

Editorial Opinion

Remodeled Rosebud Rules

At a recent meeting of a Senate Committee several light-hearted remarks were tossed concerning the wording of a constitutional phrase.

That phrase was: The affairs of women students shall be under the jurisdiction of the AWS and the affairs of men students shall be under the jurisdiction of MRC.

We don't want to overwork an obvious pun but the recently published recommendations and remarks of a Student Encampment workshop lead us to the tender subject underscoring those remarks — women students visiting the apartments of men.

At the mere mention of this subject administrative heads are likely to start buzzing with all the rationalizations to which this Nittany Valley taboo has been subjected for time immemorial.

Some of their responses focus on the degree of responsibility which young men and women, newly unleashed from family ties, are able to assume.

Thus, of course, we have women signing out and in, we have curfews, we have "no apartment" rulings.

Yet the Dean of Women has often expressed her desire to see Penn State women emerge as mature and responsible individuals ready to take their places in the civic community.

And although the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women differ philosophically in some areas, it is interesting to note that the men do not have a statute barring apartment visiting, but have merely interpreted one of the Senate regulations in this connotation.

Both, we are sure, are vitally interested in promoting the mature development of the students whose welfare they are charged with protecting.

The Rules, Regulations and Student Welfare workshop at Encampment has, in this connection, evolved a recommendation which should prove acceptable to both offices.

They state simply that women over 21 and with no past offenses in this area be allowed to visit the apartments of men.

In discussing this question, the workshop group called the present restriction "unreasonable, Victorian, and unenforceable."

Indeed, the regulation is a hangover from the days when past Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston publicly referred to "her girls" as "rosebuds."

And indeed too, the present regulation is unenforceable unless a rowdy party attracts the attention of the law-enforcers.

The workshop provision stipulates "women over 21" which is without doubt a most reasonable request. If a woman is over 21, she is probably a senior and therefore quite used to making her own decisions and unlikely to run hog wild with newly discovered freedoms.

The rules governing the conduct of men who live in residence halls are far more liberal than those for women in residence halls.

From the day men enter the University they are free to come and go as they wish. Certainly women who at 21 are legal in the eyes of the Commonwealth and the courts should be given this extension of their freedom.



Letters

Alum Calls For Spirit Awakening

TO THE STUDENT BODY: While coming back from the Army game last Saturday I started to wonder to myself "What happened???"

Not necessarily what happened to our team—though I don't really like the role of a "good loser." But what happened to our school spirit?

We are in a pretty sad position when our students can only cheer a winning team. At half time, behind only 0-7, the silence from our sections was deafening.

Whereas the entire section of Cadets brought its team back onto the field, our students were content to sit like bumps on a log—finally making a token appearance at the last minute with rather futile results.

Let's wake up!! You need only to look at Pitt to see how easily a good team can regress without student support.

We have a good team! It wants to win and will win much more easily when it knows that you are 110 per cent behind it.

This weekend can be the turning point in a so far disappointing season. I certainly hope the momentum will build up throughout the week so that by Saturday your team goes out against Syracuse determined to chew up "Davis and Co."

But you must show them you're with them. Pep rallies help; a word of encouragement here and there in class is also effective.

But your performance in the stands while they're on the field provides the biggest boost.

The whole Eastern United States will be watching you. Are you going to continue dozing or are you going to get in there and do your part along with the team?

We'll see . . . good luck.

—Bill Winterburn '53

Interpreting

Bomb 'Ins and Outs'

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BERLIN (P)—Prospective propaganda benefits may tempt Soviet Premier Khrushchev to call off his super-bomb test, but the feeling in Berlin, eye of the political storm, seems to be that the blast will be carried out.

Khrushchev told the Soviet party congress this week of plans to set off a 50-megaton bomb at the end of this month. Official versions of the speech quoted him with qualifications—that the current series of tests probably would conclude with the 50-megaton blast. Some British officials are taking this as a sign he will call off the explosion and urge a new world ban on nuclear shots.

The prospect of the blast has brought a cry of protest from many countries, including the United States.

