

Editorial Opinion

Vague but Necessary

University entrance requirements have been upped another notch with the Senate approval of a rule barring most students who are not deemed competent to enter English Composition 1.

This new rule, effective for the fall semester 1960, will almost eliminate English Composition O, a non-credit remedial course.

Numerous Senate members wanted to eliminate the course altogether by accepting only those students who could enter English Composition 1. However, certain colleges with a high percentage of students taking the remedial course led the fight against this.

The Senate, therefore, compromised and permitted a lee-way to accept students who are below par in English but who have "unusually high scholastic ability in other respects."

This escape clause certainly can be attacked for its vagueness. However, the clause and its vagueness appear to be necessary. Students who excel "in other respects" should not be kept from entering Penn State because of a deficiency in one subject, even when that subject is as basic as English.

Although this "escape clause" appears necessary, the University should use it sparingly. Students deficient in English—although they do excel in other respects—should be encouraged to make up this deficiency before coming to Penn State. The University is supposedly a place of higher learning, not remedial learning. And the University should not be expected to assume the extra costs of providing remedial subjects for its students.

Froth and Satire

Froth has redeemed itself by coming out with one of the best issues in years. It's on sale today at the familiar places.

Froth comes up with some hard-hitting satire and parody aimed at All-University Cabinet, individual student leaders, Lion's Paw and this newspaper and its editors.

Froth, with its use of good satire, hits harder and maybe more effectively at many of the things this newspaper has criticized this year. Unrepresentative student government and All-University Cabinet appear to be its main target.

We enjoyed our advance copy of this issue of Froth. In fact, we are still chuckling over the parody on us.

Spirit of Greek Week

This is Greek Week, the week fraternity men and sorority women sing, work and play together.

It's a time when fraternities and sororities publicize themselves, their place in University life, and what they have to contribute to its members and the University community.

The biggest bit of public relations during the week is the Community Project day when the Greeks put on old clothes, man rakes, wield paint brushes and spruce up spots about the community.

Certainly fraternities and sororities do have much to offer the University community. However, it is unfortunate the spirit of Greek Week is not always practiced the year round.

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Other Opinion

Editor's Chair For One Day

Sitting in the editor's chair for even one day is a terrific experience in itself.

But to let our advertisers in on some trade secrets, we can say that this paper is studied in the community while others circulating here are only read. This should be good news for Advertisers.

It doesn't take long—and indeed it is amazing—to find out how many people with little or no basic knowledge of journalism "want to run the paper."

With their air of ostentation and superficial confidence, they waste no time in making any decisions necessary in dealing with a "hot story." We wonder how they would handle an irate housewife that calls about her Tommy's name being misspelled.

Some complaints that come in are loaded with dynamite and some with as much tactfulness as British Diplomacy itself. Yet, what we want to point out is that this implies the paper is read, and read very carefully.

—Canonsburg Daily Notes

Gazette

- TODAY Academic Year Institute, Raymond G. D. Ayoub on "Recent Developments in Mathematics," 3:10 p.m., 213 Buckhout Artists' Series, Oberkirchen Children's Choir, 8:30 p.m., Schwab Book Exchange Candidates, 7 p.m., HUB auditorium Chest Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB Collegian classified ad staff, 6:30 p.m., office Freshman Advisory Board, 8 p.m., 214-215 HUB, Customs Surveys Grange, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver Industrial Education Society, 8 p.m., Tau Kappa Epsilon Metallurgy Seminar, Dr. J. B. Wagner, "The Oxidation of Iron Single Crystals," 317 Willard Newman Club Novens, 7 p.m., church Newman Club Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel Newman Club Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., church Philosophy Club, Dr. John M. Anderson, "Common Humanity as a Political Concept," 8 p.m., 209 HUB Players' Advertising Crew, "Merchant of Venice" 8:30 p.m., Schwab loft Student Committee on Alumni Association, 7 p.m., 203 Willard Tall Tales, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver Zoology Club, Dr. Hubert Frings on "Albatross Problem on Midway," 7 p.m., 113 Frear

- UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Jeanne Anderson, William Benton, Philip Bloom, Paul Chiavacci, JoAnn Cooper, Rafael Crespo-Cintrón, Valerie DeLacy, Clifford Dietrich, Jane Eisenbrey, Jacob Engle, Suzanne Pink, Lillian Fischer, Stephen Fouse, Mary E. Funke, Edith Gross, John Gysling, Lee Hammarstrom, George Hancock, Susanne Ittel, Harry Klapper, Peter Larson, Janet MacLean, Lewis Miller, Shirley Ominsky, Richard Potter, Allan Schechner, Harriet Schoonmaker, Ruth Steinberg, Arthur Stevenson, Patricia Thompson, Patricia Turner, George Vortey, Nancy Weinstein

Blanks Offered For Hat Sox

Second- and third-semester men with a minimum 2.0 All-University average may fill out activities cards in the dean of men's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through next Wednesday for Delphi, sophomore men's hat society.

A new file of activities cards has been installed in the office to replace the old file at the Hetzel Union desk.

The file was installed by the Hat Societies Council in order to make the handling of the cards easier than the old file, which consisted of a pile of 800 to 1000 large cards.

The new file will have places for freshman, sophomore, junior and senior cards.

Students have been asked to remove their old cards from the HUB desk as soon as possible.

Prof to Speak on Math

Raymond G. D. Ayoub, associate professor of mathematics, will speak on "Recent Developments in Mathematics" at the Academic Year Institute colloquium at 3:10 today in 213 Buckhout.

Philosophy Club to Meet

Dr. John M. Anderson, professor of philosophy, will speak to the Philosophy Club at 8 tonight in 209 Hetzel Union.

His topic will be "Common Humanity as a Political Concept."

WDFM Programs

Wednesday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, Telephone Bandstand; 7:50, State News and National Sports; 3, Jazz Panorama; 9, News; 9:15, At Your Service; 9:30, Music of the People; 10, News; 10:05, Virtuoso; 11:30, Sign off and news. *Also carried on WMAZ.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Shop Talk Baseball Season Brings Headaches

Lack of space is one of the biggest headaches facing us in giving our readers wider news coverage, especially on the national scene.

The sports staff is especially concerned since baseball season is upon us. Certainly we do not have the space to cover the local scene and the Major Leagues completely at the same time.

Therefore, since coverage of Major League baseball is more readily available from other sources than is coverage of Penn State sports, emphasis as usual will remain on the local scene.

However, the sports editors will try to find space for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Phillies box scores as well as the Major League standings.

When space permits, additional coverage of Major League baseball will be provided.

The same problem also plagues the news side of this newspaper. And the same principle applies: since we do not have the space to give good coverage on both local news and national and international news, we concentrate on local news. More complete coverage of state, national and international news is readily available from other sources.

Here's an idea we have been tossing around and would like some reader opinion on:

Dick Bibler, who syndicates the "Little Man on Campus" cartoons appearing in this newspaper, only draws about 90 new cartoons a year. This is

because most college newspapers are not dailies.

Since Collegian prints approximately 150 issues each year, this means we must re-run about 60 old cartoons each year. We dislike doing this.

Many students have told us they would like to see a daily crossword puzzle printed in Collegian. We would like to do this, but lack of space at present prevents this.

Our idea then is to run Bibler cartoons on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (thus eliminating re-runs) and crossword puzzles (if we can obtain a good syndicated one) on Wednesdays and Fridays.

We would appreciate knowing how you feel about this.

A former associate editor of this newspaper will return to campus this week to speak and to autograph his best-selling book at a downtown store.

He is Vance Packard, class of '36, whose "The Hidden Persuaders" has been on the best-seller list for months.

Packard will speak on campus Friday afternoon and autograph his book Saturday afternoon at the Pennsylvania Book Store.

Another former Collegian editor, Bernie Cutler, head of the Moscow Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune, spoke on campus last month.

—The Editor

