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Council Moves Protest; Feldman May Call Board

The College Student Council, having been petitioned by a large number of dorms and organizations, passed a motion proposing to the Administration the alleviation of recent penalties imposed for disciplinary reasons. The passing of this motion automatically empowers Student Council Leonard Feldman to call a Board of Review to consider the motion if he deems it necessary. The motion, which appears on page 2 of this issue of the *Acorn*, was approved at the Council meeting held last Thursday night in the Private Dining Room of the University Center.

Board of Review

The Board of Review, as outlined in the Constitution of the College Student Council, is comprised of the four executive officers of the Council, the College Dean, and two college faculty members selected by the Dean. It can be called only by the Student Council President, and in this specific case, only in the event that the Dean refuses to act on the Council's motion.

A 5-2 vote is necessary from the Board to pass any motion. The Board of Review may function to accept the Council motion with or without amendments and revisions. In the event that it does not vote to adopt in some way the motion presented by the Council, the College Dean must then answer to the reasons for protest of the original action included in the Council motion.

Since the Constitution was adopted in 1956, the Board has been called only once by past president James Mills in regard to women's curfew on Friday nights.

Two Meetings Held

The motion, presented by Councilman Robert Temmler (Soph.), was passed by the Council as the climax of two successive meetings, January 11 and 12 respectively, spent in a consideration of the penalties, the respective offenses, the student body sentiment, and the proposed motion. Sixty people attended the Wednesday night meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room, while 70 on Thursday night availed themselves of all possible seating space in the Private Dining Room including baseboard heating units and table tops.

Petitions Read

At the former of the two meetings President Feldman read petitions expressing lack of accord with the disciplinary actions in question from the following groups: New Men's Dorm and Baldwin Hall, 115 signers; New Women's Dorm, 75; Rogers House, 25; Commuters' Club, 30; Varsity D Club, 20. In addition Feldman read an open letter to the University from the Student Council of the Theological School (the letter appears elsewhere on this page), and a carbon copy of the letter sent to the parents of the offenders was also read to further clarify the reasons for and nature of the punishment.

A motion to call a Board of Review at the Wednesday night meeting was passed but later declared unconstitutional in procedure. Hence the meeting of the following night was necessitated.

Motion Discussed

Following Temmler's presentation of the proposed motion a lengthy discussion of the fine took place. A question from the floor concerning the possibility of the offenders' behaviour during the

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Justice Plea Arises From Seminar

The Theological School Student Council unanimously approved a letter of protest to the University concerning disciplinary measures resulting from the prank on the night of January 5 at its meeting on January 10.

The letter cited the following aspects of the proposed penalties which were felt to be unjust.

1. "It seems that the Administration has stepped into a matter clearly defined by municipal statute. . . . Since the law violated was a Borough ordinance, those responsible are obligated to fair justice at the local court. It is the duty of the University to uphold the law, not to circumvent it.

2. "The action of the Administration also seems to have been most arbitrary. We are not against discipline, but discipline in the college normally finds its channels through the Judicial Board, or at least between students and Administration.

3. "The action seems, finally, remarkably severe. . . . There seems to be no correlation between this penalty and the deed itself. This is not discipline, nor is it justice."

Attendance Regulation Changes To Take Effect Second Semester

New attendance regulations effective the beginning of the spring semester 1961 were passed at the College faculty meeting held on January 6.

According to the minutes of the meeting, a student will affect his status in a course when he is absent during a semester a number of times exceeding by one the number of class meetings per week in that course, that is, four cuts in a course which meets three times a week. When a student has taken his allowance of unexcused absences, the instructor shall warn the student that he is on cut probation and that a second unexcused absence after warning will result in his being dropped from the course with a grade of WF or FF, depending on the date of withdrawal. The instructor shall also notify the Dean that he has warned the student.

Excused Absences

No absences shall be excused except those incurred by authorized representation in extra-

classroom activities or where a personal emergency, a serious, chronic, or prolonged illness, or some urgent circumstance arises. In the latter circumstances, the student may apply to the Dean, who, in consultation with the instructor, may then issue an excuse.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences from the last class preceding vacation or from the first class following vacation shall automatically place the student on cut probation in that course. Those students wishing to leave early for temporary employment during Christmas vacation shall apply to the Dean, who will pass on all such requests.

Since each faculty member has jurisdiction over his classes, however, he may permit a larger number of unexcused absences than prescribed below, provided he so inform his classes and the Dean, in writing, during the first

week of each semester. He may also extend special privileges to students on the Dean's List.

