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Smith Against U. S. Policy In Viet Nam

At a Speak-Out concerning the Viet Nam policy on October 26, 1965, Alan Smith, freshman, spoke strongly against the present policy of the American government. The following is an interview with Smith to clarify and restate his opposition to the intervention in Viet Nam.

Do you approve of intervention in Viet Nam?

"No, because the people in Viet Nam do not seem to care about the threat so why should the United States concern itself to the extent that it has."

Do you approve of the demonstrations against the policy in Viet Nam?

"Yes, I do because the demonstrations are the outgrowth of healthful dissention which is the only way democracy can or will survive."

What do you think of those who burn their draft cards?

"While I disapprove of the action, I admit that they are protesting what they consider unjust and unconstitutional and they have the right to do it. In burning the cards they have not actually destroyed the U.S. policy, but they have destroyed the symbol which connects them to that policy."

Do you feel that the demonstrations are disruptive to the workings of the government?

"No, if the governmental officials are concerned over the situation, maybe they will be forced to examine the reasons for the demonstrations. The actions are overly publicized, but the publicity is of the wrong kind because the news is treated as sensationalism instead of as honest objection."

Student Democrats Attempt To Organize

The Young Democrats is open to any student expressing an interest in the Democratic Party. The purpose is to get the students to take an active part in their government and in supporting their party.

At this time the club is not affiliated with the local, state, or national club. It is an independent branch. There are plans of affiliating with a state Young Democrats group in January. This group is especially for college students.

The club's plans for this year are indefinite. There is a meeting planned for late November at which a steering committee will be formed. Everyone interested in joining should watch the bulletin boards for the date or contact Steve Smith for additional information.



Robert Long speaks in favor of the President's policy on Viet Nam.

Student's Opinions On Viet Nam War

In an interview for the *Inkwell* concerning the Vietnamese War and student demonstrations, each of the Armstrong State College students questioned on Friday, October 22, 1965, asserted a strong need for the war in Viet Nam but scorned pro or con Viet Nam demonstrations.

Those persons who participated in the interview were asked the following questions: (1) "What is your opinion of war in Viet Nam?"; (2) "What do you think of student demonstrations, 'for' and 'against'?"; (3) "Could a student demonstration occur at Armstrong State College?"

Similar views expressed by the students were as follows:

"By committing their lives and talents to defend America, the men in the armed services stationed in Viet Nam help to emphasize necessity of the sordid war--the preservation of the United State's peace and security. Time will end the war--not ridiculous student demonstrations against U.S. policy in Viet Nam. Armstrong students are too conservative and lazy to make placards and demonstrate."

Ricky Zettler, freshman: "The war in Viet Nam is a necessary step in trying to combat communism. I am against student demonstrations, but there is a possibility that a demonstration could happen at Armstrong."

Hugh Cobb, sophomore: "The United States should never have gone into the war. In addition to increasing ground troops, we need to bomb Hanoi and pressure communists into negotiation. Those participating in anti-Viet Nam and draft card demonstrations should themselves be drafted. No demonstration could happen at Armstrong because it is primarily composed of extreme conservatives."

Pat Kelly, sophomore: "War in Viet Nam is a necessity. Student demonstrations are not necessarily communist infiltrated since most people are not really informed of the actual events in Viet Nam. I am in the National Guard and not even the officers get all the facts. A demonstration could not happen at Armstrong since the people are too conservative and go along with the norm at the time."

Bill Strong, freshman: "We have gone back to the Theodore Roosevelt era. There is a lack of diplomatic resources. Men should be able to solve problems by peaceful negotiations. Both sides are being pumped up with propaganda. Democracy needs to be legal. Open defiance will only bring corruption and inflict confusion. Armstrong is too parochial to stage a student demonstration."

Student Opinions Conflict On New Handbook Rules

Would classroom smokers rather fight than quit?

Armstrong students are not yet ready to fight, but at least verbally they support the right to smoke in class.

The students were also questioned on the rules regarding no eating in class, on etiquette, and on proper dress. All of the rules are contained in the new Armstrong Student Handbook.

Spencer Hoynes, sophomore, said that the smoking rule has not been enforced, and that he does not feel that it should be. "Smoking is a personal thing and should be controlled only when it produces a situation undesirable or unsafe for the people around," he said.

