

Editorial Opinion

Penn State Stands Up

Penn State stood up to be counted yesterday and it will remain standing—in full public view—until clauses which discriminate because of race, religion or national origin are removed from the constitutions of all student groups.

The action of the University Senate in approving Senator Monroe Newman's proposal is of most significant proportions, for it not only demonstrates a firm commission of belief in the civil rights movement, but a bold display of courage on the part of the faculty.

For over ten years the University regulations concerning membership in social organizations have been predicated on an arbitrary double standard. Groups chartered before 1950 were permitted to have discriminatory clauses. Groups chartered after 1950, in accordance with a Senate rule passed that year, were not.

The growing strength and forcefulness of this nation's civil rights movement, touched off by the sit-ins and now moving with the freedom riders, did not and does not hinge on our own tightly controlled University Senate.

But let no one overlook the fact that this University lagged behind most institutions in its condoning attitudes. Further, the question of why we lagged seems to find answer in the conservative attitudes of many administrators.

Penn State is somewhat of an adolescent in this business of large scale education, and expansion has brought many problems of seemingly more pressing immediacy than civil rights. And so we have found in this area, as in others, that a "please don't rock the boat" attitude and resultant inertia prevailed among most administrators.

This attitude was probably responsible for the lack of a stronger or prior stand on civil rights in the Senate. For before yesterday's session an amendment of the student regulations would have been referred to the Senate Committee on Student Affairs where roadblocks might have been thrown up.

Yesterday was a propitious time for the motion since the student regulations were brought to the floor of the Senate for approval after editorial condensation. Dr. Newman and the Senators who supported the motion are to be complimented on their foresight, commended on their convictions, and congratulated on their victory.

Dr. Walker told the Senate that responsibility for notifying the national groups concerned will be assumed by the administration. The real responsibility for removing the clauses revolves about the local chapters which still carry such clauses and must agitate within their nationals for removal.

Penn State's action, however, increases the power of the pressure groups lobbying through various national conventions for removal of discriminatory clauses.

There remains one bit of terminology to be clarified. Discriminatory clauses are defended by practitioners on the grounds that they permit "freedom of association." This is nothing but myth. Anything that in any way limits membership selection deprives rather than permits the group to exercise freedom of selection.

Non-discrimination can in no way be legislated, for gentlemen's agreements can always exist. But what should not, and we hope by 1965 will not exist, is official sanction for ideas which are morally reprehensible and unjustifiable.

a la carte

Lost—Or Just Plain Lazy

by karen hynckeal

With registration completed, classes located and books bought, I am finally ready for my swan term at Penn State.

As is natural, I guess, the last always reminds us of the first and the first thing I remember about getting adjusted is thinking to myself "This place is so big that if I disappeared or something, nobody would ever know or care."

Three and one-half years later I find myself on the other end of that complaint as freshmen tell me how lost and alone they feel. And besides the frosh, there are the upper class men who have resigned themselves to "being trampled on by the faculty and administration, and even fellow students."



Miss Hynckeal

Penn State, with its ever-growing population, is not unique. The outside world, too—the one beyond Nittany Mountain—is multiplying. Small towns are becoming cities and everywhere, every group is growing.

Our chances of getting "lost" are constantly increasing and if we expect to survive and be happy in the future, we'd better start practicing right here, right

now. The starting place is with ourselves.

It isn't always easy to be an individual at Penn State. Rather, it is far simpler to fall into a crowd, grumble constantly but keep on acting and thinking the way everyone else does. After all, if you exert any effort, offer new ideas, you just have to support them and that's always such a chore. Besides, someone might disagree and then you have a regular discussion which can be terribly tiring.

Even worse, we might, by admitting our ideas, find out something unpleasant about ourselves—perhaps we think illogically or too emotionally, perhaps we are prejudiced without good cause.

As I said, cultivating ourselves as individuals can be painful.

Knowing ourselves, as Socrates advocated, means taking a sincere and thorough inward look and allowing others to do so, too. Then realizing that knowledge is power, we change what should be changed, nourish what should be developed.

There is something appealing about an individual. Not because he is different but in spite of it. And you have the

comforting feeling that because he cares about himself, he can care about others.

His viewpoint is wide enough to realize that everyone in this large University, in this large world, cannot have his own way all the time. Instead, he understands that for the whole to function properly the parts must sometimes make concessions, bending and repositioning to find and fit in place. More important, he can keep his place without losing his own particular identity.

