University Council Reviews Confidentiality Policy

University Park, Pa., Members of University Council on Dec. 12th reviewed a report on recommendations made to the President of the University on a proposed Interin University Policy on Confidentiality of Student Records, which consists primarily of guidelines to be followed in complying with the Buckley Amendment.

Because of the press of time, the Ad Hoc Committee on Individual Right to Privacy and Confidentiality, with Kenneth M. Novak, a graduate student, as chairman, was empowered to study the draft on the proposed policy and make recommendations through the Provost.

University officials are expected to finalize an interim policy before the end of the month, now that the proposed policy in draft form has been reviewed by University Council and other groups.

The Council at the request of Dr. John w. Oswald, president of the University, also decided on Thursday to discuss the matter of a University-wide regulation regarding smoking.

"Such regulations are needed to protect those individuals who do not smoke and who understandingly object when in an environment which is polluted by smoke," Dr. Oswald said.

It was also pointed out in the request that additional costs for ventilation are incurred where there is heavy smoking and that regulations on smoking have been adopted at some universities.

The Ad Hoc Committee, while making a number of specific suggestions on the proposed Interin University Policy on Confidentiality of Student Records, found the proposed policy to be a considerable improvement over the present policy on confidentiality and with the incorporation of a number of recommendations, "an appropriate basis for the development of a more definitive and enduring University policy."

Among the general comments made in the report were:

--University Council endorses the efforts taken by this University in the abscence of specific guidelines from the Office of Education to comply with the legislative action resulting from the passage of the Buckley Amendment.

--Recognizing the tentative nature of the proposed draft, it is the feeling of the University Council that the University should initiate efforts to examine the specific needs and desires of the University community. Furthermore, these efforts should be directed toward the development of a more definitive and expansive policy addressing the entire University community and not simply one segment of that community.

--Although recognizing the"interim" nature of the proposed draft as well as the need for the University to comply with the recent legislative mandate created by the possage of the Buckley Amendment, it is the feeling of the University Council that the University should adopt a position less "reactive" to this legislative mandate and more in concert with the intent of the legislation.

Among specific recommendations made by the Council are those that students be informed of the existence of specific records, that there be consistency across colleges on discontinuance of records, that a listing of specific records from which information may not be released outside the University be deleted to more broadly cover the rights of the student, and that a listing of records considered official records be compiled and included in the policy. They asked for a listing that would include the location of records and the specific type of information collected on individual students.

The committee recommended student employment records be considered official records.

The committee also asked for clarification of the term "student", as to whether or not one is a student between terms and during a leave of absence. They questioned whether public information considered to be that published in a directory is considered in the same light at Campuses that may not have a directory, and if the policy implied a directory needed to be published.

The committee felt letters of recommendation and other information compiled after Nov. 19,. 1974, the date the amendment became effective, should be available to the student; also that in accommodating requests for access to student records, costs should not exceed actual costs to the University.

Concerning a section stating that substantive judgement of a faculty member about a student's work is not considered withing the purview of the right of challenge, the Committee felt a student in cases of extenuating circumstances should have an opportunity to present factual evidence to guarantee objectivity to that judgement.

Dr. Russell E. Larson, provost and chairman of the Council, noted that the meeting Thursday marked the final one for Mr. Novak, who joined the Council last February as the graduate student member. His term expires at the end of the year.

Ski Club Notebook

Some Capitol Campus Ski Club Members Anxiously await another day of skiing at Killington, Vermont.

The Killington Trip was a big success even though only nine people took advantage of the opportunity to ski the big slopes. There was plenty of fresh powder and the conditions were excellent.

The ski Trip for the winter term will be to the Poconos (Big Boulder, Jack Frost, and Camelback). The trip is open to anyone and costs $50.00. Cost includes bus, lodging, most meals, and lift tickets. A deposit of $25.00 is due by Jan. 31st for those planning on making the trip. Departure time will be 5:00AM Feb 22nd and we will arrive back at Capitol Campus Feb 23rd by 9:00 PM. See you on the slopes!!

Check ski club signs for C.C.Ski trips to Roundtop and Ski Club meetings.

