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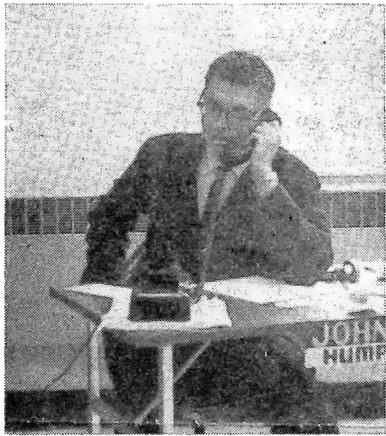
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Student Leaders Discuss Campus Problems at PMC

In a recent interview with Student Council President Dennis H. Taylor and Council Secretary Pat Brennan, the student leaders discussed the problems of student government and commented on the interview with SPIRE head John Drupa which appeared in the April 29 issue of THE DOME.

Mr. Taylor said that, "It was unfortunate that both sides of the story were not presented in THE DOME. I do not disagree with the idea of a student party; however, I would note



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that a party must have a basic philosophy, and Mr. Drupa did not indicate what this was in the interview.

"Now, as far as a debate with Pat (Brennan), when I spoke with Mr. Drupa, after reading the interview, Mr. Drupa indicated to me that he intended to see Pat, but he hadn't gotten around to it."

Commenting on Drupa's allegations regarding the effectiveness of the Student Government, Mr. Taylor said, "In order for us to be as bad as Mr. Drupa has painted us, we would have to have made a genuine effort at incompetence.

Dress Code Problem

"The interesting thing," Taylor continued, "is that from what I can see of the people involved in this thing, none of them have ever previously worked with Student Government."

Mr. Brennan, citing one of the specific problems which Student Government faces, said, "It might be mentioned that after all the time we spent on a Constitution, and after allowing the students an opportunity to discuss this with us on Thursday, we had eight members of Student Council available today for this purpose, and a total of three students showed up."

Moving to a consideration of the Dress Code issue, Mr. Taylor said, "This Dress Code problem is one that we've been faced with for a long time, but here again, you see, you knock your head against a wall with the Administration, but you don't get the support of the student body. When an issue arises, you may get five students who really go all out on it, but that's all. Then another issue comes up, and you get five more students pushing that. You have fractionalized support. You can never get all the students behind every issue. So with the Dress Code, the Day Student Board has fought this thing to

the point where you can dress casually in MacMorland Center after 4 P.M., and you don't have to wear a coat after May 1, but I don't think you're going to get it any further than that right now. Probably after you get boarding civilians here the Dress Code will be in line with what other colleges have.

"The point is that these things take time. It might be great if you could have a major revolution all at once, but this is something you can't do."

"You can see a basic reason behind the Dress Code," Mr. Brennan pointed out. "The cadets have to wear those uncomfortable uniforms, and it would cause hard feelings if the civilians didn't have to dress as they do. It is a basic psychological fact that hardships do not cause a drop in morale unless favoritism is shown. Allowing the civilians to look like hooligans would, in effect, be favoritism."

Mr. Taylor suggested that, "When the two-college concept comes in, there can be some change in the matter."

Mr. Brennan said, "I think the only real difference the two college system may make will be a change in the way the pay checks are made out."

Opposition Significant

Pointing up some of the considerations in the Administration-Student Government relationship, Mr. Taylor said, "Actually there is an interesting technique in dealing with the Administration. You, in effect, have to kick them in the shins and shake hands with them simultaneously. You see, the Student Government is in the middle trying to arbitrate between the students on one hand, and the administration on the other."

"I think the fact," Mr. Brennan suggested at this point, "that we have a faction on campus opposing us indicates that we have done something this year, because you don't function without stepping on toes. We have stepped on people's toes, but we have done what we felt was best for the majority of the people in the school."

