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## Cut Policy Should Be More Definite

The average Penn State student, if there is such a creature, finds himself completely baffled by the regulations governing class attendance. The student is not alone in his confusion, if that is any consolation, for many faculty members apparently don't know what the regulations are either.

The result is that nobody knows quite what to do about cutting. Each prof sets his own policy; many profs don't bother to establish a policy on cuts. A student may be allowed unlimited cuts in one class, none in another. The result is bedlam.

The core of the confusion is the College Undergraduate Regulations. The only regulation governing class attendance in reference to cuts is vague and obscure. The lack of clear College policy on class attendance is responsible for the confusion.

Regulation K-1 of the Undergraduate Regulations reads as follows:

"A student should attend every class for which he is scheduled, and shall be held responsible for all work covered in the courses taken. A student whose irregularity in classes causes him, in the judgment of the instructor, to become deficient in any course may, after due warning, be excluded from the class by the instructor after consultation with the head of the department in charge of the course and the student's dean."

It is often the policy of some instructors to set an arbitrary limit on cuts—such as three for the semester—and to inform students that all cuts in excess of three will mean a lowering of grades. As we interpret regulation K-1, the authority to do this is not extended to an instructor.

There is a need for clarification of College policy, a need for a uniform policy. It is a problem that should be studied by the College Senate.

## U.S. Truce Policy Hurts Peace Tries

What's wrong with United States foreign policy?

Twice now the Soviet Union has asked that the Korean armistice be thrown into the United Nations Security Council. And twice the United States has refused to hear of such a move.

Why? The reasons the U.S. gives are not very explicit. This country feels the security council won't do much better than the truce teams in Panmunjon. By placing the problem before the security council, the Russians are able to utilize their veto.

We feel, however, that there might be a chance for an agreement in the security council—certainly as much chance as in the abortive talks now in progress in Korea.

What has the U.S. to lose? Nothing, and there is everything to gain if we sincerely want a Korean armistice. Why let our mistrust of Russia keep the Korean war dragging ad infinitum?

Certainly, there is the possibility that nothing will come of the security council talks, but then nothing much has come from the Kaesong or Panmunjon get-togethers. And if the council talks are not fruitful, the U.S. can always go back to the talks now in progress.

Maybe we are afraid to let other nations in on the armistice consultations by taking the talks to the security council. After all, we've had pretty much our own say in the Korean conferences. But the war is a United Nations war so why not let the UN take part in the armistice talks?

That's why we would like to see a reversal of the United States policy on this question. Refusing to take the talks to the security council seems more like something Russia would do, not the U.S.

Has this nation lost faith in the UN already?

—Moylan Mills

## Two Suggestions For Traffic Probe

The announcement made Tuesday that a committee of four faculty members and a student is studying Penn State's parking problem is welcome news to drivers who have been unable to find parking space on campus.

There are some 2500 parking spaces on campus and about 4000 faculty, staff, and student cars. There just is not enough space for all these cars.

Whatever conclusion the committee comes to in regards to who shall and shall not be allowed to park on campus, the solution can only be a temporary one. Penn State's parking facilities are inadequate. They must be enlarged.

To us there are two possible solutions: one would be to level and enlarge the present so-called parking area behind the Pattee Library, paralleling the left field line of Beaver Field's baseball diamond; the other idea would provide a small bus service from the outlying fraternity houses and independent living quarters. The busses would make stops at convenient points on campus.

A suggested charge for such a bus service would be about five cents per student. By using this plan, the service would nearly, if not entirely, pay for itself.

The possibility of enlarging the Beaver Field plot, which now holds about 100 automobiles, would necessitate removing a portion of beloved Hort Woods. This can be justified, however, by saving the majority of the woods, which in the past has been considered for complete demolition for campus parking facilities.

At present, the Beaver Field area is practically a quagmire of mud. During the spring, summer, and fall the area is used more often, but the terrain is little better.

With a thorough investigation of the possibilities of following either of these proposals by the committee, we feel that the problem of parking on or near the campus will be met satisfactorily.

—Bob Fraser

## Japan 'Pen Pals' Can Aid Relations

People throughout the nation constantly wonder how "the other half lives" in regard to people of other countries. Since the defeat of Japan in World War II, the world has wondered just how the Japanese citizens feel toward America and Americans.

Other questions asked include, "Do the people still have such things as rickshaws, paper houses, delicious teas?"

There is one sure way to find out just what has taken place since the beginning of the occupation, and that is by writing to people who would know first hand—the Japanese themselves.

If you weren't involved in the occupation of Japan, one of the most intriguing countries in the world, and you did not fight its soldiers, chances are you know very little about it.

By merely dropping a line to Pen Pal Club, 1215 Sugano, Ichikawa City, Chiba Pref., Japan, you will establish a contact that may well prove both interesting and enlightening.

