

Editorial Opinion

Time for Improvement

For the first time in the memory of many State College residents there are an appreciable number of vacant rooms in the town area immediately adjacent to the campus.

These town vacancies are partially a result of the difference in rates between residence hall construction and admission of new students.

Residence halls have housed an increasingly greater percentage of the University's students in the past few years, and this has resulted in a decrease of student tenants in town.

The oversupply of room-seekers that prevailed for many years in State College forced rental charges to climb above rents charged for similar rooms in surrounding communities.

This overcharging can be further illustrated by observing that rents are reduced by 20 to 35 per cent during the summer because of the lack of tenants.

Because of an abundance of room-seekers landlords had no desire to spend money for improvements.

Now, however, the supply of rooms exceeds the demand and tenants, if organized, could achieve improvements in living conditions and possibly a decrease in rent.

Some sort of inspection system whereby students could evaluate the conditions of rooms and possibly suggest fair prices to the landlords might be established. Also the SGA housing list might be expanded to include an evaluation of the room's condition and a suggestion for a fair and reasonable rental charge.

Although this would require a good deal of work, it would serve to provide the mass of town men with a sort of mobility. That is, the undesirable and overpriced rooms would be left unoccupied.

This reform of town housing is of particular interest now because if either of the political parties is able to win the favor of the usually apathetic independent men, it is a good bet to win the election.

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Letters to the Editor

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TO THE EDITOR: It never ceases to amaze me as to how an Elections Commission Chairman can be so ignorant of basic green roots politics. For Mr. Robert Dufner's sake I would like to cite an example that is consistent for the entire nation.

I am from a town with a population of 12 thousand. Some six thousand people are registered and eligible to vote. The city provides 14 polling places scattered conveniently across the town.

Compare this with Penn State and its enrollment of over 12 thousand and therefore 12 thousand eligible voters. However, we are provided with only three polling places.

If Mr. Dufner honestly believes that the lack of turnout of student voters in an SGA election is a vote of confidence for student government, then he is living in a dream world.

Mr. Dufner cited a disturbance that occurred a few years ago when residence hall voting was tried. Couldn't the same thing happen in the HUB or Willard, or anywhere else, for that matter?

Now, speaking of foresight, any assembly that doesn't have the foresight to see that some of its members are sitting illegally, or the foresight to note that two assemblymen are claiming the same seat, then that assembly is an irresponsible assembly and why shouldn't it be elected by irresponsible voters?

In conclusion I would like to say that it is my hope that campus politics grows up and begins to act as the mature group it is supposed to be.

—Leo Scoda, '63

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Gazette

TODAY

Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
Chemistry Colloquium, 12:30 p.m., 302 Whitmore
Civil Defense, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., HUB card room
Economics Seminar, 12 noon, HUB dining room
Fresh Queen Interviews, 9:30 p.m., 214 HUB
I.V.C.F., 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Reading Festival, 12 noon, HUB reading room
SGA, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
University Party, 7 p.m., 213 HUB

University Administration Holds 'Ultimate Power'

TO THE EDITOR: It seems to me there is a basic misconception among many people as to the duties and responsibilities of a student government association and, more particularly, of student leaders.

Most certainly it is not the purpose of such a governing association to defy the ultimate authorities of this University. The administrative members of this University have a greater responsibility to the state of Pennsylvania in the education of its youth than they have to the whims of the student body.

Why should the working time of these administrators be taken up with petty arguments? And also at this point let me challenge the student body with this question: Should a student's concern be with the quality of education he is receiving during his term of residence, or should it be with a problem of where he can park his car or the length of his Thanksgiving vacation?

Why don't the advocates of a powerful and demanding SGA sit back and take a good look at the situation. The first thing they should realize is that a university community is not a democratic community. In an area such as this there is not time for such a government.

A group of people, well-trained in university and business circles, with the experience necessary for good thinking and clear planning, are much better suited for administering this community than a group of four year (soon to be three year) transients.

These administrators have the experience of the past and the plans for the future in their grasp. Can anyone say that a student knows what is best for

Penn State when all he knows is the present?

The real responsibility of a student government is to coordinate the present wishes of the student body with the plans of the University in the best manner possible. If the ideas are diametrically opposed, the temporary should yield to the lasting.

