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Frosh Car Ban: Founded on Good Sense

The importance of the enforcement of the ban on freshmen operating cars in the State College area has been effectively demonstrated by the Senate subcommittee on discipline.

A student was suspended for the spring semester for failure to obey the car ban rule.

This is harsh punishment, but it is justified. It may be difficult for freshmen to comprehend the urgent necessity for this ruling, but a little thought should convince the harshest sceptic.

The facts are these: There are over 12,000 students on campus. A conservative guess as to how many would have access to cars for at least a portion of the school year would be about 2000. Add to this the cars of the faculty, administration, and other University employees and the number of cars that would glut the campus area would be staggering.

Thus, the University is forced to take steps to prevent a free-for-all fight for parking areas on campus which in the end would cause hard feelings by both the faculty and student bodies. And, of course, a mammoth parking problem and traffic tie-up would ensue on campus every school day.

To combat this problem these steps have been taken:

- 1) Women, with the exception of eighth semester students, have been refused permission to have cars. This is a long standing rule and is rarely questioned.
- 2) Parking areas available to students permitted to drive on campus are restricted. This

is another long-standing policy which is rarely questioned.

3) Freshmen are not permitted to operate cars in the State College vicinity. This was instituted as a stop-gap measure to combat the growing parking problem and has often been questioned.

The freshman car ban is not an arbitrary rule stemming from the whim of a high-ranking administration official. Rather, it was born of necessity and may be only a temporary measure. Whether or not the ban becomes permanent may depend on the validity of another reason which prompted the action.

The faculty and administration have long suspected that the alarmingly high flunk-out rate in the freshman class can be directly traced to the large number of cars operated by the yearling students.

The accuracy of this belief can only be tested by the comparative performance of this year's freshman class to those of previous years. Therefore, judgment of this reason will have to be deferred, although it does seem that such a belief would be well-founded.

In the meantime, the freshmen must realize the good sense on which this regulation is based. There is no other logical answer to the problem.

A way has been cleared through the efforts of the Association of Independent Men and the dean of men's office for those who absolutely must have cars to obtain permission to do so.

The rest of the freshman class must simply accept the regulation. To attempt to circumvent it is foolish.

—The Editor

Is Cabinet the Best "Sounding Board"?

During elections All-University Cabinet is often referred to as "the sounding board of student opinion." But catchy as this phrase may sound to students it is little used except to wangle support from traditionally apathetic voters.

It is a good phrase, though, and in this election month maybe it would be wise if Cabinet could re-examine or examine itself to see if it really is the sounding board—to see if it is the best-organized representation of the student body.

As a result of the 1955 Student Encampment the All-University President was asked last week to appoint a committee to look into the possibility of reorganizing Cabinet.

For one thing, the workshop recommended that membership be reconsidered in order that "those seats which do not represent the majority of the students be eliminated with the possibility that membership be extended to groups not now represented in that body."

With this conception of the apparent purpose of having a Cabinet the workshop committee suggested:

1. That the following groups be specifically reconsidered: Women's Recreation Association,

Athletic Association, the board of Dramatics and Forensics, and the Board of Publications.

2. That, as possible replacements or additions, the extension of an invitation to the president of the Graduate Student Council and a Foreign Student representative.

To begin with, it is not all together fair to assume Cabinet seats must represent a majority of students. In actuality, if not by definition, Cabinet is a hodge-podge of special interest groups—WRA, AA, Panhellenic Council, Association of Independent Men, Leonides, Interfraternity Council, Board of Dramatics and Forensics, Board of Publications, the eight councils, and the four classes.

And the object for being assigned a seat on the sounding board should be according to scope, influence, and contact with campus affairs—not necessarily according to the number of students that elect a legislator to office or the enrollment he claims to represent.

If this is true the problem of the reorganizational committee will not be to determine how an individual gets on Cabinet, rather it will be to determine the relative importance of the group he represents.

—Jackie Hudgins

Gazette...

- Today
- BELLES LETTRES CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Northeast Atherton Lounge
 - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., 218 Willard
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 108 Willard
 - FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:15 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
 - FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Froth Office in HUB basement
 - INSTITUTE OF RADIO ENGINEERS AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, 7:30 p.m., 220 Electrical Engineering
 - LAVIE SPORTS STAFF, 7:30 p.m., 412 Old Main
 - NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 309 Hetzel Union
 - NEWMAN CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., New Church Hall
 - NEWMAN CLUB PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, 7:45 p.m., New Church Hall
 - PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 212 Hetzel Union
 - PENN STATE CAMERA CLUB, 7 p.m., 215 Hetzel Union
 - PENN STATE JAZZ CLUB, 8:30 p.m., 105 White Hall
- University Hospital
Challen Bonar, Gerald Bordin, Janet Cornell, Bernice Fastow, Herbert Garfinkle, Lilly Johnson, Barbara Kline.

4 Scholarships Available

Four \$1200 scholarships for students at the University have been established, effective with the current semester, by Thomas S. Nichols, president of the Olin-Mathieson Chemical Co., New York City.

Students to receive the scholarships will be designated by President Milton S. Eisenhower. The scholarships will also be awarded during the next three years.

LaVie Sports Staff

The LaVie sports staff will meet at 7:30 tonight in 412 Old Main.

LaVie Photos Scheduled For Eight Organizations

Group pictures of eight organizations for LaVie will be taken tomorrow night at the Penn State Photo Shop.