Continuing on the same matter, Mr. Taylor said, "The problem is that of one element wanting the Student Government to push their demands to get what they want, while others feel that our proper function is to communicate between the students and the Administration. Now you can't have a big radical push, or you simply won't get anything done. As Mr. Drupa said, Student Government should function as a moderating force, and this is true, but if you really push a radical point of view and demand what you want, 'or else,' you go up to Old Main and you get called things like—well, the nicest thing I've been called was a fool. But if you do that, you are certainly not functioning as a moderating force, and you are destroying communications between Government and Administration."

Can't be Radical

"Of course, if you push reasonable matters, and you set up good communications with the Administration, then you are called a 'lackey.' And

too, when you get up in Old Main and discuss these issues, then you find out that things are not all black and white. You find that both sides have points and you try to arbitrate be-



PATRICK J. BRENNAN

tween them. But if you walk the middle of the road as we did this year, then nobody is happy. The point is that you can't get anywhere with the Administration unless you have an aura of responsibility. And we try to provide responsible government, believing this method the best suited to accomplish our ends."

Developing the idea further, Mr. Brennan noted that, "There is a place to be radical, but it isn't at the head of a government representing 1000 people. You can't concern yourself with satisfying minorities. When you get to the point of leading 1000 people you have to use thought and not emotion."

"This thing about being a representative of all the people," Mr. Taylor added, "you know, you get so you have so much work to do, so many people coming after you, you get so you'd like to hide out for a week so you could get something done. This year, I know, I've been so busy that I haven't been able to get as much done as I might have wanted. Because, ultimately, I think you can not simply represent the students; rather, you must lead them."

"Can't Delegate Responsibility"

"And you must listen to every one," Mr. Brennan put in, "and yet you still have to make the final decisions yourself. I think one example of this is Abraham Lincoln and his cabinet. Everyone voted against the Emancipation Proclamation. Lincoln voted for it and said, 'The eyes have it.' Ultimately, whatever decisions I may make, or decisions, Denny (Taylor) may make, we are responsible for."

"Yes," Mr. Taylor said, "You can delegate authority, but you can't delegate responsibility."

Discussing the matter of on-campus entertainment, Brennan said, "We started on the Spring Festival early in September. When we knew what we wanted to do, I put out posters asking for help. At the meeting we held, I was there and four of my personal friends came because they were helping me, and not particularly because they were helping the Spring Festival. After this I got one cadet, whom I went out and asked to help me. He, Dick (Laube), and I have been doing all the work."

Talent Obtained Early

"One basic problem is a lack of funds. To alleviate this problem I

From the President

Tuitions Up

The College has recently announced its budget for the academic year 1965-66, which shows an increase of \$360,000 over 1964-65, and although the College anticipates increased income through added philanthropy and expanded enrollment, it is necessary to increase tuition for all students to \$1425 and to increase the board and room of all resident students — by \$50. This is effective September 1965. Concomitantly, there will be an increase in evening school tuition rates, but the figure has not yet been established.

Dorm #7

Dormitory #7 is being temporarily delayed because the initial bids came in about 20% above budget. The architect has been requested to restudy the specifications in order to bring the building within the budget. It is expected that it will be re-bid in June and that construction will begin in July.

Candidates Speak

On Tuesday afternoon, 3 May, between 4 and 5 P.M., all candidates for Student Government will be given an opportunity to address the student body. Candidates, as well as all students, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. This assembly will be held in MacMorland Center.

General Assembly

On Thursday, May 13, at 1 P.M., in the Dining Hall of MacMorland Center there will be a general assembly. At this time President Moll will make an announcement to the Student Body; Activity Keys will be awarded; and, Intramural Awards will be made. This assembly is mandatory for all underclassmen, and optional for seniors.

started something new. I borrowed money from Student Council, which had never been done before—but they were willing to take the risk—and the balance I made up out of my own pocket. This amounted to about thirty per cent of the total.