Make-up Work

As far as feasible, instructors will provide opportunity for a student to make up work lost through excused absences. Faculty members are not obligated to give make-up exams or laboratory sessions for unexcused absences. If the instructor elects to give a make-up, it is with the understanding that normally, the mark shall be reduced by one letter grade. Exercises performed to make up for excused absences shall not be penalized.

Illnesses

Those students who feel they require an excuse from class because of illness should report to the infirmary for an examination. If the nurse feels that the student's illness might warrant an excuse, the student is then examined by the doctor. It is the doctor who decides whether or not the student is excused from classes. This decision is then reported to the Dean of the College who finally issues the excuse.

The hours of luncheon service in the University Center Dining Hall will be extended from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, effective January 30. Mr. Ken Shumaker, the Dining Hall Manager, is arranging this extension to meet the demands of the academic schedule which will include noon-hour classes next semester.

Since the Dining Hall staff reports an average of not more than a dozen people in the last 10 minutes, the dinner line will close at 6:30 instead of 6:40 p.m., also effective January 30.

Registrar Lists January Grads

Several seniors will receive their Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University this January, 1961, provided they have passed their comprehensive exams, announced University Registrar John Bevan.

They are Pauline, Bodle whose field of concentration is Spanish literature; Peter Briggs, who concentrated in economics; David Hardwick, a political science major; Charles Nelson, whose field in economics; Outi Oostdyck, a French literature concentrator; Livia Ruviles, who majored in German literature; Andrew Skonberg, an economics major; and Verta Sorenson, whose field is religion.

Several of these students took extra courses during the regular school curriculum at Drew in order to enable them to graduate early. Others took extra work in other institutions during the summer months; while some were making up credits that they had not been able to earn soon enough to enable them to graduate last June.

The New York Philharmonic will perform at the Mosque Theater in Newark on Saturday, February 18 at 8:30 p.m. Special student discount tickets for the performance may be purchased from Dr. Dika Newlin in Room 2 of Mead Hall. If twenty-five or more students go, there will be further reduction of rates.

Thomas Shippers will be the conductor, and Leon Fleisher, piano soloist, will play Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody* on a *Theme by Paganini*.

Texaco, DuPont Aid Liberal Arts School

Grants of \$1500 from Texaco, Inc., and \$4000 from DuPont Company have been received by Drew University, according to an announcement by John L. Pepin, Vice-President-Treasurer.

The Texaco firm has selected Drew as one of the privately financed U.S. colleges and universities to be included in the company's aid-to-education program. The grant is for the 1960-61 academic year and is without restriction as to its use. It was received on December 22, 1960.

Texaco's support of higher education for the 1960-61 year amounts to approximately \$700,000, and is based on the belief that an investment in America's youth and the continued well-being of its colleges is an investment in the future of the economy and the country.

DuPont chose Drew as one of 76 institutions in the U.S. to receive a company grant. The grants have been awarded to help

the institutions maintain the excellence of their teaching.

As in past years the colleges were chosen by DuPont on their record of strength in chemical education. Each of the grants to the colleges consists of \$2,500 for chemistry teaching and \$1500 for other courses. The funds for chemistry teaching are to be used by the institution in ways they feel will most effectively advance their institution in the subject and stimulate interest in it.

With the graduation of its very first class, the College of Liberal Arts at Drew has been accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Its professional training in medicine is recognized by the American Medical Association, and its Chemistry Department has the highly regarded approval of the American Chemical Society.

Weatherby, Pepin Travel To Denver

University Vice-President John Pepin and College Dean Allen L. Weatherby spent the past week in Denver, Colorado, where they attended a battery of meetings for college administrators.

Mr. Pepin met with other university officials January 10-12 at the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities and the 47th annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges held at the Denver-Hilton Hotel. From there he flew to Los Angeles to meet with the Drew Alumni groups, and returns to the Madison campus on the 18th.

Dr. Weatherby attended the American Conference of Academic Deans while in Denver. The concern of this conference was "Exploding Pressures upon Liberal Arts Curriculum."

Both college officials made the trip by plane.

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"I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend unto death your right to say it."—VOLTARE.

Editorials

An Explanation

The lack of an editorial in this issue of the *Acorn* was perceived to the omission of the large number of letters which were received this week. Our feelings and opinions regarding the action taken on the pranks of January 5 have changed little since last week. While we do not in every case ascribe to the opinions expressed herein by our readers, we feel that the extent of the coverage of this matter in this issue may be taken as an indication of the extent of our concern over it.

E. A. S.

Student Council Motion

I move that the Student Council of Drew University, College of Liberal Arts, petition the Dean of the College to reconsider the penalty levied upon the members of the College who were involved in the prank Thursday night, January 5. The penalty as the Council understands it includes a \$100 fine upon five of the offenders and social probation to all eight involved.

