

Editorial Opinion

# Assembly More Effective With President in Chair

Contrary to the present constitution of the Student Government Association, the SGA president should be the presiding officer of the Assembly.

Assembly members will be asked tonight to approve a Student Encampment workshop recommendation giving the president this power.

The recommendation would return to the highest student government officer a power that was his prior to student government reorganization. Under the present constitution, the SGA vice president is given this power.

Last spring, the authors of the new constitution presented the pros and cons for either officer chairing the Assembly. They said that with the vice president in charge, much of the overload of presidential duties would be relieved. They also felt that this would better insure the separation of powers upon which the constitution is based.

Proponents for the president in the chair contended that he is the focal point for responsibility, he is well informed, and he lends an aura of responsibility to student government.

The result: the vice president was made chairman.

A few months ago those reasons seemed plausible to the majority of Cabinet. Reorganized student government had not yet become a reality and ideology played an important part in organization of the present structure.

Now the reorganized system is in operation as specified and there is little room for ideology. A realistic perspective must be taken when considering remedies for faults that may have been committed in drawing up the "best" system.

Encampment members, after careful discussion, felt that the president should chair the Assembly if student government was to operate effectively.

Why such a change? Why give the president this additional power thus making him the presiding officer of the executive and legislative bodies?

The SGA president is elected to the highest position in student government; he is the highest-ranking representative of the student body. The Assembly being the highest student legislative body, should be headed by the president who is the major link between students and administration.

With the vice president in the chair, there is imminent danger in future years that this position will become more attractive to the most qualified candidate. It is imperative that student government look to its president for the highest quality of leadership.

Adoption of this recommendation will not defeat the separation of powers theory since it is merely switching two members of the executive branch. Executive and legislative branches will remain, and the duties of each will not be destroyed or altered.

Student government needs good leadership and direct channels of communication if it is to survive and if it is to be carried on effectively. The one person to achieve this is the leader of student government and that leader is the SGA president.

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## Campus Beat

### A New Excuse To Break Date ...In Advance

Well, students, here we are again in the midst of homecoming preparations.

And speaking of preparing for Homecoming weekend, a friend of ours got a new excuse from a prospective date: "I'm sorry, but I'm going to be sick this weekend," she said.

The saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day," can't be applied to campus parking regulations. We hear from a good source that they were made in one day—or was it a night mare?

That cordon of cadets that welcomed the Army team onto the field Saturday at West Point was completely spontaneous. Guess the Cadets couldn't be outdone by we civilians.

We wonder how much reading football captain Pat Botula got accomplished on his flight to West Point last Friday? His book — "Courtship and Marriage."

New York may have its ticker-tape welcomes, but we'll wager that State College is the only place around that gives one with toilet paper.

But there was a big demand for the kind of tickets mentioned in the story on the front page of yesterday's Collegian!

The most popular movie in town last night wasn't shown in any of the town's three movie houses. It was the film of the Army game shown in 119 Osmond. Both shows were standing room only.

How much good are the fences doing around the University construction projects. The only things they keep out are big trucks and small elephants.

We never knew that the winners of residence hall and fraternity homecoming displays were more important than the girl who is this year's homecoming Queen. Evidently the powers that be at Beaver Field do. The Queen's name won't be mentioned over the public address system Saturday, but the dorm winners will.

Then there were two coeds last week who walked from the HUB to Thomson Hall in the street because they were deathly afraid of worms on the sidewalks.

Well, students, time to go. See you at the game Saturday. Even though we're favored by 26 points, we still need the spirit.

—Prof Wayne

## Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Glee Club, 8 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Ag Hill Party Committee, 6:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Alpha Phi Alpha, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- American Rocket Society, 7:15 p.m., 214 Boucke
- Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Campus Assembly, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 216 HUB
- Dancing Classes, 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Faculty Women's Bridge, 7:45 p.m., 212 HUB
- S.C.C.A., 8:30 p.m., 213 HUB
- TIM Council, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
- WRA Bowling, 7:30 p.m., White Hall
- WRA New Naiads, 6:30 p.m., White Hall pool
- WRA Old Naiads, 7:30 p.m., White Hall pool
- WRA Officials Club, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall
- WRA Tennis Club, 4 p.m., East tennis courts

