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Food Service Up to Old Tricks

The Food Service Department doesn't seem to be able to take a hint. Usually with the beginning of a new year things look better, but food service isn't keeping up with the trend. Things look just as bad this year as they did last.

Earlier this year we criticized food service, particularly MacAllister Hall, for the poor service which the coeds received there. One time the coeds had to wait as long as 40 minutes for their Sunday night supper. During the same weekend some of the students were made to wait one-half hour for another meal. At the time we said that the dietician showed poor planning, and could have better judged the situation.

Food service in Mac Hall is up to its old tricks again. Yesterday about 40 students had to wait almost half an hour for their lunch. The cafeteria ran out of food two times at one meal. We see no reason for this.

We feel that such poor planning is particularly inexcusable for lunch. Almost every coed goes to lunch in the dormitory. There should be no question of incorrectly estimating the number who will attend.

Some of the students who weren't able to leave the dining hall until 12:50 had one o'clock classes. Food service should make it its business

not to make meals an inconvenience for students.

The Mac Hall food service was also poor last weekend. Friday night several tables did not get served until 6:20. Serving starts at 5:30 and is usually over about 5:50. The next night five extra tables of eight students each had to be set up. We think this also shows poor planning.

We realize that Food Service as a whole, and each dietician separately, is anxious to save expenses. We think it admirable that they try to be thrifty. However, we feel that this can be carried too far. Students pay for the meals they eat and deserve some consideration. Dining hours are at specific times both for the convenience of food service and of the students. Students have classes and activities worked around the meal hours. Each time a dietician makes a mistake in her planning it is a considerable inconvenience to several students. They pay for the meals and should be able to have them served within the stated hours.

We hope Food Service, particularly the branch in Mac Hall, will show more consideration for the needs of the students in the future. We hope meals will be served promptly and that there will be enough food for each student who has paid for that meal.

—Sue Conklin

Southern Violence Out of Hand

The effort to enforce the Supreme Court's bus integration ruling has reached the point where something drastic must be done.

Since the court's ruling was handed down, the theme of the integration movement has been to keep things calm and to let the integration take its own course. The course it has taken has been one full of violence and bitterness on both sides.

Led by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Negroes throughout the South, notably in Montgomery, Ala., have been quite persistent in getting all that was coming to them under Federal law. They staged a very effective bus boycott and for a while, despite some flare-ups of violence, it looked as if they might win out in their demanding for equal treatment by bus lines.

However, they also got some things which weren't coming to them. As many Southern legislators warned at the time of the Supreme Court ruling, Southerners were not taking this thing sitting down. They fought it bitterly and the disorders seemed to become more and more serious. At first, of course, some trouble was expected. The Southerners had to put up a good front. But as time went on and riots became

intensified it was clear that they meant to fight the segregation problem down to the wire if necessary.

Wisely though, the Federal government kept its head. It did not go off half-cocked and order National Guard troops into the trouble areas to quell the disturbances. After all, the ruling was fresh yet and no one in his right mind expected it to go into effect without a hitch. Thus the policy of watch and wait.

However, yesterday violence hit its peak when a number of Negro churches and ministers' homes were rocked by dynamite blasts. The places that were attacked were known as popular meeting places for Negro rallies.

The families of the ministers were put in grave danger by these vicious blasts. Fortunately, no one was injured. But if segregationists are willing to go to these lengths, then there will be no stopping them in their stubborn move to preserve the unique law of the South.

Next time, perhaps, there will be some Negro a little nearer the dynamite or bomb or whatever weapon is used. Will it take killing in the troubled southern states for some definite action to be taken?

—The Editor

Safety Valve

Nittany Food Deplored

TO THE EDITOR: The quantity and quality of the food that was served in the Nittany Dining Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the noon meal was miserable.

The menu called for hot dogs, potato salad, rolls, butter, tea and milk. We received two hot dogs, potato chips, two cookies and milk and/or tea. One of the undersigned asked the dietician where the potato salad was, and the reply was to the effect that we eat the potato chips first, and if they don't last then we will be given potato salad.

