

Editorial Opinion

Way Paved for Action

The snow and cold outside had no effect on the temperature inside the SGA Assembly room last night as a raging debate indicated that student government on this campus may have at last reached its turning point.

While our first impression is that the best Christmas gift for every Assemblyman would be a copy of Roberts Rules of Order which we recommend they study intently during vacation, the encouraging point is that action was started and the way paved for much more action in the future.

The action started was on the issue of a University bookstore.

And it was handled in exactly the way issues should be handled by student government.

For years the plea for such a store has been heard on campus. One interested student, Ted Simon, dissatisfied that action had never been taken, compiled an extensive report which he submitted to SGA.

John Witmer, Robert Harrison and Edgar Grubb, translated the students' cries for a bookstore into a motion that stated the need for a bookstore and advocated the establishment of one.

The bill was not bogged down with restrictive conditions and details as to how such a store should be operated. But it stated the essentials: a bookstore is needed and the students want one.

It is not the job of SGA to work out the intricate details, but they of course can make suggestions and should back up their case to prove the feasibility of the idea. This they proceeded to do.

The Assemblymen had not read Simon's report before the meeting and could not approve it without reservations. But president Richard Haber suggested that the proponents of the bill check Simon's report and draw up a case backing their bill.

As a result of this expedient action, the request for a University bookstore can be brought before the Board of Trustees at its semi-annual meeting Jan. 6-7.

The bill proposed by Wayne Ulsh calling for a report to the new Assembly by the president on the status of all the main issues facing student government is something that has long been needed.

In effect it calls for a "state of the union" address and should be done after each spring and fall election.

We feel that the executive report is something that has been passed off too lightly all year—usually being nothing more than a word or two that Cabinet met or didn't meet as the case may be.

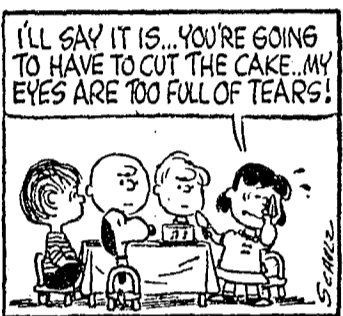
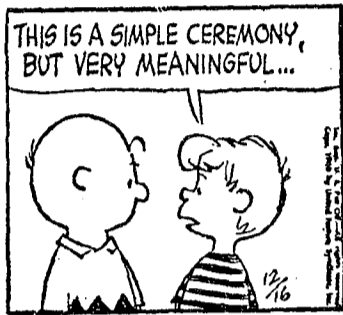
Cabinet has shown little, if any leadership this year, and the Assembly has not been kept up to date on the work of the executive committees.

John Brandt's proposal for an executive secretary was accepted as an idea of merit and the reorganization committee asked to study it and report within six meetings. This is about all that could be expected on this imaginative proposal at this short notice, but the idea should not be allowed to slide.

We are sorry to see Walter Darran's resolution crippled by a restrictive amendment and then defeated, but we think its purpose was served and the Assembly has been awakened to its responsibility.

The bookstore bill was a perfect example of his admonishment to SGA to state the need for and request action on the vital local issues before them, even though they could not present a detailed plan for flawless implementation.

As for student expression on national and international issues, we fully expect this type of issue to now be brought before the Assembly without hesitation.



Letter.

Another View on Santa

TO THE EDITOR: We take scribe and scroll to protest a most obnoxious scene we encountered on College Avenue recently. There in the view of all, with his droopy-walled domicile and electrified shrubbery hiding our august gate to PSU, stood an abominable figure of a man garbed in an absurd, fuzzy-trimmed, red foundational garment.

It was a most disgusting sight. It sickened us to see this unkempt character being idealized by hoards of innocent kiddies. It was appalling the way he squatted amidst the naive little ones and leered at them as he laughed hysterically in their beaming faces.

This uncouth glutton has obviously not shaven for years, and Lord only knows when he last had a bath. It appears that he wears that same hideous raiment constantly. From the gross circumference of his waist line (we guessed it to be in the low hundreds), he disregards physical fitness, is a surfeit fool and a totalitarian enslaver of wee little elves.

