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Student Teachers Gripe

Student teachers have complained of the change made in the method of selecting the time and place that they will go student teaching.

There are two sides to the problem. The student teachers feel that they should be able to go teaching with their friends, and at the time when they choose, and to the place they choose. In the past there have been meetings for all prospective student teachers where such details have been worked out. To a limited extent the student teachers have been given what they asked for.

Under the new program, which will go into effect next year, students will be given assignments as to time and place. According to Dr. Lawrence Park, associate professor of elementary education, students who have a reasonable complaint or reason for teaching at a particular time or place will be allowed to change. He said that students who hold leading positions in their sorority or in campus activities will be able to teach the eight-week period which best fits in with their activity work. He also said that students who need to teach in a particular town for financial reasons will be allowed to do so.

Dr. Park explained that the reason that the College of Education had to make the change for student teaching lies basically in the fact that the University is expanding. The College is attempting to remove the limit on the number of elementary education majors it can take. In order to do this the student teaching system had to be made a little less personal so that it

would be able to accommodate the large number of student teachers who would be going out each year.

Dr. Park said that it is often difficult to get centers to take student teachers. None of the places are required to take them; they only volunteer. Several of them, he said, only volunteer for certain of the eight-week periods. The University must send students according to the offers it receives from the centers. This means that there will be inequalities in the numbers which may go each eight weeks.

Often in the past students have been given very little choice in the place or time that they may go. It may have seemed to them that there was more choice involved because they helped plan. Still there is not a great deal of change in the new system. This, of course, will depend upon how much the students needs are considered.

The basic difference is students will not now be able to go student teaching with their friends. Dr. Park explained that this must be sacrificed with the expansion of the student teaching program. Although students may feel that this is putting an unnecessary hardship on them, we hope that they will see that the new program will enable far more students to benefit from the student teaching program.

We hope to see an understanding of the necessary change on the part of the students. We also hope to see consideration on the part of the administrators of the individual's requests for student teaching time and place.

—Sue Conklin

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"You boys will find it a little easier to draw if you step back from the model a little."

No Cooperation, No TV

This is the last of two editorials concerning the purchase of television sets for dormitories. The purchase of a television set should not be a dormitory project unless 100 per cent of the students are in favor of it.

There are always some who refuse to contribute and they cannot be forced to pay. Very often it seems that these are the students who will watch TV more than anyone else. There is no possible way to exclude these freeloaders and it isn't fair to those who did pay.

Many students refuse to contribute because they feel they wouldn't get anything out of having a TV set in one of the lounges.

One housemother said that this was a "selfish attitude to take." Perhaps this is true but if it is there are a great many selfish students on this campus.

On these standards, then, it would also be selfish not to hand out money for anything anyone wanted. What would happen if someone decided it would be nice to have a hi-fi set,

or a pin ball machine, or a juke box in the dormitories? It certainly would be nice to be able to dance in the lounges instead of having to walk all the way up to the HUB.

Since there is no possible way to exclude freeloaders and because not everyone is willing to go along with the idea, the project should be abandoned completely.

Somebody jumped the gun on having the sets installed in the dormitories. This fall a Women's Student Government Association committee was set up to get TV sets in the dorms. Perhaps the University might have paid for them if the situation had been investigated before plans were put into action. The WSGA committee is now functioning to try and get sets installed in the smaller dorms that can't afford to buy them themselves.

I'll wait for something like that to come along before I contribute money to something I'll rarely use.

—Ginny Philips

Safety Valve

Fight Team Fight!

TO THE EDITOR: Penn State's football team left for Syracuse Friday morning ranked 12th in the nation. A win at Syracuse would have made possibilities brighter for an Eastern championship and a New Year's Day game in the Cotton Bowl. Largely because of this, spirits on campus were high.

