

Editorial Opinion

A True Separation

The SGA Assembly last night took a creditable step toward its basic concept of reorganization—separation of powers. This was done by approving limitations on the SGA president's power of debate during Assembly meetings

This approval came after the Rules Committee presented a recommendation that the SGA president should speak only while presenting an executive report or when called upon by the Assembly for executive and expert advice.

Under the SGA constitution, the president is an ex-officio member of the Assembly and may not vote in any event. Inherent in the drawing up of this constitution was the separation of powers theory and it looks as if this theory will be carried out to the fullest possible degree.

In limiting the president's power of debate, the Assembly has shown that it realizes it alone has the power of legislating and that it intends to hold on to this power.

This curb tends to be purely psychological, but it will make for greater self-confidence on the part of Assembly members. There will be no danger of the executive body wielding unwanted influence on the legislature.

However, Assembly members should not use this new rule as a weapon for asserting a superiority of legislative branch over the executive. Both branches have different functions but each should work for a common goal—an improved student government system.

Times will arise when the Assembly will heed the advice of the executive committee and it should not hesitate to seek out the chief executive.

The SGA president represents the student body as a whole and as such, should be interested in its welfare. In this capacity, his advice, in addition to that of Assembly members, will mean a close-knit student government system.

While the step taken last night was a good one, Assembly members should keep the advisory capacities of the president in mind, use them as often as possible, and whenever necessary.

Returning Favors

The many physical improvements brought about through the Alumni Association should be just reason for the entire Class of '59 pledging support to the association.

Many seniors benefited directly from the association's work by receiving academic and athletic scholarships. Others can look to book collections in the library, furnishings in Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel and perhaps its biggest project, Stone Valley.

In the past seven years, \$1,145,000 was given to the University by the association. The enlarged graduating classes of the future will pile many more thousands back into the University.

It is a credit to any senior who realizes the benefits he has received from the Alumni Association and then pledges his support, both financially and in participating in its activities.

Let's Get Rid of Puddles

The recommendation to improve irregular paving and inadequate drainage on campus is a very sound one in view of the present problems evident following a heavy rain.

This recommendation, included in the Traffic Survey made by the Department of Engineering, calls for ways to eliminate the drainage problem.

This recommendation should be given close consideration because the large puddles of water remaining after a rainfall are an inconvenience to the large number of students going from class to class.

With the expanding University a significant area as improved paving should not be put aside.

It is an important problem and as such, should be solved in the near future.

A Student-Operated Newspaper

The Daily Collegian

Successor to The Free Lance, est. 1887

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Letters

Senior Balks At Gift Policy

TO THE EDITOR: I read with a great deal of cynical interest your article concerning the voting for the '59 senior class gift.

Why should I decide upon a class gift when the administration will use the fund as it pleases? It seems to me that the administration's action on the '58 class gift is a gross abortion of the idea and purpose of a class gift.

The purpose of a class gift is to make a school an institution, not just a collection of classrooms and instructors. The "farthered education interests" the administration gained by its action is far outweighed by the damage to school spirit.

I have an admitted interest in WDFM. In it lies a great potential that at present is barely being sampled. The resurgence of the FM industry, the growing importance of the University's centers, and the greatly increasing demand for education makes it imperative that WDFM's present FM outlet is expanded. It is just as important that WDFM have an AM outlet to fulfill its purposes.

I say the '58 class gift should be given to WDFM as the class voted. If, and only if, an AM outlet is physically impossible, WDFM should use the funds toward establishing a state-wide network connecting the centers. If the administration does not change its position on the use of the '58 senior class gift, I invite all forthcoming seniors to join me in directly supporting his or her project of activity.

Ralph Henninger, '59

Gazette

TODAY

Agriculture Extension Program Committee, 8:30 p.m., 215 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 215 HUB
Graduate Student Association, 9-12 a.m., Hotel Union ballroom
Hillel, Sabbath Eve Services, 8 p.m., Hillel Home Ec Extension, 8:30 a.m., Hotel Union assembly room
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 3 White Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Houcke
Senate Sub-Committee, 3 p.m., 215 HUB
Wesley Foundation, picnic, 5:15 p.m., Foundation

HOSPITAL

William E. Bailey, Albert Barnett, Sandra Biber, Susanne Bittinger, Charles Foster, David Brown, Charles Engle, Lee Erickson, Caroline Gillespie, Lois Greenberg, Barbara Hackman, Anthony Hager, Mary Isaacs, LeRoy Ishler, Arlene Kaplan, Lewis Kasselman, David Konesky, Michal Messersmith, Carlene Rarick, John Redmond, John Viney.

