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Coordination Is Aim Of Revised Customs

With the proposed plan for revising the freshman customs program now under consideration by several groups, it is a good time to review the purposes of the system as it would be set up if approved.

What the plan hopes to accomplish is the coordination of the freshman customs programs of men and women. One of the toughest problems facing Tribunal and the Freshman Customs and Regulations Board in relation to customs is the lack of coordination. One hand has not known what the other was doing or planning to do.

While it may seem to some that coordination isn't as difficult a problem as has been pictured, in actual operation over the past two years the customs programs of both men and women have run head on into each other on numerous occasions.

Another problem the program is designed to deal with is the setting of a uniform date for the end of customs. One of the major complaints of the frosh—and a legitimate one—has occurred when customs for men have been lifted in advance of removing freshman women's customs.

Still another goal of the plan is the creation of uniform rules and uniform punishment for both freshman men and women. We think this too is an improvement over the now uncoordinated system and is much fairer for all concerned.

One of the points raised by a member of the Freshman Council of the Women's Student Government Association is that requiring members of a joint customs board to be approved by cabinet might take away some power from WSGA. Those familiar with the functioning of cabinet know that this is not so.

"Subject to the approval of All-College Cabinet" in practice means that recommendations for appointments are read by the president who then asks if there are any objections. In almost three years of observing the operation of cabinet, we have never known an objection to be voiced to any of these recommendations.

Those who raise this point are looking for an issue, for it is not one which now exists.

Under the proposed customs plan, WSGA would not lose any of its power. As a matter of fact, WSGA would gain power, for it would now have its say in the entire customs program rather than merely over the women's customs program.

Flash Card Plan Best Offer to Date

For several years now efforts to establish a flash card system for Beaver Field have met with little or no success. The reason for the past disappointments has been the unwillingness of students to cooperate with the system set up by members of the cheerleading squad.

In an effort to work out some plan to make possible the flash card section, a special All-College Cabinet committee has come up with a proposal for a preferential seating section to be set aside in the student section of Beaver Field.

Under the plan, section EH would be designated as the preferential seating section. Participation in the flash card system would be on a voluntary basis, so that students taking part in the displays would be doing so not because they were told to, but rather because they wanted to.

Since section EH is in the senior part of the stands, seniors will be given first preference, followed by junior, sophomores, and frosh. Since only 500 seats will be available in this section, it is very unlikely that seats in this section will be given to students other than juniors and seniors.

As the plan is now set up, students wishing to sit in the section will be allowed to indicate during pre-registration in the spring. Juniors in the spring will be seniors the following fall and will be given first preference.

In the fall during final phase registration, special Athletic Association books will be given to those who signed up for the section in the spring and had been chosen to sit in the section on the basis of senior priority. Each student sitting in the section will be assigned a seat, so that if he fails to cooperate or is absent (without good cause), it will be possible to rescind the special book and issue a regular AA book.

Dimes Policy Poor In Fund Refusal

With the national March of Dimes organization having turned down the possibility of accepting funds from the Penn State Campus Chest, the problem now arises as to what All-College Cabinet should do with the money set aside for the polio fund.

Over \$325 of the last year's Chest funds was allocated for and given to the March of Dimes. That money has been returned. In addition, six per cent of this year's Chest was supposed to go to the polio fund.

One final effort will be made to turn the money over to the March of Dimes. With the approval of cabinet, the March of Dimes will be offered the money as the donation of the students of the Pennsylvania State College. Such a move might get around the insistence of the March of Dimes that it cannot take funds from any community or joint drive.

If this attempt also proves to be a failure, All-College Cabinet will be faced with the problem of what to do with almost \$800 of unclaimed Chest funds. Two alternatives have already been suggested: that the funds be re-allocated among the remaining Chest participants, or that another benefactor be named to replace the March of Dimes.

One way or the other, the problem will be resolved. But beneath it all is the rather vexing insistence on the part of some national organizations such as the March of Dimes and the Red Cross to remain aloof from community drives. In effect they are saying, we are not interested in the money, but in how it was obtained.

These organizations insist they must be in control of the means of fund raising. They seem to be ignoring the fact that their principal purpose for existing is in aiding those needy of assistance.

The argument for control of the fund-raising holds water when used in relation to a town or city. Under these conditions, the Red Cross and the March of Dimes can probably do a better job of raising funds by doing the job themselves rather than by delegating the task to a community drive.

