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## Community Living: Deserves Consideration

The Association of Independent Men's Board of Governors recently announced plans to investigate the possibility of a form of community living between men and women students at the University in future years. The idea has been greeted in many quarters by mild hysteria.

What the board has in mind, and the manner in which it has proposed to work toward it, represent an attempt on the part of a student government body to do something for its constituents. The board, and their idea, at least deserve serious consideration.

The board does not contemplate, according to AIM Secretary Leonard Richards, any radical changes in the present housing arrangement, but an arrangement very similar to that which now exists in the West Dormitory Area.

In fact, Richards said, the idea was prompted by the announcement by the department of housing that coeds would be removed from that area when the new women's dormitories are completed. This would result in what AIM President Bruce Leiske has referred to as, "the isolating of men and women students at extreme opposite ends of the campus."

It is this rather grim prospect which the board intends to work towards altering.

The board has in mind the ultimate establishment of a type of co-ed living such as is now proving very satisfactory at several other colleges and universities. It would maintain, of course, separate living quarters, perhaps even

in different buildings, which would be located close together with common dining facilities.

Such a close association between men and women students, the board feels will contribute toward a more informal and more desirable atmosphere. It would, Richards said, "keep the men on their toes," with regard to action and appearance. And it just might help the coeds a bit too.

At present, the whole thing is just an idea. But a committee of the board is already at work gathering information on the application of the idea at other schools. It is a long-range proposal, results of which may not be noticeable for some time. But it does display initiative and foresight.

The board hopes over a period of time to accumulate enough evidence to show that such an arrangement would work at Penn State. And, right now, who can say that it may not do just that?

At any rate, the work of the committee certainly deserves a serious reception. Let's save the snickers for later, much later, when some results, whether favorable or not, are noticeable. He who laughs last laughs best.

—Al Klimcke

## Froth Is Out...

... of it.

—Mikes Feinsilber and Miller

## Safety Valve

### Should Student Leaders Be Paid?

TO THE EDITOR: Last Thursday evening Cabinet voted 18 to 5 to return Compensation (if anyone is offended by that nasty word just use scholarships) to our student government scene. A final vote will be taken this Thursday. There is no indication of any difference in the voting yet.

What are compensations? A monetary return to people in student government by virtue of their positions.

I cannot in honesty vote for compensations. If I did I would feel a traitor to my belief in what student government stands for. These are my thoughts:

Can compensations be justified? I think not, except under these conditions. If the work load is so heavy that a student would have to take fewer credits and thus have to stay in school an extra semester or summer session. This would be a significant financial loss, and would possibly justify a compensation. The All-University officers pretty well fit into this category so I do not object to them receiving compensations.

But here is a Cabinet about to vote in a program of compensations that covers many elective and appointive positions and in the bargain making them retroactive. Of the proposed \$1875 for this purpose, \$1025 goes directly to voting members of the cabinet. Is this right? I have a few questions to ask my fellow members of the Cabinet:

1. Do students deserve compensations? Anyone in student government is there of his own confidence, prestige, makes many friendships; free will. He receives valuable experience, self-

is this not adequate compensation?

2. Are compensations just like academic and athletic scholarships? Dean Simes pointed out the difference at Cabinet. Scholarships come from contributions by individuals, compensations from general funds donated by every student.

3. Will the caliber of students in this work remain as high if monetary compensation rather than job satisfaction becomes the major consideration? I don't know. On personal sentiment I would say no.

4. Does Cabinet have the right to vote money to themselves when the previous cabinets voted out compensations? Even more so, do we have the right to make them retroactive to last semester?

5. Even if we were to have compensations, is it possible to set up an equitable system? Not casting aspersions at the committee which set up the present system, as they spent much time and thought, I would voice an emphatic NO.

6. Do students need compensations? This has been pointed out as a method of not preventing poor students from being active and a way to cover some of the necessary expenses of the jobs. To my mind, this is one of the best arguments for it, but I think if we reason it out, very few students are too poor to participate and most of them are naturally inactive in this field. The other can be refuted by showing that many other things we do which cause us expenses are not compensated for, and no one would say that they should.

●Letter cut

—Doug Moorhead

### Pre-Initiation Practices Code: Concrete Action Coming

TO THE EDITOR: Before progressing in this letter, I wish to make it clear that this is not to be construed as an argument for the continuance of all initiation and pre-initiation practices; but, by the same token, it is not my intent that it should be considered a condemnation of all such actions. It is rather directed toward the casual reader who, upon first glance, and after reading some of the more recent articles on the subject, might see in his mind's eye an evil in the American way of life. And the fraternity system is part of the American way of life.

