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EDITORIAL OPINION

Wednesday evening the Student Government Association (SGA) took its boldest step toward student freedom, by passing a resolution to limit and eliminate many of the W rules of the Senate Rules and Policies, which deal with student discipline and civil law.

Thursday, at the Student Affairs meeting, the resolution was met by unbelievable "rightist" opposition. Such comments as—students should sign a document which states that they know and understand the rules contained in the Senate Rules and Policies, before they begin classes here—were tossed into the air. We hardly feel that a student would sign such a document if he realized that to do so would put him in a form of "double jeopardy." This is in reerence to Rule W-11 which allows a student to be processed through civil law and then be susceptible to disciplinary action by the University.

The unfairness of this system can be exemplified by looking at a case which came up last term. Students were picked up at a raid by the Erie Police Dept. and turned over to the school. The police raided the party because of underage drinking. When the students were charged by the campus to answer in effect: "Are you guilty of participating in a raid by the Erie Police Department?" By looking at this charge, you can see that there is no way that the students charged could deny them. However the charges could not mention underage drinking because that is a civil charge. The University was handcuffed.

The only answer is to get the University's hands free from civil law totally. The SGA is not letting their resolution die but, rather is rewriting it in more specific terms to give the narrow-minded members of Student Affairs (not all of them) less room to misinterpret plain English. Write letters of support to the SGA and the CUB. RSK

Letters To The Editor

Dear Faculty and Students:

Your honest concern over the delayed passage of non-preferred appropriations for our State and State related colleges and universities is fully justified. And, I might add, the interest and concern that you as individuals have shown to members of the General Assembly are vital in helping us break the revenue stalemate in Harrisburg which has prevented the funding of non-preferred appropriations.

Rather than dwell on the political aspects of the current dilemma, I prefer to answer you in terms of the differences in social philosophy which underlie the problem because it is in the area that the changes being wrought by your generation are most influential. Many legislators and, unfortunately, many citizens are simply not willing to pay for progress; they would rather reduce our commitment not only to higher education but to social services in general than to enact an adequate revenue program.

Those in government like myself who feel that we must move forward to provide fair and ample opportunity for all citizens depend, perhaps more than you realize, on the power and interest that only those I think new vision can provide.

I thank you for your efforts to generate public pressure on the question at hand and I tell you frankly that without pressure it is unlikely that we shall ever reform our political system of build a truly just society, competent to meet the overdue needs of yesterday, those of today, and the vast yet more challenging needs of tomorrow.

Very truly yours,
K. Leroy Irvis (maj. leader)

U. P. Coordinating Committee Urges Letters of Discontent

Concetta Rizzo

It just isn't fair. There is a University Park Coordinating Committee going to Harrisburg regularly to persuade legislators on the appropriations funds to this University.

No one from the Commonwealth Campuses has been able to express themselves in this way. So the 14,000 students at the Commonwealth Campuses are in no way sharing in the discontent, right? WRONG!

It just isn't fair that 14,000 students are in no way sharing in this discontent, but before you pack your bags and march on our naughty Capitol, consider the more effective types of influence with which you can direct your moans, groans and hang-ups about the State Legislature.

Many letters have been sent to your parents by the coordinating committee to inform them of a

possible tuition hike if they do not write their legislators in a manner favoring appropriations funds for the Pennsylvania state institutions. Have you encouraged or threatened your parents into writing their legislator?

The petitions that the committee has sent to your campus were sent to each campus so that they may express themselves as a whole to the Legislature. Have they, or some facsimile, been circulated? (Make sure all petitions are sent to: A.S.A. Office, Hetzel Union Building, University Park, Pa. 16802).

Still think you are not involved

in all the Big Discussions? GOOD! Now do some of the things that a few of the Commonwealth Campuses have initiated. Make use of public service programming in your area and inform the populace surrounding your Campus on the appropriations problem. Set up a table in your Union Building to inform the uninformed, misinformed, apathetic, or pathetic students on the urgency of showing disapproval to Harrisburg.

Don't sit back and let one small delegation in Harrisburg do all the complaining. Let the Legislators' ears ring from all nineteen corners of the Commonwealth.

BULLETIN BORED

A Samothrace Club, sponsored by the Erie Business and Professional Women, is being organized at Behrend. The purpose of the club is to serve as a liaison between the campus and the community, and to provide college women with the opportunity to meet professional women of the area.

Any woman student interested in this organization should contact Carlene Novosel, 110 Niagara Hall, chairman in charge of organization, or Dean Seanor, the group's advisor, for further information.

A tea will be held during the spring term for all third term women who have at least a 2.5 average. From these, approximately ten per cent will be selected for membership in CWENS, a national society for sophomores dedicated to the purpose of promoting leadership, scholarship, and fellowship among women.