One major point we must not overlook is the reverse of the above motives—the Japanese pen pals you contact will learn more about Americans and the ties between the nations may become increasingly strong.

The club, founded to promote good will between the nations, has requested that anyone interested in a pen pal should include his full name, address, age, sex, hobby, college, college location, majoring subject, and religion.

It cannot be stressed too much that this program is not the usual kiddies pen pal stunt. It is a definite step toward peace and friendship among two former enemies.

—Bob Fraser

## Make Use of Old Christmas Cards

The Christmas Card Club, organized on campus to collect and send to crippled children the greetings, which those of us with friends received this past holiday season, is an excellent way to make use of what might become either trash or just clutter items in an old box.

The drive, which will last until the end of this week, hopes and appears certain to gather 10,000 of these Yuletide messages, to be used as physical therapy aids to children, who under proper direction, can have a great deal of fun cutting up and pasting them in books and doing the things with them that children usually do.

At present the drive has already gathered 75 per cent of the goal. The opportunity presents itself now to put another student drive over the top and then some. Just as other campaigns have been completed with more than average success in the past, this can be, too.

Stations have been set up to receive your cards at WMAJ, the State College Commerce Club, and 106 Sparks.

Hospitalized children can find a lot of happiness in little things such as these. Gather your cards and bring them to one of the stations now.

—Bud Fenton

"He who would govern others should first be master of himself."—Massinger

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Oh yes, another little tip, Carolyn—don't come late to Professor Snarf's class."

## Fundamental Issues

By LEN KOLASINSKI

Policy in Korea is a far cry from that which the United States had followed in former wars. Whether Uncle Sam is just getting old or only more conservative is debatable, but he isn't the fighting lad he was before.

The armistice talks, which began in July, 1951, still continue, with each new issue a starting point for long-winded conferences.

Panmunjon is beginning to leave a sour taste in the mouths of a lot of people. And only exceptional developments in the Korean war are headlined in today's newspapers.

For the most part the war in the Far East has become a forgotten war except to the men in it or the families of these men. Yesterday, Vice Admiral Charles Turner Joy, the senior delegate to the truce conference, said, "there is less and less reason to think the Communists really want a stable armistice."

If Vice Admiral Joy believes this is so, it is time to resume the war on a full scale to show the Reds the United Nations mean business. Otherwise the Korean war will deteriorate into an Indo-China war, which is now in its sixth year—or a Malayan campaign, the drain on British manpower.

By these actions abroad, France, Great Britain, and the United States remain off-balance—a state of affairs not conducive to long life with the Russian bear in temporary hibernation. Troops and armament vitally needed in West Europe are tied down. With France alone, the number of men needed to conduct the Indo-China war amounts to 240,000 troops, about a third of her armed forces. And editorial comments in a British newspaper called for 25,000 troops to be transported to

Malaya — if necessary, from Korea.

Thus it is that while the leadership of the U. S. conducts the Korean war "seldom fire," as opposed to ceasefire, and limited action instead of full-scale assaults, it adds weakness to already hard-pressed members.

It is here in Korea that the United States must take the bold initiative, as it did in June, 1950, when it deployed its own troops to stop the North Korean advance. The leadership the United States has burdened itself with must be manifested by pursuing the Korean war as a war.

Reports from Korea indicate that the Communists are continuing to build up their air strength even as Red negotiators sit in conference for a truce. Truce, it should be remembered, is not peace. And the Korean war cannot be brought to a peaceful settlement until one side is made to realize that it cannot gain by continuing the fighting.

The Dec. 27 deadline for negotiating a truce along the battle lines has passed. Other deadlines can be made and passed, but their propaganda and morale building effects will become ineffective. It has been shown to the world that the United States is willing to compromise, now it must be shown that it is just as eager to carry out a war to a successful conclusion.

## Gazette . . .

Wednesday, January 9

AIM, 104 Williard Hall, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

COLLEGIAN, freshman editorial board, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

DeMOLAY CLUB, Chi Phi, 7 p.m.

FROTH promotion staff and candidates, 3 Carnegie Hall, 6:30 p.m.

PENN STATE FARMER editorial and advertising staff, 10 Agriculture Building, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE GRANGE, 100 Horticulture Building, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY FOR THE AD-

VANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT, 107 Main Engineering, 8 p.m.

THETA SIGMA PHI, Grange game room, 6:30 p.m.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Eli Lilly and Co. will interview 195 candidates in Organic Chem. at the Ph.D level Monday, Jan. 14.

New Holland Machine Co. will interview January graduates in M.E. with farm background for the design of farm machinery Thursday, Jan. 10.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Part-time employment as a butcher. Clerking afternoons on photo supply counter.

Outdoor work afternoons for man with driver's license. Busboy for Monday and Thursday mornings 9-12.

7th or 8th semester mechanical engineer or aeronautical engineer for part-time government work.

Person experienced in photographic work.