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'Conduct Prejudicial': But What Conduct?

Students are bewildered about how the University's discipline system works—and not without good reason. Some of the bewilderment is reflected in a letter to the editor appearing on this page today.

Within 24 hours, the college careers of three students ended abruptly last week. The three students were suspended from the University by a University body, the Senate Committee on Student Affairs subcommittee on discipline. They were not the first—and probably will not be the last—students to be suspended or expelled from the University this year. As the number of disciplining measures increases, the amount of student confusion increases.

It's time to clear the air. It is time for a published clarification about the entire scope of the University's policies in the area of student conduct. It is time for all persons—students and University officials—involved in the ugly business of disciplining students to get together to draw up such a statement. Perhaps the fall Encampment would be the place where this could best be done.

What we hope would emerge from the meeting would be a statement of the University's judicial policies which would be available and understandable to all the students. And that is what is necessary.

The laws of the campus—the rules which must be violated before a student is suspended—are embodied on two pages of the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students, a copy of which is presented to every student at registration.

But the rules are so general they offer little enlightenment. Two of them mention conduct

"prejudicial to the good name of the University" and that phrase seems to be the operating maxim for the University's disciplinary bodies. Is that enough? Wouldn't it be wiser and fairer to spell out, in some degree, what is and what isn't "prejudicial to the good name of the University"?

A charge of conduct "prejudicial to the good name of the state" would never be upheld in a federal or state court. Being so general, it would be a violation of the due process clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

We realize that it is impossible to spell out in detail every act students conceivably could commit which might be prejudicial to the University's good name.

We know, though, that it would not be impossible to indicate in terms less general that the "conduct prejudicial" phrase those areas of student conduct which are taboo.

The University, too, seems to recognize this. For instance, Rule W-3 says: "The University shall not excuse wanton destruction or injury of property." If "wanton destruction" is prejudicial to the good name of the University, why is it listed as a separate violation? Apparently, in this instance, the University agrees about the value of explicit rules. Why, then, only in a few instances?

A list of general violations which constitute conduct prejudicial to the good name of the University is necessary to end students' bewilderment. Until it comes, we suspect students will continue to be prejudicial toward the University's conduct in handling discipline cases. —The Editor

Safety Valve

Political Groups Begin to Sling Local Mud

TO THE EDITOR: Last semester the Young Democratic Club sponsored the idea of having a debate on national issues between well-known Democratic and Republican leaders in politics.

The Young Republicans agreed to go along and supply a Republican. It was announced in the Collegian of Dec. 17, that the Young Democrats had succeeded in engaging Senator Hubert Humphreys of Minnesota, one of the foremost Democrats of the country, for a debate sometime this semester.

Thus far the Young Republican Club has put forth very little effort in upholding their part of the debate.

The Young Democratic Club has repeatedly contacted them as to who they were trying to engage for the debate, but it seems as if they are no longer interested. To our knowledge they have only contacted one man (Senator Knowland of California) who is not available. Other than that they have done nothing.

A debate of this type would be interesting, enlightening (especially since this is an election year), and a credit to the University. We can only hope that the Young Republican Club will "get on the ball" and do everything in their power to help this event occur.

Debates of this type could become a regular occurrence on campus provided that the student interest is high enough and that the Young Republicans and the Young Democrats will co-

operate with each other. We would appreciate some student opinion on the idea of having them here at Penn State.

—Ralph Volpe, President Young Democratic Club
In answer to this letter, David Scott, president of the Young Republican Club, said yesterday: It is not the policy of the Republican Party to cater to the whims and demands of the Democratic Party or Senator Humphreys. The Young Republicans on campus have offered numerous speaking dates but these have been rejected by the Young Democrats. When the Democrats both nationally and on Campus have one-half the activity and sincerity of the Republican Party, they will have made great improvement.

What's Tribunal's Purpose?

TO THE EDITOR: Question—what is the purpose of Tribunal?

In reading the Collegian of Friday, April 20, we noticed that a student was suspended for "tipsy" driving. By further perusal of the article, we found that this student had been placed on disciplinary probation by Tribunal but, was suspended by the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline.

Are we to believe that what Tribunal decides, goes—period—or that what Tribunal decides goes—provided they decide upon an action suitable to the Senate Subcommittee on discipline?

The word "Tribunal" denotes to me a judiciary body with jurisdictional powers over student discipline. If this is the case—fine—then let it adjudicate. If this is not the case, then, why not change the name so as to not mislead people into thinking it is a judiciary body? Let it be known that it is just an advisory board that is of negligible value. Or better still, let those cases which the Administration feels Tribunal is unable to adjudicate properly, go right to the Senate Subcommittee.

This would eliminate the possibility of the naive student feeling that he is to be judged by a body consisting of his peers, and let him realize that his case rests in the hands of the Administration.

Though we do not question the soundness of the Senate Subcommittee's decision, we should like clarification as to its powers over decisions passed by Tribunal.

—John Edward Olsen

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"You'd better wear this tonight, instead, dearie. I hear Worthal's takin' up anatomy."

Ron Walker on assignment

Yachts In the News



Ron Walker On assignment?

