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Noise In Dormitories

There has been a great deal of discussion in Boarding Student Council meetings about the noise, excess noise, in the dormitories. This is one of the most important problems that face our Student Council. Seemingly, such a problem would not entail a great deal of time and thought on the part of the Council, but when one stops to think about it for a moment the seriousness of such a problem can easily be ascertained. Each of us must cooperate in keeping quiet in the dormitories—or action will be taken by the Council.

School spirit is one of the intangibles of the heart that begin in the hidden chambers of the soul. School spirit is an attitude very much like that of patriotism, and, as does patriotism, springs from a real love of the finer things. Yet the enthusiasm tendered our school, like patriotism, is not entirely spontaneous; it is cultivated to a great degree by the school which we attend: its students, its administration, and the spirit of "togetherness" that exists or does not exist in the school.

Queens has, I think, an unusually fine spirit among her students—a spirit of which we all may be justly proud. We have seen numerous incidents that have displayed a great deal of this spirit which has made so many things on our campus possible. It has been evidenced by the spirit of mutual helpfulness of the students toward each other; it is shown in the orderly, intelligent way in which student body meetings are conducted; it is demonstrated many times each day in countless ways on the campus. But like all good things in life, it needs working for; like all good things in life it is worth working for. Let us contribute wisely to the support of this valuable attribute of our school life.

The Queens College Library has a store of wealth that has gone, unfortunately, by nearly all of us. Whether your library tastes are purely juvenile or austere academic, you'll find something in the library to match your every mood. The magazines range, for instance, from the latest VOGUE or MADAMOISELLE to the newest BUSINESS WEEK. Nearly all the most important weekly and monthly magazines are always there, waiting to be read by anyone who is interested. The books are equally as fascinating; there are plenty of best sellers to fill spare evenings, and there is an amazingly fine collection of research and technical volumes. There are books just waiting to be read by YOU—so be sure to investigate our really excellent library as soon as possible.

The war is definitely over; the boys are marching home, hurrah, and, consequently, the king of sports has returned in the biggest and best sort of way. Football has taken over on all the sports pages, bull sessions, and local street corners and has become the favorite conversation piece of elderly dowagers, teen-agers, and Mr. and Mrs. America in general. Football is here; in the most glorious and spectacular way ever, and I think that the teams across the nation have no cause for worry when it comes to popular support.

Thus far the rec room has been kept unusually clean and for part everyone has been entirely cooperative about keeping it in order. The rec room is for us and belongs to us — provided we use it intelligently and wisely. There are certain rules that have been set up by the Rec Room Committee; the observance of them will assure continued access to the rec room. It is understood that we won't eat in the rec room; we're careful where we put ashes; we don't throw ourselves all over the furniture, nor do we throw the furniture all over the rec room; we simply use our good taste and common sense. As long as we continue to do that, the rec room is ours for keeps.

For the past two weeks, the student body of Queens—day students and boarders alike—have been called upon to sign the honor pledge. So far, there has been virtually unanimous cooperation from every single member of the student body. There has been every indication that all Queens students are more than willing to uphold our Honor System in every respect. This is a fact of tremendous import when one stops to consider the significance of the Honor System. It automatically makes everyone trustworthy until they prove themselves otherwise; it entitles each of us to make whatever we choose of the trust given us by our faculty and fellow students. It is imperative that we use this invaluable asset in the wisest possible way. Any violation of the Honor System weakens us, not only individually, but collectively as well. When something that is valuable to all of us is misused by one of us, its worth to everyone in general is placed in jeopardy.

For our consideration, here is a reprint of the Honor pledge that each of us are asked to sign by the Honor Council:

"As a student of Queens College I realize that the upholding of the Honor System is one of my most sacred responsibilities. Although I have already signed the Honor Pledge as an admission requisite I now reaffirm my belief in my support of this cherished policy of my college.

- (1) I will be truthful at all times.
- (2) I will respect the property of others.
- (3) I will be entirely honest on tests, examinations, term papers, and all pledged work as designated by teachers.

"I agree to maintain the Honor System and to report to the Student Honor Council any violation of the three fundamentals which constitute the Honor System."

This pledge entails a responsibility that each one of us must uphold if our Honor System is to be an active, worthwhile, effective one. "The chain is only as strong as its weakest link" is certainly applicable to our Honor System. All of us are not only responsible for our own actions, but we are pledged to report any violation that occurs, whether it be ourselves or our fellow students. This really involves a lot more than is implied in a superficial reading of the pledge. It is not an easy thing to think about reporting another for a violation of the Honor System; it is, however, considered a violation of the System not to report any one that you know or strongly suspect has broken the System. Hence, perhaps it is well that all of us are careful not to do anything that might subject us to criticism or suspicion of any sort.