The Council's reasons for requesting a reconsideration of these penalties by the Dean of the College:

Whereas: (1) The Council's strong feeling that the penalty's severity is out of proportion to the intent and consequent repercussions of the offense; and,

Whereas: (2) The haste of the decision prohibited the viewing of all the facts and a consultation with the civil authorities; and,

Whereas: (3) The occurrence of coincidental events giving the incident disproportionate publicity and causing the prank to be unduly exaggerated; and,

Whereas: (4) The confusion and inconsistency of the administration as a result of the municipality's stated policy toward the offenders; and,

Whereas: (5) The case would have been handled by the Judicial Board if the administration had received the municipality's decision earlier; and,

Whereas: (6) The distinction of the degree of the participation of the offenders is ambiguous and arbitrary;

Therefore, be it resolved that in view of the expense incurred by the Borough of Madison, the local ordinances pertaining to the case, and the fact that the administration is in a sense deputized to act as the law enforcer, the following action should be taken:

(1) The fine should be adjusted to be not above \$250, should be distributed evenly among all eight of the offenders, and should be given to the Madison Fire Department.

(2) The probation, as defined in the Drew University College of Liberal Arts Handbook, page 25, paragraph 1, section C and paragraph 3, should be for a two month period commencing at the time of the initial judgment.

Therefore, it is the Council's desire that the President of the Student Council act on this motion, and if he deems it necessary, call a Board of Review under Article II, Section I, A.1 and Article III, Section 2.1, and Section 3.

Athletes Defended

Dear Editor:

As Captain-elect of next year's soccer team, I feel that I should express my opinion on the recent burning-in-effigy of our Dean of Women. I say this since my main interest at Drew University is the varsity athletic program; and this same program was badly injured in many ways by the Administration's hasty disciplinary action.

It seems to me that the double punishment of imposing such a heavy monetary fine plus social banishment was not in-line with the magnitude of the misdemeanor or committed. Some type of discipline is necessary even though the burning was a typical and very common college prank; the fact that a "general" alarm was turned in is not directly the fault of those who did the burning. Perhaps a fine of twenty-five dollars is appropriate; or perhaps those students concerned could be made to work-off their fines. I have worked here with Mr. Ralph Smith and his crew, and I know that there is always some type of work to be done. However, the Administration took the liberty to impose their double punishment, and herein lies what I consider to be a very urgent problem.

Only two months ago, the Captain of the basketball team and I talked to the Administration about our varsity program. It was pointed out to them that among other things there was a definite lack of school spirit that permeates our entire institution. It was noted that in any college school spirit is many times associated with a sound varsity program. The nature of people seems to be such that this type of pride and spirit usually comes from varsity teams to the students and not in the opposite direction. It was decided between the Captains and those who heard us that we would do all we could to help our athletic program; indeed, in my opinion this is as good a place as any to begin since for three years I have watched a perpetual apathy at Drew. Everyone has complained about everything but nothing has been done about it.

I should like to think that the Administration has fore-most in its mind the welfare of Drew and its students. But their recent actions have made me wonder exactly what their true intentions are. As stated earlier, I do sincerely believe that punishment must be dealt out in this case; but I also believe that everything and everyone must be taken into consideration. That is, the students must be punished; but this punishment must be proportional to the deed done. But what is more important is that the Administration must look into the future and speculate as to the consequences of their decisions. How can they hope to please anyone but themselves by upholding their present decision? Surely they must be made to see that at present they have not only punished those concerned but also the hopes of those who are trying in their own meager ways to do something about the "Drew Attitude."

With the above in mind, I make the following appeal to the Administration. Irrespective of any sympathies or animosities which may arise, I ask that each member concerned carefully review in his own mind what has gone before, both their words and their actions. I have honestly and sincerely attempted to be as objective as possible about this whole thing; and to be frank I find it very difficult to believe that the Administration can really

be thinking of the well-being of Drew University. If they must impose "maximum" punishment, then please let them do it in such a way that it will punish directly involved and not all those athletes who, even though they are ridiculed by many, give of themselves completely and wholly night after night for four years; for it is among such men that is found not only "sports talk" but honest to goodness desire, fight, pride and spirit for a cause in which they have very profound faith.

In conclusion, this whole situation sadly typifies a common but degrading feature of the Drew Administration; although they are eager to jump to punish, they rarely express public gratitude for a job well done, particularly within the realm of varsity athletics. The fact is especially relevant here since they are dealing with a group of individuals, some of whom have given much more to Drew University through the athletic program than it can ever hope to repay.

