

Editorial Opinion

More Steps Needed

The adoption of a new judicial code by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs marks a concrete step toward making the University's judicial system more democratic

We would like to commend Dr. Laurence Lattman and the members of his committee for developing this code which outlines procedure for the various judicial agencies and the rights of students involved in judicial proceedings.

This standardization of men's and women's judicial procedures is a big step, but yet a first step toward the much needed judicial revision at the University.

Students now know their rights. Judicial agencies now have a stated definition of procedure. But the fact remains that many inconsistencies and out-dated regulations continue to exist in Penn State's judicial system.

Now that men and women's judicial systems have reached a degree of standardization, we urge an immediate continuation of this initial effort.

The Association of Women Students is in the process of reviewing and up-dating women's rules and regulations. We commend this action.

We hope that the revised women's rules and the men's rules will be coordinated to avoid future confusion on policy.

Another aspect of the judicial setup which, at present, leaves much to be desired is the system of penalties.

We urge both men and women's judicial bodies to examine their penalizing practices, coordinate them and reach a degree of standardization which will eliminate many of the inconsistencies which have existed in the past.

We hope that the Senate committee's action represents the first of many steps that are needed to achieve a more democratic and equitable judicial system at Penn State.

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Little Man on Campus by Dick Biber



JUST LEFT — HE SPENT OVER AN HOUR GETTING READY FOR A STUDY SESSION, THEN HE STOPPED BY AN SUGGESTED A MOVIE

focus

After Voting, What

by den coleman

For the past several weeks there has been much discussion on the current USG elections.



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The principal topic of discussion seems to concern not the candidates or the party platforms but, rather, whether or not the student government at Penn State is of any real worth.

There is a large group of students who think that USG is a do-nothing group and that it serves no purpose, save to give a few egotistical students a chance to practice power politics before they advance to state and national levels.

I disagree. The USG is not just thirty-four members of the executive branch and Congress. The USG is made up of the entire student body of this University

and we, the students are responsible for its actions.

This argument that USG is a do-nothing group was summed up very well in a letter written by Burt Kaplan in yesterday's Collegian. Kaplan said: "Student government in my opinion is worthless; a big-talk, do-nothing body, pampering and burping the University administrators. How can you have effective government with an elite of reactionary, miniature overlords manipulating the strings of puppet students?"

Another prevalent attitude is: "Why can't someone else do it, I'm too busy." This is one of the reasons why the USG is often stymied. How can anyone really expect a small group of students elected to the executive positions of USG to accomplish anything if we students do not give them support.

Students seem to have the idea that as soon as they put their ballot in the slot, their job is finished and it is now up to the elected officers to carry forward the program.

It is the right of every undergraduate student to vote in the spring elections, but it is the duty of each and every voting student to provide continuing support for the candidate elected.

The Daily Collegian has done all it can to inform the students

on the candidates and issues of the election. The Elections Commission has even gone to the trouble of providing "floating polls" so that the students do not have to go out of their way to vote. But, regardless of these measures taken, it is still up to each student to evaluate the candidates and issues, cast an intelligent vote and then support the winning candidate.

I challenge those who yell "do-nothing" to review their criticisms and make an attempt to correct the ills of the student government here at Penn State before they degrade it.

Letters

Thoughts by A Bomb Ban Demonstrator

TO THE EDITOR: Wednesday I committed myself actively, by joining a passive resistance demonstration, against the resumption of nuclear tests by the United States.

I experienced the futility of being in a minority and opposing the majority. We were laughed at occasionally; I don't know if we achieved anything. It's interesting how such groups must appeal in black and white terms to achieve solidarity.

I don't agree totally with every point of such a demonstration. The problem is very complex, yet a commitment can be made if one is aware of the available facts.

Most people who wouldn't join are ignorant of the facts and/or are afraid of minorities, any minority. "If Kennedy believes tests should resume, then I trust him," is the usual attitude.

This reasoning is ludicrous. Kennedy is "right" pragmatically and I'm afraid this is the philosophy of too many people.

By my actions, I believe that I have begun a pattern of behavior which will further develop in the future. But I see now that a carefully considered position—on anything—will be attacked by ignorance.

I still question the effectiveness of my behavior in the demonstration—it is a dogmatic though dramatic approach. It has an immediate appeal in many ways. Is it more effective than the pen, the written word? I don't know.

I distrust the shocking appeal to move masses—it's too Hitlerish. I seem to prefer reasoning, discussing, just as I did with one person, who honestly wanted to know what we believed. I explained as logically as I could, and this meant more to me than my hours of holding up a sign, saying, "When it rains, it pours Strontium 90." I may not make a good demonstrator.

—Bob Lefcourt
Grad Student

2 cents worth

Psssst..... Stay Apathetic

by dave runkel

As a student who is interested in student government and who votes in campus elections, I urge all uninterested students not to vote in the USG presidential elections today.

I have several good reasons for attempting to hold down the vote.

First, by not voting you students will be making my vote more important. If only 25 per cent of the student body votes, then I will have four times the voting power I would have had if everyone had voted.

My second reason pertains only to those students who live downtown. As a town independent man, I don't want other TIM'ers to get the urge to vote this spring since it might start a precedent.

I am particularly jealous of the strength my vote has in Congressional elections. In last winter's election only about 250

town men voted. We 250 elected eight representatives, which is more than one-fourth of the entire Congress. In districts where voting was heavy, nearly 500 votes were cast for one Congressional seat.

This apathy on the part of fellow TIM'ers made my vote more than 15 times as powerful as any one ballot cast by a coed in South Halls, for instance, an area where voting was heavy.

But, TIM with nearly 4,000 residents deserves, by the USG Constitution, eight seats on the USG Congress.

My third reason for urging a small voter turnout, is purely connected with Collegian and Collegian finances. If relatively few students vote, the Elections Commission will only require a few hours to count ballots and we can write our election story early in the evening and not be forced to pay for going overtime.

And also, who wants to stay in Sackett building putting out a newspaper until late Friday night, especially Spring Weekend?

So please take this advice from me, STAY APATHETIC.



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Woodall Supported

TO THE EDITOR: Although a casual observer on the current political scene, who for four years has enjoyed the apathetic approach toward student government so characteristic of the majority of my fellow students, I am attracted by a very unique aspect of this year's elections. There is a qualified candidate for USG president — Allison Woodall.

I am sure that those who have heard her speak will agree with me that here, at last, is a very dynamic person who can give student government the spirited leadership that it so vitally needs.

—Bill Stewart '62

