

Editorial Opinion

Greek Independence

We wonder just how far any individual or group can go in disregarding stated University policy. Often, we admit, rules governing student affairs are deliberately vague so that they may be open to interpretation.

But the rule to which we refer, and which George Haney, president of the local Phi Delta Theta chapter, yesterday disregarded in his statement about fraternity discrimination, is not vague.

It is stated in the Senate Regulations booklet under the listing Z-1. We quote, "No petitioning organization with restrictive membership clauses regarding race, religion or creed shall be granted a charter . . ." This resolution became effective as of 1956. Groups chartered before that time were not affected.

When notified of the banning of the University of Wisconsin chapter of his fraternity because of its discriminatory clause, Haney said, "The segregation-desegregation issue should be settled within the fraternity system and is not the business of the state or the University."

That this issue is, to the letter, the business of the University, which spends thousands of dollars on fraternity deans, IFC systems, etc., is demonstrated by the aforementioned regulation.

That it is the business of the state is defined on a national level in something called the Bill of Rights.

Haney supports his argument by saying that fraternities, unlike dormitories, are voluntary social organizations and should "be guaranteed the right of freedom of association."

This point can be challenged on two counts. If the whole rationale of the fraternity "brotherhood" system is merely an excuse to associate only with those of certain racial or religious background, why bother with any rush at all? An IBM machine could accomplish the selection process more rapidly and efficiently.

But further, if "freedom of association" is carried to its logical conclusion, local chapters have the right to depart from a national constitution which contains a discriminatory clause.

Thus the discriminatory clauses that are cherished by Greek alumni actually prevent freedom of association rather than insure it.

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The question of discrimination will be raised at the Phi Delta Theta national convention this summer as it has been raised at many national conventions in recent years, Haney said.

We wonder if these morally indefensible clauses can continue to survive—through rationale and illogical argument—the current pressure for civil rights which exists in the nation today.

It is an interesting question—one that every Greek group on this campus should consider.

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Interpreting

Tito's 'Independence' Valuable

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The welfare of Yugoslavia is important to the United States because she is demonstrating to the Soviet satellites and the unaligned countries that subservience to Moscow is not a prerequisite of economic accomplishment.

It is against this background that President Tito's actions at the Belgrade conference, and his speech Monday, are being assessed in Washington.

Here are some of the considerations:

Yugoslavia has been making great progress, like most other European nations, but with a considerably more rational application of what she calls communism than is condoned within the Soviet bloc.

This progress has produced a lessening of the need for outside aid. Some U.S. aid, especially technical assistance, was already being passed out long before the Belgrade conference

where Tito was strongly influenced by Soviet attempts to keep Germany divided, a determination shared by all of Eastern Europe and many people in Western Europe.

This accounts for his attitude on Berlin and for his refusal to condemn Soviet actions regarding nuclear weapons.

Before Belgrade and the latest controversy over wheat shipments, of which Tito now makes such a point, negotiations already were under way to shift from payments in Yugoslav currency to a long-term loan basis. It's a bargaining matter for Tito.

American officials believe Tito makes effective use of aid in his economy. They do not mention one very important corollary of military aid, something which may have Tito worried. Under the Western military aid program, Tito has become very largely dependent on the West for equipment and replacements.

That sort of situation always limits a country's freedom of

decision, because it is known that she cannot completely defect from the helping camp in time of crisis. That is part of the Western object, and a factor in Tito's efforts to maintain as much independence as possible.

There is a local background, too, in Tito's lipservice to Soviet Premier Khrushchev in the latter's dispute with Albania and Red China over destalinization. In Tito's book, Albania must always be wrong.

Economically, Tito is caught in the middle between a hostile Communist bloc and the economic consortium of Western European nations. We can expect him to try to break out of this by increasing his economic alignment with the nonaligned countries of Africa and Asia at Belgrade.

The United States has not expected gratitude from Yugoslavia for the aid given, although Tito did express it Monday. It is merely desired that Yugoslavia maintain her position as a showplace for independence from Moscow.

Letters to The Editor

Food Lines Draw Groans In Redifer

TO THE EDITOR: For the past two years, I have read many complaints and criticisms in The Daily Collegian which were aimed at various school situations. I feel that it is my turn to contribute a complaint which has brought me to the end of my patience.

Many Penn State students seem to have a good laugh while poking fun at our dining hall meals. I don't blame them! In the past, I along with many other students, have been able to tolerate the meals.

