

Editorial Opinion

'Comedy of Errors' Justice, 1961 Style

ACT I

The curtain remains up on that ludicrous travesty "The Comedy of Errors—Justice as defined by Penn State Panhellenic Executive Board—1961."

The show is a sellout.

Thus far these reviewers have encountered three definitions of one term which interfere with the message of the play. "Planned entertainment" thus far has been defined as "a group of sisters and a group of rushees in a suite"—as "three or more sisters and three or more rushees in a suite"—and as "conversation between three or more sisters and three or more rushees in a suite."

This audience found the best comedy however when it heard that the rush code outlaws "planned entertainment" for that entr'acte known as "open house." There is much conversation (now defined as planned entertainment) in the suite between many rushees and many sisters during "open house."

We hate to apply logic to obvious farce but it would now seem that all sororities and all rushees have this year violated the rush code.

ACT II

The Greek protagonists in the comedy are confused. So, too, are these reviewers. And we think the authors are responsible for the confusion.

The authors of this triumph of triple talk don't want to comment on their intent. But artists are often nebulous about meaning and temperamental about criticism.

We do feel that although they set out to define justice and to apply it to their own unique plot several considerations were omitted.

In particular, the authors have ignored the contradiction presenting their definitions. They also mishandled their audience by trying to persuade that ex post facto decisions are compatible with just lawmaking.

Further, we would like to know why these authors had to depart from the script of their national guild—National Panhellenic Conference—and draw up their own script.

When did they ever discuss this departure and decide that it was necessary to supercede national policy? Did they know they were doing it? What can be done to correct the dramatic abuses?

ACT III

These reviewers see many complications in the above drama that may not be apparent to the authors, or for that matter, to the local administrative authorities that condone this farce.

According to the National Panhellenic Council officers, their script for judicial practice is binding on all members unless there is an administrative rule to the contrary.

But the local administration says that since it approved the constitution of the local troop of players, and since that constitution gives the locals free reign as to a judicial script (including definition and enforcement) the local practices are legal.

According to Kappa Delta, one of the protagonists, National Panhel is beginning immediate investigation of the local situation.

EPILOGUE

The National Panhellenic Conference membership consists of representatives from individual sororities. Although the National cannot cut off this local Panhel, the national representatives of Penn State's sororities can, individually, cut off their locals.

It would be drastic if such a finale were forced because local directors fail to yield to the true concepts, definitions and practices of justice.

Letters

Soph Contests Solomon View Of SENSE

TO THE EDITOR: I cannot let the letter in the Nov. 10 Daily Collegian (about SENSE being nonsense) go without mentioning some counter arguments.

I was not able to attend the same meeting Bernard Solomon attended, but I am a member of SENSE and I do not want Red China admitted to the United Nations for various reasons which do not have to be stated here.

The use which Mr. Solomon made of President Kennedy's words and actions backing his views concerning the admission of Red China and nuclear testing was unfounded; Mr. Solomon seems to think that because his ideas agree with President Kennedy's in this aspect, they are sensible and any others are nonsensical.

In addition, the fact that all members then present held the same opinion on one item does not make valid his conclusion—"How narrow-minded these people really were."

If he is going to criticize SENSE on the grounds that all members present happened to agree and that all happened to disagree with him—let him know that the members do not have to agree on all points. The only idea that all members actually have in common, the reason for their organizing, is in opposing the use of war to settle international disputes.

Beyond this they can and do have their own substantiated opinions as to method and means.

—Flo Bradford '64

Junior Raps Hasty Analysis Of Elections

TO THE EDITOR: Although columnists often overemphasize the results of off-year elections as an indication of state political trends, one significant result is evident from last week's election column by Joel Myers: hasty analysis of election results produces erroneous conclusions.

First, the results of an off-year election are not comparable to those of a presidential election. Candidates for district attorney and city controller do not usually evoke the same voter response as do presidential candidates.

Second, to suggest that a Democratic sweep in Philadelphia eliminates its Democratic Mayor from next year's gubernatorial race is a colossal non sequitur.

What the results of Tuesday's election do show is that although the Democratic Party can win easily in Philadelphia, it needs a strong candidate to offset the Republican majorities outside the city.

Also contrary to the columnist's view, Bill Green still controls Philadelphia's political fortunes, but he does not necessarily control the political fortunes of the entire state.

In view of the facts, one wonders if the columnist's conclusions represent any more than wishful thinking on his part.

