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Activity Regulation: A Timely Death

Three cheers for Women's Student Government Association Senate for voting down the proposed activity point system.

Senate defeated the proposal Wednesday night after kicking it around for about a year. The proposal would have given a point value to every coed activity, and would have placed a limit on the number of points any one coed could amass. Purpose of the proposal was to stop a few women from holding too many positions, and to spread those positions among other coeds.

If the proposal would only have encouraged more coeds to participate in activities, it would have been quite acceptable. In reality, however, the proposal also would have restricted women in activities.

Generally, those who wish to take part in activities find many avenues open to their efforts. And in general, those who work hardest are those who get on top. The activities regulation would only have stopped the progress of some

women leaders and perhaps provided less capable coeds to take their places. Such a system could well have produced inferior leaders.

Not too many coeds assume duties beyond their capacities. When they reach their capacity, they pass on some duties to others. When the capacity has not yet been reached, talents of these women are being wasted.

Then too, there seems no need to restrict some women to provide a place for others. If coeds have qualities that will make them valuable to an activity, those qualities will put them on top in that activity. Certainly, the proposal would have spread activities among more women. But it may have spread those activities among less capable women in the process.

That WSGA found similar proposals burdensome and unworkable on other campuses was of minor importance. The major objection must be to the system itself—a system that would not be desirable even if it did work elsewhere.

AA Election: Another Cabinet Seat

The recent nomination of candidates for Athletic Association offices rounds out the local election scene. The climax of campaigning comes April 7-8. Till then, campaign speeches, promises, and oratory, will rule the day—and the nights.

That so many All-University Cabinet seats are at stake in the elections should be the most important consideration of the student voter. It does not seem to be sufficiently appreciated that on cabinet, the student body has a potentially effective spokesman.

One of the three junior men nominated for the AA presidency will also be sitting on cabinet next year, ostensibly representing the male students. As with other cabinet positions, the better candidate will rise to the occasion if the students are demanding enough in what is expected from him. The voter's job is likewise made easier—that is, if both voter and candidate keep reasonably calm and cool.

One of the better practices of campus parties is to have candidates visit the fraternities and dormitories. In this way students get to know candidates, at least more so than they normally would, and also get an opportunity to ask questions which they normally would not.

Student government at the University spends about \$12,000 of student funds per year. This alone should elicit concern for student representation.

The AA president will also be representing

male students when he assumes office following the May elections, but even more when he later takes his cabinet seat. It should be remembered that his cabinet vote means just as much as the next when an issue is being decided, and his qualifications for holding such an office should be weighed in light of his overall responsibility.

What more can be said than to consider the stakes involved, the personalities involved and, the duty to vote.

—Len Goodman

Safety Valve...

On Compensation

TO THE EDITOR: In response to (Leonard Goodman's) recent article on compensation, I would like to make a few points clear. For one thing, I am glad Goodman took the time to ask about compensation from some of the people who know a little bit about it. (His) article certainly showed he was writing upon something that he knows nothing about.

His idea of people just going into activities for the monetary reward is absolutely false and... unfounded...

There are three main points that I would like to bring to your attention:

1. Student leaders' compensation has been approved for a long time by more learned and wise men than you and I.

2. Collegian often times comes out with articles and editorials where they have not made any effort to find out the facts or the reasons...

3. Did Goodman realize that Collegian senior board is compensated to the tune of \$2800 per year plus bonus...? This amount is \$825 above what All-University Cabinet spends on compensation for more students representing the entire student body.

So might I suggest, before one condemns another organization for faults, maybe he should try his own first. Before editorials are written on such subjects, wouldn't it be best to make a few inquiries and ask a few questions?...

—David H. Arnold
All-University
Secretary-Treasurer

Ed. Note—Goodman has long ago refused to accept any Daily Collegian compensation.

Party Answers Charge

TO THE EDITOR: The Lion Party has in no way intended to capitalize on the efforts of the West Dorm Council or any other group on campus. We feel... that all of us are concerned in a better Penn State and our work is not mutually exclusive. Our working together can only enhance the achievement of this goal.

Now then, a word in reply to (the charge of the secretary of the West Dorm Council) regarding two planks in our platform, namely:

1. Advocacy of more upperclassmen in the West Dorms.
2. Advocacy of informal coed dining for the West Dorms.

Your complaint involving the first is a bit late in coming, for it was also a part of our platform last year. We feel that its appearance there did much to stimulate student-administration attention and facilitate the West Dorm Council's work. In the second plank we advocate more informal coed dining and in no way wish to attack the council's achievements in this grand contribution to student welfare.

—Sid Goldblatt,
John Thalimer

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Yeah! Well, the chow ain't so hot over at our house either."

