

Editorial Opinion

Political Cleanup

What will the effects of an all-out, no-holds-barred investigation of campus politics have on student government?

With the petition now being circulated for a full investigation of the present elections campaign, we may soon find out. SGA Assembly will consider such an investigation at its meeting Thursday.

The present SGA system is hanging in the balance and campus politics is now resting on uneasy grounds. The reorganized system started last May is on a two year trial basis. At the end of next year, the pros and cons of the system will be weighed by the Senate Committee on Organization Control.

If an all-out investigation just turns into a mud-slinging campaign with a lot of unfounded statements flying from both sides, only one thing can result. Not only the fall of the present reorganized system but possibly, the fall of student government.

Before Assemblymen step into a full-fledged investigation, they must consider the far-reaching possibilities it may produce. If there are enough grounds for well-founded evidence, the investigation can be beneficial. But chances are that the only "evidence" available is by word of mouth. This could lead to the end of student-controlled student government.

Spring . . . When?

Spring officially made its debut Sunday, but it certainly arrived inconspicuously.

After a January, February and March filled with snow, freezing temperatures, blizzards and every kind of miserable weather possible, spring has come and with it fond expectations of spring-like weather.

With students anxious to see such temporarily non-existent things such as grass, leaves, raincoats and sockless sneakers, the current trend in weather-making does not indicate any possible alleviations in Mr. Weatherman's policy.

Spring is warm, sunny and showery, therefore spring is not yet here. Officially or unofficially, we will have to mourn her absence and anxiously ask one another: "When will spring arrive?"

It certainly has a long way to come before we notice it.

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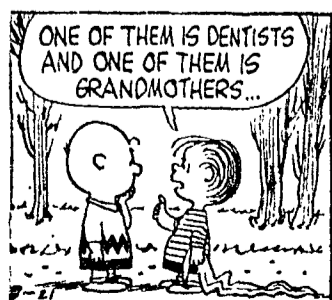
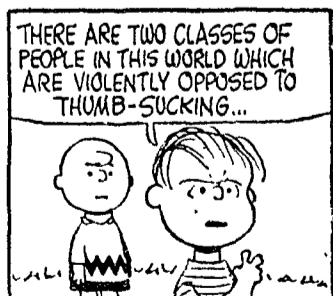
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Letters

Reader Calls State's Fans Poor Sports

TO THE EDITOR: PSU produces some of the best athletes in the country. The preceding claim to fame is marred by the unfortunate fact that PSU also produces some of the worst sportsmen.

These poor sports are very seldom, if ever, the contestants. The poor sports are in the stands.

Hissing is expected from scared and angry geese and snakes. Hissing is also an accepted method of conveying scorn or contempt in some Asiatic countries. Could it be that the reason the practice of hissing has gained such favor here is that it is one way a coward can voice disapproval without revealing who he is?

If a person has the intelligence to decide if something has or has not met with his or her approval, that same person should also be capable of making that fact known without resorting to animal-like sounds.

Thinking back to other sports events, I can recall several instances where poor sportsmanship was plainly revealed on the part of Penn State fans. But Friday evening at Rec Hall, they sank to a new low. Was there one person in the whole place who thought that Mr. Shurlock could have been made to feel worse by the actions of our hissing fans?

Was there one true Penn State fan there that didn't want Jay Werner to win? The poor sports gave Mr. Shurlock ample reason to take back to California an awfully low opinion of the fans here at Penn State.

—Wilbert Bailey, '62

Party Member Praises Mass Plank Discussion

TO THE EDITOR: It pleased me very much to note the new procedure for nomination at Campus party on Sunday evening. For the first time, the party as a whole discussed the issues and voted on the planks. Then the candidates were nominated.

In this way, a candidate knows beforehand what the party is standing for and whether or not this is what he wants to represent and campaign for. Congratulations on a good step forward!

—Jean DeMeyere, '61

Gazette

TODAY
Academic Year Science Institute lecture, Dr. Graham Hoyle, 4 p.m., 100 Weaver
Ag Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Alpha Kappa Psi, business meeting and rushing smoker, 7 p.m., Theta Delta Chi, 305 E. Prospect Ave.
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Collegian Promotion Staff, 7 p.m., 211 Boucke
Delta Sigma Pi, business meeting, 7 p.m., Pi Kappa Phi, 409 E. Fairmount Ave.
Ed Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Father Havanic Discussion, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Five O'clock Theatre, 5 p.m., Little Theatre, Old Main
Geophysics and Geochemistry Seminar, Robert Steffanko, speaker, 3:15 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
Greek Week-IFC, 8 p.m., 216 HUB
IGG, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Iota Lambda Sigma, 6:30 p.m., HUB card-room
LA Council, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Marine Physical, 10 a.m., 5 p.m., HUB cardroom storage
Marine Recruiting, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
MI Student Council, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Mixed Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m., 111 Boucke
New Bavarian Schuhplattler, 7:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
Newman Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
Omicron Delta Kappa, 9 p.m., Mr. Arthur Wellington's home, 312 S. Buckhout St.
Outing Club, 8 a.m., 5 p.m., HUB first floor
Sr. Class Adv. Board, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
UCA, 5:15 p.m., 214 HUB
HOSPITAL
George Adams, James Danilovitz, Howard Deardorff, Richard Heess, Linda Jeffries, Richard Kelley, Hewitt McCloskey, Janet Neider, Richard Rice, Lois Rothenberg, Robert Smith, Sandra Spitz, John Waters, Marshall Verbit, Ita Zatcoff.

