

Editorial Opinion

Unknown Representatives

George Bentrem, a member of the Chemistry and Physics Student Council, at a council meeting last night voiced strong opposition to parts of the student government reorganization plan to be presented at All-University Cabinet tonight.

He denied that the representative system outlined in the plan is a good thing.

We are not condemning or praising him for holding this opinion.

We are condemning, however, his lack of courage in trying to avoid standing responsible for his opinions.

And we are also condemning Council President Donald Zepp for his sympathy with Bentrem and his disregard for and lack of understanding of the meaning of representing other students on a council.

For Bentrem, before expressing his opinion, demanded that his remarks be off the record and that his statements at the public meeting of student representatives not be reported in the student newspaper.

The reporter, who felt that his opinions, regardless of his demands for anonymity, were important enough to be made known to his constituents, did not know the speaker's name and so requested his name from Zepp.

Zepp refused to identify the speaker, saying that the last time students found out what Bentrem had said at a council meeting, it came close to hurting him in the class elections.

We do not deny that what a student representative says in a public meeting may hurt him in an election.

But we certainly deny the thesis that his constituents should not know what he has said while acting in their behalf.

And Not a Drop to Drink

Oh, who's afraid of the big bad bottle? We are, we are, cries the dean of women's office.

Yes, the dean's office has decreed that coeds must remove all empty (and filled, of course) liquor bottles used for decoration from their rooms. A few, even, were removed by Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston herself, although a report that there had been a room-to-room search was denied.

The order was given on the grounds that the coeds realize liquor bottles have never been allowed in the dorms, and that the casual observer might not notice that the decorative bottles were empty. "To eliminate gossip and ... in the interests of good taste," according to Dean Weston.

This bottle removal seems a little childish. Empty liquor bottles are often ornately designed and make attractive decorations for a room; they usually are not intended to advertise the wonders of drinking and are not in bad taste.

And as for someone thinking a bottle is filled, this is hard to believe. If a coed visiting a room didn't at first glance think a liquor bottle was empty, she would almost certainly take a quick second check.

Perhaps the housemothers would be justified in ordering removal of bottles if there were a great many in one room; but one or two used decoratively don't seem out of order.

And what will they do if a bottle has a ship in it?

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Letters

Student Blasts Borough Tax

TO THE EDITOR: With regard to your article yesterday under the headline "Students in Apartments to Pay Tax": In every American history book dealing with the Revolutionary period there is a section devoted to the colonists' battle against "taxation without representation."

It seems an American way to forget about such things when it is convenient, especially in local bureaucracies. This is the case in State College. Although students can't vote in this student-supported borough, or participate in any way in its administration, the borough has a law under which the students must pay taxes.

No doubt the ungrateful citizenry of this burg, including its student-made millionaires, are 100 per cent behind the law. This taxation without representation is tyrannical and completely without the lesson we supposedly have taught the rest of the world in our famous revolution. Perhaps the students could well afford to revolt. I don't really expect this to happen, of course.

The tax, probably intended as a nuisance more than anything else (something like a mocking slap in the face), is imposed neither on students in dormitories nor on the obviously favored fraternities. The tax is paid by the unorganized, poor (that's the rub) and unsupported downtown independents. This, I think, is significant. No doubt it is unjust.

At least this taxation is understandable. It's the old story of get all you can from the sucker who will pay. Probably the fraternities took care of this problem a long time ago.

And the University, despite its role as defender and protector of the rights and morals of the students, couldn't be expected to lose political good standing by protecting its students' rights beyond the gate on College Avenue.

I think a great deal more remains to be said, but at the moment I'm too disgusted to continue. I hope the Collegian can find room for this much without having to cut it beyond recognition and sensibility.

—James J. Bruce, '60



Partisan of Boucke Readers Protest Replies to Column' Ed Council Report

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Drayne has used his sarcastic wit to express the typical thinking of those liberal arts students—those romantics—who emerge " . . . from the stately hollows of the Sparks Building with a subtle but unmistakable air of self-confidence and poise."