The SPCA should be informed of his sadistic pleasure in harnessing some eight reindeer into 17th century girdles and whipping them across our heavens, calling them such obscene-like names as "Prancer," "Cupid" and other uncouth vulgarities. He even mocked one of our political figures by calling one of his despondent-looking reindeer "Vixon." The sanitation department should also be alerted — after all, these are animals flying across our skies.

This tawdry symbol was probably initiated by John L.

Lewis of the U.M.W. to create new markets for the destitute coal miners. However, it has been rumored that this grotesque slob, with the aliases, S. Claus, Kriss Kringle, etc., is the figment of the warped minds of some nut Hollanders. It grieves me that this foreigner should be permitted to enter our homes at his will. This is undoubtedly an imposition on the rights of search and seizure.

How would you like this disgruntled, bombastic lunatic barging down your chimney and tramping soot on your green angora rug, as he mischievously stuffs your hosiery with dead aardvarks, then proceeds to munch on the hor d'oeuvres you strenuously prepared for the ornithologists' Christmas party and sticking his finger aside of his nose breaks into an epileptic fit which mysteriously propels up the chimney—depositing more soot on the angora rug.

Let's face it! How long are respectable, upstanding citizens going to be harassed by this malevolent crud? We urge all non-apathetic students of this campus to picket this social outcast. It is our civic and moral duty to obliterate Santa Claus before he becomes widespread or usurps the control of our democracy.

We can, we must destroy him. PENN STATE, BEAT SANTA CLAUS!

—Gary Templin, '64
—James R. Williams, '64

(Editor's Note: We are sorry the Christmas issue of Froth is out. This letter should have been sent to Froth. It could use the humor.)

Letters

On Council Coffee Hours

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to the Dec. 10 editorial in which The Collegian suggested other councils sponsoring programs similar to the Liberal Arts Student Council's lecture series, I would like to bring to the attention of the editors and students the Education Student Council's coffee hours.

For three years, the Education Student Council's coffee hours have been featuring outstanding professors in many fields, once every month. This program, while improving faculty-student relations, has enriched the education students' backgrounds.

—Becky Gifford '62
(Education Student Council)

EngArch Council To Fill Vacancies

The Engineering Architecture Council passed a constitutional amendment last night to fill empty council seats after elections.

Under this amendment, applicants for vacant seats would be referred to the council where they would be accepted or rejected by a majority vote.

Stephen Engle, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, said that 27 applications were received for the two scholarships. Five finalists were chosen by the committee; the two winners will be selected after Christmas vacation.

Students May Pick Up Fee Deferment Forms

Students who are interested in having their University fees deferred may pick up deferment forms at the bursar's office in 6 Willard.

Richard H. Baker, bursar, said that since the promisory notes must be signed by a parent or guardian, the requests for deferments should be made not later than two weeks prior to registration.

Baker also said that any student may defer University fees, without charge, if the need of such an arrangement is shown and the past record of payment has been satisfactory.

Thought on Light? Subject

TO THE EDITOR: In my opinion Mr. Borst is doing some rather heavy thinking on a rather light subject. If his argument were to eliminate or even to reduce the tremendous propaganda and brain washing effect of commercials, I would tend to agree with him.

But, the last sentence of his letter seems to show that Mr. Borst is leaving himself wide open. I also read into his letter that he thinks the State College merchants are more

unimaginative and more money hungry than merchants in other towns.

If Mr. Borst rates people's mental capacity on their ability to write concise informative entertaining ads, then it is my opinion that his standards are slightly warped. May I also take this opportunity to remind Mr. Borst that if he wishes to be entertained that there are three movie theatres at his disposal.

—Richard J. Brumberg, '64

Gazette

TODAY
Art and Architectural History lecture by Dr. Martin Weinberger, 8 p.m., HUB auditorium
College of Agriculture faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m., 109 Armshy
IV Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
TOMORROW
Lumber-Jills Christmas Dance, American Legion, State College

SUNDAY
Chapel Services, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
MONDAY
Botany and Horticulture Clubs, 7 p.m., 220 Buckhout
Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 p.m., HUB dining room "A"
State College Color Slide Club, 7:30 p.m., M1 auditorium

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



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