Education, then, even as mass-produced as it is here, is still the training and maturing of the individual mind. And the individual has to care enough to help out a little.

We cannot always expect or demand that everyone from room assigner to professor worry about each separate one of us. Much of the responsibility is ours.

And so when we wonder why we're here, why we picked such a large school, and how we'll endure, we should realize that our purpose is the same as it would be on a cosier campus—to find out about ourselves and then make those selves the best possible.

It's a little harder at Penn State, but no less worthwhile.

Letters

Unicycles Suggested As Most Economical

TO THE EDITOR: Everyone is disgruntled but not surprised that the University has gotten into the bicycle registration game at fifty cents a throw. It is a surprise, however, that they haven't decided to sell horns, bells, and lights for the two-wheelers at "bargain" prices.

Maybe next term we can all register our shoes at about 25 cents per half-size over size three in order to be allowed to walk on University pavement. Or maybe we bicycle riders can beat the registration by riding unicycles instead at half the going rate.

—James G. Benford
Graduate Student

World at a Glance

Green Terms '62 Session

Loss of Seat Of Congress

'The Inevitable' Opens Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. William J. Green Jr. said yesterday it seems certain Philadelphia will lose one of its six congressional seats, but that he would not bow to the inevitable willingly.

Green, Philadelphia's Democratic chairman, asserted: "I am not taking the position that I am willing to give up a seat in Philadelphia. I have never said that I wanted to keep six seats in Philadelphia or give up any."

"ALL I HAVE ever said was that I wanted an equitable redistricting for Pennsylvania. It is Pennsylvania that is being redistricted, not Philadelphia."

Because the 1960 census showed a Pennsylvania lag in population growth the state must give up three of its 30 House seats. Unless the redistricting is done by Feb. 20, all 27 members will have to be elected on a state-wide basis. Neither party wants that.

Gov. David Lawrence says he'll call a special session of the legislature to pass a redistricting bill whenever leaders of the two parties agree on its terms.

Gizenga Loses Party Support

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—Antoine Gizenga's most influential party colleagues walked out on him yesterday further splitting the support that once made him a power as the head of the Communist-endorsed regime at Stanleyville.

The self-proclaimed political heir to former Premier Patrice Lumumba also faces the possibility of ouster from his job as deputy premier in the central government and possible arrest. The Congo Parliament demanded that he return to Leopoldville by today to defend himself against charges of secession.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Congress already on notice that President Kennedy wants to raise the national debt ceiling rings up the curtain today on what probably will be a rousing election year session.

House Democrats got ready yesterday at a caucus by unanimously voting to nominate Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts for House Speaker.

THEY CHOSE Rep. Carl Albert of Oklahoma to step into McCormack's old post of Democratic floor leader.

Thus in the House, which shapes up as this year's major battleground, the chief responsibility for piloting Kennedy's program over legislative shoals will fall on a new leadership team.

High on the President's list are proposals on tariff cuts, medical care for the aged under Social Security, aid to education, tax changes, new farm plan, higher postal rates.

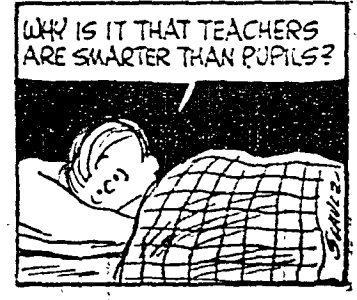
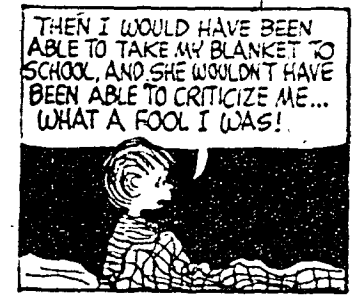
Sukarno Ponders New Guinea War

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A question of war or peace with the Netherlands over Dutch New Guinea will be decided by President Sukarno "within a week or 10 days," Indonesia's foreign minister said yesterday.

But in the meantime, government sources said, Indonesia would not object if U.N. Acting Secretary-General U Thant moved to get negotiations started and sat in on the talks or designated Thailand and the Philippines to participate.

Berlin Talks Pushed

BONN, Germany (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer agreed yesterday the West should pursue its diplomatic probe in Moscow to see if talks on Berlin were possible.



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