

Editorials

The Man of Extinction?

Penn State's fraternity man may become the man of near-extinction in the not-too-distant future, according to O. Edward Pollock, assistant to the dean of men in charge of fraternity affairs.

Pollock noted in an interview with a Collegian reporter that the fraternity system has not kept up with the University's growth. Twenty years ago 1 out of every 2 men was a member of a fraternity. Today it's 1 out of every 4 men.

And unless the fraternities meet the situation with an expansion program, the Greeks will become a smaller minority group, leaving themselves open for "possible criticism for snobbishness and clannishness."

Although there are some things we dislike about fraternities (Hell Week, for one), there is much to be said for hoping the fraternities meet this challenge.

Besides traditionally providing a good level of housing, good food and good living conditions, fraternities do much to promote school spirit, fellowship, high ideals and scholarship, to mention a few.

Expansion of the fraternity system, Pollock feels, is needed along two lines: growth of present smaller houses and founding of new local and national chapters.

"There is a reasonable limitation on the size of a fraternity," for it might become little more than a "residence club." For this reason, Pollock sees the need for new chapters as well as expansion of the present smaller houses.

The whole thing pretty much boils down to money, as most other things do these days. Some \$150,000 to build a new house is hard to come by and interest rates are high.

Land is also a problem. There are few—if any—choice building lots available to fraternities in State College.

Many fraternities are looking to the University for possible on-campus land (probably on-farm) for expansion. The University has indicated that it may be willing to make such land available in the future, but probably not the near future.

There appears little hope that the University will be able to give financial aid to fraternities, for the University will have its hands full in building new residence halls. And the University must borrow money—and pay interest rates—on building residence halls the same as fraternities will have to do to build new houses.

The fraternities face quite a challenge. Not only is this a challenge to preserve the fraternity system at Penn State—which is rated by many as one of the best in the East—but to perform a valuable service to the University by helping to provide room and board for the expected influx in enrollment.

Planning, if nothing else, is cheap and should begin soon if the challenge is to be met.

Well Worth Copying

Too often we have seen issues come before Student Councils and the members vote on them without knowing the facts behind them.

Before the ROTC discussion began at the meeting of the Business Administration Student Council last week, Michael Walker, president, told the members he thought it would be fool-hardy to vote on something they knew little about. So the council didn't and appointed a committee to study it.

Other councils would do well by copying this.

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From Here

Thrilled, Naive, My Love Grew For Committees

By ED DUBBS

Some people love dogs. Some people love food. Other people love other things. But I love committees.

My love for committees began soon after I arrived at Penn State some three years ago, for as an eager-beaver freshman I soon received my first committee appointment.

To say the least I was thrilled. Here was my chance to perform a service by serving on a committee. When I first took the committee assignment I had no idea how much my love for committees would grow.

You see, I was naive. I thought committees did things. But I was pleasantly surprised to discover that here, within committees, lies the key to maintaining the status quo.

Since committees are composed of the unfit appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary, a group can send something off to a committee to be studied for years and years and never to be heard of again.

Not only will the thing to be studied never be heard of again, but the group of which the committee is a part will forget that it has such a committee.

This is wonderful. What better way is there to maintain status quo? And we can be thankful that student government has learned this technique.

