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WSGA's a Weak Sister

Women's Student Government Association falls down quite consistently in its duty to coeds at the University.

It is mainly at fault for the position which housemothers now hold. As it stands now most hostesses are regarded as police officers by the coeds in their units. This is an incorrect assumption on the part of students. It is mainly the fault of WSGA.

It is common language for students to say "my housemother gave me a black mark." What they don't realize is that WSGA gives the black marks. The housemothers merely recommend. This is not the fault of this year's WSGA, but it will be its fault if it does not take some action to correct this situation. We hope it will take steps toward improvement.

When women students receive penalties, they must be given by WSGA Judicial. So far as many coeds know this organization is practically fictitious.

Rather than have housemothers appear as police officers to women students it would be far better for Judicial to find some means of doing its own policing. Couldn't checkers report coeds to Judicial for breaking WSGA regulations. WSGA makes the rules and should also enforce them.

As it stands now WSGA attempts to stand behind the cloak of dormitory hostesses rather than facing a situation squarely.

What is even more amazing to us is that women who sit on WSGA Senate and House of Representatives are also guilty of breaking rules. Naturally we would expect that once or twice one of these students might be a few minutes late. She might even break some other WSGA regulation through some unavoidable incident. However, we see no reason why these students should willfully break the rules they make. WSGA leaders should be expected to set an example for other coeds. At present they set a poor one.

What it basically comes down to is that WSGA sets up the rules for women students. Then they, and most of the other students feel perfectly willing to break rules as long as they are not caught. The entire responsibility of enforcing the rules rests on hostesses.

Judicial mostly acts as a rubber stamp for penalties recommended by hostesses.

We find the situation unsavory to say the least. In addition to the duty of policeman which housemothers have been forced to assume because of WSGA's lack of responsibility, they are called hostesses. We find this a cold title at best.

We would like to think of a housemother as a warm person to whom students could turn for advice. The title, housemother, far better fits this type of person. Only WSGA can make the hostesses housemothers. We hope it takes action in this direction.

How can women student govern themselves when WSGA falls down on the job? As it stands now WSGA only plays at government while the administration, through the housemothers actually, controls the women's government. An integral and necessary part of government is enforcement. WSGA cannot hope to govern effectively if it does not also enforce its regulations.

WSGA has been a generally weak organization for several years. We would like to see WSGA this year take a definite step toward women student's self government.

In order to do this WSGA should start by showing that it can enforce its own regulations in a forthright and effective manner. After this it should start worrying about minor changes in WSGA rules. It should certainly leave small matters like this alone until the more important work has been accomplished.

We would like to see WSGA entirely in charge of reporting and punishing women students.
—Sue Conklin

Blood Drive Sponsors Needed

At a recent meeting, the Association of Independent Men stated that it would support the blood drives held on campus in November and March. It further stated that it would be willing to share this support with other organizations.

This is a long overdue step in the direction of better blood drives. These drives have always been notoriously unsuccessful.

Year in and year out, a "successful" drive has been one that has attracted a few hundred students.

In the Spring, the situation is slightly better than in the Fall because the Interfraternity Council awards a Spring Week trophy for 100% participation. But this is not enough. Even with this support, the drive only garnered 541 pints, including townspeople last Spring.

Many feel that because the Red Cross charges \$25 a pint for blood, they should not contribute to such a profiteering enterprise. Actually the money charged pays for the multi-staged process by which the blood is handled. Raw blood must pass through many costly steps before it emerges as life saving plasma.

From a purely selfish aspect, one must con-

sider that once he has given blood, anyone in his family may receive it free should the need arise.

Even if people contribute from selfish motives, surely a total of less than 5% of the student body is not the best that the University can do.

This sorry state of affairs can be remedied by more campus organizations getting behind the effort.

If the blood drives were jointly sponsored by IFC, Panhel and AIM, they could turn into real successes.

Perhaps a contest could be organized among the sponsoring organizations with a trophy to the winner.

