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New Tribunal Plan Should Work Well

The question of traffic offenses on campus by graduate students has been settled by quick action. For a while it looked as though difficulty would arise between Tribunal and the dean of men's office over the question, but an apparently mutually agreeable rapprochement has been reached.

UNDER THE NEW PLAN, the dean of men is delegating to Tribunal the right to try traffic violations by graduate students, without having a grad school representative on Tribunal.

On the surface, at least, the plan appears to be workable. Since the dean of the Graduate school has indicated the dean of men has authority to handle disciplinary cases involving graduate students, Tribunal's line of authority in the matter is clear and legal.

Of course, the plan has its defects. Graduate students can claim that Tribunal, although it has legal authority, has no moral authority over them, since they are not represented on the judicial body. However, it should be pointed out that freshmen and sophomores also are not represented directly on Tribunal.

From Tribunal's past record for fair-dealing, we would judge that, despite technical defects, the plan should work satisfactorily to all intents and purposes.

Value Of Petition

Chairman William Klisanin of NSA reported yesterday he was encountering difficulty in persuading many men in the West dorms to sign the NSA petition urging an absentee voting law. As he stated it, many of these men are not yet of voting age and apparently feel that such a petition would have no effect upon them.

This strikes us too much like the "what's in it for me?" attitude. It also indicates that perhaps the men in question have not given much thought to the petition.

Because such a petition must be passed twice by the legislature, and must be approved by a popular referendum, it will be two to three years before it actually would go into effect. By that time, many of these men would be of voting age and the absentee voting law would affect them.

One wonders if these men are judging the petition on its merits alone, or merely on the selfish basis of what it will do for them immediately. From the overall viewpoint of enlarging the franchise and enabling college students to vote, we feel it worthwhile for all students to sign up.

It might also be noted that many of the upperclassmen who are signing the petition will be out of college by the time such a law could become effective, and thus won't be benefiting directly. Yet this fact doesn't seem to have prevented many upperclassmen from signing.

Blades Of Grass

There comes a time in every newspaper's editorial columns that a piece must appear heralding the approach or arrival of spring.

But newspapers in State College take what is known in the trade as a calculated risk in assuming the fact that spring really has come to the borough.

For the moment, if the weather will hold out overnight, we will assume that spring has come to State College. All the symptoms are here—the mud is getting ankle deep; students are walking around the campus with sweaters instead of overcoats; and blades of grass, shyly of course, are pushing above the ground.

When spring finally does arrive though, it is a wonderful thing.

Boys and girls walk around campus hand-in-hand instead of mitten-in-glove as they do in the winter time. Studying becomes even harder. White bucks turn a dirtier brown because of the mud, and dormitory hostesses cast a doubtful glance in the direction of Hort woods and wonder why they didn't make it a parking lot after all.

Spring is a long time coming to State College but, like many good things, it's worth waiting for.

— George Glazer

Scandal Points Up Sports Problems

College basketball circles have been rocked twice in as many days with charges that seven New York city basketball players—three from the fabulous "Cinderella" team of the City College of New York, three from Long Island university, and one from New York university—had "thrown" games. The series of disclosures of fixed basketball is the second of the current season, but the involvement of members of two of the nation's outstanding teams makes the revelation even more damaging to the game.

THE HISTORY of baseball records the scandal of the 1919 "Black Sox." The history of the national game also records that it took the iron hand of Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis and the dynamic bat of Babe Ruth to save the game from ruin.

College athletic leaders should heed the wisdom of history. Unfortunately, however, the creation of a college basketball czar or the sudden appearance of a basketball version of Babe Ruth will not solve the problem of big-time, big-money basketball. Or of big-time, big-money football.

The colleges have created their own monster; now they must deal with the Frankenstein. They took basketball out of the college gymnasiums and put it into the big arenas, built bigger and better stadiums, and hired better players. Yet they still masquerade as amateurs and expect the college players to behave as amateurs.

The colleges have hidden behind the skirts of amateurism, and now the farce is beginning to catch up with them. It is a wonder that similar scandals have not erupted in college football, which is even more commercial than is basketball.

Using amateurism as a foil, they have asked their players to perform at professional standards before crowds that pay just as much—if not more—to watch the so-called amateurs perform. In the meantime the players have been expected to go out and give their all for good-ole' Siwash while the promoters, the coaches, the officials, the peanut and scorecard vendors, hotel owners, and just about everybody else who could get his fingers in the pie grew rich.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES it is no wonder that college players have fallen victim to the temptation to make a fast, if dishonest, dollar. Now and then one of them will get caught, thrown out of school, prosecuted, and everything will be okay—until the next time. And then the "next time" rolls around and the process starts all over again.

The crowd that has been urging that Penn State go big-time in basketball might reconsider in view of the recent disclosures. Perhaps, as our New York friends might be ready to agree now, the place for college basketball is the gymnasium, and not the public arena.