In other words, let us all resolve that we will do everything in our power to support the Honor System in every way possible.

Chapel conduct seems to have improved greatly this year, thanks to the combined efforts of the Chapel Conduct Committee, the administration, and the student body as a whole. Even the Juniors, who, except for the fortunate few who sit on the front row, cannot see anything that goes on on the stage, have been unusually cooperative in making our chapel programs what they should be. Books are being left outside; talking stops with the beginning of the prelude; chapel is no longer a period of picnics and gab sessions; in general things are looking up as far as chapel conduct is concerned, and we hope that things may improve even more as time passes. Chapel is either harmful or beneficial to an individual; it depends entirely on the spirit in which he chooses to regard it. Our chapel services are too valuable to be disregarded; let us take the greatest possible advantage of these potential opportunities.

The faithful CIO members who work at the Dusquesne Light and Power Company dutifully struck last week when their union bosses called upon them to do so. Despite the fact that this strike left Pittsburgh a virtually paralyzed city, the strikers refused to return to work. A court injunction was drawn up against the CIO union by the city officials after a three day parley. The strike in itself is more than sufficient proof that unions these days have no scruples about striking against public utilities or other facilities that are essential to normal everyday life in our nation. It evidently does not concern them a great deal if they take the lives of their fellow citizens into their own hands.

The fact that they struck at all is in itself appalling enough; three days after the court injunction, however, the CIO leaders somehow managed to have the injunction thrown out of court. Selfish demands have certainly proved to be the ultimate purpose of CIO strikes in this day and time, as especially evidenced by the aforementioned incident. When selfish motives override the ultimate good of the whole, then whatever good may have been accomplished is vanquished completely, and such action as presented in this particular strike becomes dangerous and, in the opinion of this paper, seditious.

Platter Corner

by J. T.

Welcome hep cats to the ol' Q. C. record shoppe. I thought maybe some of you mellowrooney people would enjoy being brought up to date on the latest thing in the jive land. Or maybe a few of you would like a little bit of dope on the better class of recording—if so, just keep your eyes glued to the print and continue reading.

For instance, have any of you heard E. Garner's version of "Laura"? If not, you had best start looking for it cause I'll guarantee that it will really out-style any other recording of that song. And have you latched onto any of Art Tatum's work? He is one of the foremost artists of the day and any record of his that you can find is a collector's item. Particularly good is his ARA album with an outstanding arrangement of "Danny Boy".

This next one I'm going to mention may have an odd title but is a wonderful disc, and one that all who love slow, solid swing with a strong bass, should give an ear to. It is "Bosco and His Doghouse" and is done by one of the greatest arrangers and band leaders of today, Johnny Bothwell. I might add that he also has a slow, beautifully recorded disc of "Laura". The orchestra beats out a slow beginning and then slides into jazz. It all hits an easy going tempo at the end. Any records of his that you are able to find should be gotten.

The King Cole trio has a new album out with such numbers as "The Man I Love", "Embraceable You", and "Paper Moon"—just to mention a few of them. On these the trio sings, which on the whole is usually not their way of doing things, but it all sounds mighty good to this ol' listener.

By the way, I believe quite a few of the Q. C. gals are latching onto the Mignight Dancing Party, and I was just wondering how many were tuned in last Saturday night? The "night mayor" had finally located a record of Ted Weems playing "Moonlight". As you know, he has been playing "Heartaches" by T. W. quite a bit, and he put them both on last night and wanted to know which one the public liked the best. Well, I'm afraid that I'm quite prejudiced about the whole affair, for I have a record of "Moonlight" (no, I'm not going to sell it for anything) and I don't think it can be beaten. Now I know that some of you disagree, but that is my opinion and I'm sticking to it.

Now for those of you who lean toward other types of music. There is an old album by A. Rodenzki on "Showboat" that is one of the most beautiful I've ever heard, and by all means try to hear it. If you like the "Showboat" music, then I'm sure this album will more than satisfy your listening pleasure.

Well, Platter Corner friends, the time has come to leave and maybe I'll be back again before too long. Till then, don't forget to stay in the groove.

Faculty

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 wouldn't want much supper, but here again the freshmen class displayed their unpredictability—they were hungry and we were dead. Friday nite the little sisters did a very good job of looking after their big sisters so all would be able to attend Athletic Association's party at the Y. Wonderful class—not only can they get taxis, they can also swim and dance, and were ready to smile, and shake hands with the faculty that night at the reception. Anyway, by Saturday the parties were over and the freshmen had successfully orientated the orientation committee.