

Editorials

No More Proctors?

A Senate regulation has been changed in order to give students the chance to institute their own academic honor system.

Rule 0-3 of the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students had stated that "all examinations shall be adequately proctored." The University Senate has added, "A formal honor system under the supervision of an Honor Council is considered adequate proctoring."

There should be no question as to the merits of an academic honor system. Certainly University students are mature enough to take an examination without a proctor or instructor glancing around the room.

And an honor system would be only in keeping with the University's new academic policy—that of giving the individual more responsibility.

The nine college student councils should take the initiative in promoting the idea among students. The proposal, however, should be discussed by all campus groups who are interested.

The groundwork has been laid. To aid any group wishing to institute the system a sample Honor System Charter was drawn up by the Subcommittee on Academic Honesty.

Actually the only work left to students is that of saying yes or no and possibly altering the sample system if they feel it is necessary.

Since the source of the idea was Senate Committee on Student Affairs, students should have no trouble when seeking its approval if and when the system were established.

If an academic honor system were adopted by more departments or colleges, we believe that the bug would be contagious and possibly become a University-wide policy.

No Time for Buck-Passing

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's appointment of a missile "czar" did not come as a surprise. This has been advocated by many persons, including outstanding men in the scientific and technical world, since Russia gained supremacy in the space age.

Dr. James R. Killian, 53-year-old president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, faces a difficult task as the new "czar."

Congress and the people want to meet this Soviet challenge with a "crash" program. It should be relatively easy to obtain an increase in the national debt limit and to get Congress and the people to go along with other measures to meet this challenge.

However, two difficult tasks face the new "czar" even before he starts. Congress and the people must be made to realize that basic research must come first and that funds are needed in this area as well as in applied research. And the rivalry of the individual armed forces in weaponry must be ended.

We are pleased with the President's appointment of Killian as missile "czar," although we believe this demonstration of executive leadership is somewhat belated.

The President must not feel he has done enough, that he already exerted enough leadership in this challenge. And we are afraid that may be his feeling.

For Killian to meet the challenge—to get funds for basic research as well as applied research and to end the inter-service rivalry—he must have strong Presidential leadership behind him.

The President should not pass his leadership authority and obligation to his new missile "czar."

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Safety Valve

'Platforms Don't Mean a Thing'

TO THE EDITOR: In view of the fact that elections are coming up in the next week I think that it is time for someone to step in and bring out the real issue of the campaign.

In the editorial which appeared Nov. 6, Collegian urged the Elections Committee to stop interfering in campus politics. You feel that the parties should be allowed all the freedom they desire in constructing their platforms. Why?

You know as well as I do that platforms don't mean a thing in this election. None of the planks are at all sensible enough to be carried out. The issue is strictly a personality issue: whoever shakes hands with the most people wins the election.

There are other methods of persuasion but we can't go into them. The question is, who can come up with the most eye-catching platform? I'll say this much, both parties are really fighting for the distinction of waging the biggest bull-tossing campaign this University has ever seen.

Letter cut

—Ron Palmer, '61

(Editor's Note: We did not advocate complete freedom for political parties in our editorial. However, we feel Elections Committee has too much power and that it "protects" voters during campaigns and does not make them think for themselves.)

Reader Wants Aid For Pattee Library

TO THE EDITOR: It appears that with all the space devoted in the news columns and in the editorial page of the Collegian in support of expanded facilities at the University, one very important item seems to be conspicuously absent from both places.

Active and vociferous support is given to such projects as expanded AM facilities for the University radio station and the recreation area at Stone Valley, but the shelves at Pattee Library stand half-empty, and the research facilities for students continue to be a mockery of a state university.

One of the prime requisites "for a better Penn State" seems to be getting little support and even less money for its very necessary expansion.

Letter cut

—David Weiss, '58

(Editor's Note: The Daily Collegian has long campaigned for more funds for the Pattee Library. We are proud of the part we played in obtaining last year's senior class gift for new books.)

Society to Honor Freshmen at Tea

Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman women's scholastic honor society, will hold its annual tea honoring freshman women who were high school valedictorians and salutatorians from 2 to 4 p.m. tomorrow in McElwain study lounge.

