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IFC Spring Week Plan Deserves Approval

Spring Week is supposed to be a gay week. It is not.

Spring Week is supposed to be a time when students can be lighthearted and carefree. It is not.

Spring Week is supposed to be a good time. It is not.

Rather, Spring Week has developed into a king-sized headache to student participants. It is overly expensive to participating organizations and is disastrous to the scholarship of student participants.

In recognition of these facts both All-University Cabinet and the Interfraternity Council earlier in the year appointed committees to review the Spring Week program.

The report of the IFC committee was approved by that body Monday night. Cabinet will consider its committee report tomorrow night.

The recommendations of the two committees are similar in that both recommend a one-night instead of a two-night Carnival, although the Cabinet committee has also drawn up an alternate program with a two-night Carnival schedule.

It is essential that the Carnival be cut to one night. The shows produced by fraternities, sororities, women's living units, and independent organizations are too great a strain on study-time to be carried over a second night.

The only drawback to a one night Carnival is that the revenue realized by the admission charged to the shows has been a big money-maker for scholarships to deserving students. But this factor does not outweigh the harm done to the studies of the great number of students who collaborate to produce the shows. In fact, it is a strange paradox that the scholarship of the few should be enhanced while that of the many suffers.

In an attempt to make a one-night Carnival as successful financially as possible, the IFC committee has proposed that more publicity through posters and advertisements be given to the Carnival prior to its start, in the hope that people will reserve the Carnival night for attending the shows.

Another radical change proposed by the IFC committee is a recommendation to allow fraternities to choose the theme to be used for their Carnival show themselves, or at least

allow them more voice in the matter. This idea has much merit and Cabinet should approve it. It is difficult enough to put on an original show, but doubly difficult to do so if restricted to a theme which may not suit the talent available. There should be some room for originality.

Another recommendation of the IFC committee is to eliminate the Ugly Man and Mad Hatter's contests from the week's program.

The Cabinet committee would modify the Mad Hatter's contest to restrict the number of entrants from one organization, but makes no mention of the Ugly Man contest.

The Mad Hatter's contest, if restricted to only one or two entrants per organization, as the Cabinet committee suggests, would be much better than the previous contests with hundreds of entrants. To eliminate it entirely would be unnecessary if only a few people were involved.

But the Ugly Man contest is quite time-consuming, not only for the entrants, but for their backers. This contest would be better moved out of Spring Week to another time.

A float parade, which is not recommended by either committee, except in the alternate program prepared by the Cabinet committee, should not be included in the Spring Week program.

The borough has refused permission for such a parade on Monday night since stores are open then, and any other night would detract too much from study time or other Spring Week activities. The unpredictable spring weather in this area also makes such a parade impractical as has been demonstrated in past years.

The remainder of the program to be suggested by the Cabinet committee to that body tomorrow night would provide for a greatly improved Spring Week which would still offer as much fun as ever but without the headache. These proposals should be accepted.

But IFC's recommendation should be incorporated into the Spring Week program for this year. As is suggested, the fraternities should be permitted to pick individual themes, the Carnival should be limited to one night, Ugly Man should be eliminated, and Mad Hatter's eliminated or modified.

The fraternities are the backbone of Spring Week. Without their support there would be nothing. Their requests should not be denied. —The Editor

Safety Valve...

Reader Protests Mississippi Concept of Law

TO THE EDITOR: Having noted with interest your story on the grand jury's refusal to indict Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam for the kidnapping of Emmett Louis Till, the young Chicago Negro who disappeared while on vacation in Mississippi as compared with your story concerning Mr. Smoot's opinion of the advantages of the NSA, I protest.

I suppose the one-column inch devoted to the Till story and the more than eight inches given over to Mr. Smoot's 'sais' is an indication of what your readers want to read.

Sad isn't it? Sad that few of your readers seem to know who Till was, much less care where he went. Personally I would be inclined to agree with you but isn't there something to printing occasionally what they ought to read and ought to be interested in?

It might be well to ask a few questions at this point. For example, if this body which lies in a morgue in a small town in Mississippi isn't Emmett Till—who then is it? Assuming, of course, that the people in Mississippi aren't given to leaving bodies laying around unidentified. And, if it is Till, his mother says it is, who killed him? Must we assume again that Bryant and Milam didn't, just because a

jury said they didn't less than a month ago.

Will we find out? Or will the case close on this rather sick note? Will we be able to tune in tomorrow and find out if no one registers a loud enough protest?

Would you college educated, white, norther, Christians (or Jews) like to live in the same community with Bryant and Milam? Would you like to play poker with them? Would you agree with the concept that they have the right to murder any of their dark-skinned fellows who might commit what they judge to be an indiscretion? Would you feel safe in the cosy little nest you call LAW?