However, a particular situation, which has recently occurred has led me to believe that something should be done.

After rushing back from my third period class, I went straight to the dining room in South Halls. I stood in a long line with approximately fifty or more students to get lunch.

I waited and waited and still the line didn't move. I waited a total of forty-five minutes for a lunch that consisted of luke warm spaghetti.

When dinner time came, I went to the dining hall and again waited in line only this time it was for only half an hour. The final pay off came when I approached the counter and they ran out of potatoes and vegetables.

After waiting another five minutes, the potatoes came but alas the poor vegetables got lost somewhere along the way.

Is this situation going to continue or is someone, primarily the supervisor, (who should have been properly trained in the organization and planning of serving food to large numbers of people), going to take some definite action?

The fifteen hundred girls in South Halls (Redifer Dining Hall) certainly hope so.

—Jan Boone '64

Forecast: Protests Ahead

TO THE EDITOR: For several weeks now the question of a Thanksgiving recess has been the predominant item in everyone's mind here at Penn State. Arguments for and against have been presented, on the basis of sentimentality versus practicality, etc.

I feel that on the basis of the University Senate's action, these minor considerations are no longer of any importance, for the action to me, is a direct misuse of delegated authority. I feel that our rights have never before been so forceably suppressed.

The motion to adjourn that meeting without allowing any discussion of the matter at hand was not the wise move it was meant to be; rather, it was a move that in effect smashed the cherished American ideal, democracy.

It seems that in the last few years, the movements to destroy what we now maintain to be a democratic system, have grown in great strides. Where is it to stop?

If we are to attend classes

here in which we are taught the ideals of our government, and then are subjected to this level of action, how can we be expected to believe in those principles.

Looking to the future, I think much more protesting can be expected. As the calendar reads now, we are required to attend classes on Good Friday. Just how the administration intends to make this decision stand is beyond me. They don't have to listen to us, but a great deal more important people are going to require an explanation of this.

There is no reason why the relations between population and administration here at Penn State should be so strained. Possibly, if a little more weight were placed on student opinion, this situation would be remedied.

The sooner such problems are alleviated, the sooner Penn State will continue to grow at the rate it should.

In the interests of a better Penn State.

John N. Cover '63

Frosh Questions 'Dictatorship'

TO THE EDITOR: I realize fully that as a mere freshman I do not have the experience or practical knowledge to dictate University policies.

So in this position, I would like to inquire of the upper-classes and administration of this university as to why the ruling body has the power (or feels it has the power), to grant to the administration a one-day extension of this weekend for the celebration of a "well-known" American holiday.

If University policy is to be so dictated favoring the administration, I, for one, feel it only fair that the students be allowed an extension of their forth-coming Thanksgiving vacation. This extension should

at least equal the one given the administration.

However, it is obvious that there is no such sense of fair play in this University.

There is not even the decency on the part of the higher-ups to debate intelligently and unbiasedly this question with the students to whom they are supposedly so much superior, not only in intellectual values, but also in moral values.

It is my humble suggestion to the administration that in the future students be given the honest consideration due their wishes to be with their families on Thanksgiving Day one of America's most significant national holidays.

—Joe Luckenbaugh '65

Jeers at Serenade Draw Coed Protest

TO THE EDITOR: Saturday night TKE serenaded a girl in McKee Hall—amid cat calls and jeers from the Watts' boys. We wish the boys in Watts would be more considerate in the future when a girl in McKee is being serenaded by a fraternity in recognition of her pinning.

—Carolyn Coates '62

—Ann Ellen Thomson '64

Gazette

TODAY
Ag. Ec. Club, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
AIE Meeting, 7 p.m., 105 M.E. building
AWS, 6:30 p.m., 212, 218 HUB
Bloodmobile, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., HUB card room
Chem-Phys Student Council, 7 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
Chimes Dinner Meeting, 8 p.m., Simmons dining hall
4-H Club, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 218 HUB
ICG, 7 p.m., 215, 216 HUB
Kappa Phi, 6:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation

P.S. Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 214 HUB
P.S. Hort Club, 7:30 p.m., 108 Tyson
SGA, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Sigma Tau Epsilon, 8:15 p.m., Wesley Foundation
Sociology Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., McElwain Lounge
Speech & Hearing Clinic, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 212, 213 HUB
Sports Car Club Meeting, 8 p.m., 801 Boucke
TIM, 7 p.m., 208 HUB
Woman's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room