

Editorial Opinion

Discipline-What it Means

Four students were caught cheating and were brought before a student tribunal. One was given a warning, another put on disciplinary probation, the third was put on suspension and the fourth was dismissed.

This story is theoretical but it could happen, not because tribunal punishment is arbitrary, but because many circumstances influence a decision on student misbehavior.

Before a student tribunal, the dean of men's or women's office or the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline make a decision, they interview the student.

The sentence comes after they find out the answers to these questions: Does he have academic or emotional problems? Was the offense premeditated? Does the student realize the seriousness of the offense? Is this the first time he has gotten into trouble? To what extent will his act affect other students and the University?

Last year 29 students were put on disciplinary probation, 10 received suspended suspensions, 31 were suspended and 5 were dismissed, Thus, only 75 of the nearly 16,000 students here were seriously disciplined.

Students who are first offenders or who do not mean to be malicious usually receive warnings or counseling from a tribunal or a dean's office. Students who are given more serious sentences may also be asked to have counseling or weekly interviews with a person in the dean's office.

Those who have an "I don't care attitude" or misbehave continually may be put on disciplinary probation by tribunal whose sentence is usually supported by the dean's office.

Students put on pro, or suspended suspension, have their activities limited for a certain length of time, usually a semester.

The student may still belong to organizations and participate in their activities but he may not be an officer or a committee chairman. Also, he may not represent the University in a varsity sport. His parents are notified and the penalty is put on his record. However, the notation may be removed by the dean's office after the penalty period is over.

A student whose behavior is detrimental to other students or the University may be put on suspended suspension by the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline. If he misbehaves again during that period he can be suspended immediately by the dean's office.

However, the suspended student can be reinstated by the subcommittee if he can show evidence of his good behavior during the period he was suspended. The notation may be petitioned from his record during his eighth semester.

The small number of problem students who are dismissed may be reinstated if they can show they have changed their attitude. Evidence of the change can come from service or employee recommendations. In special cases it is possible for a dismissed student to go to another school or take correspondence courses from the University.

A tribunal is not a kangaroo court and neither are the personnel at the dean of men's or women's office or the members of the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline grand inquisitors. These groups do not enjoy limiting a student's activities, acting as his watchdog, or ejecting him from school. Instead they want to help the student solve his problems so that he may enjoy a full academic and social life at the University.

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Gazette

- TODAY
Association Childhood Education, 7 p.m., 108-109 Home Ec. South
CBA Student Council, 5:15 p.m., HUB parking lot; meeting at Dean McKenzie's home
Chess Club, 7:00 p.m., HUB cardroom
Civil Air Patrol, 7:30 p.m., Univ. Park CAP Hq.
Graduate Mining Seminar, 8:30 p.m., 304 Mineral Industries, M. M. Singh, on "Mechanism of Rock Failure under Impact."
Mock Elections Committee, 7:00 p.m., 215 HUB
Off-Campus Tribunal, 8:00 p.m., board room in Old Main
Petroleum Engineering Society, 7:30 p.m., M.S. auditorium
Phi Delta Kappa dinner meeting, 5:30 p.m., HUB dining room "A". Speaker: member of Russian embassy in Washington, D.C., featuring 16 mm. sound film on Russian education. All interested persons are invited.
Riding Club, 7:00 p.m., 203 Willard
Sports Car Club, 8:00 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Xi Sigma Pi Initiation, 7:15 p.m., 114 Forestry
Home Economics Seminar, 12 noon, dining room "A" HUB. Dr. G. B. Broderick, on "Changing Patterns of Boy-Girl Relationships among Pre-Adolescents."
AWS Senate, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Community Councils, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB

Letters

Soph Asks "Who's Eric?"

TO THE EDITOR: Who is this Eric Walker? Has he ever been on this campus? Has anyone ever seen him? I, for one, haven't. Occasionally I hear something about him, though, and it's always bad. (Walker says tuition is to be raised, or room and board charges to be "reviewed.")

Some of my friends tell me that he is not a ghost after all. Those who came to this campus as freshmen tell me that he was here to welcome them.

He was here to say, "Welcome, students, have a good time here. Pay your fees, your parking fines, and obey the rules, and we at Penn State

will love you with all our big, fat, corporate heart!"

Down at Ogontz campus, I didn't get this wonderful welcome from a "great white father-educator," but perhaps I didn't miss anything.

What I ask is: Why doesn't he show his face to the student body more often, to help with their problems on their own campus? Is he more interested in furthering his prestige among educators by formulating long-range plans for education of future generations?

