

Editorial Opinion

Constitution Changes

The proposed constitution now before the SGA Assembly provides a solid governmental structure.

The change in the base of representation—living areas instead of class—make constituencies a reality.

Two other changes in particular make this constitution a much stronger one than the present and add latitude to the jurisdiction of SGA.

The cabinet has been strengthened by expanding it to include the presidents of all the college councils and the major residence councils (AWS, MRC, IFC, and TIM). Integrating these councils in to the structure under SGA unifies the whole system of student government on campus.

The proposed constitution also provides SGA with a new power—the power to charter, review and rescind charters of all student organizations. The Senate Committee on Student Affairs has advocated for some time that SGA take over this job.

However, there is one clear contradiction in the proposed constitution and a few provisions we still question.

One section of the constitution says a person in the gallery may be recognized only for a point of information. This is in direct opposition to a later section under the Bill of Rights which says, "any member of the faculty, administration, or student body may attend and present to the Assembly matters which concern student welfare."

Other provisions we question are the provision which allows tribunals to perpetuate themselves by holding the majority vote on the committee which selects new tribunal members.

The judicial branch of government is one of the strongest, and members to this branch should be appointed by the president, assembly or agency outside the judicial itself.

Finally, the by-laws provide that if an Assemblyman loses his academic average, or goes student teaching for a term he becomes ineligible that term but may become eligible again the next.

If an Assemblyman becomes ineligible to hold office, his constituency (living area) should be allowed to elect another representative rather than lose their representation for that term.

Rally Time Again

A "Back the Budget" car caravan sponsored by the three political parties will culminate in a rally on the steps of Old Main tomorrow afternoon.

The potential news coverage of this event is surpassed only by President Kennedy's news conferences. More than 200 Pennsylvania journalists and publishers including Governor Lawrence's news secretary are on campus attending the annual Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association conference.

With this captive audience of news reporters on campus, an energetic rally could get statewide publicity and send Lawrence's secretary home with a firm impression of student support for the increase in appropriations.

The rally must be kept orderly, but if students should pour out of the residence halls, rooming houses and fraternities as they did in football victory rallies of recent years, the threat of a tuition hike might be squelched.

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Gazette

TODAY
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
Graduate Square Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
Employment, noon, 213 HUB
Institute of Food Technicians, 9 a.m., 217-218 HUB
Kappa Alpha Phi, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
OSGA, 9 a.m., HUB Assembly Hall
Student Movie, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
"Three Sisters," 8 p.m., Conference Center
University Chapel Choir-University Symphony Concert, 8 p.m., Schwab
TOMORROW
Art Department, 3 p.m., HUB Main Lounge
Block S Club, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB card room

Emerson Society, 7 p.m., 210 Eisenhower Chapel
Freshman Customs, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Student movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Swedenborgian, 10:45 a.m., 212-213 HUB
MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Beta Colony, 9 p.m., 217 HUB
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
Cwens, 8:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB dining room A
IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
ISA, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
IVCF, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Newman Club, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Special Ed, 7 p.m., 214-215 HUB
Special Ed, 8 a.m., 212-213 HUB

Letters

Soph Hits Squandering

TO THE EDITOR: Indeed how fortunate we are that we have students such as Duane Alexander who are willing to watch out for our interests.

I am in full agreement with his efforts to divert the unused class gift funds from the library. Why just recently I was in the library, and guess what I saw? Bookshelves full of dirty, dusty, germ-laden books.

And believe it or not, I am told that there are still more books in the back rooms! Now with all these books, why should we waste students' money on more books?

It's only common sense that we'll get new books when the old ones wear away, and since only a few select books are allowed out of the library for more than a day, the books should last for quite a while.

It was also very keen of him to note that the state legislature may appropriate money for our library. If that or any other imminent event (e.g., the earth falling into the sun) should occur, then our money will just be wasted.

I like the idea of Stone Valley, but if that doesn't pass SGA, maybe some of my suggestions for utilizing the surplus cash will be helpful. How about a huge bomb shelter for the next Civil Defense test, or maybe gold trimmed uniforms for the Campus Patrol, or even flashing neon lights to identify all the buildings on campus?

Perhaps as a gesture of good will on the part of the students towards the town, we could present the money to Messrs. Keeler, Metzger, and A Store in payment for the mental anguish we've caused them by mentioning a student-run book agency.

I certainly hope though, that Mr. Foianini wakes up and realizes that we students don't want to squander our money on useless things such as books.
—Mike Muldower, '62

Coverage Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: Did you know that yesterday was Honors Day? Apparently not! Doesn't this newspaper believe in giving recognition to students of outstanding scholastic achievement?

Evidently it does not from the size of the article written on the last page of yesterday's Collegian. Will the Collegian publish only the names of students in athletic, social, and political activities?

Doesn't it feel it's worth the space to publish the names of outstanding scholars of the University?

Could you imagine the repercussions if the announcements of the Spring Week Awards were not mentioned on the first page and did not include the names of the winners?

Perhaps this is why Penn State is known as a "Country Club," an intellectual void.

