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Class Cut Policy: A Disregarded Ruling

The present cut policy of the University needs one of two things, enforcement or definite revision.

According to the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students, each student is required to attend every session of each class he schedules. To be more simple, cuts are prohibited.

However, in practice, this regulation is revised by almost every professor on campus. There are, of course, some professors who refuse to allow any absences. They penalize students either by deducting percentage points from their final grade or by refusing to give them "that extra break" when their mark is hovering between a 0 and a 1 or a 1 and a 2. These professors, however, seem to be in the minority.

At the opposite extreme are the professors who, the first day of class, announce the exam dates for the course and tell their classes: "As long as you show up for these, I don't care if I never see you." These professors compile no seating charts and make no pretext of taking class attendance.

Then there is the group between, the majority. Some professors, as departmental policy, will allow three cuts, without penalty, and will penalize students for cuts above the maximum. Others set the cut limit at two, four, six, or higher, but they set some definite limit. In addition, some members of the faculty make a policy of allowing the student to cut "as often as you feel you can," with the stipulation that the student will be warned if he over cuts.

There is still another group which falls into this majority—those who either have no policy

at all on cuts or, if they do, believe in keeping students in the dark about it. In courses under these professors, the student isn't sure just where he stands, and has no apparent way of finding out.

The wide discrepancies in our present cut system and its enforcement benefit no one and harm everyone. Keeping a regulation which is not enforced seems absurd. A professor may get the reputation of being either a "snap" and a real good guy or "an old crank" and someone to avoid when registration rolls around.

The students suffer, too. They are sorely tempted to schedule, as often as possible, those professors who do allow frequent or unlimited cuts, and to avoid those who do not, without considering the quality of education involved.

The absurdity of the present situation can be best exemplified by the case of two coeds, roommates, who are taking the same course this semester, from two different professors. They take nearly the same bluebooks and will take a departmental final. They use the same textbook and cover the same material. One is allowed unlimited cuts; the other is allowed two, and her grade will suffer if she takes more. Situations like these have no place in a well-run University.

Whether the present official policy should be enforced, whether students should be allowed a definite number of cuts in all courses, or whether students should be allowed unlimited cuts in all courses is not the most important problem. The present confusion is.

The best solution to the problem is to define and enforce a cut policy throughout the University.

—Ann Leh

On Ugly Man

This week groups on campus are going all-out to promote their various candidates in the annual Ugly Man contest. The contest is a lot of fun for everyone. The winning contestant will receive an award and the group sponsoring him, a trophy.

But behind all the fun and prizes there is a much deeper meaning to the contest. The money collected by the candidates will go to the Campus Chest. This money will then be turned over to local and national charitable organizations to further their work.

Students should remember this when giving money to an Ugly Man. Who wins the contest is really immaterial; it is where the money is going that counts.

Therefore every student should give something, no matter how little, to the man he thinks ugliest.

—Mike Miller

Safety Valve—

Defends Freshmen

TO THE EDITOR: I don't believe Anita Oprendeck (referring to an editorial in Saturday's issue) has quite the right slant on freshman spirit. Our spirit is not measured by how many people know of the dance we are sponsoring, or for that matter how many people try out for the talent show.

How can freshmen be expected to know of the class dance when only \$20 was allotted for publicity? Compare this to the \$120 the junior class spent on Junior Prom publicity and how far does \$20 go? It's a wonder even 24 of 66 women knew of the dance.

Fortunately the talent show and the dance were a success.

—Steven Jordan
Chairman, Decorations Committee,
Freshman Class Dance

Gazette . . .

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Starlight will interview men and women today in Old Main.

Meal jobs available at fraternities and campus dining halls.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Nancy Lee Thompson, Cecelia Poor, Marilyn

Crowley, Jane Mason, Patricia Ellis, Anita Isenberg, Myrtle Brown, Richard Blank, Thomas Schwarz, Daniel Hutchinson, George Walker, Edward Patrick, John Strahle, Howard Downing, Philip Lang, Thomas Glenn, John Pine, Joseph Durek, James McLean, John Shaynak, and Thomas Osenbach.

Junior Men's Hat Groups Accept 48

Forty-eight fourth and fifth semester men were tapped yesterday and this morning by Androcles and Blue Key, junior men's hat societies.

Androcles tappers are Norman Miller, Donald Ziegler, Dean Vesling, Gordon Pogal, Phillip Wein, Edwin Tocker, Francis Taylor, Philip Steal, Vernon Sones, Earl Seely, Richard Rubenstein, Michael Rosenfeld, James Parmiter, David Morrow, Louis Adler, Hugh Cline, Sheldon Brown, William Duff, Daniel Van Duyn, Douglas Fimmnore, Charles Folkers, Leroy Harris, Stuart Horn, Joseph Hayes, Howard Levine, Stanley Juras, Peter Kiefer, Bruce Lieske, John Lyon, George Yingling, and Marvin Jackson. Blue Key tapped at 7:30 a.m. today at the Lion's Shrine.

Tapped were Gerald Huston, Robert Eisenhuth, Robert McMillan, John Russell, Roger Beidler, James Bowers, Richard Seng, Edward Miller, Philip Beard, Ronald Lynch, John Hess, Leo Parkett, John Thalimer, Lynn Meyers, Sanford Lichtenstein, Frank Norris, and Sol Cohn.

Present members of Blue Key attended a banquet last night in the Eutaw House.

