 Willard.
- UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
- Sidney Brindley, Nancy Carver, Joseph Casarin, Sally Collins, Franklin Cortese, Brent Curtis, Harold Dunlap, John Fry, Barbara Hentel, Richard Johnson, Diane Krause, Ted Rockafellow, Charlene Rubin, Clifford Strenke.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Is there a rotten wire to splice on that pole again?"

Leadership 405—

Adam's Other Rib

By PEGGY McCLAIN

New officers are taking over most of the campus organizations. Councils and governing boards are starting to fill up with new representatives. All-University Cabinet is undergoing a gradual turnover in membership.

For the majority of new representatives to these groups, little or no problem exists. They will sit in meetings, many of them completely unaware of what is expected of them, and wait for their terms to unravel and their presidents to tell them what they're supposed to do.

For most of the new officers, their installation presents a much more obvious problem. It is somewhat like a major bluebook—they have a vague awareness of what an officer is supposed to do, and possibly have even gathered up an assignment sheet. But in most cases, the handing over of the president's gavel and the "records" means about a solid week of cramming on past records of the organization, officers' duties, procedure, and so forth.

The officers usually come out all right in the end. After some pretty intense study, they manage to appear generally learned in leadership skills. But inevitably it is a good half semester before these officers and their councilmen get thoroughly oriented and assume leadership naturally.

There is, of course, an answer to this time-wasting situation. If these student leaders had been trained from the time they came on campus for official positions in organizations, and if they had been thoroughly oriented to the problems and implications of leadership, and if by their junior or senior year they were completely familiar with all aspects of the University, a maximum of wasted time, confusion, and minor hysterics could be avoided.

Leadership training programs are tried on campus almost every year. So far, they have proved little more than worthless. They have ended up as resumes of the various techniques of writing business letters and conducting meetings via Parliamentary Procedure, and have conscientiously avoided getting down to brass tacks and making actual studies of campus organizations.

Reportedly, a new program is in the making for next year. Before it falls into the same rut as past ones, let's examine just what an effective program should include.

Delving into Utopia for a few paragraphs, an ideal training program could be set up. First, we must assume that the course would be a prerequisite for all candidates for student govern-

ment positions. Then, we must assume that the course would be both taught and absorbed in complete sincerity.

Roughly, the course would be primarily local, and held possibly two or three hours a week for an entire semester, or even longer. It would include significant history of all major campus organizations, their present status in relation to other groups, the affairs they encompass, and the various levels of authority given officers of the groups.

For instance, a course meeting devoted to Panhellenic Council or Interfraternity Council would delve into the history of the groups, study the progress and changes made from year to year, and determine just what events or actions caused the groups to have particular weak or strong years.

By examining actions taken by the contemporary officers, course members would know what sort of moves in a particular organization assured progress, and what sort would invariably produce stumbling blocks and opposition.

The course could not, of course, make leaders of students who are not leadership material. However, it would almost guarantee that its "graduates" would know the inner-workings and significance of all campus organizations—which is probably the first step toward becoming a campus leader.

Officers and representatives who know what they are doing and why they are doing it are the most competent leaders. Students who make an intense study of campus organizations, before taking over these organizations, know what to do before "they" have to do it.

It stands to reason that officers who know exactly what is expected of them and what must be done for competency's sake, would be a great step forward in reducing wasted time and inefficiency in student government. So be it.

Tonight on WDFM

81.1 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