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Freer Cut System: A Scholastic Basis

Although the University still maintains its "no cut" policy concerning classes, liberalization of class attendance is coming on other campuses.

Penn State students have advocated unlimited class cuts in all courses, a rather unrealistic approach. Yet at New York University, students on the dean's list have recently been allowed unlimited cuts. This type of qualification upon class cuts is the type that makes a new cut policy desirable.

Basing cut permission upon scholastic standing can hardly miss. It not only gives the better student more freedom in class attendance, but it motivates the poorer student to become a better student. It gives to the student who has proven his ability some compensation for his efforts, if he wishes to take that compensation.

The best students, in most instances, have better class attendance than the poorest students. Basing liberal cuts upon good scholastic standing merely gives some consideration to that good scholastic standing. Those with poor standing, and who probably need strict attend-

ance requirements, would have strict requirements.

The major problem in this type of set-up is the emphasis placed upon grades. It has been rather well argued that there is already too much emphasis upon grades. Yet placing the emphasis upon grades may be a better choice than forcing all students to go to all classes, regardless of what is accomplished in those classes.

It is often refreshing for a student to know he may legally cut a class now and then. It logically follows that those who should have this opportunity should be those who have shown ability to do the work required, and those who probably can best afford to cut classes.

Complete elimination of cut restrictions is not realistic. But All-University Cabinet might well investigate the possibility of instituting a cut system based on some type of scholastic standards. There is every reason why such a plan should receive support from both students and faculty.

'Pick Up Sticks'

When Players' present "Pick Up Sticks" tonight at Center Stage, they will be doing one of their biggest projects of the year.

This musical revue is original with the exception of one skit and the music, and is the result of tremendous effort on the part of Robert D. Reifsnider, associate professor of dramatics, who not only directs the show but also wrote some of the skits and did all choreography.

An entirely original production as this one is a rare occurrence and is a type hardly ever seen in Players' yearly repertoire. Besides, this is the first musical revue to ever be presented at the University's arena-type theater, Center Stage.

Players give each of their plays a lot of time and energy, but "Pick Up Sticks" certainly requires much more than does the usual production.

As a salute to this group and in recognition of its fine work, students might well see "Pick Up Sticks" and support one of the hardest-working student organizations at the University. —Edmund Reiss

The Grand Hotel

The old problem of making the grand hotel—Hamilton Hall—seem a little smaller in size has been offered a solution which will do little, if nothing, to accomplish this end.

The explanation offered is that Hamilton will be divided into seven units, with a counselor in each unit. It sounds good, but it really means little more than putting up a firewall in the middle of second and first floors of Hamilton.

This firewall plan is far from perfect. This is only too obvious to anyone who has lived in Hamilton. The section which faces Sigma Nu is a long, long way from that which adjoins Jordan Hall. How will two walls make Hamilton more home-like for 601 men?

A more feasible plan would be to divide the whole dorm into 20 units, not with walls, but with thick glass-paneled doors. This plan would have 30 men in a unit. And by placing 12 upperclassmen in each 30 man section, a more relaxed, home-like atmosphere would develop. Most of the upperclassmen living in the West Dorm area get their grades from studying, and are generally not known as "goof-offs." The whole idea would serve to quiet Hamilton.

Let's face it: college men will be boys. Even with a 30 man unit, a few riots would break out, but the important thing is that these riots would be few. Another bright side in favor of these barriers is that the noise certainly couldn't travel through all of them. —Joe Beau Seigneur

Gazette...

Today

PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main

2 Students Given Traffic Probation

Two students yesterday were placed on traffic probation for the rest of the semester by the Dean of Men's office.

Both students had three previous traffic offenses. Traffic probation means that if a student commits another violation, his car will be sent home.

Freyler Elected Head Of Home Ec Honorary

Joan Freyler, sixth semester child development major, has been elected president of Tau chapter of Omicron Nu, national home economics honor society.

Other officers are Martha MacDonald, vice president; Edna Patterson, secretary; Arlene Borgeason, treasurer; and Anna Saylor, editor.

Metcalf to Talk Monday

G. F. Metcalf, consultant of the engineering service division, General Electric Co., will speak at an engineering lecture at 4:10 p.m. Monday in 110 Electrical Engineering.

Students to Give Recital

University voice and piano students will give a public recital at 7 tonight in 117 Carnegie.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"This is the last time I assign committee reports—The one today just dismissed class to go have coffee."

Collegiate Chatter

By LORRAINE GLADUS

The Amherst Student, undergraduate newspaper at Amherst College, is running a series of articles on the nature of social restriction at other New England colleges.

The goal in each case is to report on the actual operation of the rules, and the surveys have been conducted by interviewing undergraduates of the colleges, rather than by referring solely to the written code.

In the first article of the series The Student reported that at the University of Massachusetts formal bars have been removed from the fraternity houses, but hard liquor is allowed every weekend. Only on Saturday nights, though, are women allowed in the houses. Despite the fact all parties must be duly chaperoned, the common practice seems to advocate giving the chaperons "a bottle of liquor and a deck of cards and locking them in a first floor study."

The second of the Amherst Student interviews disclosed that Dartmouth may serve liquor at house parties until 1 a.m., and Yale students have almost no restrictions. Positions of restrictions are reversed, however, in the case of women visitors; Dartmouth visitors are permitted in the fraternities on weekends, with Saturday night curfew at 4 a.m. for "big" parties. Yale authorities are less lenient, with visiting hours ending at 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 p.m. Saturdays.

The Student's third article is on the "unique" effect of social rules at Tufts College. "It has a simplified, business-like attitude toward the social code. Clearly-defined administrative rules are

based on a sensible attitude and few complications arise over the infrequent violations." Because of the large number of commuters and the proximity of Boston, only 50 per cent of the students belong to fraternities.

The deadline for women is 10 p.m. every night except Friday and Saturday, when it is extended to 1 a.m. Ice cream parties, although not replacing the customary bars, have become a popular innovation in Tufts social life.

Trinity College students don't seem to mind being able to have only six houseparties each semester, reports the Amherst newspaper. Because of the distance of the women's colleges, they "can afford to have dates down to the college only a few weekends, anyway." Liquor may be served on all six occasions, and the privi-

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