

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. Nine members were absent from the first meeting of the new Assembly and one meeting last month was delayed 33 minutes till enough seats could be filled for a quorum.

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. Three-fourths of the eligible Assemblymen are now required rather than three-fourths of the total seats.

This eliminated the possibility that Assembly could not meet next year if more than 11 of its members became ineligible after this semester. But it did not eliminate the need for a workable alternate system which should still be devised when Assembly convenes in the fall.

A Student-Operated Newspaper 55 Years of Editorial Freedom

The Daily Collegian

Successor to The Free Lance, est 1887

Published Tuesday through Saturday morning during the University year. The Daily Collegian is a student-operated newspaper. Entered as second-class matter July 5, 1944 at the State College, Pa. Post Office under the act of March 3, 1879 Mail Subscription Price: \$3.00 per semester - \$5.00 per year.

JOHN BLACK Editor

CHESTER LUCIDO Business Manager

Member of The Associated Press and The Intercollegiate Press

STAFF THIS ISSUE: Headline Editor, Pat Dyer; Wire Editor, Jim Kaul; Night Copy Editor, Lynne Cereface; Assistants: Kathy Kuchta, Karin Miller, Marie Thomas, Sunny Schade, Dave Runkel, Emily Nissley, Lynne Bordonaro.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



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

Snowed

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. This town is well known to the students attending Penn State. 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. So like red-blooded Americans the town merchants are exploiting their opportunities by charging all that traffic will bear.

Who can blame them? Wouldn't you do the same? 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. One of these ideas was the Book Exchange. Its success was sort of a concession by the powers that be in State College.

Another plan to establish a University bookstore has also been suggested in the past, but the town merchants have objected vigorously to this one. Apparently their violent objections were enough to sway administrative opinion and so the result - no bookstore.

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. (Could there have been hidden pressures?)

(Continued on page five)



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. This I consider somewhat cowardly.

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. I am referring to the letter, written by one Paul Krow, Collegian.

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 - in Mr. Krow's opinion - to defend my position. Nevertheless, there may be a few open minds on this campus who will listen to me.

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! Mr. Elms had nothing to do with this provocation. Mr. Krow also stated, "Here is a senior who is angry at Lion's Paw for personal reasons, so he is using the whole student body to get back at them." This too has its inconsistencies.

Admittedly, Mr. Elms has

strong views on the subject of Lion's Paw; but these are not the convictions of a vengeful, uncompromising prejudice, they are the results of four years of open-minded observance and research. "Innocent until proven guilty" is a nice, high-sounding phrase. Unfortunately, it means absolutely nothing at this university. Any other organization on campus would be investigated if it were accused of the same things with which Lion's Paw is charged. All other organizations must prove that they have a good purpose, or that they are "innocent."

There is, however, one bit of truth in Mr. Krow's letter. That is the fact that the student body has heard only one side of this controversy - that of the Anti-Lion's Paws. No one has heard a word from any Lion's Paw member refuting the charges made by "Elms, Brandt and Co." that is, unless ad hominem arguments can be thought of as such.

Yet, Mr. Krow seems to think that "the aggressors" must prove beyond all doubt that Lion's Paw is bad for the University, corrupt in all its aspects, and perhaps even a Communist front organization, while Lion's Paw sits back on its haunches and sneers. I don't know. I think the next move is up to Lion's Paw.

Letter Cut

-Frank Hugus, '63

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 Borgia 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
IEC, 7 p.m., A.H. HUB
IUCF, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
SGA, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
Tax Institute, 2 p.m., 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, HUB

Letters

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. "Never in my wildest dreams" have I seen such an adept bromide-brandisher as you.

If, however, you are seriously concerned with the living conditions of the Nittany area and the effect they have upon scholarship, let me console you. Miss Vassalotti.

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. If, on the other hand, you mean trash such as candy wrappers, etc, then you can only blame the students themselves for this.

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. Similarly for the "pigs" among the student body.

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.

-Dave Lewis, '62

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.

-Ed Hirschmann, Grad Student

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 Zanoliti.

