

Editorial Opinion

What Policy on Class Cuts?

Do we or do we not have a University-wide policy on class cuts? The answer is no.

Senate Rule K-1 states that a student "should attend every class for which he is scheduled. "Should" implies that he ought to attend but not that he has to attend.

Rule K-9, which is perhaps even more superfluous than K-1, once required instructors to report students with three successive absences to the dean of the college in order to "prevent unfortunate incidents."

If a student who is in trouble does not contact the dean of men or women's office and, perhaps leaves the University, the administration has no way of knowing it.

But the Senate decided to mend K-9 instead of dropping it. Now, K-9 requires to report "any such cases"—leaving it to the instructor to decide when a student's absence in class might mean he needs help.

In short, an instructor is supposed to be "aware" of whether or not a student attends class; and by some divine power, determine the emotional stability of each of his students — all 220 or more.

A student who cuts once might need guidance or be in trouble, but instructors could hardly report all students who cut one class. Some instructors might feel 10 cuts indicate that a student needs guidance.

In most cases, two and a half weeks is a rather long lapse of time and a student who is having trouble will only be in deeper trouble after two and a half weeks of class absence.

It is unfair to hold instructors responsible for class attendance. These men are here to teach those who "want" to be taught, not to act as baby sitters for people between 18 and 22.

What this boils down to is that each instructor will continue determining his own policy on cuts under the facade of K-1 and K-9. This is perhaps the best method of all.

Some students in certain courses need not attend lectures in order to pass a course and some instructors do not particularly care whether students came to class as long as their work is satisfactory.

Rule K-1 also adds that if an instructor feels a student, through class absence, has become deficient in class work, he can "exclude" him from the class. What is wrong with simply failing him since it means the same thing?

Those instructors who do care about their classes' attendance will continue to give lower marks to students who cut their classes in spite of any regulation or the achievements of the class cutting students.

And K-1 and K-9 will continue to decorate the pages of the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students and little else.

Campus Beat

Snowy Week Brings Sleep; Candy Rebellion

Hello again, Snow people! Do you have a happy snowy Thursday? You ROTC boys will notice that it has been sloppy and wet for the last two weeks.

We noticed a slightly weary look on some of the snow removal crew yesterday. They were clearing away the big piles of snow along Pollock Rd. and it was starting to snow again.

One bright student was sleeping through a boring lecture on one of those stimulating TV courses this week when he suddenly sat up in his seat and exclaimed in a loud voice: "My god! Turn on Bandstand."

There was a rebellion against the machine age in Carnegie Building Wednesday. First, a note appeared on a candy machine which stated: "Either fix this damn thing or junk it."

Speaking of snow, one freshman coed walked up to an upper-classwoman who was wearing her Chimes hat and asked: "Are you a campus representative of Bell Telephone?"

LOST PICTURES DEPT.: G. S. Morrison, 1895, President. A picture bearing this inscription was found in a men's room in Old Main. Everyone in Old Main is wondering—president of what? It wasn't Penn State.

Well, students, back to the snow shovel. Has anyone seen the snow pusher attachment to my motor scooter? —Prof Wayne

Gazette

TODAY AIM-Leonides Dance, 9 p.m. HUB ballroom Christian Fellowship, 1:15 p.m., 218 HUB Omicron Delta Kappa, noon, HUB dining room B Senior Class Day Committee, 6:30 p.m., HUB University Christian Association, 8 p.m., HUB card room

HOSPITAL David Bai, Stephen Baron, Virginia Bauden, Stephen Bererin, Wayne Berfield, Arlene Constable, Lawrence Dugan, Diane Kimber, Ronald Kulbacki, John Lasky, Bonnie Morris, Frank Nappi, Russell Naylor, Thomas Newell, William O'Malley, Joseph Opalnick, Albert Reynolds, Donna Sanders, Nancy Stang, Joyce Thompson, Gerald Thomke, Joan VanDenHende.

Queen of Hearts Contest Applications Available

Applications for the Queen of Hearts Contest for Spring Week are now available at the Hetzel Union desk.

Preliminaries for the Queen of Hearts will include skills in bowling, swimming and either basketball, volleyball or both. The preliminaries will open the Spring Week activities on April 28.