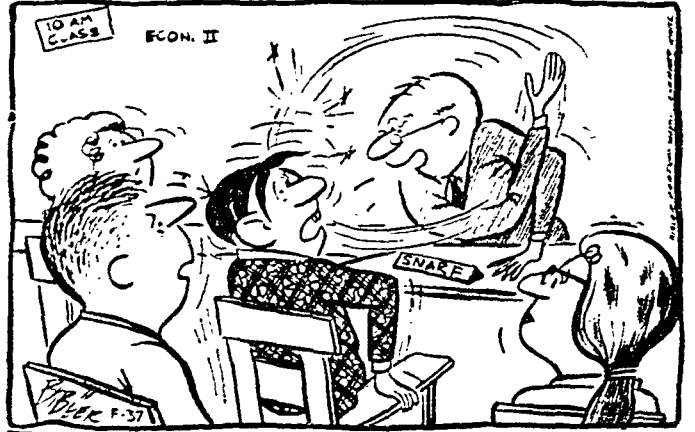
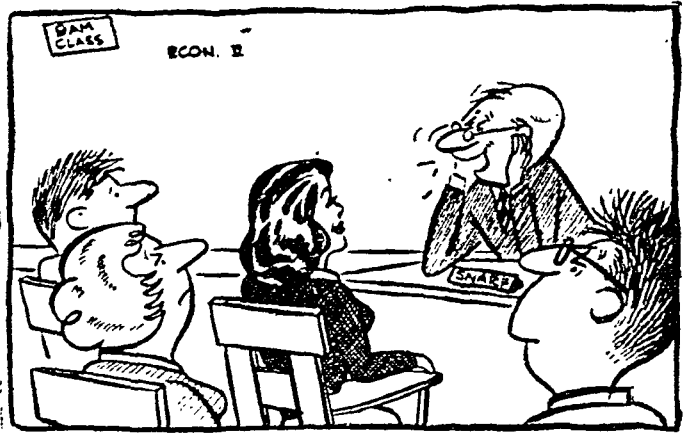
My favorite committee is the committee on committees. The man who first appointed such a committee must have been a genius. He should take his rightful place in history alongside Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

I am sorry to say I have never been appointed to a committee on committees, and for this reason I must deem my college career a failure, for the committee on committees is the epitome of committees.

And although not all of us receive as many committee appointments as we would like and not all of us can attain the epitome by serving on a committee on committees, we probably shouldn't be dismayed—for we should be thankful that we have these lovely things called committees.



Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Safety Valve

'Even Leaders Are Apathetic'

TO THE EDITOR: One of the major justifications of student government on campus is the link which it provides between the administration and the student body. Cabinet should serve as a sounding board for the opinions of the student body.

A group of Cabinet members "considered an attempt for (Christmas) vacation extension futile, and opposed favoring it for that reason." Are these members of Cabinet voicing student opinion?

The "we-can't-do-anything-about-it-so-why-try" attitude of certain members of Cabinet shows a marked similarity to the attitude of the student who feels "why vote, my vote doesn't count anyway."

With this apathetic attitude of our student government leaders, how can we expect

Gazette

TODAY: Hillel Yiddish Class, 7 p.m.; foundation Hillel Intermediate-Conversational Hebrew, 7 p.m.; foundation Wesley Choir rehearsal, 6:45 p.m., center NEXT MONDAY Wesley Student Council Executive Cabinet, 7:15 p.m.; foundation TONIGHT ON WDFM 6:45: Sign on, news and market reports; 7:00: The Home Ec. show; 7:15: Folk Music; 7:50: State news and national sports; 8:00: Invitation to Relax; 8:00: Open to Question; 9:00: Campus news and sports; 9:15: As You Believe; 9:30: Cabinet Reports; 11:00: National and International news; 11:05: This World of Music; 11:30: News and sign-off.

Concert Dance Group

Nine women have been named members of the Senior Orchestras, the concert dance group of the Women's Recreation Association. They are Helen Litke, Brenda Rambo, June Savanick, Rona Lasow, Patricia Joy, Cecelia Yukner, Norma Bernstone, Barbara Halin and Mary Reed.

anything but an apathetic attitude on the part of the student body toward student government?

—James McLaughlin, '59 Richard Woelkers, '58

Prof Accepts Post at Andes

Dr. Richard N. Jorgensen, assistant professor of wood technology, has accepted a 2-year assignment as chief of the section of wood technology at the Latin American Forest Research and Training Institute, University of the Andes.

He is on leave of absence from the University for the position, offered by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Jorgensen in 1951-52 spent a year at the University of the Andes where he was engaged in a special research assignment which included assisting in the establishment of the Latin American Forest Research and Training Institute program.

Ten Men Initiated Into ODK Society

Seven seniors and three juniors have been initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, junior and senior men's leadership society.

The seniors are Leslie Phillaubum, Carroll McDonnell, Roger Levin, Robert Neff, Stephen Higgins, John Rhodes and Michael Walker.

The juniors are Alton Kendal, John Sopko and Jay Feldstein.

Applications Available For Spring Week Jobs

Application blanks for Spring Week committees are available at the Hetzel Union desk.

The deadline for filling out applications is Dec. 6. Any student

