

Faculty Senate Discusses Policies And Plans

A Faculty Senate Meeting was held on January 26th. The main topics discussed were Gov. Shapp's ordered closing of the schools in Pennsylvania, the posting of grades using only the last four numbers of the students' social security number, the new remedial policies concerning math and science courses, and the student affairs committee announced plans for the installation of a newspaper vending machine on campus.

Also, a transportation depot is under consideration for students who need transportation help, and the Educational Policy Committee informed the Faculty Senate of plans for a new student evaluation form.

The student affairs committee also revealed the results as positive for the survey concerning the hot food service taken in January.

It was also mentioned that posters for the Artists and Lecture series, among others, are being defaced and torn down. Students are requested to respond if they see anyone defacing not only posters but any school property.

Present at the meeting included the Faculty Senate members, four members of the Educational Policy Committee and five Student Senators. The members of the Educational Policy Committee were admitted by a unanimous decision.

Keystone Society Seeks Members

The Keystone Society is currently seeking members for the 1977-78 school year. The organization sponsors service projects that aid fellow students and the community. Last year's projects included an all night coffee house to raise money for Chris Wall, the baby born with a serious heart deformity; a Monte Carlo Night for John Gardner, the Penn State student afflicted with brain cancer, and the Blood-Mobile. Keystone members select the projects they wish to undertake. It is true that membership in an organization of this sort allows one to come in contact with many people, and puts pre-professional students in good stead when they go job-hunting.

Interested students may contact: Mark Brittingham, Chris Smith or Dr. Cooper in Room 314.

Rangerettes Anticipate Winning Season

If all the pretzel and bake sales pay off the Rangerettes, the campus' precision drill team, will begin the series of competitions with different universities.

The eleven member team, commanded by sophomores Debbie Nichols with drill sergeant Joanne Montowski, will compete against a number of universities, one of which is Seton Hall. For the past three years, Seton Hall, located in New Jersey, has been the Rangerette's biggest rival and will be present for a number of the meets scheduled for this spring.

The drill team, which extends its membership to both men and women, was started three years ago by an ROTC student. "That first year," Debbie mentions, "the team folded. The second year the team got on its feet again and took last place. Last year, the Rangerette's third year, the team advanced and took a first and second and beat their rival Seton Hall.

Even though the team is judged on military bearing and Lieutenant Colonel John Riddiford is its faculty advisor to the team, "...

the team is not affiliated with ROTC," Debbie stresses. "The first year an ROTC coed started the team and asked Major Marcus to be advisor. When Major Marcus left," Debbie added, "Lt. Col. Riddiford naturally assumed the position.

Even with profits made from the cake sales and pretzel sales that were organized by the team, the team still needs more money to cover traveling and accommodation expenses. "Right now the team is still short of funds even with pretzel and cake sales," Debbie adds, "The girls are also going to sell their blood to the Red Cross to raise money." There is also the possibility of a hoagie and an Easter candy sale in the spring.

Next fall the team will be re-organizing again. "There's no experience necessary," Debbie emphasized, "Most of the people on the team were taught."

The Valley Forge Military Academy was host for the team's first meet on February 12th. On March 4th, 5th and 6th, the team will travel to Boston for a competition hosted by Northeastern University.

'At Work' With President Carter

By: Kathy Boccella

The era of Jimmy Carter brings about a familiarity in the presidency not known before. Mr. Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, refers to the president as Jimmy when talking to the press. This new rapport might bring about a change in relations between the president and the public.

For instance, Jim might walk into the office one day - and to his surprise find a man in white overalls sitting at his desk.

"Who are you?" asks the President.

"I clean the windows around here, Jim. Name's Harry."

"Well, make yourself at home, Har. Like I always say, my house is your house. But do you think you could take your feet off the furniture?"

"Sure, Jim. I figured you for a good ole boy. What with you inviting that woman in jail to the inauguration and having just plain

folks to your place for dinner, I figured we could sit here and talk awhile. Economy, foreign affairs, whatever you want."

"Well, there's nothing I'd like better Har, but to tell you the truth I have an important meeting with King Abdul in a little while."

"Great," says Harry, "Always wanted to meet royalty. I'll come with you."

"Gee, Har, I really would like that but the gardner, maid, and T.V. repairman are all coming to this one. However, there's an important matter I have to discuss with the Russian Ambassador next week. Do you think you can make it?"

"Sure," Harry said, "I'll bring the wife and kids, too."

Well, all this may be fine. Informal relations with our President may prove to be beneficial. Or as Mark Twain said, will "Familiarity breed contempt?"

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Winter term was my first term. I graduated from an all girls' private school last June and had to work through the summer and fall to get up enough money to pay the tuition here. Even though I hear a lot of people say this is a small campus, to me it seems big enough. When I first came to register in November, I have to admit, I was pretty scared. I'm basically a shy person and don't make friends easily.

When I first came here, all I saw were crowds of people. While registering, people were pushing papers into my hands, asking me questions and telling me to sign forms. I was more depressed and uncertain than anything else. When I first started class, groups of people seemed to stick together and it was pretty tough to make friends since I had absolutely no idea what college life would be like.