Yes, How

how could this have happened
that one who lives for peace
threatens his neighbor with war
that one who lives for understanding
can close his mind and soul
i ask you how could this have happened

scared and confused
we act the parts of others
without ever being ourselves
dreams and selfish desires
become our daily sleep
we are always climbing meaningless ladders
to reach a feverish goal
only buying disappointment
and learning nothing from it all
priding ourselves in honesty
we stand all bound in ignorance
we fear to be ourselves
for afraid that we might clash
with the style of society's model
so we settle in a crowd
and when the lights dim
and it is time for all to go home
we close our eyes in silent pain
not knowing where to go

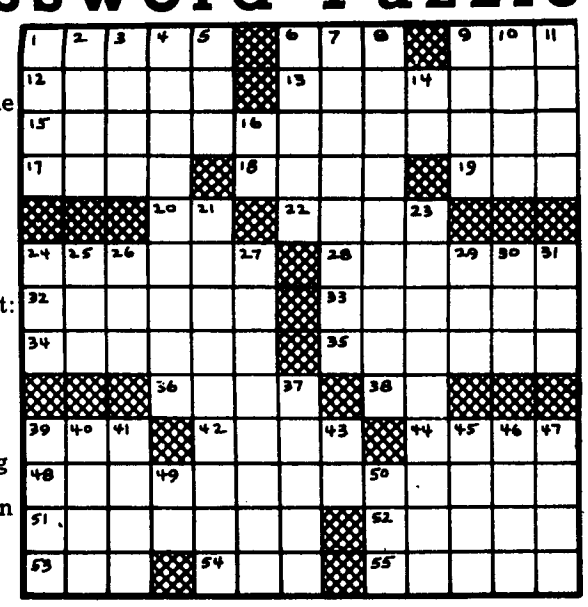
we pledge our life to emptiness
and paint our cornered shells
while pretending not to hear
the suffering from those who need us
we keep this tragedy occuring
by handing down our fears
we christen others to learn
our simple dreaded ways
and quake and tremble
when night must come again
beauty is around us
yet its meaning we forget
love exists
yet dismal stragglers scoff at its intent
because of those in cheap need
who lie when love is never meant

there is a chance to learn
and a chance to grow
there is a space for good
and remedies for our fears
there is hope for love
and the beginning of our life

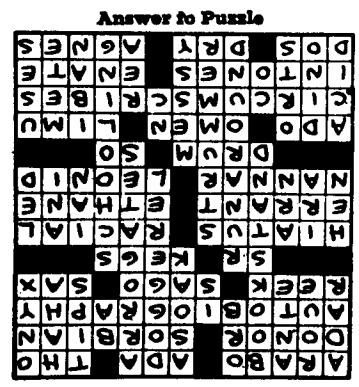
how could this have happened
that one who lives for love
can be trapped where there is none
that one who lives for others
could have forgotten you
i ask you how could this have happened

Thom Sturman

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Architectural type
6. Girl's name
9. Though: var.
12. Giver
13. Slavic
15. One's own memoirs
17. Vapor
18. Starch
19. Instrument: colloq.
20. Symbol: chem.
22. Casks
24. Gap
28. Tribal
32. Wandering
33. Gas
34. Babylonian god
35. Shooting star
36. Ear part
38. Therefore
39. At all: Scot.
42. Foreboding
44. Seaweed
48. Encircles
51. Chants
52. Maternal relative
53. — Passos
54. Arid
55. — De Mille

DOWN
1. Jewish calendar month
2. Rake
3. Player's stake
4. Table for volumes
5. Sphere
6. Saturating
7. Loose verse
8. Appropriates
9. Hints
10. Laugh
11. Gem
14. Soul: Egypt.
16. Exists
21. Chase
23. Instruction
24. Fowl
25. — Gershwin
26. Tree
27. Unskilled musician
29. Boy's name
30. Cuckoo
31. Guided
37. Unkempt
39. Sour
40. Wine: Ital.
41. Crafts
43. State: Abbr.
45. Borneo native
46. Measure
47. Employs
49. Firm: Abbr.
50. Turmeric

Answer to Puzzle