Cabinet--

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said that investigation had shown that one of the major stumbling blocks to the abandonment of compulsory ROTC was the pressure exerted by the American Legion lobby group in the legislature.

One of the proponents of the bill, John Brandt, alternate Assemblyman, said the investigation consisted of a talk with President Eric A. Walker and reports that legislators themselves felt this lobby group was a major factor.



Letters

'Hints' Given to WSGA

TO THE EDITOR: There are at least three points in our new WSGA rules that require clarification and possible revision. The first is the regulation concerning signing out. It is not after 8 p.m. but only after 10 that the HUB, library and downtown stores are closed that a girl's whereabouts may become a matter of concern.

Between 8 and 10, it is impossible to determine her whereabouts even if she does sign out. Why, then, are we now asked to sign out for any time after 8 p.m.?

If a girl plans to be out of her dorm after 10, or if she leaves her dorm between 10 and 11:30, then signing out should be mandatory. If she is already out, and realizes that she will be unable to return before 10, she should be required to call her residence hall attendant. In other words, anyone coming into the dorm after 10 p.m. must sign in. Is this not a more reasonable approach to the problem?

We have next the question of places that can be visited by women in the State College area. If a girl's parents see fit to give her a blanket permission to visit any place in this area, with the exception of motels and hotels, then it should not be necessary for her to have to consult a residence hall staff member at all.

It is unrealistic to suppose that a girl will request or a

hostess grant permission to attend an apartment party. It is also unrealistic to assume that if refused permission, a girl will refrain from attending. We see this as a clear-cut issue: either we are allowed to visit off-campus residences or we are not. In either case, working through an intermediary seems senseless.

Lastly, we wish to bring up the problem of taking overnights. Suddenly our most notorious of University departments, over-riding the rules published by WSGA, has requested girls to consult two, not necessarily accessible hostesses, instead of the previous one. Why is this? Could it be because Housing wishes to collect a \$1 fee from each girl taking an overnight, regardless of whether or not she requests clean linens?

Our room and board has already been paid for. Requests for clean linens and an extra bed would be the only possible excuse for requests for payment of the fee. Considering this, why is it that we are to be forced to pay this fee?

We offer this letter not only as a list of complaints, but also as constructive criticism of certain rules which we feel are unclear enough in intent to appear retrogressive rather than progressive.

—Marjories Kapelsohn, '62
Kitty Tyree, '63
Addie Bolger, '61

Complainers Are Defended

TO THE EDITOR: In your editorial of March 19, you dubbed those of us who are dissatisfied with the new rules governing signing out and in as "perpetual complainers." You present the addition of an extra hour and a half as a great gain and suggest that we applaud being moved "out of the Victorian era . . . instead of griping about minor details."

The "statement of principles" of the new rules states that rules shall have "only enough regulation to establish the orderly living of women in residence." We must sign out if we plan to be away from the dorm after 8 p.m. Although we need not sign out in person, we must be signed out at the time we leave the dorm.

And we are required to sign out at a place near the main entrance. This does not give those of us living far from the main entrance the privilege of signing out at 6 p.m. when we are returning from the evening meal and then leaving by another exit at a later time.

We feel that it is neither orderly or convenient to go through a maze of halls to sign out when it would be much easier to go out a nearer entrance.

A sign out system as strict

as this was not even needed under the old system. Why is it needed now under a more liberal system?

We will suggest two ways for a better sign out system. One method would have the sign out points more numerous throughout the buildings. Each area could have its own sign out point or else each girl could sign out on her own floor. Late minutes could be given by locking all doors but the main door at 11:30 p.m. and checking names as late-comers came in. It is more convenient for a hostess to go to a girl's room to find her in case of a rare emergency than to have a girl go to the hostess's sign out list every day.

The other alternative would be the postponing of the sign out deadline to 10 p.m. Most campus meetings are over by 9 p.m. and we could be in before the deadline without the bother of signing out. The extra hour and a half is used seldom enough that it would be no persistent inconvenience in signing out with a later deadline.

—Mary Brown
Jane Evans
Phoebe Lane
Jeanne Fullerton

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Soph Compares Coeds to Commies

TO THE EDITOR: I believe that the coeds are complaining too much about signing in and out and later hours. Penn State coeds are just like the communists—give them an inch and they want a mile. Many will say that the extra time will be used at the library, but I know better. Besides, how

many coeds can be trusted out after dark; and with the spring here, beware of the coed.

It seems that they don't appreciate all that the good Dean Lipp has done for them. I therefore justify Dean Lipp's actions and advocate stricter regulations for the coeds.

—Bob Miller, '61