"I think that they are immature for college students. By now these

rules should be habit," was the comment of freshman Earline Burke in regard to the rules on etiquette.

Other comments by students included Rick O'Hara, freshman, "I think that the rules are good, but they are not enforced and therefore are not effective."

Bill Mangan, sophomore, said "I agree completely with the handbook that a classroom is no place for cigarettes or food. This is an institution of learning, not a cafeteria."

Arlene Dressel, sophomore, said "I see nothing wrong with smoking in a classroom if the instructor does not object."

Susan Stevens, freshman, said "I think it was a nice idea to remind the students of correct etiquette. However, I don't think that some of the rules pertaining to clothing and smoking should be compulsory."

Dyer-Bennett Lifts Minstrels' Image

By Judith Traft

Presently, as an itinerant singer, Richard Dyer-Bennet continues to greatly influence the twentieth century as a natural folk phenomenon.

Born in England and reared in Berkley, California, Dyer-Bennet has always been fond of both music and sports. He had even considered the idea of going to England to become a professional soccer player.

However, in 1933 while attending the University of California, Dyer-Bennet sang during a Christmas party and was heard by the noted voice teacher Gertrude Wheeler Beckman.

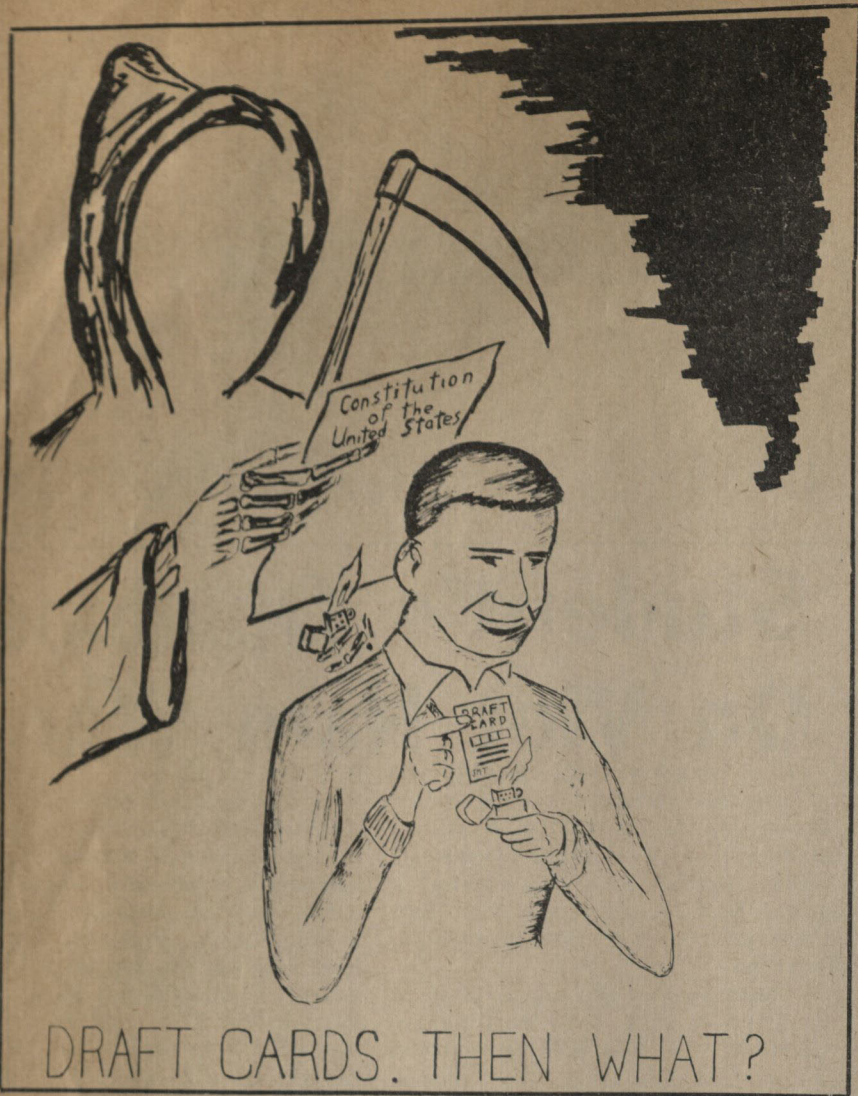
At her suggestion Dyer-Bennet

traveled to Sweden to observe the famed troubador Sven Scholander who started Dyer-Bennet on his singular career.