Does he care that many of the present-generation students are coming to hate the University's colossal guts? In short, this is our University and he's our President. What is he doing for us?

-Bruce Harrison, '63

Soph Backs Party Fund

TO THE EDITOR: The Liberal Party is now sponsoring a petition against the appropriation of \$700 for each political party.

Their reasoning behind this action is that it is not fair to take part of the tuition from a student who is not a member of a party in order to finance such a party.

Now it seems to me that this is a rather narrow viewpoint to take. Hasn't it occurred to the Liberal party that everyone, not just those students who are members of a party, benefit through the functions of these parties and the SGA?

When the SGA, or any other student-run organization passes

a law or executes some other form of legislation, do they specify that only students who belong to political parties are to benefit from it? Of course not! Any bill passed by SGA is for the good of the entire student body, bar none.

I realize that because it is a new party, the Liberal party is trying to create issues and make itself heard. However, I'm sure that they could have tried something a lot more reasonable in their quest for recognition.

-Eugene Zuckerman, '63

(Editor's Note: The appropriation is not \$700 for each political party but a \$700 fund for all parties.)

Greek Week Discrimination?

TO THE EDITOR: Speaking of hypocrisy, how many of you know about the discriminatory practices in this year's Greek Week proceedings?

Among the Greek Week activities were the exchange dinners in which each sorority was to send its members by pairs to the various fraternity houses.

Whereas the other sororities were allowed to send their girls to a variety of houses, Delta Sigma Theta, the Negro sorority, was restricted to

sending its members only to the two houses which have a predominantly Negro membership, namely Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi.

Rather than obey this discriminatory placement (and let no one say it was a coincidence), the sorority chose to drop out of this activity.

Who was responsible for this discrimination? Does anyone wish to accept the responsibility and deny their guilt???

-Arthur Ravitz, '62
Bonelyn Kwiatkowski, '61
Arthur Schneider, '61

Job Interviews

- NOV. 10
INLAND STEEL CO. for Jan BS in CE CH E IE ME & 1961 MA MS grads in METAL, Information and scheduling in 112 Old Main
IBM for Jan BA BS & 1961 MS MA grads in EE Eng. Sci IE Math ME Phys for R&D. Computer program, & MFG. RES. & 1961 MA MS grads in CE CHEM EE ME MATH PHYS (Men Only) for Applied Science Represent. Also Jan BA BS & 1961 MBA MS grads in LA BUS AD ENGG CHEM PHYS or anyone in-

- terested for Sales & Systems Representatives
HAGAN CHEMICALS & CONTROLS, INC. for Jan BS grads in CH E CHEM EE ME for Service, SALES & OCCASIONAL R&D position available
SHELL OIL CO., Exploration Dept. for Jan BA BS grads in GEOPHYS & GEO CHEM, MATH PHYS for Computer Work (Women) Exploration, Photogeology. Also 8th sem. grads (with 1 sem of work completed) in above curricula for summer work in GEOPHYSICS

Interpreting

Foreign Aid From W. Germans

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
Why is the United States, after two years of pressing her allies to assume more of the burden of aid to underdeveloped countries, now putting the bee on West Germany more directly than anyone else?

It's because Germany is the one which raked in the gold which has been flowing from the United States.

In 1949 the United States had more than \$24 billion worth of gold. Germany had none.

Since then the U.S. supply has gone down approximately \$6 billion and Germany has approximately \$6 billion.

Germany has taken skillful

advantage, with the aid of hard work, of the expanding free world economy which was based for many years after the war almost exclusively on American aid. German trade has grown amazingly.

As other economies have penetrated world markets, the share of the United States has shifted more and more to the countries which she continues to aid. Her net income in the export-import field is still about \$3 billion annually, but when foreign aid bills are paid she has a deficit, and that's where the gold has gone.

When other countries lacked the dollars to do business, the United States filled the gap, in addition to giving away billions to bolster newly emerging states.

When other countries began

to show profits, the United States started demanding that they take over part of the aid load. Some progress was made, but not much. Total aid has increased, but the U.S. share has not been reduced and, indeed, political factors suggest that it may even have to be increased.

Another reason why West Germany is expected to shoulder a larger share is that, even now that she is rearming, the Western allies are still paying, through NATO, a large part of her defense expense. She has had a freer hand for economic expansion, relatively, than anyone else.

This, despite her cooperation in the European Community, has left points of abrasion in her relations with Britain and France, who find her cutting into markets which they have considered their own.



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