The organizations and times they should report are Women's Student Government Association Senate, 6:40; Omicron Delta Kappa, 6:50; Penn State Engineer, 7; LaVie Staff, 7:10; Froth Staff, 7:20; Agriculture Student Council, 7:30; Newman Club, 7:40; Hill-lel Foundation, 7:50; All-University Cabinet, 8; WSGA House of Representatives, 8:10; Women's

Froth Circulation Staff

The Froth circulation staff will meet at 6:30 tonight in the Froth office in the basement of the Hetzel Union building, according to Robert Gellman, circulation manager.

Panhel to Meet Tonight

Panhellenic Council will meet at 6:30 tonight in 212 Hetzel Union to discuss revised rushing rules.

Judicial Board, 8:30; Student Tribunal, 8:30.

Safety Valve...

But We Do Dance!

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to David Houghton's letter on Bad Trends in Dancing published in Saturday's Daily Collegian, we disagree that "waltzing and folk dancing have been completely forgotten."

Quite on the contrary, students appear eager to learn provided these dances are taught so that those without previous experience can learn quickly while having fun.

No matter what the reason for lack of interest in previous groups has been, students generally don't like to have to go "to class" to find recreational diversion. Enthusiasm in folk dancing for fun is still alive at Penn State as demonstrated by the growing turn-outs at the dances sponsored by the newly organized Interlandia Folk Dancers.

Hans J. Huth

burger, Jean Kunkle, William Meckling, Patricia Mowrey, Philip Potter, James Rooney, Howard Sherman, William Snyder, Stanley Stirman, and Dorothy Thompson.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I believe we pledged the Leroy Van DuPont chap since you were here last."

—the cobbler's bench

As Others See Us

By DON SHOEMAKER

A friend of ours dropped by the office the other day with an item clipped from the London (England) Daily Express.

Dated Oct. 13, 1955, it was a column bylined by one Rene MacColl. The title, in large black type, read:

Oh Oxford!

Oh Cambridge!

... could you but see this scene! We think you, gentle reader, might be as interested as we were. The column appears below (with our comments in parentheses).

New York, Wednesday, I thought it would be instructive to take a close look at an American university in this great bustling "fall" of 1955. So from Chicago I flew to a hamlet in the State of Pennsylvania named State College.

State college may be a hamlet—but it is attached to, and indeed exists only for, the third biggest university in the U.S.A.—Pennsylvania State College.

(News must travel slowly these days—we wonder when England will find out we have Sunday movies... and incidentally, we're only the eleventh biggest university in the U.S.A. and we are a university—give us time, Rene, after all we're only 100 years old.)

This vast and seething cockpit of learning has an "enrollment" of 14,000 youths and girls. As I wandered in its avenues I was coping with a little matter of 9500 acres.

(Main campus enrollment—12,653. Area of main campus—3627 acres... but give us time, Rene.)

It marked its centenary this very year, which makes it, by American standards, high in the Methuselah stakes. And its "prexy" (president) is none other than Milton Eisenhower, brother and highly regarded political advisor to the American President, and increasingly tipped as a dark horse to succeed Ike in consequence of that heart attack.

Outlandish

Oh Oxford, oh Cambridge, could you but glimpse this scene!

The girls trooped past me in "Bermudas" or "pedal pushers". What this means is that regardless of the suitability of their figures—and I do mean suitability—they were clad in form-fitting shorts of the most outlandish type.

Gordon tartan shorts riding uneasily over the generous haunches. Hunting Stewart, Campbell, Menzies—come one come all and no matter how far out they had to go to cover the subject.

Above the waist the "co-eds" sported tight-fitting sweaters, and on their heads "dinks", small-

brimmed hats with high crowns. Down below they wore wool stockings in crimson, navy blue or charcoal grey, which came up under the knee.

(Well, we like it... but we can understand the MacColl point of view... coeducation hasn't hit England yet.)

The men students either resembled fugitives from the chorus line of a No. 3 travelling company of "Oklahoma!" or else, scowling and crew-cut, they seemed to be members of a road gang which had knocked off to wait for the next section of cliff to be dynamited.

Incongruous

I was finally led off to the stadium where, far from recuperating, I received new shocks. For it so happened that the college football team, (meaning the big business, crowd-pulling, money-spinning game which brings in gates of some 80,000 or 90,000 on-lookers every Saturday) was playing away that day, and the only home attraction was a paltry game of Soccer with a visiting side.

(We should hope there were two teams.)

This pulled in only a few hundred spectators, but believe it or not, the game took place to the accompaniment of "cheerleaders"—three pretty and athletic girls who gyrated and leaped and gesticulated and bawled through megaphones and generally "gave" while the small crowd roared and cheered obediently in unison.

Never have I seen corners taken or dribbles made to quite so incongruous an accompaniment. It was Aston Villa with a "rah rah rah" background.

(But they tell me we have a fair soccer team in spite of it.) Oh! Oxford, Oh! Cambridge! (Oh Well...!)

Collegian Staffs to Meet

The Daily Collegian promotion staff will meet at 6:30 tonight in 103 Willard.

The business staff will meet at 7 in 218 Willard. Candidates for the business staff will meet at 7 in 217 Willard.

Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:16 Sign On
 - 7:20 News and Sports
 - 7:30 Phil Weis Show
 - 8:15 Horizons Unlimited
 - 8:30 Phi Mu Alpha
 - 8:50 Top Drawer
 - 9:15 News
 - 9:30 This World of Music
 - 10:30 Sign Off