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Hungarian Drive: A Great Service

The piles of donated clothing behind the Christmas tree at "Co-op Corner" provided a striking symbolic background to the biggest non-profit fund-raising drive ever experienced at Penn State.

The drive was spearheaded by Alpha Phi Omega, national men's service honorary, and Gamma Sigma, women's service honorary sorority, in conjunction with many groups from the University and the borough.

Over \$2000 and two trailer truckloads of clothes were taken in for Hungarian Relief.

Unlike past drives, this one had all the earmarks of good planning. Furthermore, the difference in publicity may have made all the difference in the world. On past occasions, such as the one-day stand of the Mall of Dimes, people did not become aware that there was a drive till it was too late. In such cases the full potentials of these drives were not realized. Rather than evaluating the situation accurately, it was automatically blamed on student apathy.

Two things distinguished the Hungarian Relief Drive from Campus Chest. During the Campus Chest solicitations the students would contribute only if they were caught with the money or perhaps they would evade it altogether. In the case of the Hungarian Drive, however, students went out of their way to bring in funds. Secondly, students actually sacrificed. Some sororities donated their record funds, and students of McKee Hall gave a total of \$104—undoubtedly the largest donated by a single hall.

It was a bigger drive than many people realized, and included many organizations on campus as well as various groups from neighboring areas. WMAJ, the local radio station, ran a four-hour marathon; Burgess Mackey of State College declared it Hungarian Relief Day and gave all the funds from the parking meters and the use of the Municipal Building. The State College Council of Churches had proclaimed it Austerity Day in which members ate the plainest of dinners and gave what they would have spent to the drive. Members of Alpha Phi Omega

and Gamma Sigma gave their time from Thursday through Sunday to sorting clothes and collecting money.

It is true also that the drive was blessed from the very start with fair weather, wholehearted co-operation from students and townspeople alike. Also it was a cause that aroused the interest of the students.

Student apathy, except in a few isolated cases, had disappeared. Usually a fund-raising marathon on WMAJ is plagued with people who pledge fictitious sums in the name of other people or groups. Although the marathon did not receive every dollar pledged, there was little evidence of weching.

To say that the cause was well worthwhile, and that the drive itself was an exhibition of teamwork and brotherhood, would be an understatement.

However, to say the drive was backed wholeheartedly is not to say that there were no skeptics when it began. Indeed there were, and University officials were among them. It must be made clear, though, that although they thought the drive would fail, they co-operated in every way.

In the past this campus has been considered by some as tightfisted when it comes to giving. Instead of such an attitude the solicitors find not pennies and nickles—but dollars and five-dollar bills. Instead of worthless, worn-out clothing, most of the articles were in surprisingly good condition. Many coeds brought personal clothing such as sweaters.

This drive has caught the imagination of many people in many other states. It has since been carried by the wire service and has appeared in newspapers throughout Pennsylvania and the nation. It has received recognition both on television and radio.

Students and the organizations involved are to be congratulated for the tremendous enthusiasm which brought national recognition to the drive and in doing so brought honor to the University.

—Thom Shiels

Get Out and Meet the Faculty

Those students who wish to make the big play with the professor for their course grade will have their star opportunity tonight at the Women's Student Government Association Faculty Reception in the Hetzel Union lounge.

We hope there will be few students at the reception for this purpose. On the other hand, we hope there will be a great many students attending the event.

Since it is only open to junior and senior women, we feel that they will be making a grave mistake if they do not take advantage of this opportunity to meet their professors as a person, rather than as the usual class room lecturer. With a limited number of students attending each and every one will have a chance to meet the faculty.

As the University grows larger, which it is doing at rapid rate, students will more and more feel as though they are a machine in a large factory. Social gatherings between students and faculty are one of the few remaining reliefs from the business of education. Here, students will see a new side to their professors.

Too often students accept the trend of faculty-student separation. Too often they are lax in their efforts to meet and know their professors. We hope junior and senior women will take advantage of the work done by WSGA toward improving faculty-student relations.

The idea is vague, but certainly an important one. Although the reception will only be a drop in the bucket toward University-wide faculty-student relations it is an important step in the right direction. Why, when WSGA has done this before, the idea has not been used by more groups on campus we do not know. We think it is a lack that should be worked on. It will become an increasingly noticeable lack as the University grows larger. We hope more groups will follow the lead of WSGA.