For this reason, the leaders of the student body are given extra and essential information, so that they may better coordinate the plans of a student governing body.

And now a word about the student leaders and their selection. Wouldn't we all be surprised if one of the graduates of 1961 were asked to become the president and chairman of the board for the Proctor & Gamble Company?

Even if his name were Gamble, we would be surprised. For a local example, what if Ken Kastle—a name chosen from the staff list at the Daily Collegian—had been chosen as editor of The Daily Collegian last week. Wouldn't we be surprised?

The reason for this surprise is obvious. Though a new person comes with new ideas, are these ideas tempered with the training and experience that make them sound, workable ideas?

Workers must be trained in the field they are about to enter, and they must be carefully trained if they are destined to assume positions of leadership and responsibility.

With these questions in mind I feel each student should re-appraise his attitudes and philosophy towards student government and our campus leaders. There seems to be some faulty reasoning somewhere.

—Gary W. Robinson, '61

Campus Will 'Put Up or Shut Up'

TO THE EDITOR: Bob Harrison's fraternity brother, Richard Levinson, has termed impractical Dennis Foianini's pledge to call new elections upon demand by the student body.

Mr. Foianini is, in my experience, the only candidate for any office at Penn State, past and present, to promise he will produce or get out and back it up.

I, for one, am sick and tired

of the parade of status-seekers that call themselves a government. The lists of activities that appear on election posters each year seem in direct proportion to the insincerity of the candidates they represent.

Campus people say they will put up or shut up, and that's the only sensible thing I've heard any candidate say in years.

—Dave McKelvey, '62

Eichmann: A Reverse Christ

By STEPHEN R. BLUM
Contributing Writer

The trial of Adolph Eichmann is now several days old and it seems it has been going on for weeks. It is boring, as boring as the legal machinery that has brought Eichmann to "justice."

I am of Jewish birth. Although I was not of an age when I had yet learned to feel horror, still I am not too far removed from that time of inhumanity that was World War II.

Why then, I ask myself, do I seem so insensitive to the Eichmann trial? Why then do I feel that Eichmann is receiving "justice" rather than justice?

I suppose I should feel ashamed at not being full of wrath, or at least being full of wrath's more sophisticated counterpart: a calm indignation. However:

The world is treating Adolph Eichmann as a reverse Christ. We are all casting our stones at this one man—in the desperate hope that we can condemn him and then forget. Ironically enough the purpose of dragging the trial out for months is the opposite: to make us remember that horrid time

that caused the creation of a new word: genocide.

Adolph Eichmann is the "bad guy," and all the world is the "good boy" full of righteous indignation. We feel no complicity at having watched and read about one of the greatest of those occasional neurotic bloodbaths that mar history and are called wars.

Americans and the British alike feel no pangs of regret at having forestalled the creation of the country of Israel long enough so that the Nazis could, quantitatively speaking, come within a not-too-small mathematical fraction of having "solved" the Jewish Problem.

With a melodramatic flourish that elated the hearts of millions, Eichmann was caught. What to do with this man (let us never forget that man is an animal—some higher and some lower than other animals) caught the emotions and the minds of millions.

The decision was made: by showing Eichmann to the rest of the world the Israeli government would, at one and the same time, both revenge its six million who never had the chance to become citizens of Israel (or of any other land) and also show the world the figure of the person who is the most recent personification of

that form of unbalanced animal which could be called the chronic anti-Semite.

Yes, the trial will bring its revenge—no matter how much the emotions of the participants are trying to mask this revenge under the legal make-believe of witnesses for the defense and prosecution.

But will the trial serve to re-awaken the world to the horrors of genocide? I think not.

Try to conceive of six million, that is 6,000,000. Think of six million dollars, then try and think of six million people; next try and conceive of 6,000,000 dead people. Very difficult, is it not—rather beyond our academic imagination. We cannot conceive of the horror of what was done to the Jewish people during World War II.

Do not drag the Eichmann trial out—for it shall bore others than myself, others who do not understand the magnitude of the pile of bodies 6,000,000 in number.

Do not give Eichmann a "fair trial"—it will take too long to have any effect on those who cast stones.

Either kill Eichmann out of pure revenge or give him to Lincoln Rockwell's neo-Nazis so that he can start again and give us a better example of what the figure 6,000,000 means and says.