

Editorial Opinion

How Precise The Balance?

The Student Government Association was told Thursday night that our hypersensitive University, guarding its precious policy of political neutrality, could not allow a politician to address a campus meeting unless a counterpart from the opposing party also spoke.

Representatives of the Young Republicans and Young Democrats Clubs, which are planning a mock national election campaign next month, were warned that political speakers could not be engaged for a public meeting unless they had a reciprocal acceptance by both parties.

This University policy reflects an extremist's attitude. It is like narrow-minded McCarthyites who felt so compelled to save the country from communism that they subverted democratic principals and ruined loyal patriots in their steel-headed attempt to reach a goal so idealistic to them that its glitter blinded their eyes to truth and rationality.

Expression of both sides of an issue is a laudable goal and certainly equal invitations should be extended to the opposing factions. But if one side does not feel disposed to accept there is no reason the students should be denied the right to hear the other.

One party may even purposely reject just so the other side could be kept silent on campus.

If, just for example, one of the presidential candidates should be able to speak here and the other not, should the students be deprived of the right to hear a prominent American, one who has a 50-50 chance of becoming the most prominent American?

The University apparently operates under the absurd feeling that as a state

institution, it must maintain an absolute balance on the political scales.

Will professors be ordered to give equal time to both parties when speaking about politics in class? Are half the professors in the political science department Democrats and half Republicans?

This policy of the University accomplishes nothing, but only serves to discourage free thinking and debate of important political issues.

Part of the educational duty of the University is to make available to its students as much information as possible on contemporary issues.

What the University is attempting to do is as silly as trying to get a rainy day for every sunny one and a cold day for every warm one. This impractical position restricts education instead of stimulating it and stifles free thinking and debate rather than encouraging it.

She Made It

It was a hard struggle, but the Homecoming Queen finally made it on to the football field. She won't get a chance to speak or anything but just her sunshiny smile should warm up the stadium.

After years as a known but unseen celebrity, it is nice that this symbol of homecoming spirit, who has previously been retired from sight immediately after selection, will finally be allowed to tread the turf and make an appearance in the traditional lack-lustre homecoming celebrations.

A humble start, but who knows, next year she may even be allowed to say "Hello." Congratulations, Wigsy!

8 o'clock fog

Do You Remember?

by elaine miele

Welcome home, Alumni!

In these days when our campus is burdened with parking regulations and the ban on Sunday jam sessions, it might be nice to recall the time when today's visitors attended this institution. If it were long enough ago, alumni may remember not having to pay any tuition and may also remember the convenience of having a railroad station as close as Bellefonte.

All was not a bed of roses though, because I'll be some alums will recall compulsory study hours and "lights out" rules.

They (about 1915'ers) can see nothing wrong with no Sunday jam sessions either. When they were here students were not allowed to visit in other students' rooms on Sunday.

It hardly seems possible that these are the same people who will come rah-rahing back to campus this weekend. Probably not too many will remember that in 1913 there was a student activity club called the "Prohibition League."

Fewer still would recall the

time (way back when) that dating was allowed in the Ladies' Parlor from 6:45 to 7 p.m. only. If a Penn State man wanted to see a coed for an extra time he had to receive permission from the president of the University (no less).

The emancipation of coeds probably look great strides forward on that fateful day in 1926 when the girls decided to have their own cheerleaders. I wonder if any of these notable BWOC's will come back to campus for Homecoming.

And then there is the reason that Penn State fraternities first got their start. It seems that the living and dining quarters in Old Main became inadequate and men banded together to form eating clubs.

The reception fraternity men will be giving their alums this weekend will prove that they are more than dining rooms (I think).



Miss Miele

Letters

Comments on K Rules

TO THE EDITOR: After reading the Daily Collegian of Sept. 30, 1960, I was utterly disgusted to read about the decision of the University Senate to eliminate the rule concerning the attendance of classes.

It is evident that the people passing such rules can see no further than the end of their noses. In the long-run view, this regulation of not requiring class attendance, coupled with other regulations the pseudo-intellectual "student leaders" (and, I use the term loosely) have passed are leading Penn State down the road to stagnation.

And, too, they are jeopardizing the scholastic and social dignity of this University. This has happened at other Universities and it will eventually happen here. Penn State will become a "Diploma Mill."

This is a state supported University, and, as soon as the legislators in Harrisburg get wind of this latest policy, I feel sure some heads will roll — or, at least, I hope so. If students do not attend classes, they are not taking advantage of the opportunities that are beneficial to them, with the bill being paid by other people — namely, the taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

If the students stop attending classes, they are indirectly insulting the Professors' knowledge by not attending class to hear what he has to offer concerning a particular subject that would increase the stu-

dents knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

I for one am not in favor of jeopardizing the scholastic standing of this University. The University should implement highest standards possible, and the students should demand such standards.

Mr. Jordan says that the elimination of Rule K would be a big step in developing the student's maturity. If the scholastic standing of the school is lowered, I don't think this would be considered an aspect of maturity.

I maintain that this latest policy concerning the attendance of classes to be a step forward in destroying the University's standards. And, I am not in favor of any type of administration or student leadership that is relentlessly dedicated to the destruction of this University.

