

Editorial Opinion

Books—Not Beaches

We see more than a little irony in Duane Alexander's resolution asking SGA to support the reallocation of \$27,000 in unused class gift funds for a beach at Stone Valley.

This, remember, is the same Assembly that formed a "Back the Budget" committee to aid the expansion of University facilities.

In any mature view of University growth the academic must supercede the recreational, and it is for this reason that we heavily support Jackie Leavitt's counter-resolution that the funds go to the Pattee Library.

Just one year ago this month, President Walker received a report from the Liberal Arts faculty on the shortcomings of the library.

Not only were the reference works found inadequate, but services and facilities are seriously hampered by tight limitations on the library's share of Penn State's budget.

Specifically, the faculty's report recommended "decisive" revisions in the percentage of the University's budget allocated to the Library.

Then in October we were witness to a rare event; somewhere the administration located \$100,000 and donated this to the library in the form of a "non-recurring" grant.

SGA could make this grant go a little farther.

It is one-fourth the sum the Administration was able to dig up, but it might perk up a few sagging heads in Old Main and Harrisburg to see that SGA realizes its responsibility to the University's basic function.

This might even have the broader effect of shaming the University and the Legislature into giving the pillared structure at the head of the mall more funds.

We've heard of one small university that, for three years, donated their senior class gift to raise faculty salaries, until their embarrassed administration finally took on the burden.

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In light of the current tightening of purse strings on this campus and seeming unwillingness of the State to increase Penn State's appropriation, additional recreational areas are not only unnecessary—they are clearly extravagant.

We fail to see how student government, weighing the situation, could toss off an opportunity to lift the face of the University and its own reputation.

And the latest reliable sources tell us that Whipple's Dam is still open for business.

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Letters

DARE's Stand Clarified
By Morse

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Ronald R. Rhein's letter May 11 raises several interesting questions, but its main point is based on an unfortunate mis-interpretation of DARE's position—a mis-interpretation complicated by a point of view that manages to equate enforced segregation with some kind of social freedom.

To get the main point out of the way first, DARE has never advocated mandatory non-discrimination in fraternities and sororities.

All DARE insists on (as was made clear in the May issue of La Critique) is that the members of a local chapter be allowed to choose their own brothers and sisters without having to worry about a racial clause that is maintained in the national charter by pressure from a relatively small number of alumni and national officers.

Freedom not to associate is not the same thing as prohibition of association.

As for the unconstitutionality of the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, 1954, the best legal minds in this country have been struggling with the problem of state vs. federal power for a good many years, and Mr. Rhein's oversimplifications somehow don't seem likely to illuminate the question any further.

Mr. Rhein states that "integration is clearly not wanted."

The obvious question is, Not wanted by whom? Surely even Mr. Rhein is aware that the majority of those who are most affected by segregation—the Southern negroes—have little voice in Washington and no voice at all in Little Rock or Baton Rouge.

Finally, Mr. Rhein's pieties about "individual rights" are disingenuous.

Theoretically, I have a perfect right to walk down S. Allen St. shouting at the top of my lungs, "I hate niggers!" but I can hardly justify my actions by pleading freedom of speech if I come to harm, for I will have deserved what I got.

Similarly with a segregated barber shop, which is an affront to an entire race as well as an insult to the intelligence of a University community.

Mr. Rhein is a biologist as well as a student of constitutional law, and it is a pity that what he has learned of the equality of races and of their equal rights should be subordinated to solicitude for the forces of ignorance now that their armies have begun to retreat.

—Jonathan Morse, '62
Vice-President, DARE

Blackboard

Rationalization

by Johnny Black

It was such a perfect afternoon for Whipple's that I had just about rationalized my way out of going to my class on international relations.

The warm sun and cloudless sky wrote a tempting invitation to forget the cares of the world and enjoy the lazy leisure our American standard of living makes possible.

Why go to that depressing class where all we were going to do was discuss the pitiful plight of those starving masses in the undeveloped and unprivileged countries of Southeast Asia.

It always made me queasy when we talked about three-fourths of the world's population that goes to bed hungry each night.

Some days it would upset my stomach so that I could hardly digest my steak that night in addition to the hypocritical feeling I had to suffer.

I didn't want to think of those disinherited millions scraping their bowls for that little grain of rice that they hoped would not be their last.

I knew already what our professor would say. He would pound on the desk and say how it was the challenge of our young generation to sacrifice our wealth and do something about raising the standards of living for these people who had yet to experience human dignity. His generation had lowered its eyes and slithered past the problem, now he's telling us to do the job.

I tried to shake my head

clear of the thoughts this always brought—how could I spend one cent for entertainment till their basic needs for survival were satisfied? How could I justify additional luxuries in our American life until all standards of living of the world were on an equal par?

But it was too nice a day to torture myself with these thoughts, and I did have those brand new water skis I hadn't tried out.

