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Collegian's Seat in WSGA: An Extra Chair

Senate of Women's Student Government Association is now considering an amendment to its constitution which would remove the provision giving the Daily Collegian a non-voting seat on senate. This apparently would be a sensible move.

The seat has not been used by Collegian in recent years, and some members of Senate evidently were surprised to find such a provision existed.

It seems, since Collegian is not actually representative of any particular group of women students, and is completely removed from the WSGA organizational setup, there is no obvious reason for Collegian—the society editor, in this case—to have more voice in WSGA than any other campus group or organization which does not restrict participation to women.

The main advantage in having the Collegian society editor sit on Senate would be the knowl-

edge of current WSGA action she would obtain. She might also be able to add information concerning Collegian's policy in publishing stories and notices for WSGA.

However, a Collegian reporter attends WSGA meetings and covers proceedings. Although the reporter may not participate in legislative discussion or debate, she is available for points of clarification. As long as the reporter is present during meetings, there is a link between WSGA and Collegian.

If she chooses, the society editor may attend WSGA meetings and state her opinions either as a representative of the newspaper or as another woman student.

Under the circumstances, it seems removal of the seat would merely mean bringing the constitution up to date. The advantages of a non-voting seat are questionable, since the society editor would still have the right to express herself at meetings if she chose to attend.

Safety Valve—

On Boxing Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: On the same day (Friday) that a vote was taken by the Athletic Advisory Board to decide whether or not boxing should be maintained as an intercollegiate sport at Penn State, (George Bairey's) editorial on the subject appeared in the Daily Collegian.

This article was apparently aimed at influencing the administration, as student action at this time would be "too little and too late." For whom is this newspaper published?

According to the policy set forth by the Senior Board of Collegian in the May 4 issue, it was stated that: "We believe Collegian can best serve the students by being a newspaper and not a propaganda machine . . ." If this is true why didn't the editorial director, a member of Senior Board, mention the scheduled vote rather than attempting to gain prestige by his clairvoyant declaration of the problems facing boxing at Penn State?

By insinuation, the ability of the present boxing coaches, Eddie Sulkowski and Frank Patrick has been questioned. . . . In my opinion, as a member of the boxing team, the job done by these men is above reproach. . . .

Both solutions offered by Bairey would not improve the condition of "dying" boxing at Penn State, but only "kill it. More administrative support and less student apathy would produce far better results.

—Joe Goleman

Ed. Note: The meetings of the Athletic Advisory Board are closed. Collegian cannot report action by the board unless members agree to release. To have reported a vote on boxing would have been mere speculation—such a vote was not on the Board's agenda.

Asks Clarification

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to know just what the deal is with this new registration system.

After waiting for three years to secure some of the rights and privileges of a senior, I find that one of the most honored of these privileges, that of seniors registering first, has been taken away.

It seems to me that seniors should have the right to register first, since there are certain courses that have to be taken before one can graduate.

The University has stated that special consideration would be given to students needing certain courses in order to be graduated; however if a section is filled does the University mean that a previously scheduled student would be removed from that section? This certainly does not seem fair to the other student.

The University could certainly tell the students what they intend to do in more specific terms instead of vague generalities.

—Gene Gehring

Defends Boxing Coach

TO THE EDITOR: (George Bairey's) "get the coach" editorial on intercollegiate boxing (in Friday's issue of the Daily Collegian) was grossly unjust to Eddie Sulkowski, our present mentor. The implication was that under the former coach, Leo Houck, Penn State had usually experienced notable success. Leo was a man of great ability. He was loved and respected by generations of Penn State students and was renowned as one of the nation's best teachers of this difficult sport.

During the last five years of Leo's regime Penn State won six meets, lost 25, and tied three. During his last ten years Penn State had only one winning season. These figures were available to the editorial writer and should have been checked by any good reporter before assuming that the difference between victories and defeats is the measure of successful coaching.

