

Editorial Opinion

A Key to Effectiveness

Student Encampment adopted a recommendation designed to strengthen the party system and bring about party responsibility in SGA, but unfortunately the measure apparently died at that point for it has never been introduced into Assembly.

The recommendation said that the majority and minority party leaders should serve as the heads of their respective cliques (party chairman).

To cover all situations—such as a party which did not have any members on Assembly—provisions would have to be made for an interim chairman. But the thing that this would accomplish is to connect the party chairman to the Assembly and make him and the party more responsible for their platform and campaign promises.

Thus it would also have the side effect of forcing the parties to improve their platforms.

If each party chairman were a member of Assembly and the head of his voting delegation, he would be in a position to introduce the party's programs into legislative action and be in more direct control of his party's stand.

This measure could be a key to producing more effective parties and more effective party action all around. And since SGA is still based on the party system it could produce a more active SGA.

Sterling Performance

Greek Week was given a somewhat less than rousing sendoff Sunday night when only eight of the 15-fraternity quartets registered for the sing preliminaries showed up.

Three fraternities did manage to call in their excuses but four did not even bother. Is this Greek Week spirit?

Sunday night found those in charge of the IFC-Panhellenic Sing hastily trying to fill in gaps left by these groups in the program. The result was sad.

Monday night all the groups who decided not to participate had called; so the program could be rescheduled and at least went off without embarrassing halts.

Of the 12 sorority quartets scheduled, 8 participated and of the 15 men's groups 12 came. Hooray for the sorority groups—12 registered, 12 came.

The spirit should be participation itself without consideration of winning or losing.

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Letters

Junior Comments On Apathy

TO THE EDITOR: Bravo — well said! Yes, "... a university must be a place where students do not find apathy more sophisticated than awareness." But instead of intelligent thinking and action on the part of the student, we hear only grumblings and complaints with the ever-present final statement, "but what's the use — we can't do anything."

This apathy is widespread. We witness it not only on campus, where even the few of us who want to reduce it are caught up in it, but throughout our whole country.

Do you realize what apathy can mean to the future of a country? Do you realize that college students represent the greater part of the more intelligent minds of our generation? Doesn't every nation need intelligent and educated leaders in all fields for a vibrant future?

But are we learning to become leaders, or are we learning to become followers? Certainly I admit it is easier to be a follower and let the other man do all the work while you occasionally lend a hand with verbal agreement, and still have plenty of time for your personal business.

But why be followers at all and waste your time in supporting an ideal when you can just sit back and watch useless efforts on the parts of some to get this society on its feet.

The easiest thing is to be a watcher. Then you can devote all your precious time to such things as worrying about that five bucks you lost on the series, or what shade of lipstick you should wear tonight.

Society's problems aren't yours to solve. What do you care about other people's problems, as long as you are happy and left alone.

Go ahead fellow students (our future leaders) close your mind to intelligent thinking, questioning, and action. And then — only then will you be happy in your own little impenetrable spheres of apathy and complacency.

—Rinaldo Favout, '62

(Editor's Note: The quotation at the beginning of Favout's letter is taken from the editorial "Parties and Platforms" appearing in Saturday's Collegian.)

Letters

About Those Counselors

TO THE EDITOR: "Boys will be boys" is an old saying. But they'd better not try being boys while they're at Penn State. It seems that Dean Simes' flunkies (otherwise known as Coordinators and Counselors) are opposed to such normal action.

In the midst of a spontaneous pep rally prior to last week's football thriller with Syracuse, the counselors of Pollock area backed by super-secret serviceman Bill Schimpf took it upon themselves to break up this "juvenile gang war." They called in the reserves from other areas. "Easy-Dan" Leasure, North Halls Coordinator, assisted.

Now these two men are extremely capable of knowing how to handle "boys." Mr. Schimpf was counselor in McElwain Hall this summer and threatened to make a federal case out of a water throwing incident. He conducted an extensive search for damage and finally concluded that he could charge the "boys" for the wax that had to be replaced.

Mr. Leasure was counselor in Runkle Hall last year. Runkle had the distinct honor of having been the nosiest and dirtiest of all the North Halls.

Mr. Leasure has initiated autocracy in handling the discipline of the North Halls area this year. He is behind his

counselors 100 per cent. (Last year the counselors were behind their "boys" 100 per cent.) "Boys" are not permitted to check their mail boxes and then return to their spot in the dining hall line.

At times four counselors are stationed in Warnock Hall to make sure none of the "boys" attempt to disobey this rule. It appears that the only people who object to checking for mail in this manner are the counselors. Yet, these same counselors use the Exit stairs to enter the dining area and then cut into the serving line ahead of the "boys" who have been standing in line for 15 to 20 minutes.

"Boys" being disciplined for a "destructive" shaving cream incident were ordered to "stand at attention" while their counselor spoke to them.

This is not a complaint against action in disciplinary matters, but rather a complaint against the way in which the men's residence halls are being run in general. Rules are being made with little regard for the wishes of students. Counselors are acting as disciplinarians and "spies" rather than as counselors.