'Lady Justice Rides Again'

Dear Editor:

Lady Justice rides again. This time she was not only blindfolded, but her ears were plugged, her brain desensitized, and to top it all she was carrying a \$500 gold brick on one side of her scale. All this would not matter so much if she would refrain from throwing her gold brick at students. With the defects she possesses I suppose we can't really expect her aim to be too good. The brick has a habit of bouncing off the heads of the relatively innocent and missing the real felon completely.

Take the recent case of fire versus fire alarm, for example. A fire that was a candle compared to some of the school sponsored bonfires on Young Field evidently excited someone enough to turn in an alarm. Maybe this individual just likes to hear sirens. To me this is the equivalent of a false alarm. Considering the nature of the fire and the nature of college students, it would not have taken much time or effort to determine the needlessness of calling the fire department. If the fire department had not been called in, I am quite sure Lady Justice's gold brick would have stayed quietly on her scale. But since the authorities were summoned, some one must get hit. Lady Justice: Correct your aim!

Sincerely,
Peter Mosher

Allusion Made To Dialogue

Dear Editor:

While preparing ourselves for final examinations, we have unearthed the following relic of ancient Greece:

Socrates: So the charge was impiety.

Pyros: To be sure, Socrates.

Soc: And you alone were charged with impiety?

Pyros: No, there are my four brothers: Jonas, Kleitus, Dalius and Adonis.

Soc: What was the nature of this impiety?

Pyros: We had set afire our sacrifice to Aphrodite.

Soc: And what did you sacrifice, Pyros? An ox, a sheep, or an ass?

Pyros: None of the aforementioned.

ed, Socrates; 'twas an old goat.

Soc: To be sure. But what was impious about sacrificing a goat?

Pyros: 'Twas nothing out of the ordinary, Socrates. A local youth, who doesn't answer to a name, thought he envisioned a cataclysmic conflagration, engulfing the Temple of Aphrodite, which was in the proximity of the Academy of Dionysodorus.

Soc: 'Tis strange that the youth doesn't answer to a name; however, there is no impiety in sacrificing a goat, even an old goat; now continue your tale, Pyros.

Pyros: Immediately, thereupon, the noble youth raised the cry of fire; the soldiers hurried to the scene to extinguish the conflagration with one of our five elements, water. Some of the students from the Academy of Sophists turned out to jeer the soldiers as they stood looking at the burning goat.

Soc: An astounding situation. But, wherein lies the impiety? Pyros: This I don't know, Socrates, but king Veritas has proved to be the wiser one.

Soc: Wise, in what way, Pyros?

Pyros: Well, in addition to the fine of 100 minae each for the service of the soldiers, we are forbidden to participate in the Olympics and the Dionysian rites for many a fortnight.

Soc: I still do not see wherein lies the impiety nor do I see wherein lies the wise judgment of the King. However, I do see false judgment on the part of the youth, and not impiety on the part of you and your brothers. Do you not agree, Pyros?

Pyros: I don't know, Socrates. The King maintains the youth acted in good faith.

Soc: In what way, Pyros?

Pyros: In the sense that he saw a cataclysmic conflagration, where there was but a burning goat.

Soc: Exactly, Pyros, which proves my point.

Pyros: And what is that, Socrates? Soc: That the callow youth is a poor judge of fires, since he could not identify the nature of the fire.

Pyros: But how, Socrates?

Soc: In the sense that he could not distinguish between a cataclysmic conflagration and a burning goat.

Pyros: Ah, I am no longer nonplussed, Socrates. But if this is so, then why were we castigated by our good King?

Soc: The reason may be manifold, Pyros. It could very well be that he feared retribution of the soldiers, the insults of which were imbibed, or the influence of the Senate. Do you not agree?

Pyros: To be sure, Socrates. But what conclusions do you arrive at?

Soc: Permit me to elaborate.

Pyros: Proceed, Socrates.

Soc: That it was not an act of impiety, but a false judgment on the part of the youth; and that since the King could have been the wiser in determining your penalty, he could also have been the wiser in determining the conscientiousness of the youth. I am tired of standing, Pyros—come let us proceed to inn and continue our discussion over a Hemlock Rickey.

—Philo
(J. Kelly,
A. Spitis)

Council Moves Protest

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trial being considered in the determination of the fine was referred to one of the offenders who in turn referred it to Councilman Binkley (Jr.). Binkley restated his testimony of the previous evening that he had been informed by a faculty member that attitude and behaviour had been considered in the decision of the Administration.

Offender Testifies

The group next heard a testimony from one of the offenders that the attitude of the defendants at the trial was influenced by 1) the fact that they were not compelled under the Fifth Amendment to come forth with any information concerning the offense, 2) their impression when first called before the Advisory Committee on Students that the placar of the alarm was sought, and 3) the defendants' feeling that there could be no true "ring-leaders" in the carrying out of a prank which "we have heard

about as long as we've been at Drew."