—Ridge Riley

Questions Lion's Paw

TO THE EDITOR: After reading in Friday's Collegian the remarks Richard Kirschner made about Lion's Paw at the All-University Cabinet meeting Thursday night, I wonder why the members of the group did not respond to the challenge to answer Kirschner's charges.

Discussion on Cabinet was killed by Lion's Paw members, and all the answers in Saturday's Collegian evaded the issue. Saying that "Lion's Paw needs no defense" is a poor way to answer criticism. Lion's Paw is supposed to be working for the good of Penn State. If this is true, why are the members opposed to disclosing their policies? Apparently they must be afraid of publicity?

I think that everything should be brought out in the open so the students can know all the facts. Kirschner doesn't seem to be afraid, why should Lion's Paw?

—June Koziar

On Pivot Criticism

TO THE EDITOR: I believe I speak for all who contributed to the current issue of Pivot in replying to Edmund Reiss' column in (Friday's Collegian).

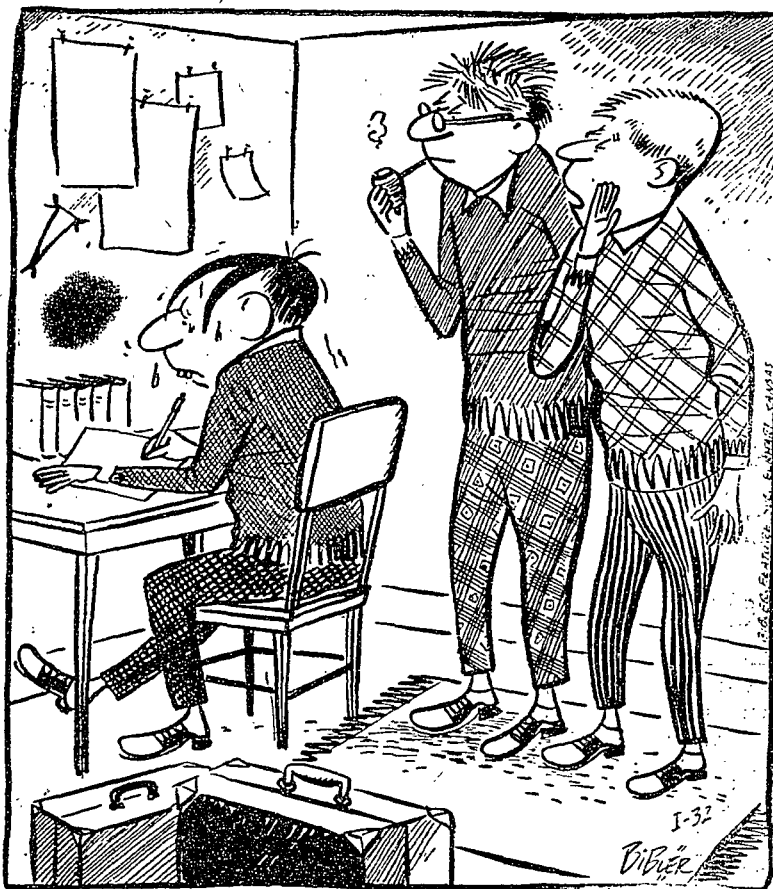
Individual tastes in poetry I do not care to argue with Mr. Reiss. However if he can find nothing else to give the contributors to Pivot credit for, I am certain they have made a sincere endeavor to express themselves in a medium which many found not only new, but difficult.

. . . The point of this letter . . . is in answer to Mr. Reiss' . . . comments on Dylan Thomas and the fund being raised for the education of his children. Must he insist on forcing his puerile Phillistinish on his readers? . . . On his reference to the 'alcoholism' of Thomas—if he insists on criticizing ad hominem would he care to defend the personal habits of his Wordsworth?

—W. Malcolm Taylor

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"He's writing letters of application to four other colleges—He thinks he flunked his entrance exam."

