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Must the Show Go On?

All-University Cabinet may be \$2000 poorer after tonight's session.

Cabinet has come out of more than one meeting poorer than they entered, but the curious thing about tonight's consideration is that there seems to be a chance that the \$2000 will not find its way back into Cabinet's coffers.

As an added attraction to this year's fete the Spring Week committee has proposed a rather gigantic-sounding music festival complete with name performers from various fields of show business.

It seems that in recent years (and maybe before that) Spring Week planners have been trying to outdo (and justifiably so) the previous year's production. Thus it is natural that eventually we should go outside the University to add luster to Spring Week.

At first glance this proposed music festival sounds like peaches and cream. There's no doubt that a show of this nature seems like a grand time for all. And just think Life magazine may honor us by sending its famous photographers to the campus. We might all become famous.

The \$2000 is needed for retainers for the big-name entertainers which will make the show a success—if it is to be one. However, it is the feeling of many people, including this writer, that the students' money should not be risked for the sake of national charities which have already gotten student contributions through Campus Chest.

Now there are also many who are loathe to call this venture in the world of show business a risk. The Spring Week people are positive that if a "big-name performer" is obtained Beaver Field will be packed with people from

all parts of the central counties. Rain insurance will cover any possible threat from the heavens.

We believe that this whole matter was foisted upon Cabinet rather suddenly last week, especially the extremely touchy matter of letting go \$2000. We feel that a good many of the Cabinet members were in varying degrees of confusion last Thursday when asked for \$2000 by the Spring Week Chairman Robert Krakoff.

Perhaps the main point of hesitation in arriving at a decision on the matter was the fact that so little concrete information was available about the music festival. As it turned out no one was able to say who would be the stars of the show, or even who might be willing to come here. There were only a few vague names thrown out to pacify those who seemed to hesitate. Whether or not any of those named appear at Penn State is strictly in doubt.

We would be the last ones to spike something that would be so good for Penn State as this music festival. A big consideration is, however, the dependence by the committee on getting a number of entertainers to turn their checks over to charity. As it was pointed out last week at Cabinet few stars will be willing to do this if they know the money is going to the Penn State Student Scholarship Fund. Yet, we maintain that's where the money should go.

The first vote got by with little or no opposition. We like to think that this was because no one had time to think over all the possible repercussions of the whole thing.

If the scholarship Fund gets a fair shake and if Cabinet is given sufficient evidence (like naming names) that a profit will be made, then we say, "On with the show."

—The Editor

West Halls Waiters: Learn Manners

According to freshman opinion many of the Waring Hall waiters are somewhat lacking in manners.

This seems to be a contradiction of the situation in the other women's dining halls where the waiters have received nothing but praise as far as we know. In other dining halls the waiters are courteous and helpful on almost all occasions.

Unfortunately this situation does not seem to exist in the West Halls women's dining hall where waiters are neither so courteous nor so helpful. After hearing many freshman complaints we made a point of noticing the conditions which existed in this dining hall. We found that the waiters could stand a great deal of improvement and that the coeds had good grounds for complaint.

Outwardly the waiters seem to be on good behavior. But when the Thompson Hall housemothers leave they become very discourteous. While the housemothers are present the waiters hold themselves to making sly, whispered comments to the coeds. Some of the coeds seem to encourage these comments while others seem somewhat disgusted by them.

Not all the waiters in the dining hall are guilty of these unmannerly acts. However,

enough of them take part so that the whole group seems out of hand.

On several occasions the waiters have unnecessarily separated groups who wish to sit at the same table. Many of the coeds seem to feel very strongly that they would like to sit with their friends. We realize that sometimes this can cause a problem, but we also feel that the waiters are not very considerate of the coeds' feelings on the subject.

Perhaps the worst fault of the waiters is that after the housemothers leave they lose all sense of decent dining hall conditions and act obnoxious. They stand over the coeds who are still eating and keep telling them to hurry. They laugh and yell and make comments at the few remaining coeds, making it almost impossible to finish, let alone enjoy, the rest of their meal. Some of the comments are jokes, and others are equally out of place for dining conditions.

The minute the last coed leaves a table they jump on it like a "pack of vultures." The women at the remaining table are left with the feeling that they are guilty for finishing their dinner.

We hope something can be done to remedy the West Halls dining situation so that it may be on a par with other dining halls where the waiters are an asset rather than a detraction.

—Sue Conklin

Safety Valve

'Forgotten Class' Issue

TO THE EDITOR: I must take issue with Mr. Moyle on his editorial of Feb. 5 concerning the "Forgotten Class." When he stated that the new students enrolling for the spring semester were, "given no sort of official greeting and not treated to a special program as were their Fall counterparts," he made a completely false accusation.

