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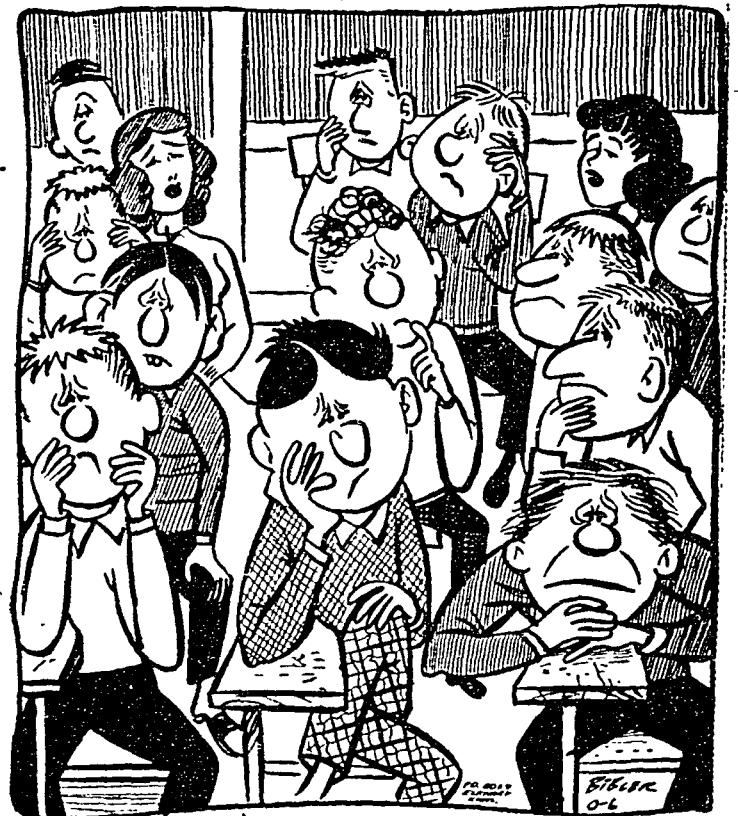
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Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Today we begin another exciting and stimulating unit in late medieval history."

Does the Lion's Den Close Too Soon?

The Lion's Den is an integral part of the student social life at the University.

Recently the weekend hours of this jumping social center were changed from 11:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. for the closing time. We have heard complaints against the new closing hour from many students and feel that they have good grounds for a complaint.

Since the independents are affected the most, the Board of Governors of the Association of Independent Men was well advised to make protest against the new closing hour. Fraternity men usually are in their houses on Friday and Saturday nights, but independents have no such regular place to congregate. Therefore, many of them use the Hetzel Union Building for this purpose, and a very large number make frequent use of the Lion's Den on weekends.

The new 10:45 closing hour is having a drastic effect on the social life of many independents. Perhaps the Department of Food Service has not fully considered this possibility. It was reported that two methods were used to find that it was not worthwhile to keep the Lion's Den open the extra 45 minutes. One method was by counting students present in the "Den" at this time and the other was by figuring the amount of money taken in during this period.

We wonder how accurate the former count was. Perhaps this count was taken in the spring when many students are outside but in any case we do not feel that this count would indicate the situation at this time of year, or for the next several months to come.

Lash Howes, AIM president, last weekend took an approximate count of the students in the Lion's Den on both Friday and Saturday nights. We feel that, since this was Penn weekend, the count was more than indicative of the

frequent use of the Lion's Den on these nights. At 9 p.m. Friday there were 143 students in the snack bar, and at 10:30 on the same night there were 167 students. At 9 p.m. Saturday there were 93 students and at 10:30 p.m. there were 96 students. On both nights there were more students in the Lion's Den at the time when it starts closing and the counter is open for carry out service only, than there were earlier in the evening.

The HUB was built to be a student union building, and as such to serve the students. Last week the president of all the student unions visited the University and commented on how well the HUB serves the students. He said that he thought this was the most important function of a student union.

