

Editorial Opinion

Councils Should Present Student Views to Faculty

The Liberal Arts Student Council has lost an ideal chance to present its students' opinions on possible changes in the college's mathematics-science requirements.

The council failed to recognize the significance to future liberal arts students of such a curriculum change when it held a passing discussion on it at Tuesday's meeting.

The liberal arts faculty has been discussing since last fall plans to strengthen the requirements. Several proposals have been suggested, debated and rejected in the faculty meetings.

The basic objection to the present requirements is that students can fulfill them without a chemistry or physics course. Some professors feel these courses provide the only true picture of experimental methods in the laboratory.

The student council should not try to dictate to the faculty or interfere with its functioning in any way but it should at least have offered the students' views on the prospective changes.

Past Council President Louis Phillips had earlier relayed some preliminary information concerning the curriculum discussion to the council. Progress of the faculty action was also reported in Collegian stories.

However, until the council's final meeting of the semester Tuesday, no one had introduced the subject for discussion. This was done Tuesday and it was suggested that David Epstein, council president, should present the council's views at today's faculty meeting.

But no discussion followed.

One of the main duties of a student council is to act as a liaison between the students and faculty. A council should take its students' views to the faculty. The faculty should not have to take the initiative.

Many faculty members are eager to hear student opinion. Polls are often taken to obtain student feelings concerning a course, courses or even to aid in evaluating a college.

This should have been quite evident to the liberal arts council members since some of them have taken part in such surveys.

The professors' interest should have been further evident to the council since the faculty has formally invited council officers to attend monthly staff meetings. The faculty quite evidently believes some benefit can come from close relations with its students.

The liberal arts council has apparently missed its chance since final action is expected today on the science requirements.

But many such items will be discussed in the future and it is the duty of any council to present student opinion to the faculty. The faculty can then weigh these views with its own technical knowledge to take suitable action.

What Holiday?

Extending of closing hours of the Pattee Library for four days next week will be a help to students studying for finals. But the hours should be extended for the rest of the examination period.

Ralph W. McComb, University librarian, said library staffers will work regular Saturday hours because of the Memorial Day holiday.

However, students cannot observe the holiday because final examinations are being given until 9 that night.

Since finals are not over until June 3, the library certainly should extend its hours for the rest of the examination period.

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Letters

Reader Refutes Soph's Letter

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Matthew,
In your recent letter, which appeared in this column yesterday, you gave some very bad advice to the coeds of this campus. If a man is found in a girls' dormitory, according to you, the girls should hold a meeting and discuss what action to take.

Needless to say, during this time the man could beat, steal, and even rape. This is no exaggeration, especially when you consider events similar to the shooting that took place right here in State College recently.

No one can deny that unfortunate events of this nature do occur. In the light of this fact, the instant a man violates the boundaries of the restricted areas in the girls' dormitories, the safety of the girls in that dormitory is jeopardized, and it automatically becomes the duty of every girl in that dormitory, in regard to her own safety as well as the safety of her classmates, to report such an intrusion immediately to the proper authorities.

You called the two coeds who reported the presence of the man in their dormitory to the proper authorities, "childlike and irrational."

It seems to me if the young lady who is now in trouble had been as "childlike and irrational" she would not be in the apparently ruinous situation she is in.

•Name Withheld

3 Students Compliment Hospital Nurse Staff

TO THE EDITOR: During our stay at the University Hospital last weekend, at which time we were annoyed by the measles, we were shown great courtesy and friendship by the nurses.

As we attempted to make the best of our predicament, the light conversation and friendly gestures conducted by the nurses, all helped to make our stay more pleasant.

We feel some recognition should be given!

—Elwood White '62
—Richard Metzger '63
—Howard Rogers '61

Gazette

TODAY

Arch-Eng., 8 a.m., Hetzel Union cardroom
Board of Dramatics and Forensics, 8:30 a.m., 218 HUB
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Hetzel Union cardroom
Assembly, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Campus Caucus, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
CPC, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6-15 p.m., Hetzel Union assembly room
Mathematics Seminar, noon, 217 HUB
Public Relations, 5 p.m., 218 HUB
Sports Car Club, 7 p.m., 211 HUB
Young Republicans, 7 p.m., 208 Willard

HOSPITAL

Donald Benton, Irwin Blank, Albert Burger, Vincente Chi, John Coldren, Evelyn Gustavson, George Hand, Eleanor Hanson, LeRoy Ishler, Roland Lessard, Lester Mabery, Hal Miller, Louis Phelps, Harriet Shapiro, Barbara Shepman, Sandra Siffing, Carol Segley, James Swartzwelder.

Language Tests Planned for Grads

Graduate students who plan to take the written foreign language reading examinations July 27 and who have not taken the preliminary oral tests should arrange to do so.

Appointments for the tests can be made as follows: the German orals, which are to be given June 29 and 30, 227 Sparks; French or Spanish tests, also given on June 29 and 30, 300 Sparks.

All other students who have previously passed the oral tests but have failed the written examination should register for the test no later than July 1 in the following places: German, 227 Sparks, English, 247 Sparks; French or Spanish, 300 Sparks.

Prof Publishes Article in College Art Journal

Harold E. Dickson, professor of art and architectural history has had an article published in the spring issue of the College Art Journal.

Dickson's article is concerned with helping students to know and understand art in the hope that they will come to appreciate it.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibber



"I'm giving them their final examination on the French Revolution."

Letters

Readers Disagree With Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: I was considerably disturbed by the editorial that appeared in today's Collegian. In this editorial the editors tried to defend their action of having pictures taken at the E. E. Cummings lecture.

It appears that the editors of the Collegian have no idea of the responsibility that goes with being the newspaper of the Pennsylvania State University. I would like to refute them on three points.

First is a practical point. The editorial stated that a picture was needed to give complete coverage of this news event. Yet the same editors that felt a picture was needed also decided that the lecture was so unnewsworthy that they did not even have a story on the lecture itself, let alone print a picture of it except in the editorial.

I realize that the Collegian printed publicity for the lecture, but it had no story on Cummings's lecture. The lack of a story is inconsistent with the desire for a picture.

Secondly, the Collegian used the picture only to show its disregard for contracts made by the University. The Collegian is University sponsored and supported and should show some respect for the University.

The Collegian is not independent and, whether it likes it or not, is responsible to the University like all other University sponsored organizations.

Last and most important, the Collegian's irresponsible action could have serious effects on future Artist Series programs.

The Collegian undoubtedly has the Constitutional right to take pictures of news events. But it also has the responsibility that goes with the right.

By brazenly flaunting its ability to disregard University contracts, it makes it impossible for the Artist Series to attract other personalities with the same desire for privacy as expressed by Cummings.

Thus the Collegian deprives the entire University community of the benefits of having these people speak. It is in this respect that the editors have erred the most.

I hope that in the future the editors will consider not just their own interests, but the interest of the entire University community.

—Warren Ringer, '59

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to your editorial about the Artists' Series that appeared in Tuesday's paper.

We were highly disappointed in the position that the Collegian took on this.

It would seem that when the University is fortunate enough to have such a famous poet as E. E. Cummings come to our campus, that it would not be asking too much of Collegian to comply with a perfectly reasonable request—not to take photographs. This is no denial of "Freedom of the Press"; this is common courtesy.

But Mr. Cummings, it is highly irregular for anyone to take photographs during a performance and it is most disturbing to the audience who also has rights.

We'd like to see more acceptance of the great responsibility that comes with the "Freedom of the Press" and more judgment in using this freedom.

—Sally Jervis '59
—Joy Larson '59
—Linda Walrath '59

