

Editorial Opinion

Details Should Not Snag Reorganization Purposes

Not since 1939 have student leaders had the opportunity they will enjoy tonight and the next two Thursday nights.

Not in 20 years has student government had laid before it the plans for a total reorganization.

The opportunity is great. The responsibility is commensurate.

All-University Cabinet last fall adopted a set of principles advanced by Student Encampment. It established a committee with the expressed purpose of carrying out these principles. Two weeks ago it approved the underlying structure of a governmental system which would put Cabinet out of business as a legislative group.

But the real test is tonight, when the proposed Constitution, and all its fine points, come before the highest existing student government body.

The proponents of reorganization will face two foes during the next three Thursday night Cabinet sessions: Cabinet members opposed to the overall plan and Cabinet members opposed to certain details of the plan.

Two college student councils already have put themselves in the category of being "agin" the program's principles already adopted by Cabinet. With comparatively little study, they have come out in wholehearted opposition to what they see as a raid on their "private preserve" of automatic legislative seats for their presidents.

However, what these particular councils consider their "private preserve" hardly can be labelled as in the public interest in an expanded student government, especially since college representatives now are elected not by the general student body of the college, but by the relatively few members who sit on the college council. And most council members are elected by very, very small votes.

The dissenters on details are expected to light on provisions spelling out the organization and election of the legislature, details which have been worked out by the committee after long discussion and careful planning. By and large, these details seem to have been worked out in the best way by the committee.

This is not to suggest that Cabinet members should refrain from questioning, suggesting and discussing the entire program and its details at length. They should. In fact, they have a responsibility to their constituents to carefully examine all legislation before them.

But at the same time, Cabinet members tonight should consider the hundreds of hours of research, compilation, weighing of alternatives and planning done by its reorganization committee.

Cabinet members must make their decisions with every concern for the completeness of the plan and the general welfare of the student body it will govern, for the plan which goes into effect in 1959 must work in 1959.

The need for reorganization is clear. The need—and the underlying principles fulfilling the need — already have been accepted by Cabinet. Student government cannot allow itself to thwart its most important internal legislation in years by sandbagging its vital details.

The next few Cabinet meetings call for the highest qualities in student leadership.

Letters

Alum Decries Policies Here

TO THE EDITOR: Having been away from Penn State for nearly three years, I was quite happy to discover several Daily Collegians at the Stanford newspaper office.

But upon reading them, what did I find?—that the Dean of Women desires to remove empty whiskey bottles from girls' dormitories; that male students are being campused; that town independents are being taxed to pay for State College schools; and that the students in Nittany dorms are still slopping in mud.

Is it possible that My school is going backward instead of forward?

Will the administration ever discover that the great majority of Penn State students are mature adults, highly desirous of a superior education, most capable of assuming responsibility and self-government, but still very much in need of protection from over-zealous State College merchants and tax assessors?

—Phillip Green, '56 Stanford Business School Stanford, California

HomeEc Courses Blasted by Reader

TO THE EDITOR: Re: Brenda Donovan's rabid defense of the Home Economic college in such an outlandish and blatant manner.

Miss Donovan may have a point: Mr. Fineman did have "inadequate knowledge of the curriculum and its purposes"—but for her to go on in her dogmatic ways and ask how one is to become better acquainted with the various appliances in the market today without studying home ec courses is on the step of absurdity.

My suggestion to you, Miss Donovan, is that you stop in and see your nearest appliance dealer—or read the operating instructions the next time you buy one of his products. I'm sure then you would be able to "become better acquainted with the more advanced techniques relating to the construction, operation, care and use of the various appliances on the market today."

"Maybe then you wouldn't have to schedule such specialized courses as H.M.F.E. 439 (Home Management), H. M. F. E. 442 (Resident Experience in Home Management), F.N. 220 (Meal Management), or Hs. Eq. 213 (Household Equipment)—just to cite a few examples. Maybe then you would have more time to schedule courses that would enable you to use your mind more freely and critically (The Arts I, Humanities 1, International Understanding 300).

These are the types of courses

University Profs Write ME Text

Norman R. Sparks, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and Charles C. Dillio, associate professor of mechanical engineering, have recently had their new book, "Mechanical Engineering," published.

The book is designed not only for students specializing in refrigeration but also for those interested in basic fundamentals and application.

The book is a revision of "The Theory of Mechanical Engineering," by Sparks.

TIM Swim Party

The Town Independent Men Council is sponsoring a couple swim party at the Glennland Pool from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tomorrow.

This is to be a make-up party for one that was scheduled earlier in the semester.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Arnold Bleiwis, Lawrence Brody, Donald Bruce, Fredrick Fernsler, Anne Gardner, Ray Hansen, Catherine Hoika, Gregory Keller, Judith Latch, Priscilla McCormick, Mary Minkewich, Gary Montgomery, Susanne Pattison, Neal Rhoads, Carole Robinson, Rafael Santiago, Anita Sheldrake, Barbara Sluhin, Dennis Upright, Samuel Wilson, Sandra Sikes.

that will help you broaden your college years, make them more interesting, challenging and meaningful. I always thought of college as a place where you learned how to think—not as a trade school where you are taught how to tuck a baby in bed or vacuum clean a rug.

If you really want to learn how to sew, knit, cook, keep house and manage children, did you ever think about asking your mother? I'll bet she's got all the answers and can give them to you in a couple of hours.

—Mike Maxwell, '59

Student Objects To Job Article

TO THE EDITOR: A news item on student employment in Europe appeared in The Daily Collegian on Nov. 12, 1958. The or-

ganization sponsoring the employment, the American Student Information Service, invited student applications.