—Anne Mahoney '63



Letters

HUAC Controversy Rages

TO THE EDITOR: I make no pretense of having all the facts, or any of them; I have seen the "Operation Abolition" film only once and then not in its entirety, but perhaps I can make some "unqualified" remarks which might be of importance to some people.

It should be noted that whether or not the film in question was distorted, the tactics used by the demonstrators are those that have been used time and again throughout the world by Communist and Communist front organizations. The democratic way of achieving change is through letters and other pressure on our representatives in Congress.

Unfortunately, the Communists are well-known for their eagerness (and success) in using so-called "democratic" processes (i.e., free speech, trial by jury, etc.) to attain their ends, which are ultimately to undermine and take over the government to which they have been paying "lip service."

There are a number of activities undertaken in this country and on this campus in the name of "patriotism," of "democracy," of "peace," etc., which serve directly or indirectly the Communist cause. The people involved may feel complete animosity for Communism and yet carry out its destructive work as well as, and sometimes better than, a hard-core cell of dedicated communists.

I do not say that we should be unconcerned with undemocratic procedures in any governmental body, be it the HUAC or otherwise. I do say that we should be in favor of

putting the spotlight on known communists and sympathizers by some means, where there is as yet insufficient evidence for a trial by law.

If we don't like the way HUAC operates, let's write our Congressman about some needed changes, but let's not condemn the effort to render ineffective those who would take our freedom away from us and give our government over either into foreign hands or into hands directed by a foreign ideology.

I would like to see more real pride, "patriotism" if you like, generated by our youth for the greatest example of democracy the world has ever known. According to one expert on Communist infiltration, Dr. Fred Schwarz (in "You Can Trust the Communists (to do exactly as they say)"), most Communists within a country are recruited from the college level intelligentsia; sometimes a little "intelligence" is a dangerous thing—or at least a poor substitute for good old "emotional" love for country! (Please take note, Mr. Oswald Winter; one wonders where your true sympathies lie!)

May I remind one and all, especially the "Student Peace Union", that we are already at war with Communism. Their leaders and literature have declared this war—from Marx, or at least from Lenin on down—so let's wake up to the fact that the only thing that forces the Russians to back down and negotiate is a show of strength (yes, military strength) from the free world!

—Nell Benner Graduate Student

Williams Called Immature

TO THE EDITOR: (re: Gomer Williams statement to the TIM Council) Mr. Gomer Williams, chairman of the TIM Thanksgiving Recess Investigation Committee, has charged that the actions of President Walker, with respect to the Thanksgiving recess issue, were "irresponsible, immature and detrimental to the welfare of the university."

It's encouraging to see that a seventh term student in Business Administration has advanced in wisdom and matured to such an extent that he is able to judge even his superior's actions and brand them as immature and imprudent.

I believe that Mr. Williams should consider the maturity and common sense of his own actions in pursuing this ridiculous issue.

As Americans, we have a right to our heritage and customs. The University recognizes this right by declaring Thanksgiving Day free from classes.

They could have granted us the privilege, however, of a three-day break as the primary and secondary schools do their students. They chose not to, this is their prerogative.

Mr. Williams has been so accustomed to receiving the privilege of an extended holl-

day, he now evidently thinks he has a right to it.

Poor Mr. Williams is in for a rude awakening if, after he graduates and is employed, the immature, irresponsible president of his company calls him in and severely reprimands him for inciting a coffee-break riot in order to get a three-day Thanksgiving holiday.

—Richard Lewandowski '62

ISA, Students Praised For "Project Joey"

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to publicly praise those who worked on "Project Joey." It was wonderful the way they gave of themselves to make the children happy. It was quite a change from the atmosphere on campus. Funny, that of 16,000 students only 40 were willing to give of themselves for five hours.

Congratulations, ISA.

—Carolyn Dagner '63

WDFM Schedule

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- 1:55 Financial Tidbits
 - 4:00 The Philadelphia
 - 5:00 News
 - 5:05 Music at Five
 - 6:00 News
 - 6:05 Dinner Date
 - 6:55 Weatherscope
 - 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
 - 7:00 Spotlight
 - 7:00 News
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 - 7:00 SGA Report-Foilant
 - 7:00 Macouee Memories
 - 7:00 News
 - 10:00 Ballet Theater
 - 12:00 Night Sound
 - 1:00 News
 - 1:05 Sign-off

- SATURDAY
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 - 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

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