A requisite to success would be a system of insuring that those who sign up will contribute. In past years, over half the signees have defaulted their donations, and the slack has been made up by walk-ins.

Under this system, a larger quota would be filled entirely by subscription, and walk-ins would swell the total to new highs.
—Jack McArthur

Law and Chapel Don't Mix

Several weeks ago, a committee was formed in the University Chapel Choir to examine the present Protestant Chapel services, and to make revisions where they were thought necessary. The committee, working in close conjunction with the University Chaplain, has done an extremely fine job, but there are some things left undone. For example:

Is it necessary to have uniformed Campus patrolmen on duty in Schwab Auditorium during Chapel services?

One of these patrolmen has been present at every Chapel service this year and usually takes a post in the balcony. He stands there with his hat on until the sermon begins—then he leaves. He returns when the sermon is over—with his hat on.

It is highly unlikely that a congregation gathered for the purpose of worship would cause a disturbance.

It is probable that the patrolmen's responsibility is to see that the seating capacity of Schwab Auditorium is not surpassed, thereby causing a fire hazard. If this is the case, could

not the ushers take over the burden of this responsibility?

It would not be unsavory if the patrolmen would remove their hats and join the congregation in worship, but it is decidedly distasteful that they should represent "the long arm of the law" in campus religious life.

What can be done about those unfortunate, but very important, few who are turned away from Chapel services because the seating capacity has been filled?

If fire prevention codes permit, would it be possible to place folding chairs in the auditorium for the services? If this is not possible, could two Protestant Chapel services be held each Sunday?

Perhaps this last problem cannot be solved until the new University Chapel is built. The administration should insure that adequate seating is provided when that Chapel is built.

Until that time, all that can be done with the present facilities to promote a meaningful religious life at the University should be done, no matter what the obstacles. Deterrent factors must be eliminated.
—Bill Kling

Safety Valve

amount to less than five cents per student. The turntable could be installed at the HUB desk and operated by desk personnel using the HUB record collection.

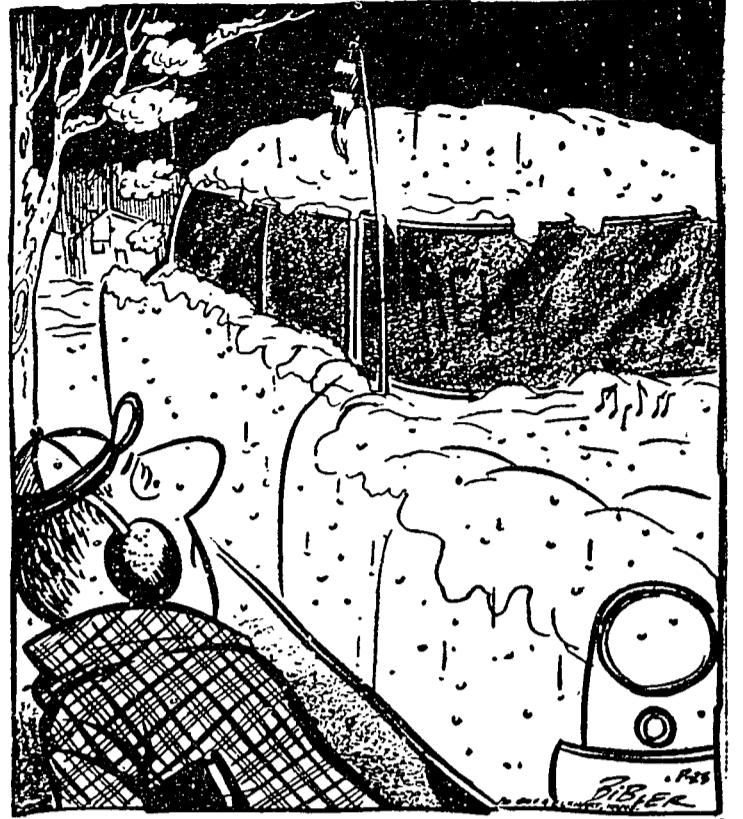
This is a personal idea but I'm sure that many people would prefer to hear something more soothing than Bill Haley or Fats Domino with their 9 a.m. coffee.
—Carl Kilmer

