

**Editorial Opinion**

**'Ungodly? 'Unconstitutional'?**

The chaplain of the Interfraternity Council has more or less charged us with proposing a plan which is unconstitutional, dangerous to democracy and ungodly.

It is probably possible to use the broad terms of freedom and constitutionality to attack or defend almost any idea (the Soviet Union manages this nicely) and it is certainly possible to use the concept of God in any manner one chooses.

However, we do feel that there are certain definitions of these terms which prevail in this country and we do not see how our proposal can be taken as "unconstitutional" much less "ungodly."

We merely think in order to help erase discrimination the University should not recognize fraternities whose national groups impose discriminatory clauses because of race or religion.

Ohio State University and Colgate have instituted this rule. Discriminatory clauses have imposed a hardship on many local chapters who happen to choose members regardless of race or color. The Stanford chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has had to hire a lawyer because it pledged four Jewish boys.

The intention of our proposal has been misconstrued, saying that we want to take away the right of "free association." This is a complete reversal of meaning. We want actually to insure the right of "free" association.

Discriminatory clauses prohibit "free association." The elimination of such clauses would be a definite step toward allowing free association to exist in individual fraternity chapters.

Many fraternities are trying to get the discriminatory clauses removed from their constitutions and our proposal was intended to help the cause.

We have said nothing about individual chapters who choose themselves to be governed by prejudice except that they will get members whom they deserve. However, it is quite unfair for chapters to be forced to adhere to discriminatory clauses written some time ago by someone else under quite different circumstances.

If the Chaplain chooses to believe that God would look with disfavor upon this proposal we cannot say he is wrong but we can say that the ideals in the Judeo-Christian tradition, as we interpret them, are on our side.

So, at the risk of being monotonous, we again propose that the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils in conjunction with the Senate Committee on Student Affairs begin work toward abolishing all racial and religious clauses existing in the national constitutions of some Greek groups on campus.

**Letters**

**Write to Your Representative**

**TO THE EDITOR:** The most recent warning we Penn Staters have had is that next term the tuition may go up.

The question is: Why? The answer is: The University must meet operating expenses to keep its doors open to us.

To meet these expenses, the University depends on appropriation from the state and our tuition fees. When the state does not meet the University's financial request for operating budget, the money must be secured from other means, namely us.

For various reasons Governor Lawrence has not seen it in his budget to grant Dr. Walker the sum he has requested. The requested sum is considered by the administration to be adequate for the next year of operation.

If the State continues to be obstinate concerning the amount allocated to Penn State, then the University

Trustees will have to raise the tuition.

The State raises the money for appropriation through the various taxes in the state. One tax which hits all of us at this time of the year is the sales tax on books. This tax is theoretically turned into a state fund for educational purposes. Does it really get there, and is it really used for education?

In order to find out why the Legislature will not give us the funds we desperately need, I propose that each student write to his Senator or Representative, or both, and ask him what his stand is on the issue, and exactly what is happening to the sales tax from books.

If we want to keep the tuition down to the present level, we will have to put some pressure on the Legislature at Harrisburg to grant the sum requested in the budget submitted by Dr. Walker.

If we take Dr. Walker's ad-

vice, and each of us writes to his Senator and Representative as well as the Governor, we will be letting the Legislators on Capitol Hill know that Penn State students will not stand to be pushed around like chess pawns, or take second best.

Politicians value their office; they cannot afford to ignore 14,000 letters flooded in from students who represent all counties of Pennsylvania. They know that votes count in elections, and if they do not give the voters what they want, they may not get back into office.

Remember: The lobby pressure and the letters to Senators and Representatives got the two cent gas tax passed. Our student body with its lobby of letters is just as big a lobby and just as effective for our share of appropriation.

—Ron Sheetz '62  
(Editors Note: We second the motion.)

**Letters**

**Sr. Answers  
Haney Letter  
On Prejudice**

**TO THE EDITOR:** (In response to George Haney's letter on individual liberties) I shall write a bill, Mr. Haney, demanding that all organizations must have an arbitrary percentage of members of each ethnic group and each religious order—Then, and only then, would your letter demanding the right of free association be apropos.

For then it would be I who was closing a door on the "rights, responsibilities, and privileges of citizenship." However, that bill has yet to be written, and now we must look at the real culprit of such a devious crime. Who exactly is committing a travesty against constitutional rights?

Why, Mr. Haney, it's a piece of paper with carefully typed words saying No admittance to—. These are words impinging on the rights of your own fraternity men, women in sororities, or on anyone a member of an arbitrarily restricted group.

For I ask you, what right does a disassociated branch of a social organization have to determine who the immediate group shall have as brothers? What use are laws that cannot be respected by a majority of a governing group? When a fraternity with a sufficiently effective "black-ball" system agrees that they want a "No admittance to" member as a brother where are those "constitutional rights" then, Sir?

