

Editorial Opinion

Reorganization Time

The Student Government Association Reorganization Committee had better function soon and hasten its steps because it has a lot to do in less than two months.

The present semester which is already fading away into the history books is the University's last and SGA must adapt itself to the up-coming four-term system.

SGA must decide just when and how it will function under the new system. Will there be an SGA during the summer term? When will elections be held?

And SGA is getting hit this spring with both barrels. Not only is it faced with adaptation to the four-term system, but at the same time its two-year trial period runs out and changes must be made accordingly.

What has been learned over the past two years? What aspects of SGA have proved unworkable or sluggish? What obstacles have been discovered? What stumbling blocks must be eliminated?

Two basic things have been evident for two years. First, the Assembly is too large and unwieldy. The work and ideas still come primarily from the same few.

Second, the class representation system provides no real constituency. Few if any Assemblymen can claim that they actually discuss student problems with anyone outside of fraternity brothers or dorm-mates, let alone derive their mandate from members of their own class.

The class representation system would become even more untenable under the four-term academic year and it must undergo a basic change.

As Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, explained to Assembly last week, the class structure will no longer be distinct. Students who used to be considered "out of phase" may become the rule rather than the exception.

The most logical basis for representation would appear to be the living area—residence hall, downtown quarters, fraternity, etc.

But there are many problems involved here too, not the least of which is what is going to be the status of the community councils.

Will they be coed? Will they continue as at present? Will they be an effective unit of government? And what will be their relation to SGA?

Will SGA representatives come from the community councils or should they specifically be students who do not sit on area councils?

There is too little time and too much to be done. It is past the time for thinking and is now the time for action. A great deal must be done before the elections April 18-20.

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Letters

Counselor's 'Sitting' Rule Brings Protest

TO THE EDITOR: On several occasions, I have considered writing a letter to the Collegian but thought that the situation would resolve itself and have refrained from doing so. However, the latest incident forces me to conclude that this is all but an impossibility.

The situation I am referring to is the relationship of the counselors to the students in North Halls.

When I first came to the Main Campus from Ogontz this fall, I was favorably impressed by the counselor-student relationship described and explained by my own individual counselor and by the North Halls Coordinator.

However, these counselors have since impressed me as acting in an arbitrary and capricious manner and as a result have lost much of my confidence.

I should like to know what other students think of the specific incident which causes me to be silent no longer.

While talking on the telephone, I was sitting on the floor in the hall to facilitate writing information concerning an assignment. Our counselor came by and told me that it was against the rules to sit on the floor. When asked for the reason behind such a rule, he simply stated that that is the way it is.

I have spoken to a number of people and no one has been able to give me any reason for the rule, let alone one that made sense.

I would greatly appreciate it if anyone would help me in this matter.

—Anthony L. Grillo '62

Letters

Concert Draws Complaints

TO THE EDITOR: My roommate returned from the Ray Charles concert, bearing tales of students who became carried away by the "music" and began "twisting" in the aisles.

Sunday's affair brings to mind two conditions which have bothered me for some time: Is the Jazz Club fulfilling its idealized purpose, and are the students of Penn State acquiring the maturity this institution is supposed to instill in them?

I doubt if there are many people on campus who remember Ted Richards, even though he has been gone only three years. Richards was a professor of Agriculture Extension who doubled as faculty advisor to the Jazz Club.

Under his guidance, the Jazz Club presented to the person interested in jazz such artists as Charlie Mingus, Gerry Mulligan, Chris Connor, Stan Kenton, Kal Winding, and Le Jazz Modes, to name a few. After Richards left the University, the Jazz Club became relatively dormant.

Then, this past year, in what seemed a rebirth of the Richards spirit, the Jazz Club came to life again. Maynard Ferguson presented to the Penn State student the first actual contact with jazz that he had had in years. (This is discounting the La Galeria fiasco of last year.)

After Ferguson, I awaited with great anticipation the announcement of the next artist to appear. Charles' billing as a jazz artist set me back a few steps. Charles is, in my opinion, no more of a jazz artist than the Young Hero, Elvis Presley. (Thank God they couldn't get Elvis!)