Gazette

Today
BIZAD BULLETIN, 6:30 p.m., 13 Sparks
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:45 p.m., Collegian office
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard
EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 204 Burrows

GAMMA SIGMA MEMBERS, 7 p.m., 4 White Hall
GAMMA SIGMA PLEDGES, 6:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER, 7 p.m., discussion group
University Hospital
Gary Banks, Philip Hazen, Donald Mikita, Marie Moran, Robert Sommer, John Zaag, Joseph Wendler.

Little Man on Campus by Biblea



According to Moyle

—by mike moyle

At last the long-hoped-for extension of the Christmas vacation has been granted! With the rather blizzardy weather and miserable driving conditions experienced over the weekend we can breathe a long sigh of relief at that news.

The accident list is a long one for this past weekend and

we can imagine the list will be larger at Christmas. It may very well have reached gigantic proportions with students flocking back on New Year's Day.

While on the subject of weekend driving we might comment on the "unalertness" displayed by the State Department of Highways in cindering the treacherous roads in the area.

State College is inaccessible enough in good weather without having to fight one's way through swirling snowstorms and across glassy highways.

As late as 11 p.m. Sunday the roads west of State College had not been cindered. Of course, the mountain highways coming into the Nittany Vale plus the hazardous conditions added up to an overabundance of accidents.

We were greatly surprised to hear that the extra halfday which was granted the students will not be made up. With all the talk about having to have a certain amount of classes and needing more time between semesters to process grades the extra half day is just forgotten.

It's hard to believe but Thanksgiving isn't over yet. Down in Texas they won't celebrate Turkey Day until the day after tomorrow. It seems that Thanksgiving doesn't occur until the governor of the individual state proclaims it. Those Texans will do anything to be different.

This may come as a shock. It did to us. The basketball season opens Saturday night in Rec Hall! Penn State will play host to Carnegie Tech. They're not wasting any time this year.

The borough and Alpha Phi Omega along with the State College Friends are going all-out this week to help the suffering people in Hungary. The week is dotted with special events which are designed to get money and clothes to send to the Hungarians who have been brought to their knees by their own strike and by Russian cruelty.

It should be interesting to see how many people in State College will be willing to eat "mush and milk" for just one meal in order to let the Hungarians give as much as "mush and milk" for all theirs.

Alpha Phi Omega will hold a clothing drive this week also. They plan to string clothes racks

around campus in strategic locations so that students may drop any old clothes on the racks at their convenience.

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on that dinner to the Associated Charities on Beaver Ave.

On Friday at 2 p.m. a truck full of clothing donated by people from the Titusville area for the Hungarian Relief drive will arrive in State College and will be added to the pile of clothing on the Mall.

Saturday has been proclaimed "red flag day" by the borough. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. signs will be placed over all parking meters in the downtown area requesting drivers to donate to the fund drive the amount they would normally put in their parking meter. Members of APhiO will be stationed along each block to collect these donations. The parking meters will not be in operation during this time.

Students who wish to aid Alpha Phi Omega in collecting the parking meter donations are asked to assemble in front of the Municipal Building at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Gamma Sigma, service sorority, will work with local members of the Red Cross in repairing clothing collected during the drive.

Spring Timetables On Sale at Willard

Timetables, priced at 25 cents, and directories, at 50 cents, are on sale in the basement of Willard.

The directories, which are also being sold in the local book stores, contain students' names, home address, major, semester, local address and local telephone number.

The timetables contain the listing of courses to be taught next semester as well as the time and the days they are offered. In some cases, the professor teaching the course is also listed.

On the front of the timetable is a calendar of University functions which will take place in the spring semester.