

Students Revive Workshop Discusses Discipline 'Button Wearing'

By JOAN MEHAN

The Old campus custom of wearing campaign buttons was brought back to the University yesterday when the Block "S" club began selling "Fight on State" buttons.

The buttons, which sell for 10 cents, are an "attempt to rejuvenate the spirit of the Penn State student", Robert Dufner, president of the club said.

The buttons which are 2 1/4 inches in diameter with blue letters on a white background will be on sale this week at the Hetzel Union desk and the Book Exchange, Dufner explained. Free "Squash the Orange" cards for the Syracuse game can also be obtained at these places, he added.

Last year the Block "S" club sold "Lick 'em Lions" buttons during the football season. The slogan was changed this year because "Fight on State" is "more in line with the Penn State tradition," Dufner said.

"Lick 'em Lions" wasn't the only button evident last year since wearing campaign buttons was in

vogue. During the early part of last year many Pirate fans wore "Beat 'em Bucs" buttons during the baseball series to show their faith in the team.

Since last year was also an election year many students wore buttons honoring their favorite candidates. Some of these buttons are still being worn by die-hard Republicans. Other students have special political buttons in moth balls for the next presidential campaign.

The evidence in favor of wearing buttons can best be illustrated by the fact that during last year President Eric A. Walker spoke before the University Senate wearing a conservative gray TOCS (Thoughtful Observers of the Contemporary Scene) button. Other administrators and faculty members wore TOCS buttons last year also. The button craze seems to be "the thing" again this year since a well known member of the faculty was seen only yesterday wearing a "Fight on State" button, according to an unconfirmed report.

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(This is the fifth in a series of articles concerning the recent SGA student encampment.)

Compulsory ROTC, the present apartment "entertainment" policy, and disciplinary procedure all came under fire in the Rules, Regulations and Student Welfare workshop.

Charged with closing the discipline communications gap between students and staff, the members of the workshop also discussed new areas for student responsibility and how to remedy major student conduct problems.

Compromise resolutions finally passed by the workshop recommended that compulsory ROTC be reduced to a maximum of one year and that the apartment restrictions be waived for students over 21.

The perennial issue of compulsory ROTC drew sparks from two sides. Some students compared the present system to "requiring everyone to take AAH 1 or Music 5." Others felt that freshmen were not prepared to make an intelligent decision on whether or not to take ROTC and said that a short compulsory program might be valuable as an "orientation period."

The group finally agreed to the

compromise, preferring it to a recommendation to abolish the compulsory program completely which, as one member put it, "hasn't a chance" to get through the University Senate.

One of the most clear-cut divisions in student-administrative opinion showed up when the workshop opened debate on the apartment ruling. Students called the present ruling, which states that women may not visit apartments, rooming houses, trailers, or private areas of living quarters occupied solely by men, "unreasonable, Victorian and unenforceable."

One member summed up the student side by saying, "after all, if anything immoral is going to go on, you don't have to go to an apartment. Besides, the present ruling is little more than a farce,

since almost everybody breaks it." Speaking for the administration, Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president for student affairs, cited townspeople's objections and an unusually large number of disciplinary cases in which apartment parties were a "contributing factor" as major justifications for the present ruling.

In passing the resolution, the members of the workshop said that they hoped this might act as a "foot in the door" toward a change in the policy if students did not misuse it. The workshop group added that as a check on present student behavior the resolution should carry the stipulation that in order to be eligible for the waiver, the student must have had no previous offenses in this area.

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