It made me shudder to think that the money spent on those skis could have fed a whole Asian family for a week.

But they didn't deserve life like I did. Their ancestors didn't work as hard as mine did for—Ancestors, what about me? What had I done for the opportunities I enjoy, how did I earn the right to be born north of the 30th parallel in the Western hemisphere instead of south of it in the eastern?

The whoosh almost blew me off the curb.

My eyes lingered after it till I heard the screech.

I ignored the annoying little voice that screamed stop as my legs broke into a run.

That super-power Buick convertible with the three luscious blonds was headed for Whipple's.

Letters

Lion's Paw's Exclusion Of Foianini Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: I wish someone would explain to me what qualities are considered requisites for membership in the senior "honorary" society, Lion's Paw.

No one can question the selection of persons who have been selected to major positions in campus activities, but it seems this year that the student government "leaders" who were selected, with one exception, were the people who lost in the last election.

I do not doubt their qualifications, for they would have never been nominated. But what about the winner of the SGA Presidency—the most respected and responsible position any student can hold?

The new SGA Vice President is on the varsity football team, and certainly deserved his selection for L.P. But our new President has put in an equal amount of effort for the student radio station, and has shown himself to be an extremely capable student on whom the University can well be proud.

He defeated his closest competitor by 1300 votes in one of the most one-sided student

elections in recent years. It seems, however, that these are insufficient qualifications for L.P., although the IFC rushing chairman was considered important enough.

Apparently I have been misled as to the importance of student government—obviously this year fraternity affairs are more important in the selection of who is a student leader.

It seems to me that the SGA President is the one student most responsible for the betterment of the University as a whole; therefore, how can a group, which claims as its guiding principle the betterment of the school, reject the one elected student who has taken on the same responsibility claimed by this group?

How can this group consider its membership complete or adequate to carry on this goal without the top student leader? How can the position of "Chaplain of the Lion" be competently filled by anyone else?

I would appreciate a reply from someone who has some insight on the questions I have raised.

—Leonard Ivker '62

Gazette

- Today
- Academic Year Science Institute Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 111 Boucke
- Av. Student Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
- Angel Flight, 7:30 p.m., McElwain Lounge
- Angel Flight Pledges, 6:15 p.m., 104 Wagner
- Counselors, 8 a.m., 218 HUB
- Cwena, 8:30 p.m., 216 HUB
- Delta Sigma Pi, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
- Econ Faculty Seminar, 12 noon, dining room "A" HUB
- Ed Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 214 HUB
- Five O'Clock Theatre, 5 p.m., Little Theatre, Old Main
- Geophysical Seminar, 3:16 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
- I'G, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
- International Study Committee, 216 HUB
- Kappa Alpha Psi, 8:45 p.m., 214 HUB
- Liberal Arts faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m., 121 Sparks
- Mineral Industries Council, 7:15 p.m., 218 HUB
- Panel, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- Phi Kappa Phi, 6:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Spring Week, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Tax Institute, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
- Tax Institute, 1:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
- TIM Movie, 12 noon, 6 p.m., HUB assembly room

HOSPITAL
Judith Allen, Carolyn Barten, Jeanne Chambers, Stephen Cotar, Darlene Cotton, Judith Creed, Fred Good, Marlene Gorenstein, Karen Hafer, Richard Heller, Duane Hemming, Edwina Hill, Frank Hugus, Linda Jeffries, Gayle Kelchner, Mary Kuhns, James Lovejoy, John Mange, Jane Nemeroff, Nellie Phillips, John Trojanowski, Marilyn Weiss.

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to, first of all, extend our deepest, heartfelt congratulations to the new initiates of Lion's Paw.

We are certain that each of these initiates merits the dubious distinction on his own qualifications, and the fact that the same fraternities sit behind the locked doors is purely incidental.

Hence, our feeling that there is a misnomer in the name of the apex of Penn State societies. Not Lion's Paw, but LION'S PALS. Or due to the preponderance of second runners in the recent elections, perhaps LOSER'S PAW is more suitable.

We do not maintain the position that any of the initiates were aided in any way by their fraternities or any other organization in achieving membership into the society. But the absence of those elected by

the student body as their leaders is the crux of our perplexity.

Dennis Foianini was elected president of the student body by one of the greatest displays of confidence ever given anyone on this campus. But does he sit behind the locked door in Old Main. No, because it was the mere will of the student body that he should be the number one leader on campus.

Messrs. Harrison, Alexander, Witmer and Nurick, holding fraternity maintained positions and losers one and all in the school-wide balloting, now sit in the hallowed chairs kept warm by their respective fraternity brothers.

Here's to the day when those elected by the students, not those who pledge the "right" fraternity, will be acknowledged as the student leaders.

—Mickey Hurwitz, '62
Steve Sandler, '63