"I personally felt that no one would buy a ticket until the last minute because they weren't sure we'd have the talent. This was the excuse given in past years when talent wasn't signed until the last minute. But we had the talent and we put out tickets early in December. As of now, we still don't have the tickets told.

"I go around the dorms at night," Brennan continued, "and as of now we have 200 tickets sold. We need 400 tickets just to break even. Now, the primary reason for the Spring Festival is to provide a scholarship fund. I actually hoped this year—we never had more than seventy dollars profit—I'd hoped this year to have about a 250 dollar scholarship fund, and have money for next year's Spring Festival Committee. As of now, it

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Letters to the Editor

Laube Defends Action

Dear Sir:

According to your remarks in the April 29 issue of THE DOME, I was the gentleman who boasted around campus that I stopped a demonstration or sit-in from taking place on March 27 at the College Bookstore. I don't believe one should say that I boasted or even squealed, as many people seem to believe, to the administration about this sit-in.

For all parties interested, I hold two campus positions that make it possible for me to have a direct line of communication to different members of the administration. One of them is President of the Civilian College Board and the other is membership on the College Center Staff.

When I received or even became aware of certain information that some type of sit-in was brewing amongst the student body, I wondered why they had not asked the Student Government or even the Director of MacMorland Center if they might talk to someone about their grievances.

Yet, they seemed to feel that the only method to use in trying to achieve their purposes was through demonstrations or a sit-in. Quite frankly, I didn't feel that demonstrations would get these fellows what they wanted and it would be better to attempt to talk to the administration rather than cause a scene on Parent's Day.

Yes, I went to see a member of the administration, not as a squealer, but as one of your representatives, to try to achieve a purpose through diplomacy rather than demonstrations or sit-ins.

To the best of my knowledge a member of the administration did talk to these disgruntled students and saw them and stated that he would do his best to try and look into the problem.

Maybe the wheels of progress at PMC do take many weeks to turn, but I do know that I would rather try to talk something out with the administration rather than sit-in or even demonstrate. If I'm wrong for attempting to use my office as the means of mediating something, than those who questioned my judgment should realize that the main purpose for being elected to Student Government is to act as a liaison between the administration for such problems from the students.

Sincerely yours,
Richard J. Laube
Class of 1965

(The bookstore, one problem of critical concern to a number of students has, in fact, been under discussion since last September, and no apparent effort has been made to solve it. The only tangible advance came as a result of the threatened sit-in demonstration—the selection of hot-rod magazines was reduced from twenty-six to three. The wheels of progress at PMC do indeed take many weeks and weeks. . . . Ed.)

"Lady" Olver Shows Poor Taste

Dear Sir:

The remarks made against "Lady Olver" in the last issue of THE DOME, were in extremely poor taste. Let it be granted that the college bookstore represents the driest sands of a vast cultural desert known as PMC. However, your irresponsible and slanderous comments even better represent the mental pygmies who make this place

the menagerie it is. If the apparently true ideals of SPIRE are ever to attain a respectable position of prestige, which I sincerely hope they do, the future of that party should hold no place open for such insipid ordure as was last represented.

Mark M. Ristau
Class of '66

(Presumably you are referring to Mr. Drupa's comments, not ours. Mr. Drupa has indicated that he profoundly regrets having referred to "Lady" Olver in the heat of his discussion; however, he does not withdraw his comments about the quality of the bookstore, which you evidently concur with. — Ed.)

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doesn't look as though we'll get this.

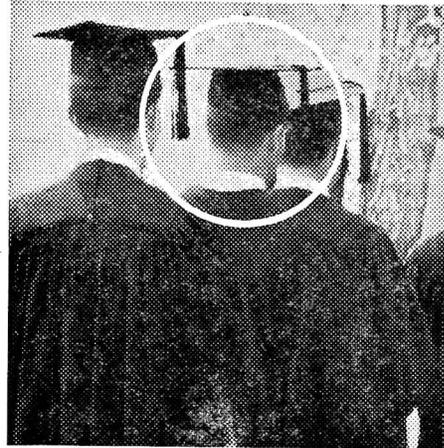
"We have sent letters to all cadets and all civilians that have mail boxes; we can't afford to make a regular mailing. We've made 675 dollars on the Spring Festival ad booklet, but this won't even pay half The Village Stompers' fee, let alone finance the band and entertainment.