It's About Time—

By BAYLEE FRIEDMAN

Let's discuss Lion's Paw.

Let's, for a change, come out from behind the "iron curtain" and the Snack Bar caucuses. Let's forget about illusioned objectivity and announce our prejudices freely. And let's try to understand what the talk's all about.

This is a tall order. No one can fully understand those things which are not open for his understanding. Coca Cola won't tell us its formula; President Eisenhower hushes up his golf scores; Lion's Paw members stalk up four flights in Old Main with no intention of disclosing the accomplishments of their Sunday night sessions.

Well, say members, why should they? Cwens doesn't announce the content of its initiation procedure, and no one knows what goes on at Senior Board meetings of the Daily Collegian. Women's Judicial conducts its business behind closed doors.

But, we reply, these groups DO make known from time to time their activities; their purpose is more specific than an elusive "for a better Penn State. What's more, their sphere of influence is limited by their own membership. Lion's Paw—as far as we can see—is limited by no check group with comparable influence and means.

This means Lion's Paw, because it is composed of 12 of the campus' most influential students, because it is secret, because it has the University sanction, and because no group of individuals is realistically able to serve as an outside check, is a power group. Influence in the various organizations members represent is their principal instrument of action.

How the various organizations are this week directed, then, may very well be the by-product of last Sunday night's meeting. The process as it has been explained to me by members goes something like this: Leaders in the various organizations bring their problems to Paw meetings and ask for advice regarding them. Other members, "qualified because they have achieved leadership status," throw out suggestions for a solution. Their suggestions don't necessarily mean that the leaders' problems will be influenced to any great extent. But their suggestions, if accepted by the Paw—with-a-problem, are taken back to the respective groups and acted on. It all seems very sensible. And it is sensible if we want our government influenced by a superfluous body

which "understands problems the ordinary Joe College doesn't know about" and if we want AIM programs to come from anyone but AIM members.

I, for one, protest under a certain veil of ignorance over just what I'm protesting about. And I protest this, too. It is an insult to my intelligence as a member of the student body to be told I can't comprehend the "complicated, unpublishable, uncomprehensible" activities of a group denying by its very existence that democracy can work in its purest form. I'm told I can't govern myself. I'm told my voice in representative bodies means little. And that's all the explanation I get.

Nothing is all black or all white. Members of Lion's Paw actually believe their methods are the only possible ones on a campus this size for workable student government. Their goal of a better Penn State, is, for many, an honest motivation.

Joe McCarthy's goal to eliminate Communism is also a worthy motivation.

Procedure (thank you, Wayne Morse) can stimulate or contaminate the lifeblood of any organizational action. I protest the procedure of Lion's Paw. Its goals may be good; its methods unacceptable. The ends—whether better cabinet appointments or a student encampment invitation list—do not justify the means. The means: assuming responsibilities which belong to the specific groups they affect.

Personally, I'd rather have student government—directed by all the students—flounder in the open than run like a well-oiled, but unrepresentative, IBM machine. And perhaps student government, with Lion's Paw contributing openly, need not flounder aimlessly as the self-designated, sometimes self-righteous membership likes to think. Students are not dopes. They can be fooled some of the time by some of the people. But (Continued on page five)



Baylee Friedman

Gazette . . .

Today

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Office
COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Office
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., Business Office

COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 104 Willard
STUDENT HANDBOOK AD STAFF, 8 p.m., 104 Willard
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Meal jobs open for this semester and next fall.
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Roger Dietz, Alice Grubb, Shirley Kay, Vernon Kohler, Kenneth Lange, Roger Owens, Cecilia Poor, David Richards, Joan Roth, Leonard Rucsko, Harriet Steinman, Richard Uhlman.

Tonight on WDFM

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8:00 _____ UN Story
8:15 _____ Call Card
8:30 _____ Tops in Pops
8:45 _____ News
9:30 _____ Music Hall
10:30 _____ Sign Off