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Disciplinary Setup Needs Revision

Yesterday a small notice appeared on the front page of the Daily Collegian reporting the suspension of a student for dishonesty in an examination. The action was taken by the Senate sub-committee on discipline, the voting members of which are the dean of men or dean of women (depending on the sex of the student), the director of student affairs, the chairman of the Senate committee on student affairs, the dean of the student's school, and the chairman of Tribunal or Judicial, again depending on the student's sex.

Too many students are not aware of the disciplinary committee and how it works. When this committee has the power to suspend a student from school for two semesters, however, the student body should become better acquainted with the group.

While we do not condone cheating in any way, there seem to be some shortcomings in the disciplinary system at Penn State. According to Section 0-3 of the Regulations for Undergraduate Students, "any case of dishonesty shall be reported to the student's dean through the head of the department and the dean of the school in which the dishonesty was committed."

In some instances the rule is carried through, and the cases eventually come before the disciplinary committee for action. In more cases, however, the professors, department heads, or deans prefer to deal with the problem themselves. This discrepancy leads to definite injustice.

In the cases where the dishonesty is handled within the school, the usual penalty is giving the student a -2 for the course in which he was found cheating. This seems to be a fair punishment and should be sufficient to teach a lesson.

But the injustice crops up when cases in other schools are sent on to the disciplinary committee. There is a wide margin between a -2 in a course and a suspension for two semesters.

The details of cases coming before the disciplinary committee are not released to the public. But even without the full information on the case, it appears that the decision reached in the case reported yesterday was too steep.

Cheating is a common offense at almost every school. Unfortunate as this may be, it is a fact that must be reckoned with. If every student now at Penn State who had cheated in some way during his College career, whether it be just glancing at another person's paper to having another person take his exam for him, were to be suspended from school for two semesters, Penn State would undoubtedly have to close its doors.

We do not advocate cheating, but rather suggest that a more uniform code be set up for handling the problem. A committee is now at work studying the situation. We hope this committee will recognize the need for all students, regardless of department or school, to have the same type of hearing and to receive the same type of punishment.

We hope, too, the investigating committee always believes that justice should be tempered with mercy! The disciplinary committee apparently forgot this when it handed out a two-semester suspension in its last reported case.

Responsible Press Must Be Retained

A convention of newspapermen from all over the country and their undergraduate counterparts from colleges in every section of the nation took an important step recently at their annual meeting in Denver, Colo.

For the undergraduates, the main topic centered around press freedom on college campuses—and what to do to effect removal of prior censorship of the college press on some campuses. The members of the national journalistic fraternity voted to examine reports in individual cases, but emphasized that the best answer to prior censorship is responsibility.

Penn State has for a long time been free from censorship prior to publication. We are permitted to criticize the College when we feel it has made a blunder, and as long as our arguments are well-founded, we have nothing to fear.

The reason for this freedom is certainly based upon a responsibility which the Daily Collegian has built up through the years. It is a responsibility which cannot be let slip.

The College as our "publisher" can tell us to cease and desist if it so chooses. We hope this shall never occur. But if it should we feel the first thing to do would be to examine the responsibility of the Daily Collegian and see if it has slipped, before crying about censorship.

We criticized the ticket allocations for the Penn game, and we did it vehemently because we believed we were right. Other issues have been praised and attacked in these columns before, and many undoubtedly will be praised and attacked in the future.

When we take our stand on issues we expect chastisement from the sources to blame, but we feel that the biggest indications that our responsibility is being retained is to receive off the cuff assurance that "we have a good point" from students, professors, and members of the College administration.

We make slips as does every paper, and when we do slip we deserve and welcome criticism. For only if set back on the right track can we continue a responsible college newspaper.

—Jim Gromiller

Gazette...

Wednesday, December 10

- ACEI, Atherton Lounge, 7 p.m.
- ALPHA PI MU, 101 M.E., 7 p.m.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, 107 M.E., 7 p.m.
- CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- INKLING-EDITORIAL and ART STAFFS, 215 Willard, 7 p.m.
- INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES, 107 M.E., 7 p.m.
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB, 105 M.E., 7:30 p.m.
- INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 12:30 to 1 p.m.
- LIEBIG CHEMICAL SOCIETY, 105 Frear, 7:30.
- MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY, JOB FORUM, Mineral Industries Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, 413 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB, lecture, Rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.
- PENN STATE GRANGE, party, 100 Hort, 7 p.m.
- SCARAB, 310 M.E., 7:30 p.m.
- SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT, 107 M.E., 7 p.m.
- TOWN COUNCIL, 102 Willard, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.
- WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, White Hall, 7 p.m.

