

Editorial Opinion

A Little Spring Dusting

SGA Assembly Thursday night dusted the cobwebs off a few old forgotten rules that should add to the more efficient operation of the body by requiring the attendance of Assemblymen.

The rules, which were on the books but evidently never enforced, make eligible for impeachment an Assemblyman who has more than three unexcused absences during a semester.

Absent members must submit in writing the reason for their absence and appear in person before the Rules Committee for a ruling on whether or not the absence is excused.

This is a clear and stringent system that, if enforced, should rectify a situation that has been deplorable and sometimes even crippling.

Unexcused absences of Assemblymen will be published in Collegian so that constituencies can keep tabs on their representatives.

The ruling, while it cannot of itself insure the responsibility of the elected representatives, is still a step toward increasing the responsibility of the body as a whole.

Caught in the throes of indecision over an alternate system the Assembly also approved a stop gap constitutional amendment changing the quorum rule.

This eliminated the possibility that Assembly could not meet next year if more than 11 of its members became ineligible after this semester.

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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



BY GEORGE, IT'S THOSE ARMY BOYS AGAIN — WE MUST BE GETTING AROUND TO FINALS!

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Free Enterprise — It's Great

by Joel Myers

Penn State with its beautiful country club-like campus is nestled gracefully in the rolling hills of the Nittany Valley away from the hustle and bustle of the cities.

It is bounded on one side by the famed Nittany Mountain and on another by a thriving community called State College.

Some live in it. Some eat in it. Others attend its movies and churches or synagogues.

All are at its mercy. The prices of many items sold in this town have been said to be "high" or "excessive"

This, if true, is due to the semi-monopoly that exists. It's an old American custom to take advantage of an opportunity.

Over the years many proposals have been presented by students in an attempt to reduce their expenses. But every time such a plan is suggested the town mer-

chants cry "free enterprise." They claim that the University has no right to compete with "poor" independent merchants trying to eek out a living by selling their wares to "wealthy" students.

During recent years various students have presented ideas designed to save money for the whole student body by establishing student-run organizations.

Another plan to establish a University bookstore has also been suggested in the past, but the town merchants have objected vigorously to this one.



MYERS

Letters

Attack on Elms Criticized

TO THE EDITOR: I dislike seeing the Letters column of the Daily Collegian used as a medium through which one person attacks the character, integrity and intentions of another.

It indicates that the person doing the criticizing has neither the courage nor the sense of responsibility to make these accusations face-to-face to the other party involved.

Since I am one of those poor souls who have been squashed under Elms' dictatorial thumb, and since I have surrendered my intellect to a 3.83 All-University average, I may not be qualified

Mr. Krow stated, "The picketing of the Lion's Paw office a few weeks ago was provoked by Elms." This is an untruth, the picketing was provoked by Lion's Paw itself!

Admittedly, Mr. Elms has

It's of interest to note that the SGA considered a bookstore proposal last year, but they turned it down because their investigations had indicated that no substantial saving to students would result from its establishment.

This is hard to swallow, since hundreds of other colleges and universities, large and small, have their own bookstore and it has been estimated that these stores provide a saving of 10 to 15 per cent.

Two years ago the old student government association also discussed the bookstore idea. They advanced several reasons why such a bookstore would benefit students, but without any apparent reason the entire issue fell by the wayside.

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Frosh Charge Against Nittany Draws Answer

TO THE EDITOR: If Miss Vassalotti (re "Frosh Finds Nittany 'Not Fit for Pigs'"), you are trying for Cliche-Girl of 1960, I will gladly solicit votes for you.

Having lived in Nittany 28 as shortly ago as last year I saw no intellectual atrophy in the area. My own average certainly does not show any ill effects from the "pathetic conditions" which you say exist there.

As for the "filth" which you depicted as "surrounding the entire area" if you refer to the mud around Nittany, then many of the campus buildings are "surrounded by filth" about this time of year.

Certainly the administration can be absolved of blame. Put a pig in a house and the house will become a pigsty before the pig becomes a man.

I have seen a few of the new North Halls' rooms already acquiring all of the characteristics of a grade-B pigpen.

When you came up with that very original thought that "man is a product of his environment," Miss Vassalotti, you should have considered that man also is a molder of his environment.

Note of Praise

TO THE EDITOR: Your writer, Joel Myers, certainly called the turn on the "plane over Russia" incident in his column of last Saturday.

That was the kind of thoughtful, wide-awake journalism that more newspapers could use.

HOSPITAL

Edward Allen, Richard Anderson, Loretta Cowan, Mary Ann Crans, David Marshall, David Meredith, Norman Potter, Carol Proper, Helen Purner, Terrence Schmoey, Susan Simon, Howard Warren, Donald Zanolin.

Gazette

- TODAY: Art Ed, 10 a.m., 214, 215, 216, 217, 218 HUB; Art Ed Registration, 8 a.m., HUB first floor; Craftsmanship Contest, 10:30 a.m., 207 Engineering B; Center Stage Production of "Dark at the Top of the Stairs," 8 p.m.; Horse Show, 9 a.m., Riding Stables; Eastern Arts Society, 8 a.m., 218 HUB; Pennsylvania Library Association, morning session—Bella Schlow Memorial Library; afternoon session—Nittany Lion Inn; Penn State English Club and Sigma Tau Delta Spring Banquet, 1 p.m., Penn Hi-Boy Varsity track, vs Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.; Varsity baseball, vs Navy, 2:30 p.m.; Varsity lacrosse, vs Swarthmore, 3:30 p.m.; Western Pennsylvania Philosophical Society, 10 a.m., 212-213 HUB; TOMORROW: Centre County Cinema Guild presents "Scandals of Clochemerle" and "An Interview With G. B. Shaw," 8:30 p.m.; Hiller Foundation; Chimes, 6:13 p.m., Simmons, second floor lounge; Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab auditorium; Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB cardroom; Christian Fellowship, 2 p.m., 214 HUB; Freshman Class Advisory Board, 2 p.m., 214 HUB; Grad Student Bridge, 7 p.m., 212 HUB; Horse Show, 1 p.m., Riding Stables; Newman Club, 9 p.m., 214 HUB; Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Schwab auditorium; Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab auditorium; SGA Reorganization and Evaluating Committee, 9 a.m., 104 Boucke; Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB; Sweden Bergian Service, 10:30 a.m., 212 HUB; USF, 9:30 a.m., 218 HUB; MONDAY: APHO, 7 p.m., 212 HUB; Armed Forces Day, 8 a.m., HUB cardroom; Campus 4-H Club, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver; Christian Fellowship, 2:45 p.m., 218 HUB; Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., 216 HUB; Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 203 Engineering A; Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, HUB dining room A; Hat Council, 7 p.m., 218 HUB; IFC, 7 p.m., A.H. HUB; IUCP, 7 p.m., 217 HUB; SGA, 8 p.m., 218 HUB; Tax Institute, 2 p.m., 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, HUB