Singing before workmens' meetings and any other group or organization that would listen to him, the gifted folk entertainer eventually made his national impact in Carnegie Hall.

As a cultured singer whose repertoire of six hundred tunes embraces folk and art songs in many languages, the male tenor and guitarist is classified as the twentieth-century minstrel -- a professional singer of original and age-old folk songs.





editorials . . .

One of the most discussed subjects at Armstrong today is the war in Viet Nam.

It is of the greatest concern to the free world and to both Chinese and Russian segments of the Communist world as well. Viet Nam is the battleground of the world and has been one of the prime targets of Communist aggression for the last ten years.

How important is this war in Viet Nam? Why are we so worried about such a little piece of real estate so far away? The importance of Viet Nam, and the obligation to help defend it, transcends by far the very lives of its 13 million people. Half of the world lives in Asia, and if we lost Viet Nam, we will have lost that half. We have already lost Laos and Cambodia to the Communists; Viet Nam is all that is left of former Indo-China. If we lose it, Thailand and Malaysia (including Singapore) will be seized by China, and it will then consolidate its hold on Indonesia. These areas alone have almost as many people as the United States. In defending Viet Nam we are defending all of Asia that there remains to defend, and in fact, all of the free world.

With American servicemen dying in the rice paddies of South Viet Nam, what are the feelings here at home about the U. S. policy in Viet Nam? A small minority of students and teachers across the country are involved in a rash of "sit-ins," marches, "teach-ins," picketings and demonstrations against our stand in Viet Nam. Some believe that the U. S. should practice a policy of isolation and stay completely out of foreign affairs. Many are sparked by the draft to protest. And still others are caught in the frenzy of the demonstrations and have no basis for their protest, save that of conformity.

Not all the students who took action were against U. S. policy, however. "U. S. News and World Report" tells of students at New Mexico State University who donated blood for use in Viet Nam as a protest against "unpatriotic actions by other student groups." More than 2,000 students and faculty members at the University of Michigan sent President Johnson a telegram supporting the nation's foreign policy.

Unless Americans are so naive as to be blind to the spread of Communism in the Far East through war during the last quarter century, they should know that the spread of the Marxian Doctrine is not prevented by running away from aggressors during the early stages of conflict. "Rally around the flag, boys," for if we abandon the strife in Viet Nam, we abandon the right of a people to peaceful self-determination, and that is the very cornerstone of our democracy.

Jim Squire
Editor

ATTENDANCE RULING IS RELEASED BY ROGERS

The faculty of ASC met on Oct. 29 in order to vote on a new system of class attendance. The system, which leaves attendance regulations up to the individual instructors, was approved and will go into effect officially during the summer quarter of 1966. However, the system will go into effect unofficially in the winter quarter of this year. Dr. Henry Ashmore, President of ASC, said that this would be to the advantage of the students in that if a student ever cut a class according to his instructor's standards he could be tried under the existing system as stated in the College Bulletin.

tendance policy as stated in the College Bulletin. Dr. Rogers also said that the new system, with one amendment, was adopted by a majority vote of the ASC faculty.

Mr. Persse, head of the Faculty Council, set up an Attendance Committee to study the problem of class attendance and suggest some possible solutions to be voted on by the Faculty Council and the entire faculty of the college. The Attendance Committee consisted of Mr. Davidson as chairman; Dr. Lanier; Dr. Laffer; Mr. Persse; and Dean Rogers as an ex-officio member.

The Attendance Committee submitted various proposals to the Faculty Council. Then, the Council's recommendations were placed before the faculty and accepted.

Dr. James T. Rogers, Dean of Student Affairs, said that there was some discussion on the new system, but that more discussion was held about the continuation of the present at-

NOTE: AS THE INKWELL GOES TO PRESS WE LEARN THAT CLASS OFFICE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, FROM 5-8:30 P.M. AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, FROM 8:30-8:30 EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

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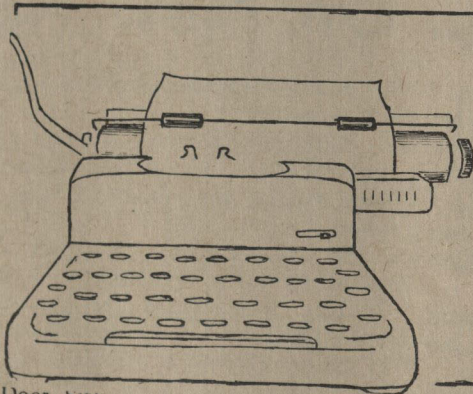
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Dear Editor...