The same offender continued that the defendants' feelings were agitated by questions of minute and irrelevant nature such as "Did the bucket have a handle on it," and accusations such as "You lit it." He said that at no time in the trial did anyone deny his part in the act.

Amendments Proposed

Binkley moved that the Council take no action on the case until such time as Dean Swain might appear before the Council with a full report on the decision. There was no second.

Councilman Slippen (Soph.) proposed an amendment to the part of the motion concerning the fine. This part had originally provided for a lowering of the fine to \$250 to be distributed among all eight offenders but gave no specification as to its use. The amendment was passed and a roll call vote revealed that it was approved by all but Binkley.

ECAC Okays Band Motion

The Extra-Classroom Activities Committee met on Monday, January 9. This was the group's first meeting since November, since snow caused a cancellation of the December meeting.

Considerable discussion concerning the reorganization of the college band resulted in the passing of a motion recognizing the reorganization of the group, and recommending to the Finance Board that funds be given upon the presentation by the band of a specific program and budget.

The committee gave an informal vote of confidence to the Carnival-Orphan Day program proposed by Leonard Feldman to the Student Council last week. Barbara Fern, Co-Chairman of the Social Committee, reported that she has made a recommendation that future Christmas dances be scheduled for a weekend night, rather than a week night as has been the custom for several years.

Miss Fern also reported that the Class of '62 is investigating the possibility of holding its Spring Weekend off campus.

Rangers To Meet Lycoming U. And Engineers In BB

The first weekend of the new semester will be a busy one for the Drew University Rangers. There are three games scheduled, two varsity and one Jayvee. On February 2 the varsity and J.V. teams will be off to Newark, New Jersey, to meet the Engineers from Newark College of Engineering. The game will be played on the court of the Newark Boy's Club, as N.C.E. is in the process of building a new gym. The N.C.E. game figures to be a tough one for the Rangers as the Engineers have always fished well around court fives. Drew University meets N.C.E. twice a year. Once in a regular contest and once for the Albert Ben Wegener Scholarship Benefit game to be held this year on Feb. 18. The Rangers dropped both of last year's games, but the score of the second contest was very close, the Engineers winning it only in the last minute.

On Saturday night, Feb. 4, the Rangers again take the court, this time against Lycoming University and in Baldwin Gym. This contest figures to be a good one and will prove to excellent entertainment for Drew basketball fans.

Council Column

At the last meeting for this semester, the Student Council discussed, in addition to the proposed spring carnival, the possibility of having late night field trips scheduled for the evening preceding the field trip day. In the absence of Dr. James McClintock, who directs the field trip program, Mrs. Woglom reported that no tests are to be scheduled for the day following field trips. Dean Weatherby stated that such a change would in some cases conflict with night labs, and added that at present there is no rule concerning tests after field trip day but that such a regulation is being considered.

It was announced by Council President Lenny Feldman that 11 p.m. permission for girls has been granted for weekday basketball games.

Regarding the discussion of rates for student assistants, it was reported that this is presently being considered by a faculty committee.

The question of dorm versus class representation on the Council, being prone to lengthy discussion, was tabled for the first meeting of next semester.

Adult Students Come To Drew

by Genie Carter

If any Drew students have been wondering about the strange faces seen in the college building on the last two Thursday nights, they can set their minds at rest. The local towns people have not come back to finish their college education. However, this idea is not far from the truth.

The Morris County Board of Realty, Inc., has planned an educational series of lectures for real estate agents in this locality. Drew University is providing the necessary facilities, permitting the group to meet every Thursday night for twelve weeks from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. in room 121. Dean Weatherby presented the welcoming address at their first meeting January 5. Two of our professors are scheduled to speak: Dr. Jerome Cranmer, on Every-day Economics; and Dr. James A. McClintock, on the Psychology of Selling.

The purpose of the series is "to provide Morris County salesmen and their employing realtors with a practical and up-to-date knowledge of the real estate business in order to increase their competence and ability to serve home owners and home buyers."

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Plants Vary Behind Green House Door

by Robert Kaye

Unknown to most Drew students is the university greenhouse, located behind Roger's House. Originally on the Vanderpool Estate, it was brought to Drew when the botany department purchased it several years ago.

The glass garden, called a "teaching greenhouse" by Dr. Zuck, contains several plants not found in this latitude. Subtropical ferns, cycads resembling miniature palms, a primitive *Peltandra* having no apparent leaves, and an Australian timber tree (*Podocarpus*) are found in this makeshift jungle.