The writer refers the Collegian staff to page 250 of the Editors and Publishers Yearbook for 1958. The Code of Practice reads:

"No advertising will be published if it is fraudulent, misleading, or otherwise harmful."

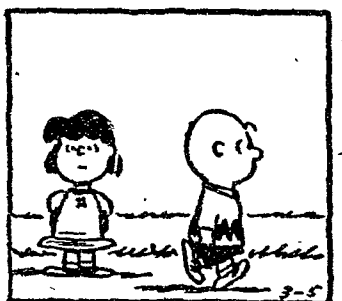
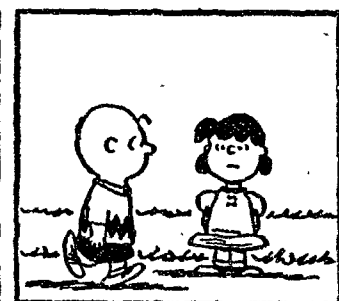
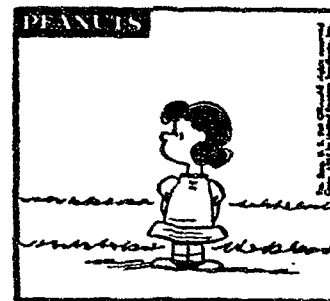
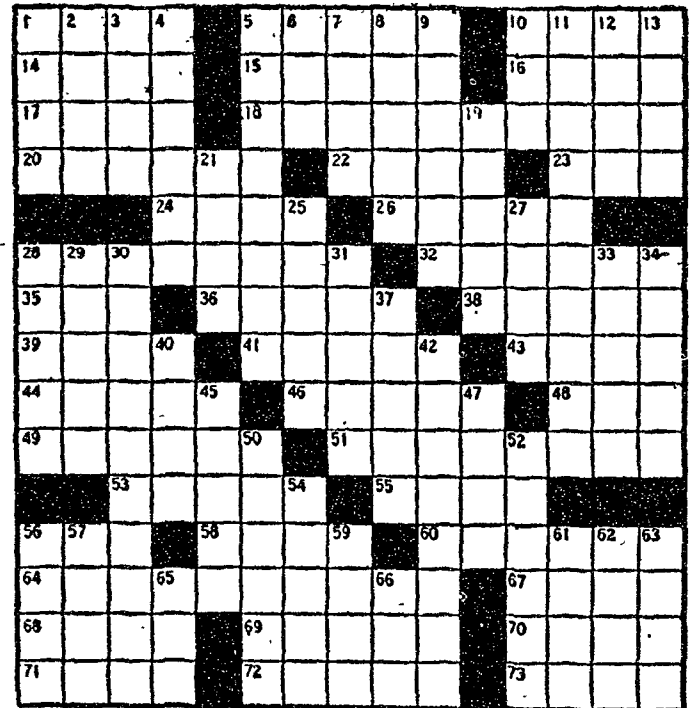
Had the Collegian staff checked the reputation of the American Student Information Service (ASIS) they would have found the organization not recommended by either the Council on Student Travel or the U.S. State Department. (See reference librarian's letter, Feb. 13, 1959.)

The writer is irritated over having invested time and money in a non-bonafide organization which got away with having their "ad" run in The Daily Collegian.

—William F. Faust, '59

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1 Chapeaux.
5 Arose: 2 words.
10 Star in Cetus.
14 Asian range.
15 Absalom's cousin.
16 "\_\_\_ broom sweeps clean." :2 words.
17 Such and no more.
18 Lucrative business :2 words.
20 Like hen's teeth.
22 O'Neill heroine.
23 Adjective for Reynard.
24 Stone.
26 \_\_\_ wave.
28 \_\_\_ Cassidy.
32 Spite.
35 Actress Gardner.
36 Upbraid.
38 Worked in a colliery.
39 Baltic native.
41 The German Rip Van Winkle.
43 Biblical king.
44 Moral.
46 Man's name.
48 Compass point.
49 Jungle journey.
51 Handy man.
53 Mohammedan fiat.
55 Colloquial potato.
56 Skewer.
58 Dylan Thomas.
60 Lady with the careless cow.
64 Members of a fraternal order: 2 words.
67 Foreign trade discount.
68 Buttery stuff.
69 Inspiring fear.
70 Penetrating flavor.
71 \_\_\_ Marquette.
72 Drift.
73 Brunnhilde's mother.
DOWN
1 Amateur radio operators.
2 Scotsman's name.
3 Ireland's historic hill.
4 Saw-toothed range.
5 Fowl fighter.
6 Shoulder: Comb. form.
7 River in Kenya.
8 Didn't usually.
9 Old word for a heathen.
10 Sheep sound.
11 Writer of pot-boilers.
12 Virginia specialty.
13 Crooked.
19 Ethel Merman role.
21 Colonels: Abbr.
25 Hillock.
27 Inter \_\_\_
28 Pulls.
29 Mrs. Hobby.
30 Natty bumpo.
31 Raw white of egg.
33 Stop.
34 Turf-cutting tool.
37 Cape Cod scenery.
40 Poetic headdress.
42 Imagined.
45 Crinkled material.
47 Biblical king.
50 Small object of worship.
52 Have thoughts.
54 Moray fisherman.
56 Ship's deck.
57 Useless.
59 Rushed about.
61 Seaweed substance.
62 Part of a cheese.
63 Hindu ascetic system.
65 An ill-wisher.
66 Come out ahead.



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