

Editorial Opinion

Consistency on Drinking

The Women's Student Government Association will seek to change the drinking regulation for 21-year-old women this afternoon by placing it before the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

The WSGA drinking regulation now allows no coeds, regardless of age, to drink. WSGA last year approached the Senate committee requesting the change, but it was denied because it was thought that the women's drinking rule was not enforced strictly enough. Suzanne Smith, president, said.

WSGA was told, Miss Smith continued, that if all coeds were obeying the regulation, the ban might be lifted for women over 21.

Women students over 21 should be allowed to drink. Whether the regulation is now obeyed by minors should make no difference in the Senate committee's decision.

The question is merely one of democratic principle. Since the University is a state institution, its regulations regarding non-University activities should without doubt be consistent with those set by the state.

The principle, however, works two ways. If the regulation were adjusted to allow 21-year-olds to drink, minors who drink would be openly violating two rules—of both WSGA and the state. But perhaps, by bringing the state rule "closer to home," it would help reduce the so-called minor drinking problem.

If the regulation were changed, WSGA would still control excessive drinking. All women students are subject to WSGA rules and violations can draw penalty from Judicial and, if necessary, the administration.

The Senate Committee on Student Affairs this afternoon should remember that a woman student over 21, noon should remember that a woman student over 21, noon, too.

Cabinet and Voting Ethics

The old problem of whether All-University Cabinet should represent the majority of the students or whether Cabinet members should vote as they see fit has popped up again.

This is quite a problem and we wish it had a clear-cut answer. And the problem is partly the result of a weakness in our entire democratic system of government.

Probably the generally-accepted position on this question goes like this: Since the constituents do not have the time, the interest, the information, or the ability to make the judgments, representatives should determine for themselves what is in the best interests of the country as a whole. However, representatives must be sensitive to the needs and desires of their constituents.

Now let's try to apply this to Cabinet for here is where the fun begins.

On many issues facing it, Cabinet does not have the final say. If the administration vetoes a Cabinet decision, Cabinet cannot override the veto, and it generally has no place to appeal.

So, in many instances, Cabinet is reduced to the role of an advisory board.

Does this mean that Cabinet should advise the administration on the opinion of the student body? If so, then Cabinet members would have a more ethical responsibility to follow the wishes of the student body than if it were purely a "legislating" body.

In a nutshell, that's the problem.

Probably an answer lies somewhere between the two extremes. And where it lies can best be determined only on specific issues.

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Safety Valve

'Who's in News' Miffs Steele

TO THE EDITOR: To all who are in anyway concerned with the publication Who's in the News at Penn State, I must correct a misconception, or a misstatement.

In the letter recently sent to 400 outstanding students at Penn State a statement is made that they were chosen by a selections committee composed of the All-University President and a number of other student representatives. This is incorrect! I had nothing whatsoever to do with this selection—I chose no one. I recommended no one, I passed judgment on no one. At the selections meeting held before Thanksgiving I did nothing but voice my opposition to this publication.

For reasons which space would not permit me to go into here, I believe this publication is a valueless project, a complete waste of time and money involved, and, at best, a very shallow and meaningless "honor." Incidentally, the purposes and values of this publication were seriously questioned by all the student representatives who were present at that meeting. As a matter of fact, it was unanimously felt that the publication might well be discontinued.

Hence, I wish it known that I have completely disassociated myself from the publication Who's in the News at Penn State. The only thing I had to do with the 1957 edition of this publication was to try to have it discontinued.

—Robert J. Steele, All-University President

Cabinet Members: 'Consult Students'

TO THE EDITOR: Tuesday night on the Cabinet's Forum of the Air radio program, the fraternity-independent rotation plan was discussed. During the program it was made quite clear that both political parties were very much in favor of abolishing this plan.

It seems to me that since the primary purposes of a political party are nominating candidates and getting them elected to office, some attention should be given to their views.

Also Elections Committee, and Cabinet as a whole, seem to be forgetting that they are there to represent the student. Has elections committee thought of taking a survey among the students to find out just what they want?

I think that it's about time the student was consulted before their representatives make a decision regarding such an important issue as the abolishment or retention of the rotation system.

—Paul Shaw, '60

'Perpetual Calendar' To Be Lecture Topic

Francis Felix will talk on "The Perpetual Calendar" at a meeting of Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honorary society, at 7:30 tonight in 228 Sparks.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting, which is open to the public.

Phi Chi Theta to Meet

Anne Guckenberger, of the U.S. Steel Co., will address members of Phi Chi Theta, woman's business honorary society, on "Women in Industry" at 4 today in 111 Boucke.

Gazette

TODAY Ag Ec Club, 6 p.m., Dining Room "A" HUB American Rocket Society and Institute of Aeronautical Science, 7 p.m., 110 EE American Society for Engineering Education, 4:10 p.m., 105 ME Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel Insurance Club, 7 p.m., Beta Theta Pi Newman Club fraternity-sorority committee, 8 p.m., 305 Sparks Newman Club Discussion Group, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center Newman Club Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center Phi Chi Theta, Anne Guckenberger, speaker, 4 p.m., 111 Boucke Pi Mu Epsilon, 7:30 p.m., 228 Sparks. "The Perpetual Calendar" Players, people interested in advertising crew, 7 p.m., Schwab loft Sigma Alpha Eta, 7 p.m., Speech and Hearing Clinic, Sparks Wesley Foundation Fireside Forum, 6:15 p.m., Foundation Young Democrats, 7 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union, Richard M. Sharp, Centre County district attorney-elect Young GOPs, 7 p.m., 212 HUB

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"It appears to me only ONE of you took the trouble to do the outside assignment last night!"

Interpreting the News

France Is Ready For Nuclear Role

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

France is in position to start producing nuclear weapons at any time.

Whether she should do so will be a topic at the international conferences to be held in Paris next week.

Since Russia knows this, it may have been a factor in Premier Bulganin's renewed offer to stop nuclear tests if other possessors of the weapons will do likewise.

France's emphasis has been on development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. One reason is her economic situation, upon which expensive bomb production would be an added strain.

Also, she has no desire to aggravate the world situation, and would be glad if a world ban could be agreed upon, relieving her of the necessity for making bombs.

Since the failure of last summer's London disarmament conference, however, there have been reports that France would go in to bomb production next year.

Since the revelation of Russia's advances in military science, some authorities have been pointing out that French bomb production would bolster the allied bargaining position.

France at the moment is irked over what she feels is an Anglo-American entente in the weapons field which, intentionally or not, leaves France somewhat in the cold, and relegates her to a secondary position in NATO.

Some Frenchmen feel this situation would be balanced if France also had nuclear weapons.

Part of the effort at the NATO conference, however, is expected to be to work out elimination of duplicate effort. Since the United States is able to produce all the nuclear weapons needed, French production is primarily largely a political question.

There is good reason to believe that France has never committed herself either way, even secretly. Some of her leaders believe the political impact of her ability to produce is almost, if not quite, as effective as if she actually had stockpiles.

Others feel that she will never sit as a full equal of Britain and the United States until she has a stockpile, no matter how courteous her allies try to be.

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