Any woman selected for membership at Behrend will automatically be a member at University Park or any of the Commonwealth Campuses should she transfer.

Selection, based on satisfactory scholarship, leadership, and involvement in campus life, will be made by a group of sophomore women who probably would have been members if the society had been established at Behrend last year. The sophomores, chosen by Dean Seanor, advisor to CWENS, will be offered honorary membership in the society.

Charlie Brown: I don't have one single person I can call a friend.
Lucy: Define 'friend.'

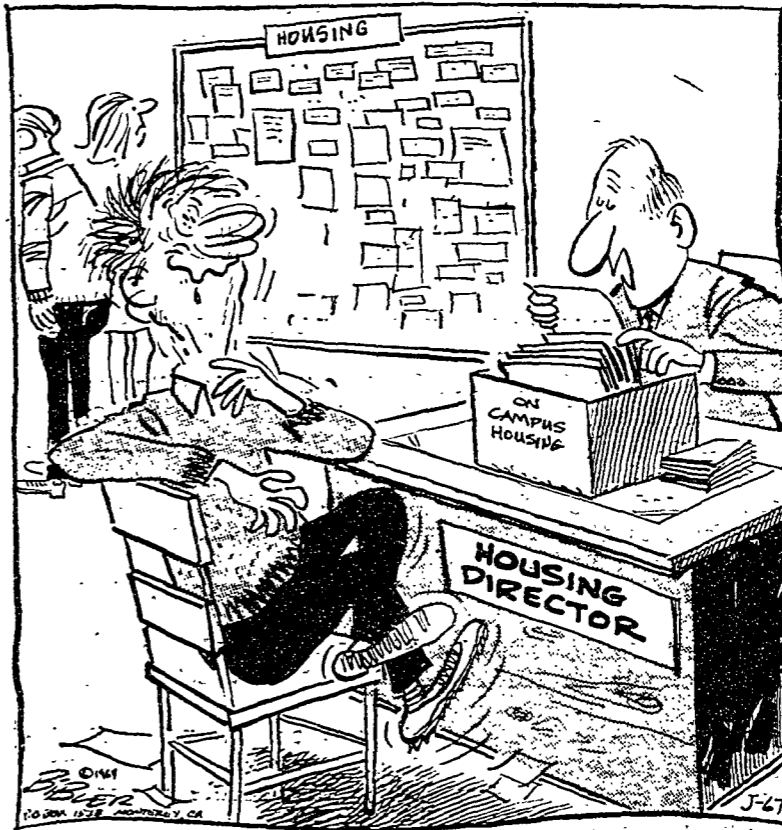
Snoopy: A friend is someone who will share his time with you.
Schroeder: A friend is someone who likes the same music you like.
Linus: A friend is someone who sticks up for you when you're not there.

What's your definition of a friend? Come to the Behrend Readers program on March 5, 1970, at 8:00 p.m., and see what their definition of a friend is. Reed Lecture Room. No admission.

ATHLETIC NIGHT

Athletic Night, sponsored by the Bible Fellowship, will be held in Erie Hall tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Planned activities include basketball, volleyball, and possibly badminton. A movie, Sign Posts Aloft, will follow.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"BUT WAIT—IF YOU CAN PUT UP WITH DISTRACTIONS AND CHATTER AT ODD HOURS OF THE DAY AND NITE—I HAVE A ROOM THAT FACES OUT ON TO THE EAST WING OF THE GIRLS' DORM."

Trustees Bug Legislators!

University Park, Pa., Feb. 14—The Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University today notified leaders of the State Legislature that the financial position of the University "becomes more untenable with each passing day."

In a unanimous resolution passed at the Board meeting Friday night, the members stressed the necessity for action, since "the University is rapidly approaching the limit of its borrowing capability."

The full statement by the Board follows:

"The Pennsylvania State University has now entered the eighth month of the 1969-70 fiscal year without its annual appropriation from the Commonwealth.

"The financial position of the University becomes more untenable with each passing day.

"Therefore, we, the members of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University, feel compelled at this time to appeal to you for expeditious approval of our requested funds.

"To date, the University has been required to borrow \$42.5 million since July simply to maintain activities at their prior levels. The interest cost on these borrowed funds has amounted to \$650,000 in unanticipated expense.

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Shafer Supports Student Rap

University Park (APS)—Gov. Raymond P. Shafer supports the concept of students serving as advisers to the University's Board of Trustees. He indicated this while talking with five Penn State students who were in Harrisburg to lobby in favor of the University's budget request.

Shafer has taken steps to give students a voice at 13 state-owned institutions and Indiana University by appointing one student adviser to each.

Penn State's Trustees tabled at its last meeting a charter amendment which would have given three student ex-officio seats on the board.