Dear Sir:

Although I heartily agree with the very democratic idea of holding speak-outs about the Viet Nam policy, I am called to protest the very undemocratic attitudes brought forth by the crowd it drew.

First of all, let us examine our objectives in having such a meeting. Our purpose is, allegedly, to listen to any side of the issue, derive strength from an apposing side's weakness, and then, hopefully, to arrive at a relative truth.

I am convinced there was not enough listening done. If we fail to know the nature of our opposition's argument, how can we possibly be sure our own convictions are correct? Interrupting speakers and carrying on conversations during the speeches is neither courteous nor conducive to understanding. The arguments and student reactions were largely based on emotionalism.

It is said that actions speak louder than words. If this is true, what was said in any speech about the high and worthy ideals of democracy can be overshadowed by our participant actions at this affair? This places a grave responsibility in the hands of the audience, and I ask that we examine our use of this responsibility.

Sincerely,

Mary McCoy
Freshman

Dear Sir:

Your paper lacks a drawing card. The Savannah Morning News has the comics, Dear Abby, City Beat, and a section for men and women (segregated). Have a "Dear George" article, cartoon, etc.

You also have a lack of co-ordination!

Your staff has some good ideas. Try using their ideas!

Yours truly,

Bob Sutton

(Editor's note: How about joining the newspaper?)

Editors' Choice Coed



Pam Dillon, 19, a sophomore, is November's "Editors' Choice Coed." She graduated from St. Vincent's Academy in 1964. Pam, a lovely, lively blond, is one of Armstrong's new cheerleaders, and she is a member of the Pep Club, Newman Club, Dance Committee, and Delta Chi sorority. Pam remarks that she enjoys tennis and swimming. (Editors Note: Our "spies" believe that Pam is not going steady with anyone and there is one man on campus who hopes this is true.)

English Professor Is New Chairman Of Armstrong's Humanities Department

By Hugh Cobb

The first thought that comes into mind when you see Dr. Hugh Pendexter, III is that he looks like an English Professor, which is exactly what he is.

In fact, he is the chairman of the Humanities Department, which includes the English Department, Foreign Languages Department, and Department of Speech-Drama. In these three departments he has nine full-time instructors and two part-time instructors.



He has been teaching for 18 years and has an A.B. from Bowdoin Col-

lege, an M.A. from Northwestern, and a Ph.D. from the University of Penn.

Before coming to ASC he taught at the Texas Technological College, but it was neither technical nor was it a college. Texas Tech is a university offering graduate and undergraduate degrees in English, history and chemistry. More than half of the students there are enrolled in the college of arts and sciences, another fourth are in the college of business administration, and the others are in the technical school.

Dr. Pendexter and his wife Beverly have two daughters, Rebecca, 5, and Ruth age 3. He was born in Massachusetts and moved to Philadelphia at the age of four.

When asked his opinion of ASC as a four year institution Dr. Pendexter said "my coming was an act of faith in Armstrong as a four year institution. I suppose if I hadn't thought it a good idea I wouldn't have come."

Dr. Pendexter expressed pleasure in the fact that the INKWEEL has a free editorial policy. However, he also said he hoped the INKWEEL would serve as a forum for faculty ideas as well as student ideas and opinions.

Punzel Appointed To Inkwell Staff As News Editor

Sue Jaye Punzel, freshman reporter for the *Inkwell*, has been appointed Acting News Editor effective with this issue, according to Billy Whitten, Acting Managing Editor.