71 Students Get High Test Scores

Seventy-one students who took the National Teachers Examination in February had high scores, according to Hugh Davison, professor of educational research.

Elementary education students stood above 86 per cent of other competitors. Students taking the early childhood study examination scored 71 per cent ahead of the other competition, as did those competing in physical education.

The physical scientists came out in front of 73 per cent of the group, mathematicians led 63 per cent of their competitors, and social studies students were ahead by 66 per cent.

WD Council Awards

Joe Somers, former Association of Independent Men president, and Richard Oswald, eighth semester electrical engineering major, received awards at the annual West Dorm Council banquet Wednesday night.

Somers received an award for his all-around activities and Oswald for high scholarship.

Androcles members who were given Orientation Week counseling agreements should return these to Thomas Kidd, membership chairman, or one of the present officers of the hat society, Kidd announced.

AIM Board Gives Student Probation

The Association of Independent Men's, judicial board of review has recommended that a fourth semester student be placed on board probation for his part in a Nittany area dormitory fracas which resulted in a door being damaged.

Three second semester students also involved in the incident were given suspended sentences. Board probation entails that the student must be present at all meetings of the board for the remainder of the semester.

Paper was tacked to the door and set afire. The door had to be refinished.

Chem-Phys Council Names Coed Head

Barbara Foss, sixth semester science major, was elected president of the Chem-Phys Student Council Wednesday night. Miss Foss is the first woman elected president of this council.

Other officers elected are Roger Uhler, sixth semester chemistry major, vice president; and William Childs, fourth semester chemical engineering major, secretary-treasurer.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Jus' lookit—If there's anything I can't stand, it's a 'Show-Off!'"

Conference Speaker

Fine Advocates Rec Commission

By PHYLLIS PROPERT

Governor John S. Fine said yesterday he will include a strong recommendation for the establishment of a State Recreation Commission in his farewell message as Governor to the General Assembly next January.

"I am convinced the creation of such a commission would provide

Pennsylvania with an administrative agency that would coordinate all state efforts in the field of recreation for the purpose of developing an effective state policy and program on the conservation of our human as well as natural resources," Fine said.

Approximately 300 delegates to the seventh annual Pennsylvania Recreation Conference heard Governor Fine speak at a luncheon meeting at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The governor told his audience he understood the State Recreation Council intends to resubmit the proposal of such a commission at the next session of the General Assembly. Such a proposal had been submitted in the 1953 session, Fine said, but it died in committee.

Pennsylvania will never adopt the role of enforcing administrative uniformity in recreation or consolidation in supervision, Fine said. The place of the Commonwealth, he said, is cooperative with private groups, supplying such forms of assistance where necessary.

In 1951, Fine said, a comprehensive survey was made of the Commonwealth's recreational businesses. It was discovered, he said, that nearly \$800,000,000 was expended in travel and recreation during that year. He said recreation, travel, and vacation enterprise rank as the ninth commercial activity of Pennsylvania.

Fine told the delegates they were working for the "rounded personality of our ambitious youth growing up in an age where security is a mere hope." "In the human equation of things, recreation is underscored in importance for its relations to leisure time activities," he said.

Crediting the machine with giving Americans time for recreation, Fine said if leisure should lead only to being bored it would be a national tragedy indeed.

"Leisure, we are reminded, is the seed-bed of national culture as well as of personal development," he said.

One of the greatest problems of modern society is individual loneliness, Fine said. Loneliness, he said, is partly due to the fact that leisure time becomes a period of loss.

Every child in the Commonwealth has approximately 3000 hours of leisure time during the course of a year, he said. An adequate recreational policy

is imperative, he said, if juvenile delinquency is to be checked.

The well-being of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fine said, is ultimately the sum total of the well-being possessed in spirit, mind, and body by our fellow citizens throughout the state.

C. S. Wyand, executive assistant to President Milton S. Eisenhower, welcomed the delegates on behalf of President Eisenhower who was out of town.

Leo Weinrott, chairman of the State Recreation Council, introduced Fine as a man who was deeply interested in recreational problems.

Governor Fine had come by plane from Chicago to the University yesterday morning. He had addressed 35 charity agencies Wednesday in Chicago.

He left the University shortly after his address for Luzerne County. He was scheduled to give three more speeches yesterday after he left the University.

Koster to Head Froth Copy Staff

Betty Koster, fourth semester journalism major, has been named to head the newly organized Froth copy staff. The staff has been created to handle copy reading, "Old Mania," Office work, and other miscellaneous tasks. It replaces the promotion staff.

Rhoda Resneck and Ruth Kluger were named to the senior board of the promotion staff.

Named to the junior board were Nancy Rees, Nell Mamrosh, Dorothea Koldys, Jerry Weiner, Harris Sklar, Richard Wolfman, Barbara Horn, and Donald Chalmers.

Named to the sophomore board were Mary Ann Gbur, Gail LePine, Joanne Reis, Ilse Schuman, Judith Smith, Maryann Paletta, Janice Karp, and Sarah Sykes.

LA Dean to Speak

Ben Euwema, dean of the College of the Liberal Arts, will speak at an Engineering 3 lecture at 4:10 p.m. Monday in 110 Electrical Engineering.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
1:30	Baseball—Penn State vs Syracuse
7:30	Jazz Moods
8:00	Music of the People
8:30	Paris Star Time
9:00	Light Classical Jukebox
10:30	Sign-Off