But a college campus is another problem. With the Campus Chest ruling out the possibility of soliciting on campus, the March of Dimes and the Red Cross are placed in the position of either participating in the Chest or getting nothing via direct solicitation of students. Basically, for these organizations it is a question of all or nothing. Strangely enough both the Red Cross and the March of Dimes have decided to take nothing.

Safety Valve—

Forum Should Not Condone Close as Campus Speaker

TO THE EDITOR: I cannot agree with the reasoning nor the opinion of the editorial, "Forum Should Not Ban Upton Close." The "if's," the "and's" and the "but's" of this editorial bespeak a reluctance to actually meet the problem and cope with the only real solution—that of "banning," as you say, Close from the campus.

How can you truthfully state that censoring of bigots and hate-mongers would be worse than their condonation? Freedom of speech has never been an absolute right in this country. Protection of the minority has always been one of the basic tenets of a democracy.

If we do not "censor" this man... we shall be, in effect, condoning his actions and his words, giving greater prestige to his type of speaker in the very fact that he is being permitted to speak at one of America's larger colleges, and, indeed, robbing subscribers of Forum lectures of an evening that could be spent in a much more worthwhile fashion.

—Leonard Goodman

•Letter Cut

Collegian Fails to Instill 'Greater Interest' in Art

TO THE EDITOR: On Thursday, Feb. 27, the most wonderful thing that ever came to State College performed to a full house. The Budapest Quartet played excellently, and was received most enthusiastically.

Why did the Daily Collegian ignore this group? Were they ashamed that the State College Choral Society could attract music of such higher quality than could the College? Or was there no one on the staff who was educated enough to be interested?

A program before the concert, and a brief statement after it, would not have taken much room. The least little college or high school performance normally gets more than that.

Come, Collegian, help instill a greater interest in the fine things of life into our undergraduates.

—Monica Hearn

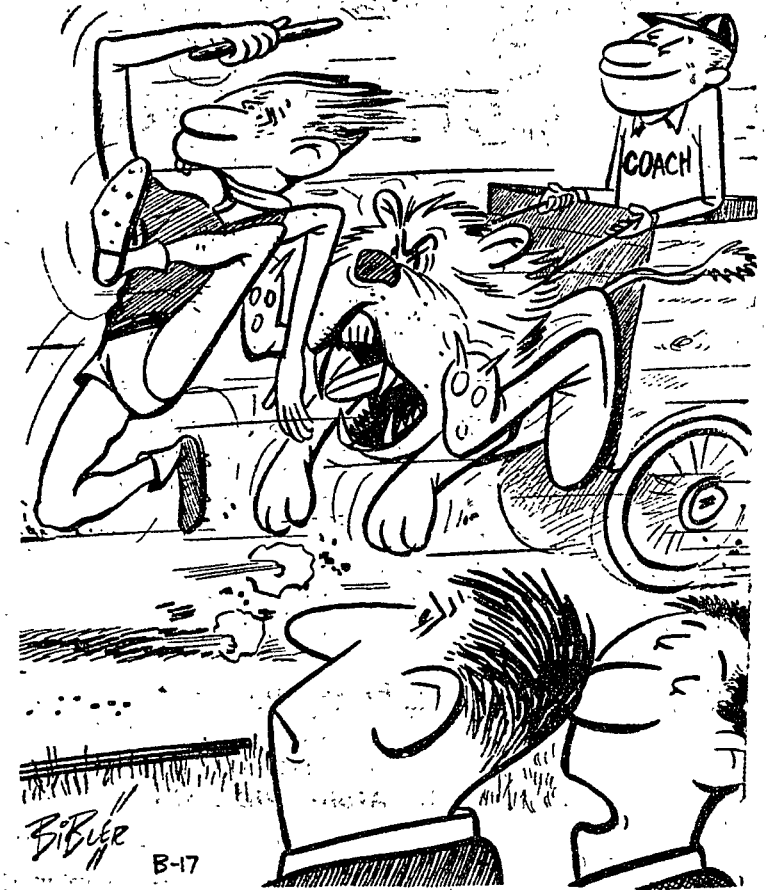
Ed. Note: With a bit more care, Reader Hearn might have been able to read about the Budapest Quartet on any number of occasions. A rough check indicates at least three advance notices: Feb. 20, 26, and 27.)

sent (without good cause), it will be possible to rescind the special book and issue a regular AA book.