Two plants have edible fruits. *Monstera deliciosa* is a most striking one with its aerial roots reaching out toward the white gravel path that surrounds an island of exotics in the center of the greenhouse. We also have an enormous leaved banana plant.

A specimen of economic importance is the Croton plant. Its oil, a constituent of many rubbing compounds, creates a warm

Freshman Meet For Nominations

At their class meeting on Thursday, January 5, the freshmen made nominations for the office of class treasurer. Because of a write-in vote on the last two ballots, no one received the simple majority necessary to win.

Jane Russell, Allen Merriam, Diane Wright, and Phil Stimmel were the names appearing in the new primary on Tuesday, January 10.

This election narrowed the candidates down to Jane Russell and Allen Merriam. The final election will take place as soon as possible, according to Jerry Rankin, Vice-president of the Student Council.

Rankin spoke at the meeting, asking the class to follow the constitution during the election as it had had a chance to nominate a new slate of names. He felt that the time and money already spent on this election had been excessive.

A motion from the floor suggested that class president George Burill appoint a temporary treasurer to collect dues and get the office under way. Neil Kaplan was chosen for the position.

When reported that the Student Council had approved the holding of a carnival at Drew on April 22, the freshmen agreed to support this plan. The total proceeds are to be donated to an orphanage.

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sensation when applied.

In one corner of the greenhouse a group of desert cacti and succulents flourishes. *Sedum Praetense* is of particular interest due to its possible medicinal use. It is said that a drop of liquid can clear up opacity of the eye if used once a day for two weeks. The author of a thesis found an African tribe using a similar plant for that very purpose.

Corsages anyone? We have two types of corsage flowers. The showy *Eucharis* with its fragrant white blossoms is almost as valuable as the conventional gardenia. South American orchids, the traditional corsage flower, complete this group.

Finally, among all the oddities are several mysterious unknowns contributed by amateur gardeners. An extension of the greenhouse is used as a laboratory for microbiology, the study of bacteria and viruses; mycology, the study of fungi; and advanced botany, in which special research projects are carried out. A typical project is "What Microorganisms Can Use Maleic Hydrazide for Food." This chemical prevents sucker growth in tobacco. Despite its unexciting appearance, the greenhouse is "alive" with activity.

Mace Outlines Trip To MSM

Dr. David Mace, a former member of the Drew faculty, spoke and showed slides of his trip to the Soviet Union at the January 4th meeting of the M.S.M. held in the New Fellowship Hall of the Madison Methodist Church. Dr. Mace's trip was made in the summer of 1960 for the purpose of gathering information for a book on Soviet family life. He and Mrs. Mace traveled 3,500 miles through Russia and the Ukraine, spending four and a half weeks behind the Iron Curtain with Russian families.

The group of about forty who attended this meeting saw slides ranging from the mausoleum of Stalin and Lenin, to Soviet workers and youth. Dr. Mace explained and commented on each scene.

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'Acorn' Swamped With Letters

Drew Called 'No University'

Dear Editor:

The administration action on the effigy incident of January 5, has many implications. In particular, if this official action is a violation of the main principles of a university, it is my conclusion that Drew is not a university in this situation.

DEFINITIONS: A university is an institution whose prime function is the investigation and promulgation of knowledge. Academic freedom is the liberty of the members of an institution to investigate and promulgate. Academic responsibility is the duty of an institution to extend academic freedom to its members. And finally, an institution may be a university if and only if it maintains academic freedom and responsibility, i.e. if they are main principles.

The action taken by the administration was that five students were fined \$100 each, and these and three others were put on strict probation until the end of the second semester. The reason given for this was that eight students were involved in burning in effigy the Dean of Women. This was done without a fire permit; however, I contend that this is a matter between the students and the civil court of Madison and as such has no place in this discussion.

Hence, the only conclusion that I can draw from this is that the administration is punishing these students for openly expressing their disfavor with the Dean of Women in terms of an effigy, a common form of protest in American colleges and universities. Furthermore, I contend that this punishment is a violation of academic responsibility and that in this situation Drew cannot be called a university.

Byron E. Wall

Penalty Called Too Stringent

Dear Editor:

If I were to state outright that Drew University is morally obligated to reduce the sentence on the eight offenders in the case of the effigy burning to no more than twenty-five dollars per man, with no probationary measures whatsoever, and if I were to further insist that the University owes these eight an immediate apology, there are many who would say: "You are going too far, they would never say that." And yet I go further than that; I think Drew owes the entire student body an apology as well.