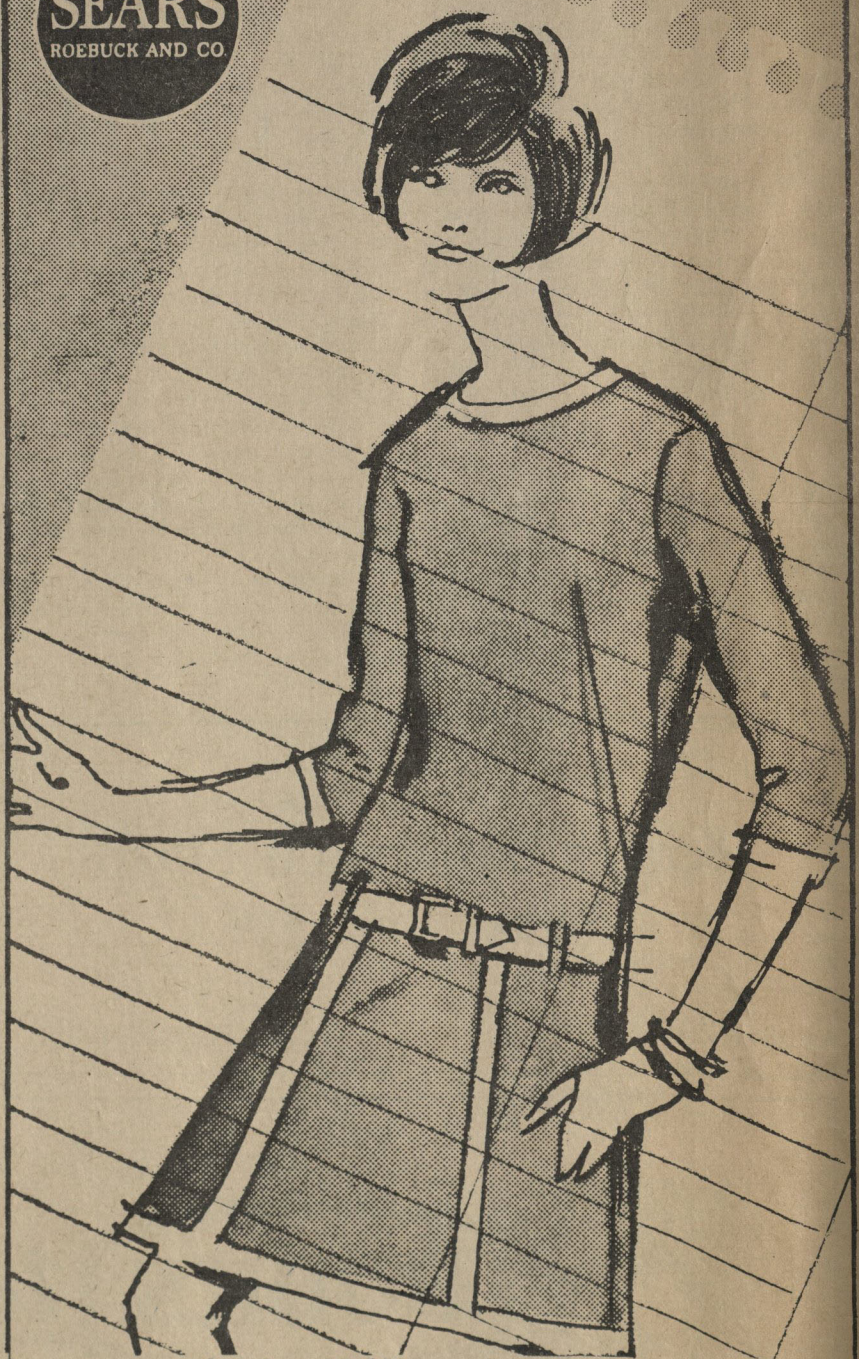
Whitten commented, "Miss Punzel is a fine example of the spirited staff members that are working on the *Inkwell* this year and it is with pleasure that I announce her promotion."

Upon acceptance of her new position, Miss Punzel said that she hoped her work would benefit the paper in every way possible. "I want to see the *Inkwell* grow and become a very important part of the campus life. If we want Armstrong to be recognized as a good college, then we have to create a newspaper that truly represents it."

DANCE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 12th FEATURES APOLLOS

On Fri., Oct. 29, the ASC Dance Committee had a meeting to decide on the first dance of the year. After some discussion it was decided that the dance should be held on Fri., Nov. 12 from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. at the Knights of Columbus Recreation Hall. Dress will be semi-formal (coat and tie for men.) The dance will be open only to ASC students and their dates, and the music will be supplied by the Apollos from Macon, Ga.