If, for a moment, you will step away from the magnifying glass, and look at the complete picture, you will see not a horribly unjust situation, but an institution created by our forefathers that has done much to mold the character and ideals of many prominent and respected and totally insignificant men.

It is an institution which serves as a "melting pot" of universities in much the same way the United States serves as the "melting pot" of the world. It takes farmers' sons, lawyers' sons, doctors' sons; sons of business men, carpenters, and plumbers, and boys who have no family at all and it provides for them a ground of common understanding.

How many of those sons have gone through the same rituals and procedures as these which are now being lambasted because of recent unfortunate occurrences? How many of those sons have had their footsteps pointed in the right direction through the workings of brotherhood?

Should all this be forgotten because of an accident which receives undue literary attention? Should one incident be so instrumental in shaping opinion about a system of such long standing and proven high ideals? All of these questions I ask you to think about before jump-

ing to any conclusions.

Now from the standpoint of our ideals at Penn State, I would like to point out that we, as members of the Interfraternity Council, have long recognized the possibility of a situation such as this arising; and have long been trying to reach a satisfactory solution.

Last year—and the year before—the problem was discussed at some length by the council. And just one month ago it again was made the project of the council to return from committee the pre-initiation practices code, and to reach some means of agreement.

I feel certain that concrete action will be taken this year, and am only sorry that it sometimes takes graphic examples to implement progress.

—Robert F. Bullock, President, Interfraternity Council

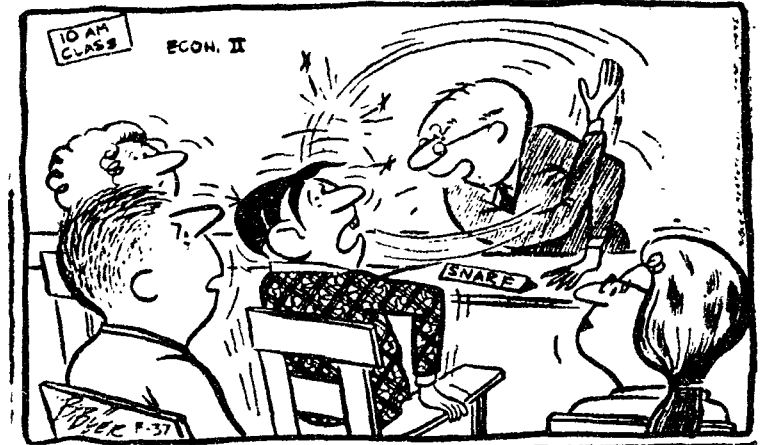
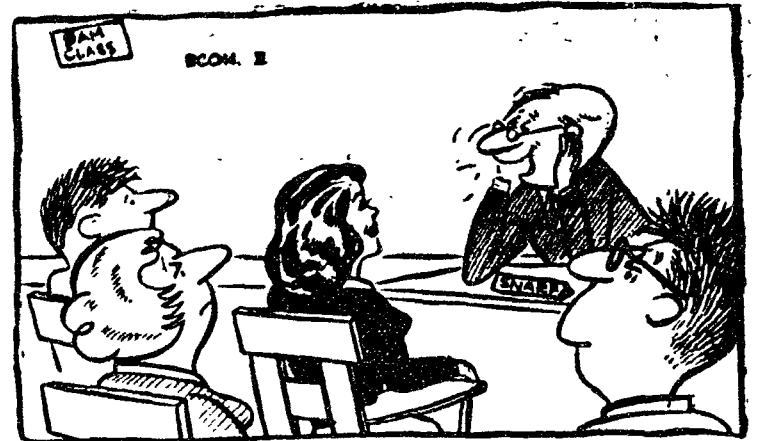
## Gazette

- Today
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 105 Agricultural Engineering
- ANGEL FLIGHT Blue Yonder Workshop, 7 p.m., Electrical Engineering
- CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY, 7 p.m., CPA office, Hetsel Union basement
- DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, Intermediate and Junior Boards, 6:30 p.m., Collegian office
- NEWMAN CLUB CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 p.m., Church
- NEWMAN CLUB INQUIRERS' CLASS, 7:45 p.m., Student Center
- PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
- PENN STATE PLAYERS ADVERTISING CREW, 7 p.m., Schwab Auditorium loft
- PENN STATE VETERANS CLUB, 7 a.m., 105 Forestry
- ROD AND COCCUS CLUB, 7 p.m., 214 Hetsel Union University Hospital