I repeat, none yet has demanded that there be a quota system, or even that any group of people change the way they decide upon their friends.

Attitudes do not come in portfolios and they do not change with a change in law. However, if they had a tacit desire to change, don't you think they should be given the right?

—Leslie LeWinter '61

**World At A Glance  
New Premier  
Heads Congo  
Tough Months  
Seen for U.S.**

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — The Congo's government was handed back to the politicians yesterday in a move to head off American overtures for a new deal with Patrice Lumumba.

President Joseph Kasavubu formally dismantled the College of Commissioners—the group of university graduates installed by Gen. Joseph Mobutu to run the country last September — and proclaimed a provisional government of parliamentarians. It will serve until Parliament can be summoned, but this may not be for some time.

The new premier is Senate President Joseph Ileo, a soft-spoken, slightly built man of 39. A firm opponent of Lumumba, Ileo nevertheless offered the deposed premier a place in the government once before in a bid to unite the Congo's warring factions.

He now finds himself again as a potential conciliator. In naming the Cabinet, Kasavubu left open six posts—including the vital Defense Ministry—for opponents of Leopoldville in hopes they would rally to the central government.

**JFK Proposes  
Health Program**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy pressed yesterday for enactment of a "freedom of choice" program under which 14.2 million older men and women would receive hospital, nursing and other medical care paid for by bigger Social Security taxes.

Sending his medical care for the aged program to Congress, Kennedy sought to neutralize one major opposing argument by declaring, "This... is not a program of socialized medicine."

"It is a program of prepayment of health costs with absolute freedom of choice guaranteed," the President said in a special message. "Every person will choose his own doctor and hospital."

Arguing the need for his program, Kennedy said the 16 million Americans over age 65 face an annual medical bill twice that of the younger segment of the population "but their annual income is only half as high."

Kennedy's message signaled what may turn out to be the hottest battle of the session.

**Gas Tax Increase OK'd**

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Lawrence yesterday signed into effect the two-cents-a-gallon increase in the state's gasoline tax.

The increase raises the tax to seven cents, effective April 1.

It will produce an estimated \$74 million a year for the state motor fund — the commonwealth's highway-building treasury.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts painted for Congress yesterday a picture of even tougher months ahead for the nation's economy. They predicted things will get better later this year, but complete recovery may not come before 1962.

And there was applause for President Kennedy's go-slow approach in trying to provide government cures for the country's economic aches and pains.

These were the over-all views of a panel of top economists — in industry and government — in testimony before the Senate-House Economic Committee.

Meanwhile, Republican leaders in Congress removed any lingering doubt that Kennedy's economic proposals will have tough sledding. Senate Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and House Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana said some of Kennedy's proposals might "dampen down the recovery process."

**Expert Accuses  
5 of Espionage**

LONDON (AP) — A British expert declared yesterday that five persons accused of spying for the Soviet Union stole details of the Royal Navy's nuclear submarine Dreadnought, based on designs supplied by the United States in 1959.

The details were not specified but described by the witness, Navy Capt. George Symonds, as "of undoubted value to an enemy."

Symonds said the information was spirited out of the highly secret Royal Navy research station at Portland, where he was director of the underwater weapons section. He said it was contained in photographs of the pages of a top-secret Royal Navy book.

**Algerian French Jets  
Intercept Soviet Plane**

ALGIERS (AP) — A French spokesman confirmed last night that French air force jets intercepted a Soviet Ilyushin 18 and fired warning shots at it.

The spokesman said the planes fired only when the Soviet aircraft failed to reply to radio calls for identification.

He said the French had no advance notice of the flight.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow charged last night that a French jet fired on an Ilyushin 18 carrying Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

**Severance Resigns**

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Al Severance, Villanova University basketball coach since 1936, resigned yesterday, effective the end of the season. His team won 415, lost 196 in that time.

A Student-Operated Newspaper  
56 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 6, 1934 at the State College, Pa. Post Office under the act of March 3, 1879. Mail Subscription Prices: \$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, Ellie Hummer; Wire Editor, Saralee Orton; Assistant Copy Editor, Lynne Cereface; Assistants: Robert Dean, Marilee McClintock, Betsy Mulcey, Maxine Fine, Kitty Bassett, Tucker Merrill and Sandy Pohlman.



**Gazette**

TODAY

Interlandia, 7:30-10:30 p.m., HUB ballroom  
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 12:15-1:10 p.m., 218 HUB; 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke

**WDFM Schedule**

FRIDAY

- 8:30 Stock Market Report
- 8:50 News and Weather
- 4:00 Critic's Choice
- 5:00 Three at Five
- 6:00 Studio X
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 Album Review
- 7:30 Portrait of a City
- 7:55 News Roundup
- 8:00 Starlight Review
- 9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
- 9:45 News, Sports, Weather
- 10:00 Ballet Theatre
- 12:00 Midnight Mood
- 1:00 Sign Off