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, and Christine R. Yohe, assistant to the dean of women, will speak. Entertainment will be provided by members of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Theater Guild to Offer One-Act Play Tonight

The Community Theatre Guild will present a one-act play, "Augustus Does His Bit," by George Bernard Shaw, at 8:30 tonight in the Little Theatre in Old Main.

The performance is free and open to the public.

WEEKEND ON WDFM

Saturday Evening—6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: Hi-Fi Open House; 9:00: Campus Beat; 11:30: News and Sign-off. Sunday Evening—6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: The Third Programme; 11:30: News and Sign-off. Monday Evening—6:45: Sign on, News and Market Reports; 7:00: The People Act; 7:25: Behind the Lectern; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Sounds in the Night; 8:30: Greek Quiz; 9:00: Campus News and Sports; 9:15: First Freedom; 9:30: Marquee Memories; 10:00: National and International News; 10:05: Symphonic Notebook; 11:00: News and Sign-off.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Fourth for Bridge

By Roger B. Saylor

Ten and one-half tables were in play at the Penn State Bridge Club game on Monday. The north-south winners were Raymond Wiesen and Robert Quick, while Frank Smit and Bob Mintz won east-west.

The hand shown below caused considerable difficulty for

a number of east-west pairs in that they failed to reach unbeatable slam contracts.

East-west vulnerable; west dealer

Table with bidding information for North, East, South, and West, including suits and point counts.

West has a powerful hand, but since his strength is concentrated in a minor suit he must be content to open it with one club. East has not quite the 19 points recommended to make a jump shift, so he bids one-heart.

West's best rebid is probably three clubs since he can probably make such a contract even if east has the minimum of six points he has shown by his original response. East should begin to smell a slam about now and can show his second suit by bidding three spades. Since this is a new suit bid his partner must keep the bidding open another round. Also it implies that he holds five hearts and four spades although he could hold just four in each suit.

West can now show his high-card values in hearts by calling four hearts. East should now use the Blackwood four-no trump convention to learn if his partner has one or two aces. Upon learning that one ace is missing, he should bid six hearts or six-no trump. Probably the heart con-

tract is better in rubber bridge, but in a duplicate came the extra ten points for making the same number of tricks in no trump may be very helpful.

Note that six clubs is not a good contract because an opening spade lead through the king will beat it. If east plays the hand no defense can beat the small slam contract in hearts or no-trump.

Gazette

UCA Interfoundation Cabin Retreat, 12:30 p.m., Watts Lodge. Community Theatre Guild, 8:30 p.m., Old Main Little Theatre. TOMORROW: Grad Newman Club, 3:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center. Hillel: 11-12 a.m., Lox and Bagel Brunch; 1 p.m., Freshman Council, 7:30 p.m., TV Film Forum. Alpha Lambda Delta: 2-4 p.m., Freshman women tea. MONDAY: Freshman Council, 7:30 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union. Newman Club Discussion Group, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center. PLACEMENT SERVICE: Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Co: Nov 25 BS, MS in EE, ME, Phys, EngSci; PhD in Phys, EngSci. Bureau of Ships: Nov 25 BS, MS in EE, ME, CE. Monsanto Chemical Co: Nov 25, 26 PhD in Chem, CHE, Agr & BioChem, Png. Sanders & Thomas: Nov 25 BS, MS in Arch, CE, ME, EE. IBM: Nov 26 BS, MS in Acctg, Math, Phys, BusAd & LA for Sales; MS & PhD in Math, EE for Applied Science Div; BS, MS, PhD in ME, EE, EngSci, Phys, ChE for Res. & Dev. & Mfg. Air Reduction: Nov 26 BS in ME, CHE, Chem, EE, Metal, Phys, AeroE; MS, PhD in Chem. Chrysler Corp: Nov 26 BS in ME, EE for Defense Engr; EE, ME, AeroE, Phys for Guided Missile Operations. Chrysler Corp: Nov 26 for BS in Engineering interested in MS degree in Automotive Engineering. Must have academic average in top third of class. Blonder Tongue Lab: Nov 25 BS, MS, PhD in EE.