Gerard Althouse, Albert Blackhurst, John D'Angelo, Robert Devlin, G. Richard Dietsel, Herbert Ducey, William Hess, Richard Mcl, James Robert Murray, James Muser, Richard Simmermacher, Margaret Thomas, Fred Trust, James Wyatt and Joseph Hennessy.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Quips and Quotes

By RON LEIK

The New York Times is known for its accurate, clairvoyant, and comprehensive coverage of the world's news. In its desire to be comprehensive, the Times has reported on such history-making happenings as the number of taxis in Japan and the rising population on the West side of the Andes (because the sun rises in the East, the people on the western slope sleep longer).

Following this policy, the Times on Monday carried a story about the price of brides in Western Tanganyika, East Africa, where the surplus of unmarried women is upsetting the government or military or something or other.

We'll let the Times tell it ("Let's see, where is that map of East Africa?")

### "COST OF BRIDES IN AFRICA RISES"

"NAIROBI, East Africa—The rising price of brides is scaring off scores of would-be husbands in Western Tanganyika.

"A Wa Fipa" (pronounced: Wa Fi-pa) "tribesman could once become a husband for about \$15. Today he is lucky if he can collect a wife for less than \$90. He must give the traditional cash-and-kind presents to the bride's parents, buy the bride her veil, pay for the gallons of beer at the wedding feast and hand over the bride price—a form of insurance against her failure as a wife.

"Matrimony in the Ufipa" (rhymes with Wa Fi-pa) "District of Western Tanganyika is so expensive there is a surplus of women. In the old days Wa Fipa men had as many wives as they liked, the first-wed being No. 1 in the household and the rest 'attachments.' Now, however, a man must be wealthy to buy 'attachments.'

"To add to their problems many Ufipa people have become Christians. As a result they get married in the local church—but just to make sure and satisfy the diehards of the tribe they are also married by tribal custom. It all costs extra.

"The largest financial section is the settling of the bride price. The girl's father tries to get as much as he can for his daughter—so much so that daughters are regarded as a form of old-age pension.

"The young man's party has different ideas. Pay as little as possible is their motto. After much haggling and detailed discussion of the embarrassed daughter's various merits, they come to an agreement.

"Two cattle are slaughtered for the wedding feast and the groom must also provide several dozen large barrels of native beer" (rhymes with Dear).

"The actual tribal ceremony starts with a forty-eight-hour 'Ngoma' (dance), drinking and general fun. The bride, however, takes no part in this. She is cloistered alone in a hut. In the morning the groom approaches, carrying a small bow and arrow.

"Then comes the climax. The groom breaks a straw in two with

his teeth, holds half in his mouth and the other half in one hand. Then he touches his wife on the head with an arrow. They are man and wife."

Before this surplus is used up, journalistic history doubtless will repeat itself and some editor in Eastern Tanganyika will write: "Go West, young man, go West."

## Cwens to Hold 'Spring Debut'

Cwens, sophomore women's hat society, will sponsor the "Spring Debut," a combination fashion show and card party from 1:30 to 5 p.m., March 3, at Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The affair is being held for the benefit of Cwens scholarship fund. The proceeds will go toward providing two scholarships for sophomore women.

Twenty-three women representing campus sororities and Leonides will model clothes from the Charles Shop. Each sorority will provide one model and Leonides two for the event. The names of the models should be turned in to Beau Barnes, Cwens president, by today.

Admission to the "Spring Debut" will be 50 cents per person and will be open to the general public. If a group wishes to make reservations a minimum of two tables of bridge must be guaranteed.

Background music for the fashion show will be provided by Al Wyand and his combo. Cwens will sell refreshments during the affair.

## LaVie Staff Promotes 12 to Senior Board

Twelve promotions to the senior board editorial staff of LaVie have been announced.

Those promoted are Marjorie Blank, Roberta Lerch, Lee Leaphart, Delores Jones, Jean McMahon, William McCann, Michael Moyle, Mary Lou Scott, Emery Schreckengast, Jay Tolson, Harry Yaverbaum, Carolyn Stehly.

Also promoted were David Bavar and Joseph Rohrbaugh to the senior board photography staff.

## Tonight on WDFM

- 9:15 Sign On
- 9:30 Marquee Memories
- 9:45 Music of the People
- 10:00 BBC Weekly
- 10:15 News
- 10:30 Virtuoso
- 10:45 Sign Off