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Suspension Is Not Always the Answer

The Association of Independent Men Judicial Board of Review added one more student Monday night to the ever-growing list of suspended students.

If the board's Monday night recommendation is accepted by the dean of men's office, it will bring the total to nine students who have been suspended in the past two months. Four of these were handed down by the AIM board, four by the Senate subcommittee on discipline, and one by Tribunal.

But is suspension the answer to disciplinary problems? We feel that it is not in many of the cases. However, we do not advocate the abolition of suspension.

There is a great need for another type of punishment—a type which would fall between disciplinary probation and suspension. Disciplinary probation is sometimes termed "the second-chance" degree. A permanent record of the act is placed on the student's transcript. Suspension needs no explanation.

It is difficult for a student court to pinpoint a case between the two degrees of punishment. If another punishment were created, it would make it easier for the courts to decide upon the type of punishment, and would be fairer to the student.

We recommend the following: that another degree of punishment, to be placed between disciplinary probation and suspension, be added to the University Senate regulations, and that the new degree include, disciplinary probation and assigning constructive tasks to the student for the betterment of the University and State College.

Would not the student who stole a chicken

from a University chicken coop learn his lesson as well by being assigned to clean out the coops, as by suspension? We believe he would.

Surely, the physical plant department could find hundreds of odd jobs for students receiving such punishment. A service organization, such as a hat society, could take on the responsibility of overseeing the work of such students.

Many times when a student is suspended, he acquires a grudge, whether the sentence is fair or not, against the administration and the University as a whole. If he were put to work, doing a constructive task, there would probably be fewer ill feelings and maybe even more respect for the University.

The work tasks could be completed on Saturday mornings and afternoons, or whenever the student had free time. The work periods could last as long as the student remains on disciplinary probation or as long as the dean of men's office deems necessary. However, if the person is given the proposed work-disciplinary probation, he should be made to complete the tasks. If for some reason he does not like to work or refuses to work after the decision is final, the punishment would automatically fall in the suspension category.

It is not too late to enact this proposed work-disciplinary probation system this semester. Maybe some of the decisions of the less-severe cases of suspension could be reversed to this setup.

This is a way for the student courts and the administration to make the student court system fairer.

—Ed Dubbs

The Best Solution

Next year's frosh will have to walk. This was decided by the Council of Administration, the University's legislative body for non-academic matters, early this week. Freshman cars were barred from campus and from State College.

The University felt this action was necessary to ease the ever-growing parking problem. Actually, the change is only a stop-gap measure. With or without freshmen cars, the campus doesn't have the parking capacity for all the cars students, faculty members, and University personnel bring with them.

The result of the action will be to open some 700 parking spaces on campus and in State College. This is about one-third all the spaces allotted to students, according to Campus Patrol figures.

Barring the frosh from bringing their cars with them is the fairest method of creating new spaces. The only other alternative was to move further from the campus the line which determines whether students will be granted permits. Students living outside the line, drawn through the borough, receive permits. Students inside the line walk to class or park illegally.

But the new action will not be without hardship. Freshmen from hard-to-get-to towns will have an even more difficult time getting home.

We hope student government units and the University earnestly engage in attempts to get transportation companies to improve their facilities both during vacation periods and throughout the school year. There's much room for improvement.

The University also considered building a far-from-central-campus catch-all parking area open to anyone who wanted to park there. Study of the expense that would be involved ruled out this idea. Beside the high initial cost of constructing a lot, patrolling it would be a continual expense as the lot would have to be guarded to prevent thefts from cars.

Thus, the action that was taken appears to have been the only practical solution. It was unfortunate, but necessary.

Increased transportation facilities will ease the sting somewhat. We hope they come.

—The Editor

Gazette...

Today
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB, daily rosary, 4:30 p.m., Church; 'Final Fling' party, 8 p.m., student center

Housemothers?

Solutions to disciplinary problems are almost as numerous as the problems themselves. The latest one comes from the Woman's Student Government Association Senate.

Senate decided Wednesday to try a system of student enforcement of WSGA regulations. However this new system will not go into effect until the women at large approve it. The plan will be presented to them at the beginning of the fall semester for a vote of confidence, so to speak.

If the vote is negative, no changes in existing rule enforcement procedures will be made. However if the majority of the women are in favor of student-enforced regulations, the whole disciplinary set up will be altered.

Each hall would elect monitors who would take over all the WSGA rule-enforcement duties of the hostesses except those regarding signing out and signing in.

Apparently this means women students would check to see if beds were made before noon, that hair dryers and sun lamps were not plugged into dormitory outlets, that women did not iron in their rooms, that they did not shout out the windows, that they did not type in their rooms after 11 p.m. and dozens of other things.

Perhaps there are women who never violate WSGA regulations, but we doubt if there are enough of them in each dormitory to qualify to be monitors. A law-enforcement officer should certainly obey the laws she attempts to enforce.

Hence, the main difficulty with the implementation of the proposed discipline system will be to find a corps of qualified monitors.

How many women would want to have police powers in their living units? A feeling of ill will between the monitor and the women under her jurisdiction might easily result if a student housemother told a late sleeper to be sure to make up her bed before noon. A mature woman certainly commands more respect than an undergraduate.