Everything was fine. Some students saw the game. Those who couldn't or didn't made sure there was a radio at their side Saturday afternoon. At half time, the score read: Penn State 9; Syracuse 6. Again, everything was fine. However, the final score stood: Syracuse 13; Penn State 9. Now things weren't so good. Penn State had not only lost its national ranking but the support of its student body as well.

To print in the Collegian that the team will be royally welcomed back from Syracuse win, lose, or draw (Saturday's paper) is simple enough, but to put this idea into effect is a different proposition. This was proven by the number of students (200, not 500 as has been estimated by some sources) who greeted the team Saturday night.

Students want half-holidays. Students want unlimited absences from classes. Students want extended Christmas vacations. Students want a free choice of seats at Beaver Field. All this they not only ask of, but demand of their student government leaders. But just how many of the student body are interested in participating in the furthering of their interests? In Saturday's case, 200.

Congratulations, 200. Judging from the looks

Successful Mardi Gras

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the members of Mortar Board, I wish to thank all the groups participating in the 1956 Mardi Gras. Your cooperation coupled with the enthusiasm of the patrons helped us break all Mardi Gras financial records.

The net proceeds will be donated to the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Scholarship Fund and, after months of consideration, scholarships will be awarded to deserving Penn State students and, possibly, to a foreign student.

Through the efforts of last year's Mardi Gras celebration we have been able to sponsor an outstanding Swedish student for this academic year.

We are sincerely indebted to you.

—Dodi Jones
President,
Mortar Board

of the players and coaches when they stepped off the bus Saturday night, it was more than evident that they were pleased and grateful for even this turnout.

We only wish that the number of students who turned out Saturday night could have equalled the number present when the team returned from Columbus, Ohio.

Again, congratulations 200. The rest of you, keep asking, demanding, and doing nothing—the for the latter is what you'll get.

—Curtin Schafer

Interpreting the News

Chaotic Situation Seen in Capital

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Regardless of which party reorganizes the Senate, Washington is in for a far more chaotic situation now than resulted from Democratic capture of Congress in 1954.

The chaos which President Eisenhower had predicted then did not result. The Democrats generally supported

administration foreign policy and other important programs, with modifications of their own.

Partisanship was held within reasonable bounds. Party lines were crossed back and forth on many issues. Republicans disagreed with the President on many occasions.

But there was a different political situation.

An extremely popular President was expected to seek a second term. As the Democrats began to prepare two years ago for this year's election, becoming more belligerent as time went on, the Republicans began to close ranks and to hide their disagreements with the President. Things rather balanced up.

There will be no such coalescing force among the Republicans now. With the President barred from a third term, the line of party hopefuls will be forming very soon. Congress will become the showcase for a lot of different political wares. Republicans voting, beginning right away, will be influenced by those seeking to establish records showing presidential availability.

Democrats, on the other hand, will take on new life with the knowledge that they won't have to try to beat Eisenhower in '58. They will be out to beat the Republican party.

This means trying to establish a Congressional record which will stand clearly as their own. It means a greater display of partisanship. It means trying to cut the heads off Republican hopefuls as fast as they pop up.

In one way, the situation will provide a test of whether the nation was wise in banning presidential third terms.

Heretofore a President has always been able to preserve a part of his authority by keeping his future plans to himself. Hereafter everybody will know that, as his term shortens, his power is coming to an end.

One thing will obscure the test. President Eisenhower's tremendous popularity may cause some who would oppose him to go slow.

NYU to Award Scholarships

New York University's School of Law will offer 20 Root-Tilden scholarships for the next school year to outstanding college seniors.

Two law students from each of the 10 judicial circuits will be selected for the awards on a competitive basis. The grants are valued at \$6900 and cover a three-year period.

Competition is restricted to unmarried male students between the ages of 20 and 28. Applicants must have their college degrees or be scheduled to receive them by Sept. 1, 1957.

Application can be made by writing to Dean Russell D. Niles, New York University Law Center, New York 3, N.Y.

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