The crime which the university has committed goes much further than the injustice meted out to the eight, to say nothing of far exceeding their crime itself. I say this for the following reasons: The Administration assumed that the offenders were guilty of turning in a false alarm prior to any preliminary examination; The board has refused to reveal the identity of the person who actually did turn in the alarm; The Board permitted its decision to be colored for political reasons; The Board offered an "enticement" to a political organization, it being a matter of complete inconsequence whether this enticement was intended to protect the students, Drew University, or both; The Board has stigmatized the offenders for an offense which they did not commit; The Board

has completely ignored a precedent set in a case where the actual offense committed far exceeded the actual offense in this case; The Board acted without attempting to determine what action, if any, was being contemplated by the Civil Authorities, while actually citing to the accused "imaginary" prosecution which would be undertaken; at no time were the accused given the opportunity to request that they be tried in a civil court for their misdemeanor, namely the lighting of a fire without a permit; the administration has made no attempt to release a clear outline of true position with regard to the offense, the punishment, or the Borough of Madison.

(I might add that were I to describe these conditions in the actual terms which come to mind, instead of a pseudo-legal parlance, it would not be beyond the realm of possibility that action would be taken against myself and the Drew Acorn.)

Anyone carefully considering the above grievances will observe that each one violates in some aspect or another the basic tenets of English Common Law and the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the United States. I do not mean to suggest that Drew University is legally bound by such documents, as such is unfortunately and emphatically not the case. But no thinking will deny that Drew University is morally and ethically bound to inculcate in its students an appreciation of and a respect for the afore-mentioned documents.

The question posed is the following: "Should Drew exercise its legal prerogative, or should it respect its primary duties and responsibilities to humanity?" It is quite obvious that if Drew were operating as a legal institution and not as a university, the case would be immediately thrown out of court. It appears then that Drew is not capable of exercising its legal prerogative with any semblance of justice. As far as respecting its duties and responsibilities to humanity is concerned, it is also quite obvious that Drew is only masquerading as a university, and that it has little, if any, real knowledge of what is implied by the charge invested in them.

It becomes the solemn duty of the students, therefore, to impress upon the Administration the magnitude of their crime, and to further impress upon them that only the immediate and drastic reduction of the sentence can remove their crime against the eight, the Drew Student Body, the State, and Humanity.

Should this transpire with swiftness and humility, the students might be moved to overlook the fact they are owed a sincere apology for this blatant travesty of justice and total disregard for ethical principles.

David W. F. Faison

Five Crucified By Committee

Dear Editor,

Don't look now but five students have just been crucified. They suffered this fate because of a treasonous "plot" against the Drew Community, the burning of Dean Morris in effigy. At least this is the explanation the administration would have us believe.

On Friday morning it was obvious to anyone on campus that a prank which had been played

the night before, was the product of a few hasty plans made by guys letting off steam after hourly exams and term papers were done. However the junior Perry Mason set was convinced that it was the result of a careful plot and in investigation ensued.

The "conspirators" were called to the office of Dean Weatherby where they were interrogated by a committee which just happened to be "loaded" with faculty members who are not especially noted for their support of student affairs. Each "conspirator" was questioned and almost immediately a few more classified as "ringleaders." Such pertinent questions as these were asked: Did the pail of water have a handle? What color was the dummy's dress? Was the fire lit with a match or a cigarette lighter? What made it burn? Dean Morris asked the person who hung the dummy, "Did you stay up in the tree while it burned?"

Out of this expert investigation came the statement from the Dean's office that two of these involved, "are not qualified to represent Drew." Who is qualified if not these two?

One has been in many organizations, has been president of his class and has played three and a half years of varsity athletics. This year he is captain of the basketball team.

The other has played three varsity sports for most of his years at Drew and he too has been involved in many other campus activities.

After years of service to Drew they are condemned for this one brief moment of fun. The type of treatment which they received may be evidenced by this quote. After pleading to be allowed to play ball this weekend for the team and the school's benefit, certainly not his own, one was answered very sarcastically by a member of the committee with, "I think we'll manage."

In the estimation of this writer "justice" moved too swiftly this time. It is a fact that the administration does not have all the facts nor have they punished everyone concerned. Why isn't the anonymous caller who turned in the alarm involved? The "judges" say his act wasn't malicious. Was the prank malicious? Not How can the committee in any honesty, classify a person who merely helped carry the dummy as a ringleader? They have done this and far worse, they know it. It seems they have believed whom they wanted to believe and punished whom they pleased. Another obvious fact is that the penalty inflicted is far in excess of the seriousness of the "crime."

When two guys like these can be mistreated and their years of service erased by a few minutes of fun, it's time to do something. They stood alone before their "judges." Now it's time for us to stand with them. Each dorm, club or other organization should if they don't already have a petition circulated among their membership in support of a much lighter penalty. If we stand together the administration will have to reconsider its decision. You may not care about the treatment these guys got but next time it could be you.