I PROTEST! I protest the whole concept of the law as practiced in Mississippi. I protest calling this case (and others) an example of the slowness of social change. I protest the right to say the United "the United States of America under law." I protest your giving the story one measly inch when you should have screamed it in 72 pt. type in order to wake up the "future leaders of the nation." I protest the theory that "what is by and large good" and the "that's-the-way-things-are attitude." I protest the right of anyone to call himself a Christian who has not wept for Emmett Till.

I PROTEST! Do you? —Jean Grossholtz

Gazette...

Today
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, 7:30 p.m., 118 Electrical Engineering
DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF INTERMEDIATE BOARD, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Office
DAILY COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL STAFF CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie
ANDROLES, 7:30 p.m., Tau Kappa Epsilon
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 219 Electrical Engineering
NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHLATTLERS, 7 p.m., 111 Tem-doratory
NEWMAN CLUB CHOIR PRACTICE, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church

NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetsel Union
NOVENA, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
OUTING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 16 Sparks
PERSHING RIFLES DRILL (active members and pledges), 7 p.m., Army
PLAYERS ADVERTISING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., Schwab loft
ROD AND COCCUS CLUB, 7 p.m., 206 Patterson
THETA SIGMA PHI, 6:30 p.m., Grange playroom
UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION-LEONIDES FIRESIDE, 7:30 p.m., Simmons Lounge
Tomorrow
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 8 p.m., 217 Hetsel Union

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Now, lessee — whose turn to give the nest speech?"

Photo Editor

On Assignment

By RON WALKER

One of the most interesting places on campus is hidden on the fourth floor of the Pattee Library, known as the Penn State Room. We happened to run across the place last Thursday and spent the whole afternoon looking through Penn State nostalgia of the past—old copies of The Free Lance (The Daily Collegian's predecessor), Froth, LaVie, and other

records of school history dating back to "The Farmer's High School."

We picked out the very first copy of The Free Lance (dated May, 1887) and were surprised to find articles and columns written much in the same manner as today. Some of the items we liked best were these, lifted from a Free Lance column called, quite appropriately, "Locals":

"Sam Jones says: 'Next to a pretty woman I love a fast horse.' We don't. When we are next to a pretty woman we want a slow horse."

"Was it not understood that the electric lights would continue till midnight, in case the storage batteries should prove deficient? If the lights are continued to be shut off at 11 o'clock, a demand for a rebate at the close of the term would not be out of order."

"Of the 1494 convicts in Joliet Penitentiary, 129 are college graduates."

Other tidbits of knowledge we picked up included Phi Gamma Delta being the first legal fraternity on campus, followed by Beta Theta Pi (a secret society preceded Phi Gam but was promptly abolished by the faculty).

Grievances of the time: no mixed dances, faculty heating in Old Main, and objections to the use of cigarettes. We were fascinated by an article appearing in the December, 1887 issue titled "The Invincible Weed," by George C. Butz, B.S., and we quote in part:

"James Parton, in a dissertation on smoking and drinking, makes the following observation: 'Tobacco lessens a man's interest in woman and his enjoyment of their society, and this is the true reason why almost every lady of spirit is the irreconcilable foe of tobacco.' How's that again?"

Overheard on WMAJ's Groov-

ology 54 of Nov. 7th: "... get your Schaffer pen, ordinarily priced at 10 o'clock—ten o'clock? Man, I'm sleeping! ..."

It looks that way, Fishbein.

The impression we picked up from the Rutgers' fans last Saturday at New Brunswick was the dominant desire just to score. Nothing more. After all, Rutgers had scored in every game since 1944 and who was Penn State to deny them a touchdown?

The Scarlet Knights had the option play working perfectly in the first part of the game and used it to gain their first TD, which, of course, sent the crowd to their feet. Even the Rutgers Targum (student paper) got into the act by printing a special parody issue (called, of all things, "The Mugrat") and calling for just one thing at the game—a score.

LaVie Pictures

Twelve organizations will have group pictures taken tomorrow for LaVie at the Penn State Photo Shop.

The organizations and the times they should report are: Players, 6:40; Thespians, 6:50; Physical Education Student Council, 7; Men's Debate Team, 7:10; Women's Debate Team, 7:20; University Christian Association, 7:30; AIM Student Tribunal, 7:40; Business Administration Student Council, 7:50; Chemistry-Physics Student Council, 8; Penn Haven Club, 8:10; Cooperative Society, 8:20; Education Student Council, 8:30.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:16 Sign On
7:30 News and Sports
7:30 Marquee Memories
8:00 Behind the Lectern
8:30 Music of the People
9:00 BBC Weekly
9:15 News
9:30 Virtuoso
10:30 Sign Off

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