Ordinarily this would present an attractive prospect to Kremlin leaders. The test conceivably could be called off as a gesture to world peace, and the Kremlin might stand to gain in propaganda returns.

But, argue observers in this beleaguered enclave of freedom, if the Communists have the bomb they are likely to explode it on schedule.

They reason: Kremlin leaders find themselves in a box, need-

ing a quick political victory over the West to uphold their leadership in the Communist world movement.

One means of achieving a victory appears to be, in Kremlin eyes, a campaign of terror propaganda backed up by a series of nuclear explosions to impress upon the world the might of the Soviet military machine.

There may be other reasons. Observers here, acutely interested in the ins and outs of Communist policies, even see a possibility that Soviet nuclear explosions may be connected with Moscow's current difficulties with Red China.

The thinking goes like this: The issue of Red China's membership in the United Nations is coming closer to a decision. The Russians, so this reasoning goes, do not at this moment actually want the Red Chinese to be members of the United Nations, despite protestations to the contrary.

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'New' Social Movement Faces Modern Student

TO THE EDITOR: Students of social history, take notice of a new social force among us. The leader of this force advocates practicality above all, and to hell with sentimentality.

Mr. Read, has launched a gung-ho program for pushing the cause of practicality; so, gung-ho in fact that he has made a remarkably smooth transformation from man to machine.

From now on, let me refer to Mr. Read as IBM number X, since I am supposed to be practical. That way I can be completely practical and avoid anything so personal or trivial as a name.

It is a shame though, that I have to assign him such an arbitrary value as X, but I am not certain of his true value in such a sentimental society as now exists.

Indeed, he may not have any value at all; so, maybe I should have assigned the value of X to him. In my mind, he certainly is a negative person.

Since X is asserting himself as the chieftain of the fight for practicality, it is only fair to expect certain tactics on his part.

To show his loyalty to the cause that was born of IBM practicality, I suggest that on that notoriously sentimental holiday, Thanksgiving, he spend the entire day in his office taking care of his practical jobs.

Maybe around noon, some of us foolishly sentimental students will take him a delicious dinner of roast IBM punch

cards. Can anyone think of a better way to observe (not celebrate — that's too sentimental) Thanksgiving, the new day of practicality?

We could also start a fund to replace old X with a new IBM machine. What practicality!

Why, at this rate I can already foresee the extinction of Christmas, Rosh Hashanna, etc. Instead, we'll get down on our knees during study breaks and offer prayers of Thanksgiving to the administration for delivering us from sentimentality.

—John Beam '64

BusAd Council Congratulated

TO THE EDITOR: The College of Business Administration's Student Council, we feel, is to be congratulated for attempting to start an international program for the exchange of summer jobs.

For students wanting practical business experience, especially on the international level, at a minimum of cost, this is a wonderful opportunity.

For once, we can see an obvious attempt on the part of a student council to help their students obtain a better education.

We would urge all students interested in the foreign exchange program to attend the meeting at 4 p.m. today in 111 Boucke.

—Bill Bower, '63
—Herb Witmer, '64

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Gazette

TODAY
Agricultural Engineers, 1 p.m., HUB assembly hall
IASEC, Student Working Abroad Program, 4 p.m., 111 Boucke
Block "S" Club, 9 a.m., HUB first floor
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
Elections Commission, 5:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Forensics Council, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 301 Engineering A
International Student Adv. Comm., 1:30 p.m., 213 HUB
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
P.S. Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB
P.S. Figure Skating, 4 p.m., HUB ground floor
Sylvania Electric Co., 8:45 a.m., 213 HUB
Theta Sigma Phi, initiation, 7 a.m., Delta Theta suite, Pollock 2

WDFM Schedule

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5:00 News
5:05 Music at Five
6:00 News
6:05 Dinner Data
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
Spotlight
News
Light Classical Jukebox
SGA Report-Foianini
Marquee Memories
News
10:00 Ballet Theater
12:00 Night Sound
2:00 News
2:05 Sign-off
SATURDAY
5:00 News
5:05 Saturday at State
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Hi-Fi Open House
9:00 Offbeat
1:00 King's Corner
2:00 Sign-off