And even after the monitors are elected, how many of them will report all infractions to the Judicial Board? If they did they would lose friends and if they didn't they would not be performing their duties.

House mothers are doing a fine job. And since there is no real disciplinary problem, let's not offer impractical solutions.

—Jackie Hudgins

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Rosemary Asquino, Ruth Eshleman, Mildred Hundy, Marianna Jackson, Jeannette Johnson, Lloyd Krull, Robert Petrosky, Suzanne Pink, Harry Ross, Charles Roth, Irwin Welsh.

Lion Party Chairman Calls Sunday Meeting

Thomas Dye, Lion party clique chairman, has called an open steering committee meeting for 2 p.m. Sunday in 217 Willard to determine how many students are interested in working in the party next year.

Dye said he will take the names of persons willing to work for the party. Plans for the party for next year will also be discussed, he said.

Kistler to Head Farms

James B. Kistler, assistant superintendent of the University farms, has been named superintendent of farm operations and service, it was announced yesterday.

Kistler will succeed the late J. Keith Thornton, who served in this capacity until his death on March 11.

Public speaking exercises once a week were compulsory in 1889 for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors when the Trustees of the University established a chair of Engineering and Rhetoric.

IFC Board of Control Fails to Reach Decision

The Interfraternity Council's Board of Control reached no decision Wednesday night on the case involving Alpha Chi Sigma and Alpha Chi Rho, Robert Simmons, newly elected board chairman said Wednesday.

The two fraternities have been accused of serving alcoholic beverages.

Simmons said that there was not enough available information to reach a decision in the case.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Look Who's Talking...

About Education

By JACKIE HUDGINS

We are the educated men... the intelligent men. Look at us. See what we've earned. Look at it. Here's a hat, a certificate, and a transcript. These are the important things... the ones we'll pack in our trunks to haul home this summer. Here is the product. Four years of work right here in this box. See!

We are the educated, the trained. We'll be the wealthy, the rich, the successful. We are equipped with everything. We lack nothing. We aren't happy yet, but we will be soon.

We are the respected. We command respect. We are the future leaders, the captains, the presidents, and the admirals. The university was our playground and now we are the champions... see, here is our diploma!

These are the lasting things... the tangible, the understandable. We made our decision. We have high grades on our transcripts. We didn't want an academic honesty policy. But this is our decision. High averages are good for better jobs. What's honesty good for?

We are the diplomats. We sell the university to outsiders. It's a great place. Good for a real blast. Send your sons. Sure, send your daughters, too. It's the greatest. Just look at me!

We're the guardians. Of what we're not sure... but we're the guardians. Liberty, freedom, equality. We took history 19 and poly sci 3. What does it mean? Read the books... equality, freedom, and liberty. That's what we stand for.

And that's not all... We're the future alums. You'll see us sitting on the other side of Beaver Field in the fall. And we'll be smug. Our "Alma Mater" "Old State" "Thou didn't mould me". I'm a finished product with the stamp of approval. Here's the end of the assembly line and I emerge educated. We all do... We are the educated!

Van Duyn Elected 'Coaly' President

Daniel Van Duyn, sixth semester agricultural engineer major from Towaco, N.J., was elected president of the Penn State Coaly Society.

David Morrow, sixth semester dairy science major from Tyrone, was elected vice president; William R. Miller, sixth semester agricultural economics major from Conyngham, secretary; Eugene Seifrit, sixth semester agricultural education major from Mohnton, treasurer.

Darwin Braund, sixth semester dairy science major from Sayre, historian; and Douglas Moorhead, sixth semester horticulture major from North East, sergeant-at-arms.

Dr. Jerome K. Pasto, professor of agricultural economics is adviser to the group.

Carnival Case To Be Heard

The Spring Week carnival case involving Pi Kappa Phi fraternity will be heard by the Interfraternity Council Board of Control, Dean of Men Frank J. Simes said yesterday.

The board met Wednesday night, but Simes said he did not know why the case was not heard.

Pi Kappa Phi's booth was closed last Thursday because members of the cast in the fraternity's "House Party" show were under the influence of alcohol, according to Ellsworth Smith, retiring chairman of Board of Control.

The board has the power to fine and/or place the house on social probation.

Officers Installed By Chi Epsilon

Chi Epsilon, national civil engineering honor fraternity, held initiation and installation of officers Wednesday.

Officers are William Troutman, president; Edward Miller, vice president; William Blakham, secretary-treasurer, and Richard Beeble, transit-editor.

Milton Buckwalter, Russell Johnson, Edward Kalanik, John MacEwen, Ardell Nelson, Thomas Robbins, and John Weber were initiated into the society.

Charles A. Smith, assistant professor of civil engineering, was chosen faculty advisor.

Bauer Named to Head Astronomical Committee

Dr. Carl A. Bauer, assistant professor of physics, has been named chairman of the Teacher's Committee of the American Astronomical Society.

The committee serves as a group to supplement the efforts of individual astronomers to improve their teaching programs and to contribute to the advancement of astronomy through the use of effective and stimulating teaching.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:26 Associated Press News
7:30 Starlight Serenade
8:00 Weekly News Roundup
8:30 Stereo
10:25 Sign Off