The reception tonight should be a welcome change for all who attend. Those students who have a real interest in their education and the people who offer it will, we know, attend. For those who do not, we pity their short-sighted feelings toward the academic world.

—Sue Conklin

Coeds Merit Spot on WH Council

West Halls Council has shown itself as a leader in a somewhat progressive movement at the University—that of integrating the lives of men and women.

Monday night the council voted to have the four presidents from Thompson sit with the presidents of the men's dormitories on a complete West Halls Council. The four women will have a vote on every issue except that of the constitution.

We commend this move. Many of the problems faced by the council are common to both men and women, and can be dealt with in a more competent manner by integrating the sexes.

For too long men and women at the University have lead the unreal life of complete separation. We feel that the council's decision is the

first step toward a more realistic dormitory government.

Many of the questions which come up before the council are of a social nature. Most social events include women. With the new set-up it is probable that social events can be planned on a more cooperative basis and will receive more interest and participation from both sides.

It has always seemed somewhat strange to us that women in the West Halls area should eat in the same building with the men, go to their social functions, plan mixers with the men, date the men in the area, and yet have no form of joint government—in fact no official means of communication.

We hope the new council is a success. We feel that it will be.

—Sue Conklin

Gazette

Today COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian office
LEA. SHIP TRAINING COURSE, 7 p.m., 119 Osmond
NEU BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTERS, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main

PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA, 9 p.m., 117 Carnegie
ZOOLOGY CLUB, 7 p.m., 118 Frear
University Hospital
Edward Caye, Patrick Grippo, Norman Himmelsin, David Lynch, William Meckling, Robert Phillips, Charles Skopic, Allan Styer, William Talipsky.

Little Man on Campus by Bible



"This is nuthin' — ya shoulda seen our 'homecoming' float last year."

According to Moyle

by mike moyle

There's Still Hope

This matter of exemption from final exams for eighth semester students who have A or B averages has been gaining more than a little attention recently.

From what we can gather everyone seems to think that it is a real good idea (especially the eighth semester crowd) and that it should have been instituted long ago.

This system has been trying to find its way onto the Penn State scene for some years now but mysteriously enough something has always stood in the way. Joseph Hartnett, Senior Class President, told Cabinet Sunday night that President Eric A. Walker favored the exemption plan. He even favored extending the privilege to all students.

This sounds encouraging, coupled with the fact that many faculty members have also given their OK to the plan. As Hartnett said, however, things which seem to be gaining approval from many important people individually, have the strange knack of being turned down by the administration's rule-making bodies.

Anyway, we seniors can hope for the best.

Alpha Phi Omega cannot be given enough credit for its splendid drive for Hungarian Relief.

This whole thing was carried on with the utmost efficiency, imagination, and sincerity. The amazing aspect of it was the way it was set up in so little time.

If anyone is looking for the way to hold an effective and successful drive of any kind on this campus they would do well to remember this one as a prime model. APhiO is certainly consistently living up to its moniker, "service fraternity."

Dormitory students recently staged a foods riot at the University of Michigan. They threw vanilla pudding and asparagus all over the walls of the dining hall and then continued the fiasco out in the streets firing snowballs at policemen and breaking car windows.

From some of the complaints we've been receiving about Food Service here, we're watching and waiting.

Another midwestern university, Marquette, has instituted a

unique rule. Men may not kiss their dates goodnight when taking them back to dormitories. This applies to both dormitory lobbies and to the general area outside the dormitory.

Can you imagine this rule being in force at Penn State? Wonder if the Campus Cops would be charged with enforcing it?

The recent issue of Froth, which contained certain features which related to this paper is reported to have hit an all-time sales low for that magazine.

We also hear that the Senior Board may just be in for a little reprimand for some of the more objectionable material in the issue. One of the ideas Froth had this month was very original—too bad they hurried through it so fast they missed the entire point of the thing.

While in the field of publications we have heard that the coming issue of the Penn State Engineer (Tuesday) is going to have some of the best photography seen around these parts for some time.

UCA to Sponsor Advent Services

University Christian Association will sponsor the first of a series of three Advent services from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. today in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel.

Brown Higgenbotham, assistant to the chaplain, will lead the first service. Emphasis will be placed on short prayer and meditation.

Tonight on WDFM

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5	
6:55	Sign On
7:00	Telephone Requests
7:50	News
8:00	Anthology
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	Invitation to Relax
9:30	Informally Yours
9:45	News
10:00	Virtuosos
11:00	Sign Off