

Editorial Opinion

# Responsibility Again

One thing bothers us about the proposed changes to the SGA constitution which are going before the Senate Subcommittee on Organizational Control today. Why?

Why should it be going to this committee before it even goes before the students?

The main criticism that the administration has made of student government on this campus ever since Encampment last September is that it does not want to take responsibility.

Running to the Senate Subcommittee on Organizational Control with the recommended changes in the SGA constitution before the students or even SGA itself knows about them doesn't seem to indicate that student government is taking on any more responsibility.

The Senate subcommittee does not have to approve these changes, but SGA does. And for SGA to take action it should have already sounded out the desires of the student body.

The SGA Reorganization Committee, according to chairman Duane Alexander, had completed a week ago all the constitutional changes it thinks are necessary, but never released this information to the students.

Last night the committee refused to release this information to the students until after it has gone before the Senate Subcommittee to check "technicalities and parliamentary things."

Apparently the student committee has no confidence in its proposals. They do not need the approval of the Senate subcommittee but only the approval of SGA and the student body.

The fact that the Senate Subcommittee on Organizational Control and the Senate Committee on Student Affairs will review the student government system later this spring does not mean that they have to oversee all changes SGA wants to make in their constitution now.

As the administration has said before, it is the students' responsibility to determine what is wrong with their government and what changes they want to make to it.

During the past two years it has been very evident what is wrong with SGA.

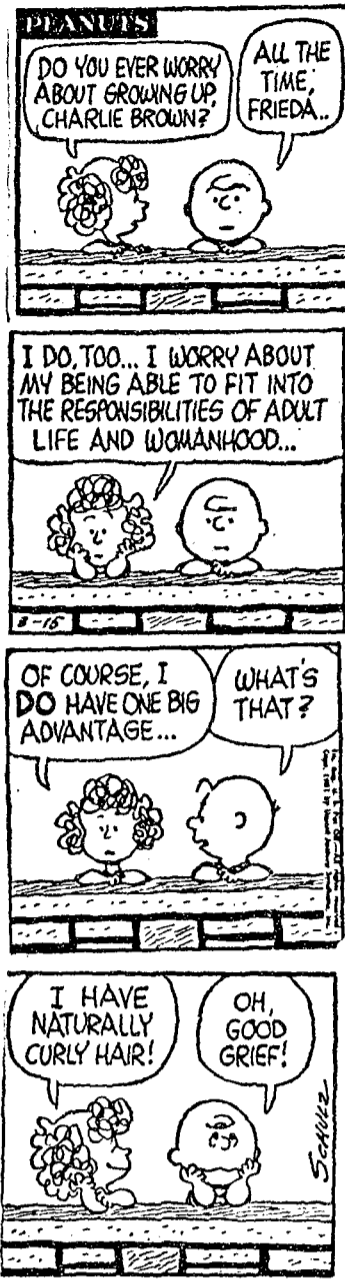
There have been too many people sitting on their duffs doing nothing. The few that do come up with ideas really have no constituency to which to be responsible. In effect, SGA has not been a government but rather an activity.

The changes that should be made are to elect the Assemblymen from their living areas so that every student is equally represented and Assemblymen can be held accountable to their constituencies; to elect fewer persons and eliminate the dead wood; to activate Cabinet to function (it certainly hasn't this year) and give it voice but no vote in the Assembly so the leadership which has been so sorely lacking for two years can be realized.

The SGA reorganization committee, which has supposedly been meeting since last November, has conducted all its meetings behind closed doors and was completely silent till two weeks ago.

At that time Alexander said that his committee was working closely with the Senate subcommittee. Last night the Senate subcommittee chairman said they have never met before and Alexander concurred.

We are always concerned when governmental action or decisions are withheld from the people they are going to effect. And especially on an issue which will affect the student body as much as will student government reorganization. Each action and decision should be reported immediately so that all views and opinions may be heard.



Letters

# Apology to Newman Sought

TO THE EDITOR: Since Mr. Preston Williams has commented on the positions of Mr. Monroe Newman and Mr. William Wise with respect to discrimination on the part of fraternities on the basis of the report which appeared in the Collegian I think that I too am in order to comment on the report and the letter.

It seems to me that Mr. Williams owes Mr. Newman an apology. Leaving aside the fact that many of us know how Mr. Newman feels about the entire subject of discrimination let me point out that a careful reading of the story which appeared in the Collegian reveals that in the opening part of the story Mr. Newman was simply stating what the University policy was with respect to organizations which have been allowed to operate on campus.

Nothing in that statement implied that Mr. Newman agreed or disagreed with the policy. Some paragraphs later Mr. William Wise sets forth

his position with respect to the issue of "self-discrimination."

I shall not comment on the matter but simply state that Williams has done a disservice to Mr. Newman by linking his name with that of Mr. Wise with respect to the question of "self-discrimination."

There is nothing in the story that indicates that he shares Mr. Wise's views. And — I repeat — there is nothing in the story that indicates that Mr. Newman approves or disapproves of University policy. An apology is in order.