Seventeen, 18, and 19-year-old boys are expected to act like mature grown-up men but are being treated like junior high school students.

—The "Boys" in Montgomery House

Nittany Parking Problems

TO THE EDITOR: There is a paved parking lot in the heart of the Nittany area, and it is designated at Lot No. 42. This lot has painted "slots" for exactly 65 cars.

Everyday for the past month six cars belonging to maintenance men have been parked there legally. While a 65-car lot holds six cars, all the student-drivers from the north half of the area are forced to hunt for spaces in the already crowded south Nittany parking lots.

We students paid our \$15, now why are we forced to park blocks away from our dorms while a 65-car lot stands empty?

The administration claims that student-drivers are paying \$15 per semester for "maintenance, and the construction of new lots." New lots for whom? A map is furnished to each student who pays the \$15 fee. On that map, student parking areas are designated in yellow.

A quick survey of these areas discloses that approximately 8 per cent of these spaces are paved. The rest are a mixture of gravel and dust which coats every car overnight with a thick, ugly grey film. With all the money the administration has collected, why aren't these "gravel-pits" at least coated with oil? Why not?

Why does the administration force us to pay 15 precious dollars for a "no-parking permit"? Why do they cause a large paved lot to stand empty

in the Nittany area? Could it be that they want to pressure students into leaving their cars at home when they come to school?

If so, can the administration imagine the horrible mess that would ensue, if for a school holiday, 16,000 students had to depend on "Greyhounds" and the "Boalsburg Express" to carry them away from the "dead-center" of Pennsylvania.

Perhaps the administration has been ill-advised and will do its best to rectify the mistakes it has made on the student parking issue. Or, on the other hand, perhaps the administration does not care two hoots for bothersome students and their silly little problems. Perhaps "students" are just a necessary evil which is encountered in the operation of a large university.

Is this our beloved "alma-mater" or just a place where we get a diploma and then "scram" with the feeling that our university is glad to be rid of us and our cars?

Should I give money for a class gift in addition to the 90 or more dollars I will be forced to donate for maintenance of lots in which I am not allowed to park during the remainder of my stay here?

If I am being either short-sighted or narrow-minded about this problem, I would welcome a letter to the editor from someone who could set me straight on why students are treated thus. There may be a valid reason. How about it Mr. Diem?

—E.N. Small Jr.

Gazette

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 AIM, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
 Alpha Pi Mu, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
 American Chemical Society, student affiliate, 7 p.m., 105 M.E.
 American Institute Chemical Engineering, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
 Business Administration Student Council, 7:30 p.m., 306 Boucke
 Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
 College Caravan, 11 a.m., 213 HUB
 Dairy Herd Improvement Society Board, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., 218 HUB
 Freshman Class Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
 Hockey Club, 4 p.m., Women's Athletic Field
 Israeli Folkdancing, 7:30 p.m., Hillel IV Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 217 HUB
 Leadership Training Committee, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
 Modern Dance Club, 6:45 p.m., White Hall
 Off-Campus Tribunal, 8 p.m., board room, Old Main
 Placement Service, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 212 HUB
 Penn State Grange, 6:45 p.m., 100 Weaver
 Psychology Colloquium, 12 noon, dining room "A," HUB. Dr. Helen I. Snyder, assistant professor of psychology, on "Certain Aspects of Distortion in Interperson Perception."
 Quarterdeck Society, 7:30 p.m., Pi Sigma Upsilon
 Senior Orchestra and Interest Group, 7 p.m., White Hall
 Sports Car Club, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
 Sociology Club meeting, 7 p.m., 212 HUB. Dr. W. T. Sanders, assistant professor of anthropology, on "Penn State Field Trip to the Valley of Mexico."
 Senator Clark's speech, 4:30 p.m., HUB card room
 Tour Group, 10 a.m., HUB assembly room
 Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
 Young Democrats, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
 Young Republicans, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor



Spirit Letter Gets Answer

TO THE EDITOR: I read the article, "Another View of Spirit" and I thoroughly disagree with Mr. Cordover.

If Mr. Cordover is as mature and above the intolerable activities, such as guarding the Lion, and holding spontaneous pep rallies, then how does he show his school spirit?

Is it by sitting in his room and singing the Alma Mater or riding in his car with a cheerleader? I seriously doubt if Mr. Cordover is interested in anything but his car and himself.

It is very doubtful that the "juvenile delinquents," whom Mr. Cordover encountered the other night, actually would have harmed him. They were just having a good time, and

all he had to do was point to his Penn State parking stickers.

In his letter, Mr. Cordover stated that Penn State can be put on the map by its athletic, intellectual, social and cultural achievements without cutting loose.

I heartily agree with this, but the object of honking horns, flying paper, and cheering, is not to put Penn State on the map. It is to have a good time. Without these much needed breaks in the routine, State would be a very dull place to go to school.

If Mr. Cordover has never cheered, thrown paper or honked his horn, he ought to try it; he might enjoy it.

—Ed Landis, '64