— Marv Krasnansky

Humor Angles



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"Suppressed book-of-the-month!"

On The Record

That Magical Year

We wonder what it is that happens to every Normal Young American Male between his 18th and 19th birthday anniversaries.

For the debate in Washington over whether said Normal Young American Male should be drafted at the age of 18, or 18½, or 19 years, seems to us to cast a mystic aura about that magical year. From the furore that has been raised over this year—sometimes it's only a half-year—we begin to suspect that during said year something really must happen to every NYAM that at last makes him a man and eligible to wear a green uniform and shoot real grown-up guns.

THE SITUATION, succinctly, is this: Some of our noble military brass argue that it is necessary to draft the NYAM as soon as he reaches the age of 18. But lots of our high-minded Congressmen—unselfish souls who would not think of letting politics or bids for popular approval interfere with their good judgment of what is best for the country—many of these high-minded Congressmen proclaim that the NYAM should not be called to the colors until he is 19.

Of course, these high-minded Congressmen have the wholehearted support of the mothers of all the NYAMs. (We don't know about those who aren't normal.) Anyway, Mother doesn't want to see any NYAM—particularly hers—go in the Army. She doesn't seem to relish the idea of young men shooting each other's heads off, especially when one of these happens to be her own NYAM, whom, as Mothers are wont, she still considers as a mere child (even though he has reached the magical year of 19—or was it 18½?) Some will say Mother just isn't very patriotic, but somehow we get the feeling that maybe she has more sense than we've been giving her credit for.

To get back to our succinct elucidation of the situation, some Congressmen have come up with the startling idea of drafting the NYAM at the age of 18½, but not allowing him to perform combat duty until he is 19. Such a plan, which now seems a distinct possibility, helps us to locate more exactly the point during the magical 19th year at which the NYAM finally bursts forth into the full bloom at maturity and is ready to serve his country.

Of course, we can't predict what the high-minded Congressmen are going to adopt finally, but, from observation of the situation, we can arrive at some rather definite hypotheses concerning the NYAM and that magical year. Evidently during that year something does happen to the NYAM that suddenly makes a man out of him. Apparently, since he's not ready for combat duty even at the age of 18½ years, it doesn't happen or reach its culmination until on or just before the 19th birthday anniversary.

But we still don't know what it is that happens to him, and, even from all the evidence at hand, we can't determine whether it happens suddenly, like falling in love, or whether it is a gradual process, like growing a beard.

AND SOMETHING ELSE bothers us, too. We can't help wondering if the high-minded Congressmen themselves know just what happens to every Normal Young American Male during his magical year, either.

— Dean Gladfelter

Safety Valve . . .

Attendance At Keynote Address

TO THE EDITOR: I thought it extremely regrettable that so few of the students of this college availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing their president deliver the keynote address of Religion-in-Life week.

Granted it was given at a time when numerous meetings and extra-curricular activities interfered, but if students are as mature as they like to consider themselves, more would have given serious consideration to attending a talk by a prominent American on a topic of national significance.

Possibly the state of this nation is such because so few of the "educated" population are willing or capable of elevating their mental processes above the plane of "White Cargo" even during a time of national stress and more especially during National Brotherhood and Religion-in-Life week.

— Clark D. Young

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, February 21

COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE club and tournament, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

SCARAB, 306 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE, White hall play room, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

Proctor & Gamble company would like to have preliminary application blanks from June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Civil, Eng., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Blanks may be obtained at the College Placement office, 112 Old Main, before 12 noon Saturday, Feb. 24.

Allis Chalmers manufacturing company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Thursday, March 1.

Chance Vought Aircraft will interview June graduates at all levels in Aero. Eng., E.E., M.E., C.E., Phys., and Math. Thursday, March 1.

Shell Oil company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in Chem. and Chem. Eng. and at the Ph.D. level in Chem. Thursday, March 1.

New Jersey Zinc company will interview June graduates in M.E., Geology, Metal., and Mining. Eng. Friday, March 2.

Hagan corporation will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., and M.E. Monday, March 5.

Sperry Gyroscope company will interview June graduates in Physics, Aero. Eng., E. E., and M.E. Monday, March 5.

Piasecki Helicopter corporation will interview June graduates in M.E., and Aero. Eng. Monday, March 5.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Student wife for full-time commercial writing.

Student couple for housekeeping and guide service near State College to begin as soon as possible in summer as couple is available; salary plus maintenance.

Off-campus residents for substitute dining hall and fraternity work; remuneration in meals.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: Sandra Bachin, Barbara Baker, Ralph Clark, Julia Crisman, Donald Cutler, Jacqueline Feinberg, David Fix, Glenn Haney, Edward Hewitt, Carole Krow, Louis Rauscher, Charles Rife, Leslie Shallenberger, Robert Smith, Patricia Weaver, Donald Weiner, Richard Witmer, and Harold Wollin.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: House By The River

STAT: Vendetta

NITANY: French White Cargo