An orientation program very much the same as was conducted in the Fall was carried out for these new students. Counseling sessions with hatmen were an official part of their Orientation Week schedule.

Just as in the Fall, these sessions were available to every student who took the trouble to attend the meetings for which he was scheduled. As for an "official greeting," each student who attended received a letter of greeting and encouragement from President Walker. This, I would say, was fairly official. In addition, each student who attended received the same brochures and aids as did his Fall counterpart.

Naturally, the program was somewhat tailored to meet the needs of a slightly different group, one with a large proportion of veterans and students who were transferring from other educational institutions. However, every attempt was made by the President's office, the offices of the dean of men and dean of women, and the Student Orientation Committee to help these students identify themselves with Penn State.

These facts were not secret and were certainly available to anyone interested in evaluating the actual situation.

—Robert Steele, Chairman
—Orientation Committee

Ed. Note—The editorial in question was never in a month of Sundays intended as a criticism of anyone—least of all the wonderfully efficient Orientation Committee—but was merely stating in broad terms the accepted difference between the attention showered upon the Fall frosh as the comparatively quiet entrance of those new students in the Spring semester.

Gazette

University Hospital
Barbara Albeck, David Ferraro, Daniel Friday, Sandra Gucky, Annette Jacobs, Gayle Keichner, William Kieffer,

Pat Kinney, Roger Lloyd, George Mansell, George H. McKay, Virginia Price, Joseph Santoro, Steve Savintank and Ira Starex.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



—bach vs. blue suedes—

Case Learns Power Of Presley Legions

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Sen. Clifford P. Case (R.-N.J.) knows now that even a senator has to be careful not to step on the blue suede shoes of Elvis Presley fans.

A fighting bunch, these Presley followers, who cherish every lock of his abundant hair, though one did tell the senator:

"Even if he was bald, we would still love our Elvis."

This all began after a lady constituent of Case's wrote in that she had read a news story on Presley's draft examination. It said that, as an entertainer, Presley probably would go into the special services branch, and therefore "could forego the GI hair cut required of the ordinary soldier."

Was it true, the constituent asked, that Presley would get special treatment?

Well, Case wrote the Army, and after appropriate high-level conferences, the verdict came back:

Nonsense. Presley would be treated like any other recruit. And if the local ground rules called for it, this would include bobbing Elvis' hair and curtailing his sideburns.

This fact was duly passed on to the lady constituent, and was relayed to the press, but it proved to be far from the end of the matter. Presley fans can rock 'n' roll in those letters, too.

Take the Philadelphia girl who said she'd take Presley bald if she had to. She said she heads the original Presley fan club, invited Case to join, and said:

"Senator, Elvis has been growing sideburns since the age of 16. They are not only a trademark, but they are cherished by Elvis and by us. As for the rest of his hair, well, it is so dark and wavy that it would be a sin to chop it off."

One point that rankled especially: When Case, an admirer of Bach, first got the letter from his constituent, he asked his administrative assistant:

"And just who is Elvis Presley?"

A girl in Little Silver, N.J., had this reaction:

"I'm disappointed that one of my senators doesn't read the news and keep abreast of the times."

And a Cincinnati disc jockey asked if this was a tongue-in-cheek remark.

Yes, the senator said, it was. At last report Sen. Case had retreated to Bach, whose followers are considerably more restrained. But then Bach never wore blue suede shoes.

HomeEc Drops Frosh Meeting

The convocation for freshmen preceding the Home Economics Spring Weekend will not be held this year.

To replace the former method of acquainting the home economics freshmen with the meaning and program of the annual Spring Weekend, the Home Economics Council has decided to write a letter to each freshman. The council feels this will be a more personal method of explanation.

Final instructions were given at a council meeting Tuesday night for the Freshmen-Faculty Tea to be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Home Economics Building. The chairmen for the tea were asked to report early Sunday.

The council voted to hold election of officers on March 26.

Panel to Discuss Social Sciences

Experienced researchers in the social sciences will hold the first of their "how-to-do-it" sessions at 8 tonight in the Hetzel Union assembly room.

Two more are planned for the Spring semester.

With Dr. Howard A. Cutler as moderator, the panel will consist of Dr. Neal Riemer, Dr. George E. Brandow and Dr. Philip S. Klein. Tonight's symposium will be devoted to "How to Select a Sound and Significant Research Topic."

Correction: Hat Society Council

Hat Societies Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hetzel Union Building, not Monday as was reported in yesterday's Collegian.

Tonight on WDFM

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6:55	News
7:00	"A" Train
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8:00	As You Believe
8:15	BBC Weekly
8:30	Jazz Panorama
9:00	News
9:15	Special Events
10:00	Chamber Concert
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off