

Editorial Opinion

Rooms for Rent

The Housing Department yesterday hung out its "Rooms for Rent" sign, thinly clothed in an ex post facto order which eliminates the grace period in men's room assignments.

With the East Halls opening in September it would seem that Housing is worried about filling these dorms.

Acting in this vein, it struck from the record a practice which gave men applying for rooms ten days, from receipt of assignment, to accept by sending in a \$10 deposit.

During the winter this deposit was incorporated into a \$25 general deposit which will cover all deposits and breakage fees previously required of students.

No one in the Housing Department was considerate enough to inform those students applying for rooms that now the application alone would be binding because the deposit had been eliminated.

The department defends its measure by saying it must assume all those applying for rooms do so in "good faith" of accepting their assignment.

It would seem to use that the students, too, have a right to expect some "good faith" on the part of Housing.

Since they were not notified otherwise, they had a right to expect that the provisions for requesting rooms this April were the same as those of last April.

They had a right to expect that orders would not be decreed after the fact in May, which entirely altered the assumed agreement of April.

And they also have a right to expect that withdrawal request be honored for those whose plans are affected.

We can readily appreciate the University's position in this matter. They have floated a loan to build East Halls and, of course, must insure that the residence halls will be filled so they can pay off their debt.

We do not object to the change in regulations, although it does make the department all the more inflexible, since Housing must operate as economically as possible.

But we strongly protest the manner in which this bureau has abruptly broken the news of this change.

It recalls the manner in which last spring this same department, without prior notice, filled the Pollock Area by requiring all transfer men to live in dorms.

We are waiting for the next move in dormitory expansion. Housing has a captive audience.

Go, Go, Go...

If SGA ever gets organized it might be able to reorganize.

It isn't our job to take attendance at SGA Assembly meetings. Nor do we intend to beg, command or malign Assemblymen into fulfilling their function.

There is an SGA meeting tonight. It is at 7:30 p.m. in 203 HUB.

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Letters

Soph Wants Essentials

Before Extras

TO THE EDITOR: Penn State's status ranks much lower than most other comparable accredited universities across the country... why this lowly position? Our inadequate library is the answer.

I have been hearing continuously about our need for a more intellectual climate at Penn State. How many times have you encountered our university being referred to as "play school of the east"?

If we turn over our latent class gift funds to the Stone Valley project, we are emphasizing unintellectual desires and are making the above opinion of our school a reality.

Here is our chance as students to show our intellectual pursuits and concern for our library's position.

The State aid of \$100,000 is for the purpose of expanding our library to regional status. This means that through State funds, our library will be made to serve the inhabitants of the surrounding area not just P.S. students.

If SGA votes to turn the class gift funds over to the library, we can use the money to purchase volumes specifically needed by students, and not the people of the surrounding area.

In other words, by using both funds, we would be expanding our facilities in a dual fashion.

It is a shame that a school of our size and caliber should rank so low. There is no place for "extras" (as Duane Alexander refers to the Stone Valley Beach until we attain the essentials first).

-Barbara Isaacson '63

Motivation Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: It makes us very happy indeed to finally observe someone who has the steadfastness of purpose and the sound motivation to speak against the discriminatory practices of Lion's Paw in tapping new members.

In his recent letter, Mr. Hurwitz has effectively synthesized all the complaints that individuals have been leveling against this organization for so long.

I am sure that Dennis Eisman, Mr. Hurwitz's fraternity brother, enthusiastically agrees with Mr. Hurwitz's argument and is grateful that he took the initiative to put it before the public.