ODK Will Meet Today

Omicron Delta Kappa, men's professional leadership fraternity, will meet at noon today in dining room A of the Hetzel Union Building.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Grid with crossword puzzle answers: BASILICA, POMP, ENTRESOL, ALIAS, STRAFERS, RILLET, ERI, TROT, TOLLER, TIFF, ENOCH, IDE, SMELT, ANTE, GAIN, EATS, SNORTED, SEVERE, OSIERS, PROTEAN, SNAP, OUTS, NOTE, REACT, ODE, STOVE, STOW, FILLET, PENT, HOE, STEVE, ANTELOPE, ESTER, SURNAMED, SONS, SPENDERS

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"THE HEAVENLY BODY WE WANT TO STUDY TONITE IS ONLY VISIBLE FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME."

World At A Glance

Ike Cheered In Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—President Eisenhower bared his head to the rain in Sao Paulo yesterday and beamed at the most enthusiastic acclaim he has gotten so far on his South American tour.

Eisenhower made a flying trip from Rio, Brazil's political capital, to Sao Paulo, the industrial capital, for an activity-packed, six-hour visit that, despite the rain, caused a stir exceeding even that of his official welcome here Wednesday.

He laid a wreath in a drizzle at a monument to Brazilian troops of his command who died in Italy in World War II. He rapped the Communist sphere's methods and extolled enterprise in a luncheon address before 1,200 businessmen and officials.

Bomb Scare Hits Harrisburg School

HARRISBURG (AP)—The latest in a series of telephone bomb threats in the Harrisburg area forced officials of John Harris High School to send students home at noon yesterday.

It was the second time in 16 days that the 1,300 pupils were dismissed in the middle of the day after officials received calls that a bomb had been planted in the school building.

State, county and city authorities laid plans for a concentrated effort to stop the current surge and local officials issued stern warnings.

Monday, three bomb threats were reported in the area. Schools in Middletown and York Springs and a Hummelstown candy company were shut down while authorities searched for the alleged bombs.

Italian Airliner Crashes In Ireland After Take-Off

SHANNON, Ireland (AP)—An Italian air liner bound for New York crashed shortly after taking off from Shannon Airport early today.

An airport official said, "There are casualties but the number is unknown."

The plane is understood to be a DC7C four-engine aircraft normally used by Al Italia on its transatlantic runs. An official at Ciampino Airport in Rome said it was believed the plane was carrying at least 22 passengers plus its crew.

Israel Tells UN Of UAR Actions

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Israel told the United Nations yesterday it views recent actions by President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic as open incitement to war.

The Israeli statement was issued amid reports from the Middle East of increasing troop movements by Israel and both the Egyptian and Syrian parts of the U.A.R. near the tense border areas.

Israel delivered its alarm in a letter addressed to British Ambassador Sir Pierson Dixon, February president of the U.N. Security Council. No council meeting was asked, but Israel said the letter should be circulated to all 82 U.N. members.

Israel accused Nasser of making a series of aggressive declarations in his current tour of Syria. It said he "repeatedly proclaimed his country's policy of war, blockade and boycott against Israel, threatening her with destruction in a "sacred march"

"These war-like threats are accompanied by extensive military preparations, in both provinces of the United Arab Republic, directed against Israel."

Some U.N. diplomats saw a parallel with events that preceded the 1956 Middle East blowup.

House Falls Short Of Overriding Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House fell 22 votes short yesterday of overriding President Eisenhower's veto of a bill to increase federal spending on water-pollution control.

The roll-call vote was 249-157 in favor of enacting the measure over the President's veto. This was 22 short of the two-thirds needed to override.

The House vote killed the legislation without any action by the Senate. A two-thirds majority in both House and Senate is needed to override a veto. The House acted first in this case because the bill originated there last year.

On the roll call, 15 Republicans joined 234 Democrats in voting to override. Voting to sustain the veto were 130 Republicans and 27 Democrats.

When the bill passed the House last year the vote was 253-142, with 27 Republicans and 226 Democrats for it and 114 Republicans and 28 Democrats against.

The legislation would have raised to 900 million dollars the amount of federal money that could have been spent at the rate of 90 million a year to help states and municipalities construct sewage-disposal plants.

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