A UP dispatch from Monaco over the weekend informed us that the much-publicized Grace Kelly and that Ranier fellow "spent the second day of their honeymoon somewhere on the sunny Mediterranean (resting) on their trim, white yacht."

That should come as somewhat of a shock to one Virginia Berg of Manhattan, who wrote a letter to the New York Daily News on March 11 concerning Miss Kelly's prime mission in life at this stage—produce a son rather hurriedly, or else.

Said Mrs. Berg: "I am a grandmother, and have long known that it is solely up to a woman's state of mind whether she produces a boy or a girl. If Grace Kelly hopes her first child will be a boy, she should not take a relaxing cruise on a yacht for her honeymoon. A rested, relaxed woman produces girls. An active, tired or worried woman delivers a boy. It is as simple as that. Even a woman who goes on a diet before the stork dates her is sure of a boy. My daughter had a boy and then a girl, as planned. Easygoing women never have boys. Athletic-loving women never have girls. Take heed, Grace, and play 18 holes of golf."

Actually, we wish it were as simple as that.

Really, though, Mrs. Berg, while we respect your right to how much untold misery you prognosticate, do you realize how much untold misery you have caused Miss Kelly now? Someone probably sent her your letter and we'll bet she never even looked at it until boarding the yacht.

The Prince probably even put in an 18-hole golf course on board ship, and we wouldn't be the least bit surprised if Miss Kelly were to rise every morning at 6 and take a run around the deck. After all, it is rather damaging to one's pride (especially to Miss Kelly at this stage of the game) to be called "easygoing, rested, and relaxed."

Tell you what, Mrs. Berg: Write another letter to The News, but this time expound a little more on your statement that "it is solely up to a woman's state of mind whether she produces a boy or a girl."

We think there are other factors involved.

FOUR YEAR IMPRESSIONS

This being our last column and all that, we feel rather inclined to say certain things we might never had. We have definitely reached the impression that, among other things, Penn State sadly lacks school spirit, needs a field house more than a student union building, and should educate its people away from the conservative, conformist way of thinking so prevalent among the typical college student today.

OK, so enough for editorializing.

Our other proposals:

That Froth originate a section under its "Old Mania" column to be called "De-Pinnings." We believe this could be the most popular and widely-read part of the magazine.

That campus political parties be abolished. No one would miss them anyhow, we are sure.

That State College merge with University Park and assume the latter name. After all, the thing is now beginning to look a little ridiculous.

That those Pershing Rifle people quit waking everybody up at 6 o'clock in the morning.

That WDFM be heard by the average student just once.

And lastly, that in the interest of all sanity, the so-called Rock-and-Roll music be dropped from the HUB juke box.

Tonight on WDFM

6:45	Sign On
6:50	News, Sports
7:00	Dr. Henry A. Finch Lecture
7:45	News, Sports, Romance
	Languages
8:00	Invitation to Relax
8:30	Time for Weim
9:00	Behind the Lectern
9:30	Agriculture News
9:45	News, Weather
10:00	This World of Music
11:00	Sign Off

Gazette

- Today
- BELLES LETTERS, 7:30 p.m., North East Atherton Lounge
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 204 Old Main
- CLOVER CLUB, 7 p.m., 109 Plant Industries
- CLOVER CLUB Softball team, 6:45 p.m., 108 Plant Industries
- DAILY COLLEGIAN Advertising Staff and Candidates, 6:30 p.m., 101 Hetzel Union
- DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS Staff, 7 p.m., 108 Willard
- DAILY COLLEGIAN Business Staff Candidates, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
- DAILY COLLEGIAN Business Staff Senior Board, 8:30 p.m., Collegian Office
- DAILY COLLEGIAN Promotion Staff, 8:30 p.m., 103 Willard
- ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 106 Osmond
- NEWMAN CLUB, 7:15 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
- PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 203 Hetzel Union

Joseph Bohart, Nancy Bortz, E. Richard Bouchet, Harriet Felder, Herman Gordon, John Higgins, Frank Konchar, John Lessig, Sally Lewis, Linn Lightner, Clyde Shick, Thomas Smallwood, James Sponser, Ruth Stafford, Laura Stefanak, James Tinton, Mary Lee Wilcox, Joan Yoder, Susan Alsop, Joseph Kirk, and Lois Snyder.

6 New Measles Cases Admitted Over Weekend

Six new cases of German, or three-day, measles were admitted to the University Infirmary over the weekend. The students are confined in the Infirmary but temporary facilities set up in Grange dormitory will be used if the number of cases increases, an Infirmary official said.

Camera Club Meeting

The Penn State Camera Club will meet at 7 tonight in 105 Willard to elect officers. Two films, "Behind Your Snapshot," and "Magnifying Time," will be shown.

Coaly Society to Meet

Coaly Society will meet at 8 tonight in 209 Hetzel Union.

Garden, Cleaning Jobs Are Available for Men

Part-time garden and house cleaning jobs are available to men students, according to a Student Employment Service official. No extensive experience is needed. Students should apply for jobs in 112 Old Main. Camp and resort jobs are still open.