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Who's a Brownie?

Probably one of the most terrible things for the average University student to be termed in his opinion is a "brownie."

Who likes a "brownie"? No one does, and we are no exception. However, we believe this charge has been used far too often and is getting out of hand.

A student cannot even show interest in subject matter these days that he is not branded with this stigma. He's ostracized in the eyes of his fellow students.

A student cannot even as much as talk to a professor outside of a classroom, or go up to the front of the room after a class, without being branded a "brownie" by some students.

We are extremely proud of the student, and he is rare, who will go against the Penn State social acceptance and show some interest in a course or subject matter.

He's a good student. We need more like him.

This free use of tagging a student a "brownie" should be curbed if Penn State is to obtain a cultural and intellectual atmosphere.

And the job of curbing it lies mainly with the students. But they won't do anything about it. Most Penn Staters are conformists. They don't have the guts to go against conformity, even when conformity is wrong.

Students Need Chapel

You are missing a very important part of your college career.

Attendance has been poor at the morning chapel services.

The poor results indicate that you, the student body, are ignoring an important part of college life—namely religion.

Now that you have a chapel why not use it? It was built because the University realized that you needed a chapel for meditation.

The services are short and well-presented. Meditation periods are provided. You can join with students of all faiths in singing hymns, and can participate in responsive readings from the New and Old Testament.

A guest speaker addresses one of the three morning services conducted at 8:10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A town religious foundation conducts the Vesper services at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. You will increase your knowledge of the different religions by attending Vespers.

Use the chapel. You will be partaking of a service of the University and your campus life will become more well-rounded.

—Jane Klein

If a student is interested in a course or subject matter, he should let the professor know it. The professor will be gratified, nine chances out of ten, at the show of interest.

It seems logical that he will even become a better professor, with the students getting the benefits. He'll realize he's not up there in front of the room beating his brains out for nothing.

He will work even harder to get the subject matter across and get the students more interested.

Students have everything to gain and little, if anything, to lose.

Now we admit it's not altogether the students' fault that too much distance exists between professor and student. Some professors, one must realize, are backward, just like some students. And some professors don't give a darn, just like some students.

It's up to the students to break down this barrier. The students will be the ones to benefit the most, not in a higher grade but a better professor.

But then, Penn Staters are conformists. There seems little hope that the barrier will be broken. And good students will continue to be branded "brownies."

—Ed Dubbs

Bands in Town

This afternoon 60 high school bands from all corners of the state will perform on Beaver Field between halves of the Boston University football game.

This annual classic never ceases to amaze all those who have seen it.

How 60 high school bands can be moved onto Beaver Field, a performance be conducted, and then moved back off the field in so short a time is nothing short of wizardry.

The bands have been coming to Penn State for quite some time now. Each year a check of the list of band directors reveals that a great many of them are former Blue Band members.

No less amazing is the efficient manner in which the morning parade is carried off downtown. This gives the fans a chance to get a close-up look at the people who form the huge 'PSU' at the half time show.

A great deal of credit must go to James Dunlop, the Blue Band director and to Hummel Fishburn, who arranges all the band's intricate formations. Also to the band members themselves who have a great deal to do with the perennial success of Band Day.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

Cheerleaders' Defense

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to last Friday's letter to the editor regarding the cheerleaders I would like to explain our side of the story. The cheerleaders are asked by the team and the coaches not to cheer during the time that signals are being called; therefore we try to stay away from our regular cheers between plays as they are too long.

We do try to get the students to participate in chants, go yells, etc. During the time-outs we must alternate with the Blue Band, wait until scores from other games are announced, and then run through our cheers.

It seems, however, that we are limited to two cheers, Short Yell State and the Nittany Lion, because the classes above the freshman class have forgotten all the others. We have been trying to teach the others at pep rallies but so few upperclassmen attend pep rallies that it does them very little good. It is very discouraging to us to try and lead a cheer and receive no response from anyone other than the frosh.

The cheerleaders appreciate the good cheering of the freshman class at all games and will try to cheer more with you. We would also like to urge the other students to let down their hair and cheer at the games. We have a fine team this year and they appreciate knowing you're behind them all the way. Let's all CHEER!

—Sam Wolcott
Head Cheerleader

Cabinet a Mere Myth?

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to Miss Conklin's editorial, "Culture Not for Minority," let me say that Miss Conklin has taken a lot for granted when she says that All-University Cabinet represents students from all phases of the University and all their interests.

Due to recent University decisions by the Administration, Cabinet appears to have almost no influence in the eyes of University officials and certainly not the support of the majority of the student body judging by the past elections returns as to the percentage of eligible students who voted. In other words Cabinet is practically a mythical entity occupying time and space with no legitimate claim to its rule over student affairs.