The plan makes sense. It appears to be the best one submitted to date, which will enable cheerleaders to establish an effective flash card system. If successful, the system could add some needed color to Penn State's home football games.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Old Chick is finally whipping the track team into shape."

U.S. Is Overrun By 'Mugwumps'

WASHINGTON—(P)—Are you a Mugwump?

There are lots of them in the United States. And they're glad they are. Then, again, those who aren't are equally proud.

The whole question of Mugwumpery gets a good going over in the current issue of "The National Voter," the publication of the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Mrs. Eugene Duffield is a confirmed Mugwump. Mrs. Jay Walz is mighty glad she isn't.

What exactly is a Mugwump? In a slangy way, anybody who considers himself a man of importance is subject to being labelled a Mugwump.

But ever since 1884 the word has become more or less associated with politics. In that year, a group of Republicans bolted the party and came to be known as Mugwumps.

Webster says they were charged with "regarding themselves as superior to their party in character and intelligence."

In time, the term has come to refer to anyone who is a chronic objector, a person who splits his ticket in elections and votes for the candidate and not the party.

Mrs. Duffield, Cincinnati League member, says "I am a Mugwump—one of those awful birds with his mug on one side of the political fence and his wump on the other."

"I seldom vote a straight ticket," she wrote in the publication. "Since no man or party agrees with me 100 percent, I swing between them, looking for the candidates and the party that most nearly agree

with me.

"Occasionally I find the man, but never the party, because with so many spokesmen I cannot be sure of a party's stand."

And, she said, "It's our votes that win elections." Mrs. Duffield said about 20 percent of the voters are Mugwumps and that it is those votes which "are being wooed by both parties."

Mrs. Walz, a writer who lives in Alexandria, Va., says Mugwumpery "is highly irresponsible." She adds:

"That the modern independent voter puts personality over party has had, I believe, a most adverse effect on our native two-party system. Too many millions vote for a personality—not for an administration to be run on clearly defined principles."

She blames radio and television partly for the rise of Mugwumpery:

"The boys in the smoke-filled rooms will take to thinking like Hollywood casting directors. It's a trend that may go hard with short blond men of whatever brainpower. They don't video as effectively as tall brunettes."

Gazette . . .

- Wednesday, March 5
- AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, Mineral Industries Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 105 Agricultural Engineering, 7 p.m.
- CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- COFFEE HOUR, sponsored by dean of men and cabinet, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, Student Government Room, Old Main, 12:30 p.m.
- INKLING production staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, Prof. Case in charge, Rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB radio program, WMAJ, 7:45 p.m.
- RIDING CLUB, 217 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.
- PI LAMBDA SIGMA, 102 Willard Hall, 8 p.m.
- PHI EPSILON KAPPA, election of officers, Delta Upsilon, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA MODERN DANCE GROUP, Modern dance room, 7 p.m.
- AT THE MOVIES
- CATHAUM: It's a Big Country

- 2:13, 4:06, 5:59, 7:52, 9:45.
- STATE: The Lady and the Bandit 2:11, 4:03, 5:55, 7:47, 9:39
- NITTANY: Cyrano de Bergerac 6:25, 8:19, 10:15.
- COLLEGE PLACEMENT
- Clark Brothers Co., Inc. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., E.E., Ch.E., and PNG Friday, March 14.
- Ethyl Corp. will interview June graduates in C&F, A&L, Science and Engineering Friday, March 14.
- Leeds and Northrup will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Ch.E., Metal. and Phys. at all levels Friday, March 14.
- Aetna Life Insurance Co. (Group and Pensions Depts.) will interview June graduates in C&F and L.A. Tuesday, March 18.
- Delaware Power and Light Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. and E.E. Monday, March 17.
- Factory Mutual will interview June graduates in I.E., E.E., M.E., C.E. and Arch. E. Monday, March 17.
- Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Ch.E., Ag.E., Chem., L.M.R. and C & F Monday, March 17.
- Radio Corp. of America will interview graduates at all levels in Chem., Phys., M.E., I.E., C.E., L.A., L.M.R. and C & F Monday, March 17.
- Sears Roebuck and Co. will interview June graduates interested in a career with Sears Monday, March 17.
- Student Christian Movement will interview June graduates in Phys. Ed., L.A., Home Ec., Ed., Soc. and Psy. Monday, March 17.
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Girls for typing or shorthand.
- Married couple for local summer work.
- Commercial writing on a parttime basis.