## Job Interviews

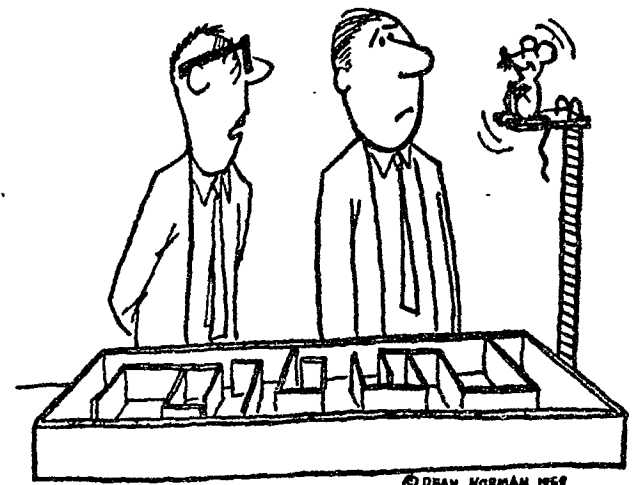
TODAY

- American Viscose Corporation—Jan BS in Acctg and MS, PhD in ChE, Chem & Phys.
- Pittsburgh Plate Glass—Jan BS, MS in Acctg, BS in ME, ChE, Cer Chem, Sci, EE, & MS, PhD in ME, Chem, Phys, Eng Sci, Cer.
- Department of Navy, Bureau of Ships—Jan BS, MS in AE, CE, EE, ME, Cer, Phys, Metal, Math.

TOMORROW

- Food Machinery & Chemical Corp.—Jan BS, MS, PhD in ChE, Chem.
- Charles Pfizer & Co.—Jan BS, MS, PhD in Chem; BS, PhD in Bact; BS, MS in ChE & BS in Med Tech.
- RCA Laboratory—Jan PhD in EE, Phys, Metal, Chem, Cer.
- Phileo—Jan BS, MS, PhD in EE, ME, Phys, Eng.

## CAMPUS COMEDY



"WELL, THE EXPERIMENT WASN'T A COMPLETE FAILURE. THE RAT IS GETTING A PH.D."

penny candy

## Neatzian Code-- Conform or Else

by lolli neubarth

After that meeting Tuesday night I was a changed person. Oh, it was a pretty ordinary run-of-the-mill meeting. Somebody made a suggestion and no one had any opinions about it. Nothing spectacular went on. But after I left something happened that made me wonder and meditate and ponder.

Since it was raining a woman drove me home. She

must have been a faculty member or a professor's wife — it doesn't really matter — the important thing was that she viewed the world (Penn State) through different eyes than does a student.

While she drove we talked. We had a lot of time since I live in Cooper Hall—just this side of Bellefonte. And I left, expressing the sincere wish to see her again.

Her answer was the shock which changed my life—for at least 30 minutes. "I'm sure we'll meet again, dear," she said, "but you'd better say hello to me. I'm afraid you look just like all the other coeds in your trench coat and sneakers."

So this is what conformity really means, I thought wryly. Things are pretty bad when a person is classified as Miss Trench-Coat-and-Sneakers No. 576. That was when I began to wonder and meditate and ponder.

A misty vision came to mind of a football game, when a sea of khaki surrounded me and the only thing that broke the monochromatic monotony was an occasional trench coat with a racoon collar.

A friend of mine had sat down in front of me wearing a new coat with a fuzzy collar, and several coeds leaned over to compliment her on her "neat" coat.

"Just between us," she confided to me later, glancing

furtively behind her in case someone was listening, "I always like coats with fur collars. I'm so glad they're wearing them this year so I can too."

"Why couldn't you before?" I asked, knowing very well what her answer would be. "They would have called me a CLOD," she whispered, horror-stricken at the idea.

And there it was—the REASON. Of course no one wants to be a clod. So before we come to college we swear by the Neatzian Code: "I promise not to do, say or think anything that will make people call me a clod, and will strive in every way to be NEAT."

"I will shorten my skirt to the same length of everyone else's, even if my knees become rough and red, even if I am knock-kneed. I will not carry an umbrella when it rains. I will not eat liver in the dorm because no one else like liver, and I will never, never date a Alpha Alpha Alpha because that is not a "neat" house.

Neatzians can be found all over campus. I know a boy who used to hide his philosophy book inside a copy of Playboy so he wouldn't appear too intellectual. I know a girl who says her All-U average is a 2.9 to avoid being branded a "three-pointer."

Is it just America? I wondered. Then my thoughts went back to France, the land of traditional individualism, remembering how amazed I was to see conformity in dress even among the French.

Bright blue and white were THE colors this summer. Shop (Continued on page five)