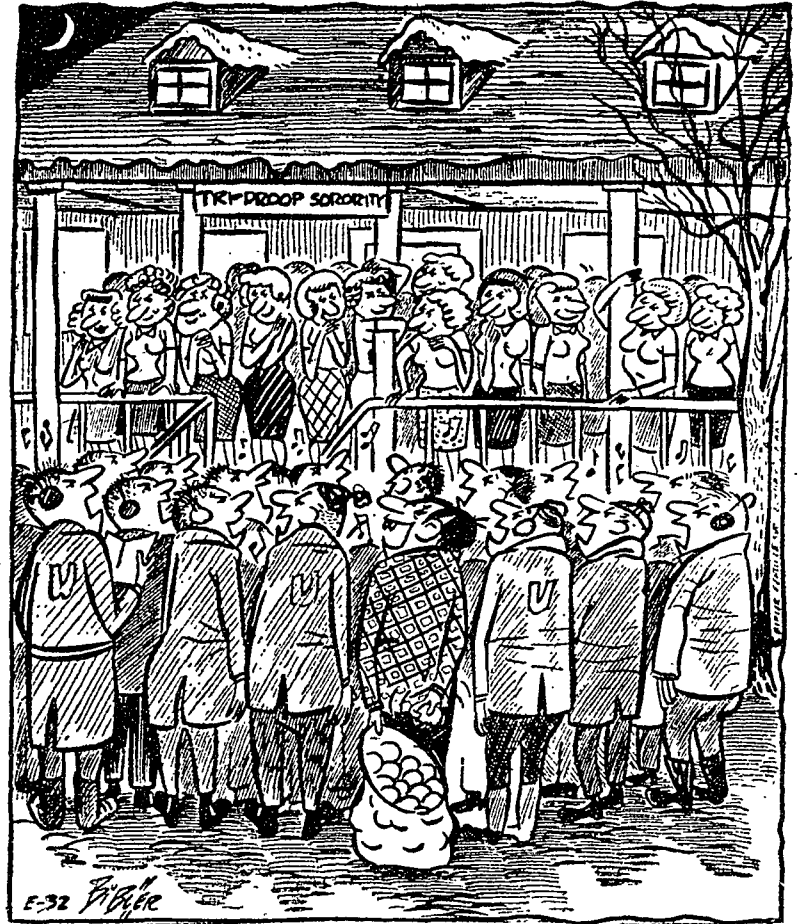
COLLEGE HOSPITAL

S. Thomas Anderson, Jaye E. Beyerle, Georgia Gianopoulos, Carol Greenawalt, Carolyn Harrison, Maralyn Hoerr, Robert S. Jack, Donald Lane, Marjorie J. Miller, Alan Quinlan, Allan Schneirou, Norbert Soldon, Stanford Zeiders.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Permanent part-time job in multilithing operation. Woman to do housework mornings, five days a week. Boys to work for meals. Grad student for library work in evening from 5 to 7.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Oh little town of Bethlehem..."

Bargain Counter

By NANCY LUETZEL



An Auburn Plainsman (Alabama Polytechnic Institute) columnist recently commented on the rights versus the privileges of women. The columnist said, in part:

"They have gone so far along the road to economic and political equality with men that they are losing many of the little attentions and courtesies which men once lavished upon them.

"And why should College Joe treat her like a dainty flower when Jane has just beaten him in golf or tennis, has a higher grade average than he does, and argues politics like Gabriel Heatter.

"Girls wonder why men aren't as polite and considerate to them as the boys of their grandmother's day were to her. If the coeds figure that they are smart enough to drive a car and tell men how to drive, then they should be intelligent enough to open car doors. Surely women possess the right to open car doors because they have practically all the rights and privileges that laws can give them. "Yes, ladies, you have gained power, wealth, and much lawful equality, but you have certainly lost considerable femininity and privileges enjoyed by your grandmothers."

From the Varsity News, University of Detroit:

I serve a purpose in this school On which no man can frown— I quietly sit in every class And keep the average down.

From the University of Southern California Daily Trojan:

"The Daily Trojan can please some of its readers all the time, all of its readers some of the time,

but not even God can please all the readers all the time."

"If you keep a carefully written record of your dreams," said the University of Nebraska English instructor, "you will find that you dream of the future."

A student whose sleep was evidently untroubled asked, "But what if you don't dream?"

A voice from the back of the room drawled out the answer. "No future."

From the Michigan State News:

A coed who answered the phone at the Theta house at Michigan State was sorry, but there was no one there by that name.

"Quit kidding," said the voice at the other end. After a six-minute argument, it turned out that the young man was at the wrong college—the bus company hadn't quite understood that his date was waiting for him at the University of Michigan.

The Daily Texan, University of Texas, reported at the beginning of the semester that, due to public pressure, the Texas Board of Education had asked the Commissioner of Education to request a loyalty oath of authors, illustrators.

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Don't forget

Junior - Senior Faculty Reception

Wednesday 7:30-9:30
Simmons Lounge Informal

Town House

For supper parties, groups and clubs, call Harold 6301.

Steaks, Spaghetti, Shrimp, served from 5 p.m. to 12 p.m. daily.

Rear of 129 S. Allen State College



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