Are the students who eat early pigs who have to eat up the garbage so that the students who eat later will get food? May we point out that there was an inch of snow on the ground and that the temperature was freezing. In weather like this some hot food is in order. The only, or warm, dish on our tray was the tea.

The cost for the privilege of living in the Nittany area is \$332.50 per semester. This figure is taken from the receipts for this semester. Of this, we understand that \$90 is for room fee. This leaves a remainder of \$242.50 which is for

board per semester. (Ed. Note—Food Service charges \$235 per semester in any dormitory on campus). Each semester is approximately 19 weeks in duration, of which we are in school about 15 weeks. Therefore, the cost to each student per week for food is \$18.14 or \$2.59 a day. If each student is receiving his share per cost per day we are unaware of it. Does anyone feel that he is?

The noon meal, like many others, was a disgrace to the students who are forced to eat in the Nittany Dining Hall. In the interest of health to the students, is Food Service giving us what we need and have paid for? We think not.

With the advent of finals we want to be sure of some hot decent meals. The time of finals is a time when every student should be in top shape physically and mentally. Without the proper diet this condition cannot be achieved. Isn't there something that can be done about this existing condition in the Nittany Dining Hall?

—Donald Cramp, Harry Hartman, Michael Potsnieks, Richard Mortimer, Ronald Smith

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Let's see a copy of your grades—I lost \$168 in rent last year when a pair o' my dummies quit school after mid-terms"

Horses, Figs and Bicycles

A Week for Everything

by evie onsa

We usually think of a regular year as having 52 weeks, but for some time now this has not been the case. In 1950 there were 117 weeks; in 1951 the number zoomed to 133 for an all time high and the number has been increasing ever since.

An editorial in the Saturday Evening Post reminds us that

we are again approaching Odorless Decoration Week. The Post, however, is skeptical of the need for such a week. It has a very worthy purpose, however—"to inform the public on the latest developments in the home field which permit decorations on a year-round basis without the usual discomforting paint odors." Now, what could be more beneficial than that?

The special weeks, days and months of the year pay tribute to food, health, children, sports, safety and animals. Some of the foods honored with weeks of their own are honey, apples, pickles, doughnuts, frozen foods, rice, kraut and frankfurters, cherries and the Idaho Potato and Onion. The whole month of March is taken up with Cottage Cheese-Cling Peach Salad Time. I'd like to add another one to this list: a special One-Whole-Month - Without - Liver-In-The-Dorm Month.

Next week along with contemplating Odorless Decoration Week and studying for finals you might remember that it is also Universal Prayer Week. If you haven't studied up to now it may be too late, but you can still try praying.

You may be interested in knowing that there is a Save the Horse Week, National Dog Week and National Cat Week. In fact, there are two national cat weeks, both in November. Pennsylvania sets aside a different week for its cats than the rest of the nation. I hope you cats remember which is which and don't go around celebrating at the wrong time.

To whom it may concern: Old Maid's Day is June 4. This was proclaimed by the Norristown Chamber of Commerce to honor the countless brave women who have lost their sweethearts on

World War battlefields. The last verse of poetess Marion Richards poem reads: "She paid no heed to wolves who'd whistle, As she strolled along as light as a thistle, For this little old maid is waiting the day, She will go to her lover, forever to stay." No comment.

And remember to observe Bicycle Safety Week or you may wind up in the hospital on a week other than National Hospital Week.

Here is one for your not-to-miss list—the Fig Festival where everyone will be promoting greater use of dried figs.

2 University Artists Display Work at HUB

Water colors by Douglas Lockwood, a University alumnus, and sculpture by Mary Rubinstein, part-time instructor in art at the University, are now on view in an art exhibition in the Hetzel Union Building.

The exhibition, which opened Sunday, will run for three weeks, concluding Jan. 26.

Lockwood, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State, had one-man shows at the Willard Gallery, New York, in 1949 and 1954. His work has been exhibited in many galleries throughout the country, and he has been awarded several prizes.

Mrs. Rubinstein, who has degrees from the University of Texas and Iowa State University, studied at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Art Students League in New York.

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