Students Apathetic

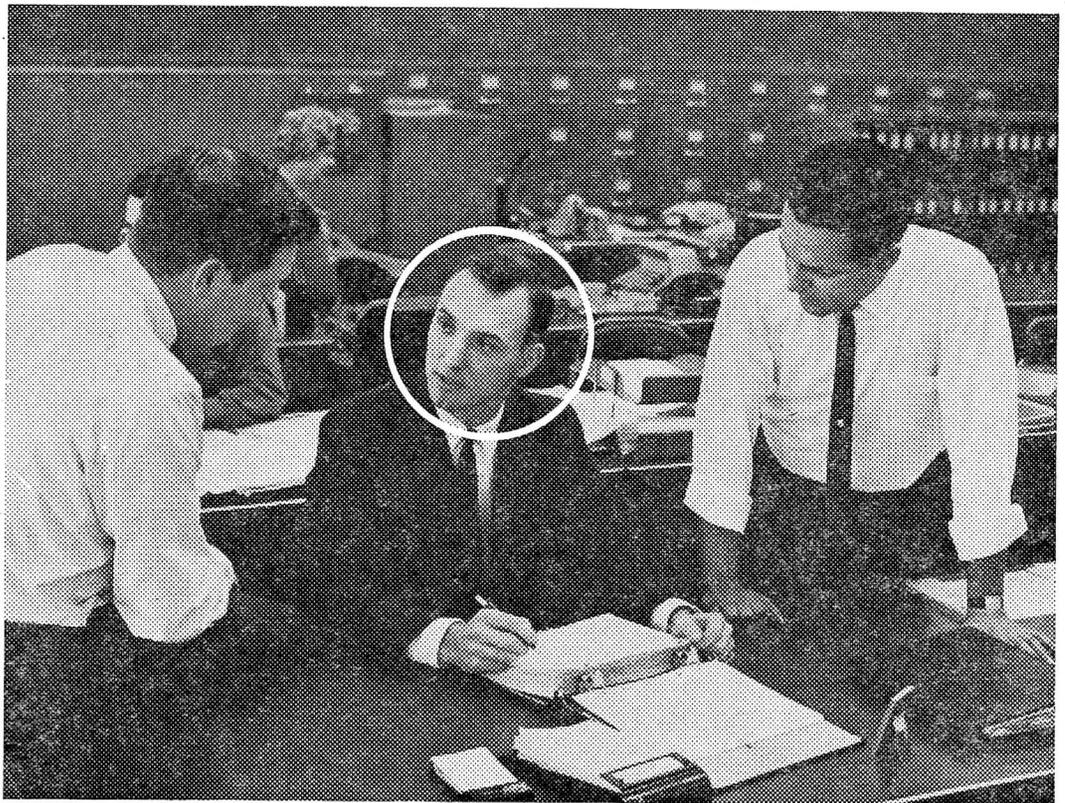
"Now if the students will not support the Spring Festival to the extent of five dollars for two nights entertainment — which is certainly cheaper than the movies — then I don't know

what they can expect. The groups named by Mr. Drupa cost an astronomical sum — groups that would cost three times the amount being paid the entertainment we have. I don't know how anyone can expect anymore than what we have provided.

"But the problem of the Spring Festival," Mr. Brennan concluded, "is the same one we face with essentially everything we do on campus, and this is the apathy of the student body. Now, we have tried to work with this problem, and to some extent have alleviated it. But I think that it will require constant effort, and not some radical upheaval, to eventually solve this matter."



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