It is no wonder, then, that these students greet the Boucke Men " . . . with some mixture of tolerance and contempt." I think however, that whatever tolerance and contempt they may have is directed not at the Boucke Men but rather at themselves for their inability to escape from the utopian world in which they walk.

Is this failure to be realistic a characteristic of maturity? Is this knowledge of an almost dead philosophy a contribution toward the advancement of civilization? No, Mr. Drayne, I am afraid that the scholars to whom you refer have chosen the liberal arts curriculum only because they have no idea of what useful function they wish to perform, and that the only deep and challenging question which they may ask themselves is, "Why didn't I think twice?"

But the Boucke Men, those buffoons, bullies and roustabouts, will determine your life, Mr. Drayne—and the lives of all who adhere to your way of thinking. And so, Mr. Drayne, as you walk through life writing your silly ditties and contributing to the advancement of the modern mind, you will find that the stares which you receive are not because you are a liberal arts student pondering some question, but because you forgot your pants.

—Robert H. Schimmel, '60

TO THE EDITOR: There seems to be a serious misunderstanding in regards to the Education Student Council's views concerning the open class program. It has been reported by The Collegian that the council is not in favor of this policy. This is erroneous. Last semester the council voted the approval and support of the plan.

The question put before the Ed Council last Tuesday night was not the open class program itself as reported in The Collegian. Rather, we were presented with a plan whereby professors from all nine colleges would be asked to list the topics of their lectures for the coming week. These lists would be compiled by the presidents of the colleges and posted on the Hetzel Union Building bulletin board each Monday morning.

This is the plan which was not favored by the Education Student Council. Council members felt that with all nine colleges represented on the bulletin board, the size of the lists alone would discourage students from looking for an extra class to attend. The council also felt that if a student had a genuine interest in a certain lecture or professor he would take the initiative himself and, after checking with the professor, attend the class.

The alternate plan proposed by the Education Student Council was to post the lectures for one college each week. It was not to open the classes of just one college each week as reported by The Collegian.

Perhaps before criticizing, The Collegian should be sure of what they are criticizing.

—Jacquelynne Myers, '60
—Carole Cen, '60

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1 Where Grace Kelly lives.
7 Letter.
14 Pike of Pikes Peak.
15 More audible.
16 Cracker.
17 Football players.
18 ___ Baba.
19 Allura.
21 Fighter-actor Leo ___
22 ___ and zags.
24 Pot herb.
25 Map.
26 Search for.
27 ___ suit.
28 Liszt or Schubert.
29 Poisonous gas.
31 The fundamentals of education: 2 words.
33 Action.
35 Shout.
36 Wisconsin's capital.
39 Certain Chopin compositions.
43 Christmas song.
44 Pleasant.
46 Easterner in the West: Slang.
47 Bow: Comb. form.
48 Crooked.
49 Ireland.
50 To the ___ degree.
51 Made an error appear right by minimizing (with "over").
54 College degrees.
55 "___ Lindo" (Beautiful Heaven): Spanish song.
57 Subject to trial in court.
59 Attired.
60 Empowers.
61 Sen. Hill and namesakes.
62 Removes the upper decks of a ship.
DOWN
1 More friable.
2 Does a favor: Colloq.
3 Almond.
4 Inter ___
5 Continent: Abbr.
6 "___ buckle my shoe:" 2 words.
7 Well-known Charlie.
8 Choose.
9 Transmitted.
10 Held a session.
11 Having interstice.
12 Natives o. Stuttgart.
13 Subatitute.
14 Magda's sister.
20 Part of a plant.
23 Old-fashioned "scram!"
25 Introductory movement of fugue.
27 Letters.
28 Wool fabric, neither woven or knitted.
30 Actor Hamilton.
32 An instrument, as the clarinet.
34 Flowering trees.
36 A cocktail.
37 Bowmen.
38 Conjunctions.
40 Lasting.
41 Things to be eaten.
42 Perceives.
43 Strike out.
45 Pearl maker
48 Modify.
51 Scoff.
52 Singer Berger.
53 Mexican president, 1876-1911.
56 Considerable number: Colloq.
58 Presidential nickname.

