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COUNCIL COVERAGE

At the Student Forum Tuesday a student suggested that the Council should have taken a page or two of the Gazette to explain at lenth what it was doing about finances, decreased revenue, and other matters.

If the Council were to explain fully in the Gazette everything that it did, there would not be room for other material. The much-abbreviated reports on the Yearbook took up the greater part of three Gazettes, and they dealt with but one of many questions discussed by the Council at its meetings this year. In addition to this reports on important topics were published on the news pages.

Not only would it be impossible from a journalistic point of view, but it would be contrary to the Constitution for the Council to insist upon the inclusion of such material. Full discretion for all that is printed in the Gazette rests with the Editor and the Council cannot tell him what to publish. If they are dissatisfied, their recourse is to dismiss the Editor; but as regards the publication of material the Council stands on the same footing as other organizations on the campus, and can only request that something be published. In fact, such a request is never refused, but the Editor has the power to do so.

This year the Gazette published as much about the activities of the Council as was considered would be of interest to the greatest number of the students. Council meetings are open to all members of the Student Body and those who have interest in a particular aspect of its activities have the opportunity to attend these meetings and see for themselves how the Council deals with any matter of particular interest to their group. If they fail to take advantage of this they should not complain because the Gazette has not printed a full report of the Council's deliberations on subjects of interest to their particular faction only, and not of interest to the student body at large. After all, every word said in Parliament is not record in the newspapers.

DOES THIS APPLY HERE

Of late the condition of the Student's Union Building has been comparable to that of a garbage dump. On the ground floor, half eaten lunches are to be found everywhere Ash-trays have been spilled, chairs and card tables have been left in both rooms, empty and half filled coke bottles are spread throughout the building, ready to be either broken or knocked over. In the card room on the second floor cigarette butts are being haphazardly ground into the floor.

T-SQUARE

Last Friday's banquet at the Lord Nelson was generally accounted a complete success, and the best to be held in some years. Full credit goes to the committee of Eric Day, Murray Malloy and Laurie Tufts for making the arrangements, including the all-important job of packing all available horse-power into the punch!

As Professor Burns Martin remarked, the "Wrenery behind Wing's College" has come a long way since the war. Other guests were Mr. Anderson of N. S. Light and Power and Dr. Smith of the Modern Language Department, both of whom kept the people laughing. Professors Theakston, Bower, and Chisholm, who modestly claim only ten jokes between them, managed to give some of the freshmen a jolt as usual when things got going.

The Bob Walters Memorial Award, a small but highly prized embossed "E" in gold, went this year to Murray Malloy as the best all-round student of the graduating class. 1950, incidentally, is the 10th year in which the prize has been awarded since its inception after the death of Bob Walters, killed in a hunting accident the year after his graduation.

Ralph Hill, who has been put in charge of election arrangements this year, would like to remind one and all of the Students' Council Election Day, next Tuesday, the 7th. Let's see every Engineer out!

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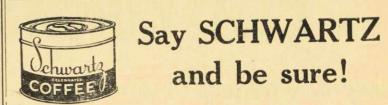
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THE SOLUTION

Re. Ash-trays:

This problem is easily solved. Use the ash-trays provided; there are plenty to go around. The time taken to empty one occasionally (there are waste-paper baskets in every room) would greatly lessen the fire hazard.

Re. Cokes:

There are shelves provided for bottles; how simple it is to put the bottles on these shelves.

Re. Cigarettes:

Please do not grind cigarette butts into the floors. This is a very dangerous practice. Ash-trays are provided for this purpose.

AN ALTERNATIVE

These abuses result from carelessness and laziness, pure and simple. If conditions do not improve immediately the following thing will happen:

The persons responsible for these offences will be brought before the judicial committee liable to fine and suspension from the Students' Association, losing rights to the use of the Students' Union.

Don Atkinson, House Manager.

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Dent Notes

We had another party at Mulgrave Park on Saturday night and bring back a few pleasant memorfrom all reports was another fine affair. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, being confined to bed.

agreed they had a good time music supplied by all the best bands in the land complete even to "Ragg Mopp"-which I hear may ies to some.

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The hockey team is doing very However, the report would proba- well this year-they've won half bly have been no better even if I their games so far. They've playhad been there. Everyone seems ed two.