Is the HUB properly serving the students when the Lion's Den closes at 10:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights? We say no. If the students are there in such large numbers as they were last weekend, and we feel that there will probably be more on weekends when football games are played here, then the snack bar is not giving adequate service by closing at this early hour. It certainly is not staying open long enough when 167 students are forced out by the closing hour.

The HUB is a much better place for students to spend their free time than in some of the local public establishments. Should the Department of Food Service encourage the students to frequent these places by closing the Lion's Den? Again, we say no.

The department should return the Lion's Den to its former schedule of closing at 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. By doing so it will give the students the full advantage of the Hetzel Union Building, built for this purpose. Sue Conklin

Newspapers Are Serving America

The country is observing, from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8, National Newspaper Week. The theme of this week is, "Your newspaper—freedom's key to better living."

Lest this week fly by we will make comment on this most important of special "weeks."

Newspapers are an American institution which is under-rated and taken for granted by the general reading public. They are necessary objects in the everyday life of Americans but the public does not really appreciate all newspapers do.

The wonderful system of government under which we live is made possible partly through the work of newspapers who act, as Socrates once said, "as a godfly of the state" in scrutinizing governmental work and criticizing when criticism is needed. In this way public agencies and elections and other facets of government function to the advantage of the electorate. This is just one way which newspapers serve the public.

There are numerous other ways which newspapers are helpful in helping people gain a better way of living. Through its columns you

learn if community projects needed to improve your community.

Business gains knowledge of needs which it is prepared to fill. The world of medicine also finds out from newspapers what the public wants.

All these ways and more are examples of how newspapers set themselves up as invaluable parts of the community.

The trouble is that people just don't take these things into consideration when they read and utilize newspapers. However, when something goes wrong or when something appears in a newspaper which they disapprove of the clamor is tremendous.

People are quick to criticize newspapers but they still go on reading them because whether they realize it or not newspapers are the best means they have of finding out what is going on in the world. This goes despite the progress made recently by television.

If the public couldn't get newspapers on a certain occasion they would be indeed lost. Newspapers are constantly doing a job of serving the American public. If the public will stop and think about it they will realize this fact, too. —The Editor

Safety Valve

Are We Responsible?

Recently there has appeared to be a tendency in student attitude that as members of the university we are only responsible to that particular ethnic group. Whether we realize the fact or not we do belong to a privileged class—tomorrow's leaders in the community, nation, and world life. In consideration of this factual reality it seems almost paradoxical that we as students, supported financially by citizens of this state, should have a mental picture of accountability that includes within its scope just the university. No doubt the unique sociological structure of a university leads itself to the air of "world unconcernness" with preoccupation in business. However, we are reaching or have attained the age of full citizenship privileges; it is not only our right to utilize these privileges, but it is our duty for our obligations begin now, not after we graduate.

Throughout the country this November elections will take place on both a national and local level. For one to say that my vote can't make any difference or I don't know the candidates well enough to vote for either one, is in effect to say that my time and effort is too valuable to exercise one of the great franchises with which we have been endowed. If government, whether on a national scale or on the university level, is not what we think it should

be, it is our duty to act for as a famous American thinker once said "tolerance is the virtue of doing nothing."

A large segment of the student body lives in State College. Regardless of whether we live on or off campus we must assume responsibility for our actions and be participants in the community (mainly requiring our interest).

Another example of where we as students are answerable is the Campus Chest. When we are asked to give to the American Heart Association as one of the Chest benefactors, will we say that this, the American Heart Association, does not concern us in any way? If we do, then here again we are separating at least in our minds the university from the world about us. How can we in whom Americans have much at stake ignore our rightful responsibilities not only to them but to our nation and our Creator? For this world is populated by man; therefore, our citizenship responsibilities transcend all man made socioeconomic structures. It might be well for us to re-examine our due concerns, and fulfill our expected obligations to society to the best of our ability—remembering always that we are not only part of Penn State University, but also State College, Pennsylvania, the United States, and the World. —Glen H. Elder.