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SPORTS LITE

By Jimmy Clayton

As Armstrong State College makes the transition from the old campus to the new campus much progress will be made in various phases of college life. One of the fields in which this progress will be made is the sports program.

For years, the physical education program at Armstrong has been extremely limited because of the lack of facilities. But Coaches Roy Sims and Larry Tapp and girls physical education instructor Miss Marcia Smith anticipate a great expansion of sports facilities when students move to the new campus in January.

In the past, men's physical education classes and all of Armstrong's home basketball games were held at the Hellenic Center. Likewise, the baseball team had to use the diamonds at Daffin Park for all home games. The Y W C A and Y M C A were used for swimming classes, and tennis instructions are being held at Forsyth Park at the present time.

When students and faculty move to the new campus on Abercorn Expressway, the sports program will greatly improve. Basketball games will be played in the new gym, which is being built primarily for physical education classes rather than as a gym to accommodate a large number of spectators for varsity basketball. However, Coach Sims reported that the gym would eventually provide seating facilities for 1200 spectators.

The gymnasium will consist of four wooden backboards which will make it possible for two intra-mural basketball games to be played at the same time. Volleyball courts will also be provided.

An olympic swimming pool will be included in the physical education building. Architect Oscar Hansen reported, when construction plans were

first revealed, that the pool would be the first aluminum olympic pool in the South. The 25-meter, five-lane pool will have one meter and three meter diving boards.

Consturction plans will include one varsity baseball diamond and three softball diamonds for intra-mural use. The baseball diamond may be ready for use when the season begins next spring, depending upon when bids are accepted for clearing the land.

The tennis program will be greatly expanded at the new campus. At present, tennis classes are being held at Forsyth Park, which has only two courts. This means that approximately 40 persons use the two courts in one class.

At the new campus, there will be four courts, and Coach Sims stated that plans call for 12 courts as the school continues to grow. There will also be two outdoor handball courts.

These are the major improvements which will be made when physical education classes begin at the new location. But Coach Sims is looking for even bigger things as the enrollment increases at A S C. Sims has talked with Dean Killorin concerning the possibility of hiring two additional physical education instructors, one male and one female, beginning with the fall quarter of 1966.

Sims pointed out that land is plentiful at the new site, and as the school grows, there is a possibility a coliseum will be built. He added that a football stadium may be constructed in future years.

The physical education instructors have waited a long time to have modern atheletic facilities at Armstrong State College—they will not have to wait much longer!

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR TO COUNT ME ABSENT WHEN IT'S TAKEN ME ALL THIS TIME TO FIND A PLACE TO PARK."

FRATERNAL GROUPS NOTED ON CAMPUS

The question remains whether or not the two sororities, Delta Chi and Alpha Tau Beta, and the two fraternities, Phi Delta Gamma and Sigma Kappa Chi, will one day be affiliated with Armstrong State College. At present none of these fraternal organizations are associated with Armstrong. Faye Batayas of ATB, Nancy Sills of DX, Pat King of PDG, and Jimmy King of SKX have all stated that as of now their organizations have not decided for or against the big step.

When Fall quarter began, each fraternity and sorority had a formal rush in which all ASC students were invited to participate, DX pledged fifteen girls; ATB, seven; SKX, twelve boys; and PDG, fourteen. Every pledge is required to do as the members say, but they are not forced to obey. If for some reason a "rat" does not cooperate, he or she is given demerits. The purpose of this demerit system is to help determine whether or not a pledge is worthy of becoming an active member. DX and ATB make their girls wear beanies signifying to which sorority they belong; and all fraternal members carry a demerit book in the color specified by the different groups.

All the members of each organization have at one time or another attended ASC, except in the case of SKX. As compared to the total number of Armstrong students, the number of people in fraternal groups is approximately 26%. Pat King explained that the reason for this small percentage is that not enough people have taken an interest in this extra-curricular activity. Several non-fraternal members stated that they were not interested in these groups, were not asked to join, did not have the time, or knew nothing about the fraternities or sororities.

DEAN ANNOUNCES DATES FOR PRE-ADVISEMENT

It was announced by Dean Rogers that pre-advisement for the Winter Quarter would be held the week of November 15-19. If possible, appointments with advisers should be made early in the week so that adequate time may be given to arrange any changes in scheduling. The first 300 students who are pre-advised will be allowed to register on the appropriate day.

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