Thus, what right has Cabinet to say that they will force culture down our throats for two dollars a throw? Certainly I have no complaint against culture but I resent being told that I will accept and pay for it regardless of whether I want it or not. All I want to know, Miss Conklin, is this: "Why doesn't Cabinet put the issue to the student body during the next election or is it afraid that its minority sponsored culture idea will be overwhelmingly defeated?"

—Al Rutherford

Parking Answer

TO THE EDITOR: With all this talk about parking problems there has been a paucity of concrete suggestions. There is a system that has been proven in many cities with traffic problems worse than any ever dreamed of in State College.

Instead of having no parking 2 to 6 a.m. every night on the streets in question, why not have no parking on north and east sides of the streets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights, and no parking on the south and west sides of the streets on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights.

As the streets are wide enough for two cars to pass when cars are parked on only one side of the street, this would not result in any traffic jams and it would also enable the borough to clean the alternate sides of the streets every night—thus overcoming two of the main objections to overnight parking. If this system can work in Manhattan it can work here.

—Rae Hoopes

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"... Well, how's it happen we find you 'testing' underwater equipment on th' GIRLS day for th' pool?"

On Other Campuses

Fraternity Integration

by evie onsa

An issue that is not really new but that has begun stirring on campuses across the country and has received much publicity lately is: Should fraternities and sororities admit Negroes and members of other minority groups?

A nationwide survey has revealed that 60 per cent of the students oppose discrimination, 20 per cent want to retain exclusion policies, and 20 per cent favor partial restrictions.

This idea of whether fraternities and sororities should open their doors to these minority groups is not news. In 1948 when the Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi pledged a Negro the national group disowned it rather than depart from its tradition of race restriction. This decision proved painful to the national group, however, since prominent alumni resigned and individual chapters said they would not rest until the constitution was changed. This incident drew nationwide attention.

Incidents of chapters that have been disowned or have severed national ties of their own accord because of discriminatory practices have been appearing in the news more and more frequently.

In a recent article in the U.S. News & World Report, entitled "Now It's 'Integration' on Fraternity Row," pictures are shown of the members of Gamma Delta Chi fraternity, both colored and white, at Dartmouth.

Dartmouth, Columbia University, and the University of Colorado have set deadlines for ending all discrimination. The colleges are hoping to reform rather than punish. Dartmouth has set 1960 as its time limit.

A. M. Lee, in an article in School and Society, said these dates were set to give fraternities several national conventions to accept what is for them a new conception. The Dartmouth action has the support of a student referendum.

According to the article in the U.S. News, six schools have also set deadlines for societies with national affiliations to remove restrictive clauses from their constitutions.

This process has been completed at Amherst College and the University of Chicago, and is being carried out at Wayne University and the State universities of Wisconsin, Vermont, and Connecticut. At the University of Connecticut, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi severed national ties to comply with this ruling.

Lafayette fraternities also recently decided to bar discrimination. When the University of

the State of New York decided to prohibit all social fraternities and sororities with national affiliations, its action was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Other examples show the trend toward integration: The Colgate University chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has a Negro president.

In recent years a Chinese member of Beta Theta Pi has served on the Interfraternity Council at the University of Wisconsin.

The Cornell University chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority, which was suspended by the national organization after admitting a Negro woman last spring, has decided to retain its charter. It will also take part in spring rushing next year.

This movement toward a more liberal and democratic attitude on the part of the nation's social groups, while gaining in strength, is by no means universal.

Sherman Wu, son of the former Formosa Governor K. C. Wu, has been forced to resign as a Northwestern University pledge because "they told me I would degrade their house because I am a Chinese."

While the University's chapter of the American Association of University Professors branded the incident "deplorable," the student newspaper said the fraternity's ability to attract members was "more important than any other question involved."

U.S. News says, however, "Top officials of fraternities—businessmen, lawyers, educators—say the segregation issue is heading toward a showdown before long. Several national groups have lost two or more chapters. More may drop out as deadlines for desegregation approach."

It will be interesting to see how Penn State's fraternities and sororities feel about lowering their racial and religious barriers.

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

6:55	-----	Sign On
7:00	-----	Musical Marathon
8:00	-----	Hubzapoppin'
8:30	-----	Just For Two
9:30	-----	Jazz Club
10:30	-----	Hi-Fi Open House
11:00	-----	Sign-Off

Gazette

Sunday

- FRESHMAN COUNCIL MEETING, 12 noon, Hill
- FOLK DANCING, 2 p.m., Hill
- GRADUATE CLUB DANCE, 7 p.m., Hill
- PENN STATE ENGINEER COED CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 209 HUB
- USCC COMMITTEE OF UCA, 2:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
- VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, 4 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel

University Hospital

David Faust, Larramour Freeman, Elmer Knizer, David Platak, David Swavely, Lelia Uhler, Walter Voight, John Williams