Perhaps this is the basis for the apathy of the students.

—Robert W. Kamps

Editor's Note: We haven't heard that any professors have been left in the embarrassing position of having to lecture to empty class rooms. We would also like to point out that the University, through its extension services, does many things to aid the taxpayers of Pennsylvania, who do not entirely support the University anyway. Furthermore, "student leaders" had nothing to do with the Senate ruling. And, for a person who lays claim to such high academic standards, Mr. Kamps, you really ought to learn how to spell and punctuate.

Prof Wayne

Frosh, Customs, Fire Drill

Well students, it's a new semester and I'm back for another round of sparring with those hardy souls that will still venture to my class since the abolition of the K-rules. For the benefit of you new students and the ones who didn't enroll last year, once again I will be teaching my famous Hubology courses. I am glad that they are planning to enlarge the HUB because I don't have enough space to conduct my classes as they should be conducted.

The big topic of discussion these first weeks of the semester has been the Freshmen. I noticed the other day that some of the members of the Class of '64 are complaining about customs being too long. Why when I was attending this school as a student, customs would last for the whole first semester. I guess that nobody

likes to do anything any more.

Haste makes waste and a freshman in West Halls can verify that. It seems that when the bell signifying a fire drill rang throughout the building, this excited freshman went to pull the window blind down but in his haste pulled the whole thing down on himself. He recovered in time to limp outside, however.

In contrast to the freshman, an upperclassman in the same dormitory took the fire drill in a casual way. He took his saxophone outside with him and struck up a tune. Soon everybody got the idea and gave out with some cheers including a "Short Yell Campus Patrol."

That's about it for now. I have to go find another place to park my car because they won't let me use the HUB lot anymore.

—Prof. Wayne

GAZETTE

TODAY

AIM Leonides Dance Decoration, 3 p.m., HUB ballroom
 AIM Leonides Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
 Alumni Association, 8 p.m., HUB main lounge
 Alumni Association, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
 LSA, 6:30 p.m., 412 W. College Ave., Prof. Joseph Sittler, "The Real Religious Issue That Neither Candidate Talks About."
 Student Movies, 9:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

SUNDAY

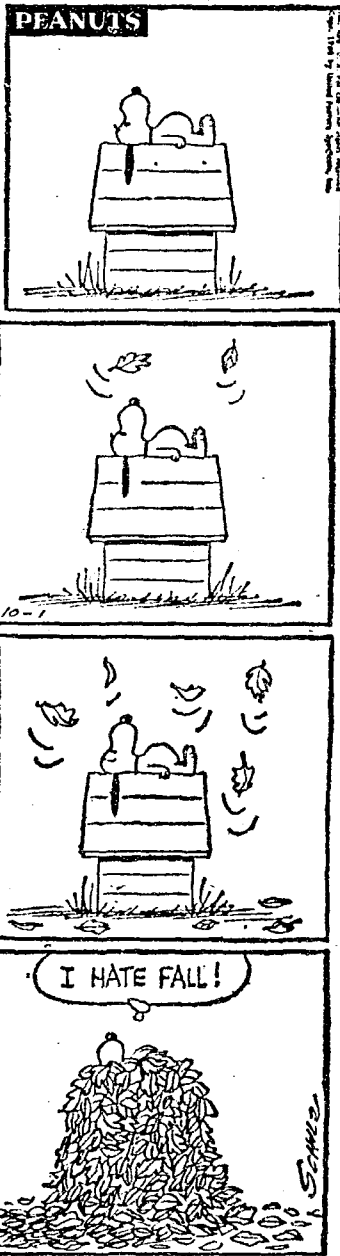
Jazz Club Advertising Committee, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
 Alpha Kappa Psi, 2 p.m., HUB main lounge
 Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB cardroom
 Chimes, 6:45 p.m., Delta Gamma suite Circa, full staff meeting, 7:30 p.m., 204 Boucke
 Block S Club, Executive Board, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
 Greek Week, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
 Liberal Party, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
 Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

MONDAY

Agricultural Economics, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
 Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
 Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
 IPC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
 IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 216 HUB
 Leonides, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
 Marine Recruiting, 10 p.m., HUB ground floor
 Model RR, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB
 Newman Club football game, 9:15 p.m., field, No. 1 golf course
 Penn State Model Railroad Club, Business meeting, 7:30 p.m., HUB
 Pershing Rifles Rushing Smoker, 7 p.m., 216 Wagner
 Women's Orientation, 10 p.m., HUB assembly room

HOSPITAL

Gary Briggs, Sue Callahan, Carolyn Cross, Ranajit Datta, Linda Penner, Carole Forman, Barbara Gnaill, Ollie Himes, Diane Horton, Richard Hurford, Victoria Karpel, Evelyn Koebelin, Ruth Lebo, Johanna Locher, Barbara Ludman, Chester Mais, Suzanne Mengel, Edward Niskey, Lois Rothenberg, Mary Ann Sabolsice, Eleanor Simon, Edward Swartz, Barbara Watchorn, David Yon.



WDFM Schedule

6:00 p.m. Spotlight
 6:55 p.m. Weathercope
 7:00 p.m. Hifi Open House
 9:00 p.m. Off Beat
 1:00 p.m. Lionel's Lullaby

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