It would be a terrible example of hypocrisy to let them down when they need us after they have risen to many an occasion when we needed them. Is this incident an example of Drew's "Adventure in Excellence?" I

think not. Let's let the administration feel our combined weight on this matter as we try to show them the obviousness of their error in judgement and its bad effects on the Drew Community.

Frank Graves

"Numbers Racket" Found On Campus

Dear Editor:

In the past, I always thought you printed all the news, but I noticed that a very important news story was missing from last week's issue; I am referring, of course, to the discovery of a numbers racket operating at Drew. I can understand why you would shy away from this, but news is news. Therefore I will undertake to inform your readers of this heinous crime.

It was disclosed that the mob had eight members, whose identity is still vague, as they all used aliases. The ringleader is an extremely vicious man, known as "Uncle Weatherby" because under cross-examination, he was only able to discuss the weather, and always avoided pointed questions. The second bigshot is "Honest John Silver," so named because he once had a bit part in a pirate movie, an experience which has apparently marred his character permanently. Other hoodlums included "Morgan-la-Faye," a has-been female impersonator from the vaudeville days, "Bovine," who was once a matorador, or had something to do with bulls, "Groove," a beatnik, "Smudge," an ex-flatfoot who was suspended for arresting a flock of illegally-parked pigeons, "Barker," an ex-preacher who was unfrocked by the Baptists for passing out cigars at a Camp Meeting, and "Swoon," who was disbarred in Mississippi for trying to bribe a local mayor not to press charges in a bubble-gum theft.

This mob of ruthless social outcasts was finally apprehended after they tried to fix their number once too often. As you all know, numbers racketeers generally make money by coming up with a number that no one has played, and that when anyone wins, it is only to keep them in the game.

No one is certain whether last week's number, which, curiously enough, happened to be five hundred, was produced by drawing it from a hat, or whether it was arbitrarily set by the mob. In any case, a complaint has been filed against these thugs, and it is hoped that this nest of vipers will be cleaned up in the immediate future.

R. J. Fozzbury

Board Seen As Kangaroo Court

Dear Editor:

A very controversial subject on campus is the burning in effigy and the resulting punishment that was meted out by the Dean (with the aid of his advisory board).

I cannot sit in judgment of the Dean and his committee, although I personally feel that their decision was absurd and greatly affected by their fear of reprisal from Madison. I do feel,

however, that I can challenge the method used in the handling of the offense.

I realize, as I'm sure most of the student body does, that the Dean has the power to expel or punish at will without explanation. When this power is misused, however, the basis of our educational system, and even our understanding of the principles of right and wrong is violated.

Yet, we formed an examining board which Dean Sawin implied was not affected by the pressures from Madison. A decision as to the fate of the offenders was made without as much as a night to sleep on the problem. I would venture to say that even for a parking ticket the offender is given a chance to present sides with the perspective that he wishes to bring out. The eventual outcome is not important, but it is important that a committee seek justice with cool heads and much thought.

Students that judged a member of their own kind with the type of judgement I feel this advisory board used, would be said to have held a "Kangaroo Court."

Yes, let's set a precedent—one of cool heads and justice, or sacrifice it for a policy of fear and appeasement.

Ken Gezelius

Sportscope...

by Larry Day

Is it the students or the school which is being punished for the fire incident? Certainly, if the administration feels that the persons involved deserve punishment, it has every right to administer same. The concern here, however, is the fact that the Basketball team has been hurt, and later the baseball team will be, by this punishment. I can see every need for some sort of administrative action on this matter, but I feel that the ruling that those persons involved should be restricted from participating in interscholastic sporting events is unfair to the teams involved and also to the school. Any form of punishment is designed to hurt the persons involved and not persons that were not involved.

This punishment hurts not only the persons that it was directed at, but also the college community as a whole. The idea of participating in interscholastic sports is to represent the school in the best possible manner. Since the teams involved can no longer do this, it will be the whole school which will suffer. Certainly the persons in charge can punish in a way which will not involve and hurt the school as a whole.

Whatever happened to the campaign to find a new home for the Rangers? Is everyone satisfied with the name, or have we no originality here at Drew? Such names as Squirrels, Skunks, Tigers and Lions have been suggested, but none of these seem appropriate somehow. Surely someone can come up with a better suggestion.

CORRECTION

The Drew-N.C.E. fencing match will be held in the Baldwin Gym on Saturday, Feb. 4 in the afternoon. The last issue was in error saying that the match would be held on the Newark Campus.