The exact reason for Charles' appearance is still unknown to

me, although I suspect it was nothing more than a money-making scheme on the part of Mr. Pollon, et al. If this is the case, the club has lost its original purpose in favor of a full treasury.

The IFC-Panhel Jazz Festival has, in fact, through their booking of Shearing, out jazzed the Jazz Club! If the club continues this policy of rock 'n roll-disguised-as-jazz, I suggest they change their name to the Elvis Presley Fan Club or its equivalent.

The "twisting" and the general roudy attitude of the audience is one more manifestation of the apparent immaturity of some of the student body. (I hesitate to say most.) This added to the list of acts which led me to the above conclusion of immaturity.

People who write vulgar statements on bathroom walls, who hide in the dark and make snide remarks, who ban together in cliques to satisfy the need for security and group identification, who litter the University grounds with empty beer bottles, who deface library property, who cheat in exams; etc., are not mature individuals, and are a long way down the road from this goal.

The University, perhaps unknowingly, provides places for the freilization and growth of this immaturity. The West Halls Record Hops and tonight's concert are examples of these breeding grounds.

The alleviation of these situations is not the problem of the University alone; it lies for the most part with the students themselves. If they are to benefit fully from their four years at the University, they must take stock of their actions and attempt to alter these situations.

—Neil C. Buckley '63

Gazette

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- Angel Flight, 7 p.m., 214 Boucke
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Soph Crusades for 'SANE'

TO THE EDITOR: The danger of a nuclear war is the most pressing problem facing the world. William Faulkner wrote, "Our tragedy today is a general and universal physical fear so long sustained by now that we can even hear it. There are no longer problems of the spirit. There is only the question: When will I be blown up?"

An attempt is being made to start a chapter of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy here at Penn State. Sane through its various local committee works for the following goals:

- Cessation of all nuclear weapons testing with adequate inspection.
- Establishment of a United Nations Security Force.

● General Multilateral disarmament.

These are not idealistic dreams. War and the preparation for war are unnatural states of existence. And the individual can exert an influence which will bring about a world in which words such as massive retaliation, fallout, and ICBM will be archaic.

SANE attempts through demonstrations, lectures, publications, and broadcasts to create a greater awareness of the danger of the armament race and to work toward a solution to the problem.

If you are in agreement with the above goals and wish to make a contribution as an individual to the cause of world disarmament join SANE.

—John F. Kunselman '63

Interpreting

Economic War Proceeds

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The Soviet Union's maneuver for veto power over the United Nations General Assembly appears to have been a serious mistake. Yet her economic war against the West goes ahead unchecked and is even carried forward by others.

Many years ago the international Communists adopted a fundamental belief that the road to world conquest would wind through the ruins of the Western economic system.

At a post-war meeting in China, a definite program was adopted for cutting Europe off from its traditional sources of raw materials in Asia and Africa and thus softening the colonial powers for the final coup.

It was decided to ride the horse of rising nationalism in these areas, even when it ad-

vanced beyond the hope of immediate political advantage for communism.

A wedge between an underdeveloped nation and an industrial nation, driven by anyone, was a feather in the Communist hat.

The Soviet Union fumbled in her political approach to the Congo. But economically the situation has produced a serious condition and the fall of a government in Belgium to balance initial Communist slips.

The latest killings of political prisoners, by elements through which the West hoped to restore some order, again divide the Soviet's opponents in the United Nations and stir African sympathy for the pro-Communists.

Morocco is turning toward political and economic ties with other northern and western African states as against her long association with France.

Native forces are working hard to diminish British ties with new nations which are taking various steps toward

independence this year. In some areas the forces of cooperation are being seriously challenged by other native forces determined merely to throw out the whites, as in the Congo.

There is a possibility that the new Republic of South Africa will be blackballed from the Commonwealth, creating a serious situation for vast British commercial interests there.

A war between Indonesia and the Netherlands over West New Guinea is always possible.

The Soviet Union, by dragging the rebellious Algerian provisional government into a political position regarding the Congo, has added another bit to the difficulties of negotiations which the Western world has hoped would bind up the French-Algerian wounds.

Many of these situations are little influenced by the Communists. It's just that the Reds have a policy into which they fit, as in Cuba. The showdown between the Communists and the weak new governments can come later.



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