Gazette

- Today
- FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
- INSURANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., Kappa Sigma Fraternity
- SIGMA ALPHA ETA, 7:15 p.m., Main Lounge Home Ec. Bldg.
- BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 216 Hetzel Union
- ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7:00 p.m., Delta Chi Fraternity
- FROTH ADVERTISING STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth Office
- PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 8 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
- KAPPA PHI KAPPA, 7 p.m., Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
- NEWMAN CLUB FRATERNITY AND SORORITY COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 103 Osmond Lab
- MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 8:10 a.m., Helen Eakin

- Eisenhower Meditation Chapel, conducted by the Eastern Orthodox Society
- VESPER SERVICE, 4:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Meditation Chapel, conducted by the Wesley Foundation.
- UCA COFFEE HOUR, 6:45 p.m., Memorial Lounge, Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.
- Saturday
- DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB BARBECUE, 6:30 p.m., Hort Woods
- OUTING CLUB EXCHANGE, 2:00 p.m., back of Old Main University Hospital
- Edwin Biederman, Richard Bullock, Barbara Chastain, Marvin Garfinkle, Eldred Hitchcock, Charles Hughes, Audrey Jersun, Alease Massenber, Alexander Mulligan, Robert Rose, Prodipto Roy, Charles Ruppert.

Interpreting the News

Saar Issue Faces Monetary Problem

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

France and Germany, in settling their differences over the Saar, ran into two of the difficulties faced by those who are supporting European unification.

In spite of the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community under supranational controls, there is as yet no currency pool through which the participating nations can pay for imports in their own money.

Strange as it may seem, the West German mark has, in just eight years, become the hard money of Europe.

For that reason France had to retain large coal production rights in the Saar while agreeing to Germany political control. Otherwise she would have had to pay for the coal in marks, further deteriorating the franc.

This is going to be an important factor in every country's consideration of the now-proposed atomic pool and free trade area.

Another problem is to maintain the principle, under the supranational agreements now existing and being extended, of equal representation for France and Germany in the control authorities. These authorities so far work on the expressed principle that the delegates become non-nationalistic. In practice, political balance must be maintained between the Big Two, France and Germany. In the Coal and Steel Community, representation is based upon production.

In the case of the Saar, return of its coal production to German control would have created imbalance in the community and might have produced a political problem there.

A third problem, among many others, also is to the fore at the moment because of West Germany's adoption of a one-year draft law as compared with the longer terms of France and Britain.

Long-term conscription places a heavy load on any nation's economy. France and Britain are struggling to maintain their foreign trade in the face of a brilliantly resurgent Germany.

Chancellor Adenauer has sought to place the blame for the short-term draft decision on the currency in Germany of reports that the United States planned drastic cuts in its own military manpower. The so-called "Radford plan" has been denied by the United States, but the denials failed to correct the political impact of the original reports. There are reports, indeed, that the United States never conveyed the de-

nials to the Bonn government until this week.

Nowadays anything which gives West Germany even the slightest economic edge is a serious problem to France and Britain.

Administration May Discuss Drinking Rule

Daisy Zimmerman, president of the Women's Student Government Association, last night said that "indications point that the new coed drinking rule will be discussed by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs" soon.

Miss Zimmerman made this statement to WSGA Senate.

The new rule, passed two weeks ago by Senate, revises the present rule by permitting 21-year-olds to drink in accordance with state laws.

The rule cannot go into effect, however, until approved by the Administration. The entire action is expected to take approximately two months.

Committee chairmen were appointed for the Junior-Senior Faculty reception to be held on Dec. 5 in the Hetzel Union lounge.

They are: reception chairman, Claire Ganim; invitations, Esther Donovan and Mary Conrad; publicity, Ellen Donovan and Grace Antes; and receiving line and floaters, Susan Walker.

Young Democrat Club To Elect New Officers

The Young Democrat Club will meet at 7 tonight in 209 Hetzel Union to elect officers.

The group will also make plans for the November election campaign on campus and in State College.

Tonight on WDFM

- 6:55 9.1 Megacycles Sign On
- 7:00 Record News
- 7:50 News
- 8:00 As You Believe
- 8:15 Man on the Mall
- 8:20 Just Out
- 9:00 Andrew's Speech
- 9:45 Romance Language News
- 10:00 Scenario
- 11:00 Sign Off