Administrators Change Offices

Part of the administration is on the move—from one office to another.

Otto E. Mueller, director of the department of housing, and other members of his department, have moved from 108 Old Main to 1-A Irvin.

In a second move, Robert C. Proffitt, director of the department of food services, and personnel from his office have moved from 206 Old Main to the Food Stores Building.

Elwood F. Olver, director of security, and members of his staff will move from 208 Old Main to offices in the new Telephone Building today.

Foster Selected Head Of Hat Society Council

Stanley Foster, junior in business administration from Bradford, has been elected president of Hat Society Council for the next school year.

Other officers are James Ettelson, vice president and Marianne Ellis, secretary-treasurer.

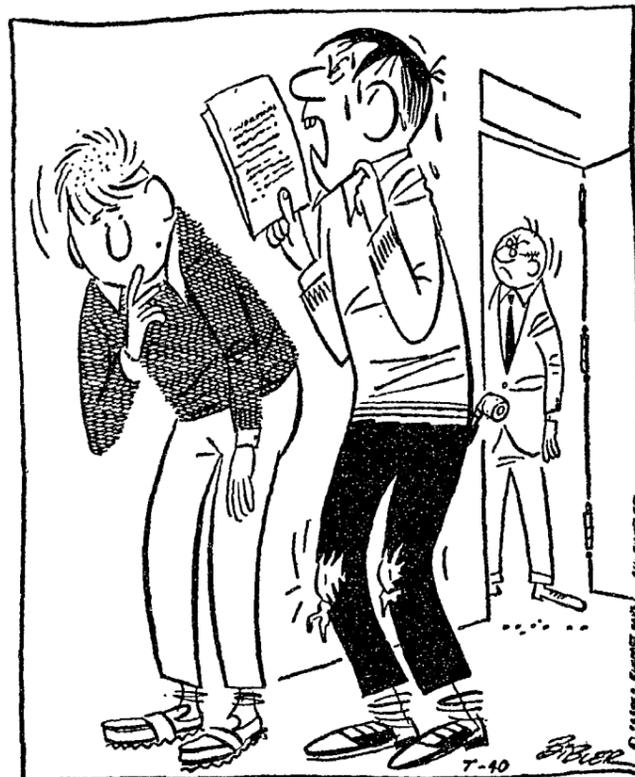
Gemmell Writes Article

Dr. James Gemmell, professor of education, is the author of an article, "Economic Education Comes of Age," which appeared in the April issue of The Balance Sheet.

Approved Fraternities

All fraternities are approved for the entertainment of women guests on Friday and Saturday except Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu. Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Sigma Upsilon and Beta Theta Pi are approved for Saturday night only.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Biber



"Probation or not—I'll not beg to get a grade raised!"

without malice

Collegian Amazes Japanese Editor

by denny malick

An editor of a Japanese newspaper which circulates 1,100,000 daily was awed by The Daily Collegian this week.

Nebumasa Nishigawa, editor of the Chubu Nippon-Press of Nagoya, Japan, said he couldn't understand how students could get enough time to publish a daily newspaper.

Strange that he should ask this question. Collegian staffers can't understand it either.

Nishigawa visited the Collegian office Wednesday as part of a tour of campus. He chatted with staffers for some time, comparing American and Japanese newspapers and how they operate.

He said that all the Japanese colleges and universities have their own newspapers but they are weeklies or more often monthlies.

This is not the first time that some visiting dignitary or what have you has expressed surprise at Collegian's operations. In fact quite a bit of comment along these lines comes from professors themselves.

One professor, teaching his first semester, held up a Collegian in his 8 a.m. class and asked: "Who puts this thing out?"

Someone replied that it was

published by students, mostly those studying journalism. He then replied: "I just don't see how they can do it and keep up with their studies."

This professor could have obtained a pretty good answer to his question had he awakened any one of the three Collegian staffers who were asleep in the back row.

Students frequently ask similar questions of our staffers. That is, they do sometimes when they aren't complaining about their name being spelled wrong in some insignificant two paragraph story or that the story about the new second vice president of the Knot Tying Club didn't make page one.

We get questions like, "Just when do you study?" Professors are more likely to ask: "Do you ever study?"

I refuse to answer these questions on the grounds that some professor may be reading this column.

But concerning our daily publication, professional newspapermen are amazed, professors are amazed, other students are amazed and lastly, we too are amazed.



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