-Roger Schwarz '63
-Jay Epstein '63

Gazette

Today
Ag. Hill Party, 6:30 p.m., 216 HUB
Campus Party, 6:00 p.m., 212 HUB
Chemistry Colloquium, 12:30 p.m., 302 Whitmore
Chi Epsilon, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Faculty Bridge, 7:45 p.m., 212 HUB
Gamma Phi Beta Car Wash, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Acacia
Gamma Sigma Sigmas, 6:15 p.m., McElwain Lounge
L.U. Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Jazz Club, 6:15 p.m., HUB Sundeck
Marketing Club, 1:00 p.m., 213 HUB
Phi Lambda Upsilon, 8:00 p.m., 214 Houcke
SGA, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Student PSEA, 7:30 p.m., 209 HUB
University Party, 7:00 p.m., 212 HUB

WDFM Schedule

THURSDAY
8:25 Financial Tidbits
3:30 Stock Market Reports
4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Music at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weathercasts
7:00 Seven O'Clock Report
7:15 Album Review
7:30 Portrait of a City
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 This is the Subject
9:00 Folk Music
9:30 Opinion 15
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Chamber Concert
12:00 Sign Off

FRIDAY
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 Weathercasts
7:00 Marquee Memories
8:00 Starlight Review
9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Ballet Theatre
12:00 Midnight Mood
1:00 Sign Off

Blackboard

Lion's Paw

by Johnny Black

I am a member of Lion's Paw.

Many students have asked how I, as editor of a newspaper, can belong to a secret organization. Some think it particularly odd since I turned down a bid last year.

Just about every college or university has its

senior rah-rah organization, but few have the stigma attached to them that Lion's Paw does.

Lion's Paw's primary purpose is to foster Penn State spirit. LP tries to salvage Penn State traditions in the face of the inevitable trend toward the impersonal IBM University.



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Few students will contest these purposes. But the stigma has arisen over charges that LP takes corporate action to exercise undue influence and control over student government and other student activities.

Whether or not these charges were true, I, like every other student, did not know. For this reason I felt last year that I could not risk the integrity of the paper and stayed out of the organization.

This insured a clean record for myself and the paper but it

did not shed any light on the charges against LP or the worth of the organization, and the stigma continued as before.

This year I was in a unique position. With the paper's policy already clearly established, with the bulk of the editorial writing duties turned over to new editors, I was in a position to make a personal decision without risking the integrity of the newspaper.

If Lion's Paw did not attempt to exert undue influence but truly followed its motto (which is the same as Collegian's), "For a Better Penn State," I would be proud to be a member.

If LP did exert undue influence, I could do nothing to change the situation while outside the organization.

But any organization is only what its members are. And LP is a completely new organization each year, there is no carry-over from the year before.

As a member I could help shape the organization and add my personal influence to see that LP did perform its prop-

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Letters

'Sour Grapes' Charged

TO THE EDITOR: After reading the letters of Messrs. Ivker, Hurwitz, and Sandler, I must say in retort that it seems like they have been severely afflicted with a case of "sour grapes" for Mr. Foianini.

Every one of the recent initiatives of Lion's Paw has shown over the past three years that he was an outstanding leader of his class and mine, the class of '62. Every one of these men has worked, and worked hard, for the betterment of the student body.

Perhaps many people will disagree with the statement "for the betterment of the student body"; perhaps I'm wrong.

However, I feel that these men were sincerely interested in the Penn State student body, and proved this by the great amount of time they put into student activities, and by the few rewards they reaped from this time, other than personal satisfaction.

To continue, I feel that Mr. Foianini (and I wish to cast no aspersions on him) has done little or nothing to prove himself a student leader in the past three years.

Certainly he has an exceptionally large bloc of students backing him, as shown by the recent election.

However, this still did not prove him to be an exceptional student leader; only past actions will do that.

-John Gilbert '62

Frosh Wants Class Unity

TO THE EDITOR: While looking through the May 12 issue of the Collegian, I came across an article written by the Freshman Class President, Jim Sloane. Being a freshman on this campus and realizing its enormity, I fully agree with Mr. Sloane's stand on class representation.

With the advent of the four-term system and its supposed threat to the class system, it is important that the unity of each class should be more than emphasized.

It is very important that entering freshmen be made to feel a sense of identity with their class if they are to take an active interest in this university.

The endorsement of Mr. Sloane's policies by the Freshman Class Advisory Board is indicative, I feel, of the feelings of most of the freshmen.

Their roles as freshmen are important and most of the freshmen realize this. The Advisory Board, to show its stand on the representation controversy has sponsored Freshman Class Night, an event which would show the unity of our class.

I feel it is important that the Freshman Class attend this function, if for no other reason than to show its unity and strength.

-David Namerow '64