—J. J. Kaufman,  
—L. E. Fouraker.

Department of Economics  
(Editor's Note: Mr. Williams was very careful to point out in his letter that Mr. Newman spoke for the Senate Committee on Student Affairs and not himself. Mr. Williams said he is a friend of Mr. Newman and aware of what Mr. Newman's personal feelings are on the matter. His disappointment was with the University policy.)

# Prejudice Undiminished

TO THE EDITOR: This is an answer to the letter from Paul Ezust in Saturday's Collegian. Prejudice, my good man, no matter what adjective you put before it, has certainly not diminished in our generation. It can be found anywhere, and it involves little detective work to unearth it.

This laissez-faire policy has been employed too often in the face of a formidable problem. This is an easy way out of attacking the situation. Stirring up a "noble discontent" against prejudice, whether it be in the South or on campus, is a worthy method of bringing the problem into the open and before the community.

Why shouldn't we urge destruction of this thing prejudice. The more people that work on correcting this unde-

sirable characteristic of our society, perhaps the faster it will disappear. It certainly is worth a try! Time and patience have long since been exhausted.

Too often, we have learned that to let something remain boiling, while everyone sits on the sidelines waiting for the consequences, can be disastrous.

DARE has done some very constructive things, such as the housing proclamation against discrimination, to better the cause of racial and religious prejudice. But it would even be a better and more influential organization if these apathetic wallholders would move to the center of the floor and do something positive for a change.

—Valerie Golds

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# Senior Finally 'Airs Views'

TO THE EDITOR: Upon several occasions during my four years here I have been prompted to air my views on some particular happening, event or policy at the University.

I passed up such things as the parking situation, increased fees, noon and evening classes and the debates on the worth and effectiveness of student government. In my opinion none of these was as important as the problem facing us now.

The "Great Discrimination Crisis" which some of our "benevolent and enlightened" fellow students have unearthed poses one of the greatest threats to unity and harmony that this institution has ever faced.

When I came here as a freshman, there were no crusades, no barber shops being picketed

and no civil rights organizations but there were people getting along with their neighbors quite well... and without people telling them how to do it!

Now that Mr. Konstam and his "fellow carriers of the word" have begun to spread their message of good will, animosity has also begun to spread. Is this the desired reality? I should hope not!

I have but one further comment and this concerns "The Dialogue on Man's Goodness" which appeared in Friday's Collegian. This was one of the most distasteful and absurd pieces of work which I have ever had the misfortune of reading. I say let's return to the status quo and live in peaceful cooperation and harmony at Penn State.

—Robert Levanduski, '61

# Gazette

TODAY

- Ag Ec Club, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Zeta
- AIAM, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
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- AWS Atherton Council, 8 p.m., 2nd floor east lounge
- Chem Phys Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 212 HUB
- Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Cwens, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB
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- Freshman Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
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- Special Orientation Committee, 9:30 p.m., 218 HUB
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- Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB
- Zoology Club, 7:30 p.m., 105 Frear

# WDFM Schedule

WEDNESDAY

- 3:25 Financial Tidbits
- 3:30 Stock Market Reports
- 4:00 Critic's Choice
- 5:00 Music at Five
- 6:00 Studio X
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
- Seven O'Clock Report
- Album Review
- News, world
- Jazz panorama
- Forum of the air
- Comedy
- Sports
- Obelisk
- Campus news, sports, weather
- 10:00 Virtuoso
- 12:00 Sign Off

# Interpreting

# Latin Program Revives Argument

By J. M. ROBERTS  
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President Kennedy, calling his Latin-American development program a 10-year-plan, has revived one of the long-standing points of argument about the whole foreign aid program.

Administrators have complained about their lack of authority to launch long-range programs. Congress has complained about some methods of administration and, since the Marshall Plan for Europe, has given only short-term guaranteed appropriations.

There have been at least two results.

Some good programs have moved forward spasmodically, without producing either the full economic stability or the political faith in the United States which they were designed to foster.

A feeling of annually reproduced burden has been created in the United States among a public not entirely clear about the objectives or when they may be achieved, if ever.

By setting an achievement point of 10 years, the Kennedy program injects a definite expectation that, if the Latin-American nations will truly cooperate with land, social and political reforms, the economic program will keep pace until outside aid will no longer be necessary.

That proved true in connection with the Marshall Plan, whose beneficiaries, after 12 years, are now able to begin helping the United States with some of her burdens.

This is a fundamental objec-

tive of all of these programs—that the free world shall stand on its own feet, economically and politically able to mobilize its resources for the general welfare at any time or place they are needed.

A side product is the expectation that newly viable economies among underdeveloped nations will provide new customers to maintain the dynamism of all free economies.

First Latin-American reaction to the Kennedy plan is mixed. The idea seems to have got around that the United States was going to announce distribution of some startling sum which the governments could use for their own purposes. The clear statement that the aid will be for those who help themselves in specific areas must cause some shuddering. Some of these governments have been virtually budgeting American aid just as though it came from their own taxes.

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