Reader, if you are convinced that Penn State does not place enough emphasis on scholastic achievement, ask yourself and the few people standing around you, "What is an Evan Pugh Scholar?"
—Kathy Boithalmus, '61

WDFM Schedule

SATURDAY
2:00 Metropolitan Opera (Live)
6:00 Spotlight
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Hi Fi Open House
9:00 Off-Beat
1:00 Rony and Mr. X
8:00 Sign Off
SUNDAY
5:00 Chapel Service
6:00 Chamber Music
6:30 Mormon Choir
7:00 Highlights of the Week
7:15 The Third Programme
1:00 Sign Off
MONDAY
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
7:15 Seven O'Clock Report
7:30 The Little Show
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 Contemporary Concepts
9:00 Campus and Religion
9:30 Campus and Religion
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Symphonic Notebook
12:00 Sign Off

drifting and dreaming

Batting Average

by karen hyncekeal

We were playing baseball in front of the Collegian office. Just a small, friendly game. We girls smashed the ball over the hedges and down by Schwab and the boys chased it.

Every so often a passer-by, anxious to get in our game,

would retrieve the ball for us and send it soaring across Pollock Road, back onto "the field."

One boy, however, who was walking on our side of the street stopped to look at us in disgust. "Why don't you get in there and put out your old paper," he said. Then he quickly turned his head and walked away.



Miss Hyncekeal

A few minutes later, another member of our passing audience whined, "It must be nice to have nothing to do, no blue-books, no finals, no . . ." Her voice trailed behind her.

At first, I was sure they must be kidding but the expressions on their faces told me otherwise. Somehow, though, I think they might be representative of us all at one time or another.

We college students are busy people. We have to determine what the United States' foreign policy on Cuba should be and put it in a term paper.

We have to analyze Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury" and still find time to memorize all the factors affecting the economic system in South Africa.

If we are involved in a foreign language, it is of immediate importance that we learn all variations of all possible nouns and verbs.

In less than two weeks, we will be faced with our very most magnanimous duty of the semester — collect all the odds and ends and dates and names we've ever heard of, pack them into our already overcrowded

heads and give them back to our professors on paper.

Five minutes later, we'll forget them.

Yes, we college students certainly are busy people. We're too busy to play baseball on a May afternoon, too busy to walk in the rain just for the heck of it and much, much too busy to go to the library for any reason other than research.

We're busy getting an education. We simply must attend every single class. If we're brave enough or sleepy enough to cut, we absolutely have to find out what the professor said that might be on the final.

And doing well on our finals is especially important since we're taking 18 or more credits so we can graduate early.

Besides worrying about finals, we have all these papers due. Our biggest problem here is that Joe might not lend us the one he handed in last semester. That means we'll have to do it ourselves and what do we know or care about France's reaction to Louis XIII?

We're busy getting an education all right but are we getting educated? Maybe we can't see the course for the classes or the subject matter for the papers.

Whatever our trouble, whatever our reasons, we're missing something. Something equal to, if not more important, than this ratrace to get a grade, a credit, a degree.

In three weeks, it will be all over, at least for the summer. And what will it matter then, I mean really matter, whether or not we knew on what day of the week the battle of Gettysburg began?

Was it Monday? Saturday? I'm not sure. And I'm too busy to look it up now. I'm up next.

Letters

Old Main Called Inactive

TO THE EDITOR: If Penn State does not receive the full appropriation as requested by Dr. Eric A. Walker the blame will fall not on the legislature or on the Governor, but on our own administration.

I am writing this letter so that the students, faculty, and administration may know the truth about our appropriation. Up until now, pressures have forced me to keep quiet.

There is no chance whatsoever that Penn State will receive the full appropriation unless a strong stand is taken by our own administration.

If such a stand were taken, there is a great possibility that we would receive the appropriation because Dr. Walker is highly respected in political circles and his opinion is held in high regard.

Mr. Reed Ferguson, one of our lobbyists, told me that our legislature is taking a "wait and see" attitude. He added, "There is no reason to pressure Governor Lawrence because he likes us and would like to help us, but he has no money." I strongly disagree with this.

Let's face the facts. This Governor's Committee on Education report is the third report that has been made and pigeonholed by our legislators and the Governor.

Only 27 per cent of Pennsylvania's college-age students attend college. Compare this with California's 60 per cent and Massachusetts' 55 per cent. Our state is well below the national average.

As a result, the Committee strongly recommended that Penn State be given all the money it needs to expand.

If we do not receive our full appropriation, Penn State will be hurt by the fact that some of its leading professors will leave for better positions elsewhere and many students here will be unable to continue their education because Penn State

will have the highest tuition of any state university in the nation.

If our state is ever to have a commitment to higher education if must come now—in this session of the General Assembly.

Dedication on the part of our professors is one thing, but when secondary school teachers in other states are earning more than our college professors, you cannot expect these professors to remain here. The salaries our state pays to teachers is deplorable.

Our own administration has requested that our professors not take part in the campaign to receive full appropriation because "this wouldn't be right." I strongly disagree with this too.

Either Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Wyand, our two lobbyists, are lying to me, or else the one doesn't know what the other is doing. I have had very conflicting reports during my several visits to their office.

They have poor communications with Harrisburg, they don't know how much support they have in Harrisburg for the appropriation, they haven't asked anyone to amend the bill, etc.

Their basic argument against me is that they have had more experience in these matters than I. However, their experience has been one of never receiving the full appropriation under President Walker. (Rumors in Harrisburg indicate that Dr. Walker has political hopes. By his actions this year, I would say these rumors are true.)

On the other hand, I have people working with me because they are concerned with education and some of these people have been in politics over 20 years.

I believe that our administration is playing a smooth
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