Between the problems I had in school and the ones I had to put up with at home, I thought I just couldn't last two years here. I wasn't sure I took the right courses, and I wasn't even sure what I wanted for a major. My advisor told me it was my decision and since I did not know what I wanted to do, he put me into Liberal Arts. When I had trouble with my classes, I went to see him and he was either out or too busy to see me. The way my advisor fixed my schedule, I had to wait over four hours between my first and fifth period classes. I had a lot of time on my hands, so I spent most of it in the cafeteria and sometimes I heard people mention USA. I was only in school for two weeks and wasn't familiar with procedures on campus. Almost every place I looked, USA was mentioned. A guy in one of my classes told me that if I had a problem with something, I should go to the student government office and see if they could help me out. Again, I admit, I was scared to talk about my problems with people I didn't even know, but I had to talk to someone aside from my advisor.

When I first went to the USA office, I saw about seven people go in. It looked like a waiting room in a doctor's office. I waited about twenty minutes and finally was called in. While I talked to the president, the phone kept ringing every minute and the people were banging on the door wanting to talk to him. He asked me for my phone and student number and told me that he would get in contact with me. When I left I was still under the impression I wasn't going to get anywhere with anybody around here. I was very surprised though when he called me that night and asked me to come in the next morning. He apologized for not being able to talk to me and help me out

that day and told me that sometimes it takes time to get back to everybody who comes to the USA office.

I'm not saying all my problems were solved over night, I'm sure to some people they don't seem too big. I'm glad there are students who took the time to help me out and inform me of things that ordinarily I would not have found out until later. The people in USA helped me out and didn't look at me like a pain-in-the-neck like my advisor and one of my teachers did when I needed help. It's nice to know there are students willing to help other students with their problems. If this is what it's going to be like for the next two years, I don't think it will be so bad after all

Satisfied Student

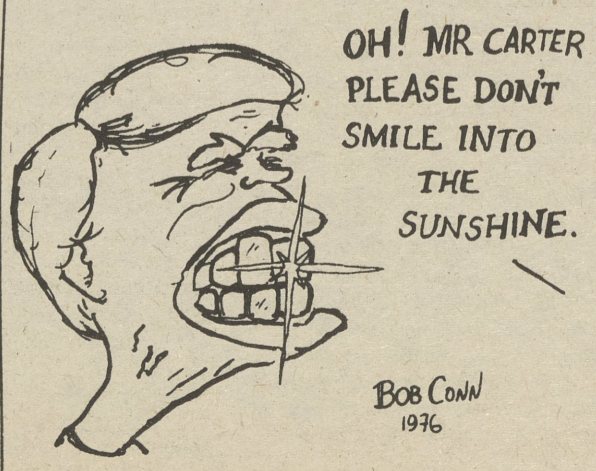
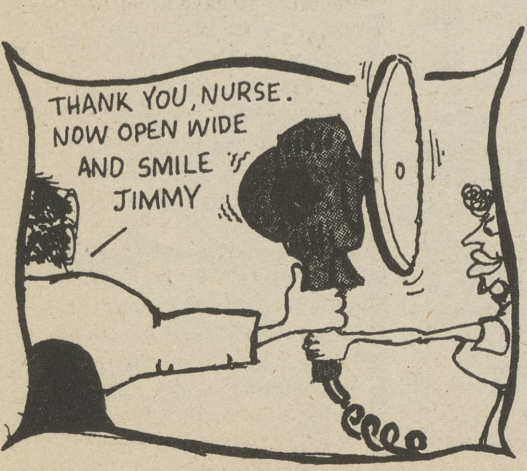
To whom it may concern,

I speak for a lot of students in saying that the newspaper on this campus really stinks. I've worked as a photographer on my high school newspaper at West Catholic, and can truthfully say that you don't even have 1% of the organization that our newspaper had. In our newspaper people were ready and willing to work together and we always got our paper out on time. I have not seen a copy of the Lion's Eye since November. You probably have a lot of problems I don't know about. But the problem I do know stems from your first meeting that I attended in the beginning of the year. The way you started out is the way you have remained ever since. I think you really don't know how to run an organization, let alone an organization like a newspaper. The people I've met from the Lion's Eye are the most unfriendly group of students I've ever met. They only care about themselves and when you ask them something they look down on you, like who the hell are you to complain about us. I'm not the only one who feels this way. A lot of students here feel the same way. We are pretty disgusted by the way you operate like a clique and get the paper out any time you feel like it. I do not intend for my letter to be derogatory in any way. I'm just pointing out to you that a lot of students feel the same way I do and are pretty disgusted with the way you operate. If your newspaper is sincere and really on the students' side, you will print this. If not, then we will find another way to tell the students about your clique.

DISGUSTED STUDENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE - The Lion's Eye needs more staffers - including photographers. Come to the next meeting.

Letters submitted to the editor must be typed and double spaced. All letters must be signed, but the names will be withheld upon request.



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