Collegiate Chatter

By LORRAINE GLADUS

You may not have been aware of it, but we collegiates actually go to school only two weeks a year. This startling statistic was figured out by the Southeastern, student publication at Southeastern State College, Okla.

"Out of 365 days a student sleeps away a third of this—eight hours a day. This leaves 243 days. Then there are 52 Sundays. Take at least half an hour per day off for lunch and three months for vacation. This leaves 91 days.

"Now, subtract 52 Saturdays, a couple of weeks for Christmas vacation; throw in spring vacation, and the Thanksgiving weekend. We're left with two weeks of school each year." You take it from there. We give up.

Quotable Quotes:

It's not murder if the chore-girl wipes out the silent butler. A rich uncle could be a strained relation. Space in modern houses is mostly on the outside. By the time you're important enough to take two hours for lunch, the doctor limits you to a glass of milk.

By their own admission, University of North Carolina coeds spend most of their leisure time talking about boys, marriage, boys, diamond rings—and boys. One male said he was disappointed. He had read somewhere that college was the most likely place to find a mate on his own educational level. At last report, he was dating a waitress in Raleigh.

For several years the Ohio State Lantern has complained because it was not allowed to cover closed meetings.

Now, at least one door has been opened. The paper will be permitted to cover the university's board of trustees meeting from now on, because of a state law which just went into effect. The law requires all state boards and commissions but one to meet in the open.

Women are like baseball umpires—they make quick decisions, never reverse them, and they don't think you're safe when you're out.

At Loyola University the college newspaper editor and the paper's business manager tried a humor-testing publicity gag which didn't work too well. The paper printed a letter by the business manager saying that most of Loyola's coeds were "simply out for a man," and were being "put through school by their daddies" because they

"are too lazy to study or get a job."

The paper was promptly closed down.

A student shot his roommate in a fight over a girl at 5:21 p.m. in Carroll's Tea Room, according to the Cavalier Daily, of the University of Virginia. The shooting, however, was a fake.

This was a pre-arranged drama for a Moot Court Case in conjunction with the School of Law at the university, held to determine the reactions of the law students.

The University of North Carolina, the only southern college to consider joining the crusade to eliminate discrimination in campus organizations, recently defeated such a proposal. Although opponents affirmed their opposition to discrimination, they argued, "You can't legislate brotherly love."

Why I Never Joined a Sorority
1. I wanted to do as I wished and think for myself instead of being led around by a bunch of sorority sisters.

2. I had never gone into women's clubs and organizations before I came to college and I didn't want to start.

3. I didn't like the thought of having to spend my evenings with a crowd of girls.

4. I didn't want a lot of fraternity men calling me up at night.
5. I had never danced with a man in my life and I didn't want to.

6. I didn't like the idea of having to sleep and room with the same girl all semester.

7. I didn't like the idea of pajama parties, sleeping in a crowded dormitory and having to crawl over a lot of sisters before going to bed.

8. I didn't fill out a sweater like other girls did and I didn't look very attractive in a sleeveless, low-cut gown.

9. I am a male.

She was like this
the kind looked at
of you gal

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:25 Sign On
7:30 Marquee Memories—Kismet
8:30 Just for Two
9:00 Friday Nite Dancing Party
10:30 Sign Off

Trophy-Stealing

Tonight and tomorrow night will combine to produce another "big weekend" at the University. The evenings may also become another expensive time for many fraternities.

The point in mind is the attack by disrespectful guests who insist on leaving with a piece of house property as a souvenir.

Losses of this sort occurred last semester when fraternity visitors walked off with trophies from five houses. This was in addition to many replaceable items lost each year, but just forgotten. Trophies are not replaceable, and they represent hard work by those who earned them.

When the thefts can be attributed to fraternity guests, the loss is even harder to take. Friends are invited in, allowed to enjoy the evening with members, and show gratitude by taking things belonging to their hosts.

There seems to be little that can be done to stop the offenders. Most houses will not close their parties. The only answer seems to be to put away everything that is not nailed down and particularly those nice, shiny trophies.

—Diehl McKalip

On Lerner Talk

Max Lerner, one of the best known liberal voices in America, is coming to Penn State. He will speak on "America as a Civilization" at 8 p.m. Monday in the Hillel Foundation auditorium.

Lerner, keen critic of the American scene, has earned respect of many for his sometimes controversial, sometimes novel, but always interesting, views. He writes a column four times a week for the New York Post, is author of five books, and is a well-known lecturer.

It is not often a person with the knowledge, ideas, and stamina to express these ideas, regardless of their relative unpopularity, speaks at the University. Lerner represents the freedom of thought some would stifle.

His appearance will be an intellectual opportunity for all—regardless of political orientation.

—Mike Feinsilber