

Editorial Opinion

2,800 New PR Men

In just about one month another 2,800 public-relations agents for Penn State will be released into the world from their habitat in Nittany Valley.

Whether he likes it or not every senior who graduates in June will be henceforth and forever more a representative of Penn State to everyone with whom he comes into contact.

He may be one of the vast majority of those who, in spite of their complaints and criticisms, recognize just as clearly the advantages and opportunities Penn State has offered them during their four years here, and leave with an appreciation of and love for their University.

Or he may be one of those hard-hearted and weak-minded cynics, who unwilling to strive himself, expresses nothing but disdain for everything that is not handed to him, and is too short-sighted to acknowledge his indebtedness to his Alma Mater.

But in either case, he will be "Mr. Penn State" to those with whom he is associated after graduation for whether or not he tries to do it in his own mind, in the minds of others he cannot divorce himself from Penn State. He graduated from here. Others will always see Penn State's indelible mark on him. He cannot escape it.

He will be considered an authority on everything from admission problems at the University, to its scholastic standards and curricula changes, to the Nittany Lion football team. He will be expected by others to know just what are the latest developments at his University in nuclear and atomic research, in educational theory, in engineering and design techniques.

What he knows and what he doesn't know about his University will reflect on him. How strong his interest remains in his University will be taken by others as an indication of his personality and character.

The Alumni Association tries to keep Penn State's graduates prepared for the public relations job he will knowingly or unknowingly perform for the rest of his life. It offers him publications with up-to-date information on everything that is happening at his Alma Mater. It keeps him in touch with his classmates and all those who share a common heritage in Penn State.

The Association gives him an opportunity to further serve Penn State in electing its trustees, in contributing financially to its growth and in building its reputation by making something out of himself. All he has to do is join.

Just as the prestige and growth of Penn State adds to the degree of every graduate, what each graduate does will add to Penn State.

for the record MRC Action Suggested by carol kunkleman

As I gingerly approached the banquet table at the men's residence hall counselors dinner the other night, I couldn't help wondering how many of those vigilant employees of the dean of men's office would ostracize me for our editorial on the dress code.

Appropriately, many of the jovial remarks made concerned the editorial and/or permitting boys to wear bermuda shorts to evening meals in the residence hall. I was lucky. The spirit of revelry prevailed and I was able to enjoy an uneventful dinner.

I couldn't help thinking, though, that I might have enjoyed the meal more if I had been sitting there in a pair of bermudas instead of one of those refined cocktail dresses. But this was not the proper time to sport such attire. There are other occasions, though, when I would deem it perfectly proper to be dressed in this casual manner. It is for these occasions,



namely evening meals in the dining hall, that I think bermudas are perfectly appropriate for both sexes. To me, they are just as appropriate for the dining hall as the skirts the girls and the trousers the boys must wear.

For one thing, they're accepted as appropriate campus dress. And for another purely utilitarian purpose, they're much more comfortable in hot weather.

I think the dean of men would agree with these reasons and would even approve such a change in the dress code as to allow bermudas to be worn—if, and only if, the students took the responsibility for enforcing the dress standards regarding proper dining hall attire.

The Men's Residence Hall Council, along with the Association of Women Students, could work cooperatively to present such a recommendation to the dean's office, with the agreement that proper regulations would be enforced.

If the regulations were not followed by the students, I wouldn't blame the dean a bit if the rules were changed back to the old way. The students would deserve such consequences if they failed to live

up to their end of the agreement.

The fact remains, however, that the students would initially have to make the recommendation and assume responsibility. The dean of men certainly isn't going to lead us all by the hand and tell us what to wear; neither are his counselors. That's not why any of them are here. A counselor is here to counsel or advise and guide.

To quote the general purpose of the dress standards as put forth by the dean of men's office and which was pending final consideration by the Men's Residence Council on Oct. 11, 1961, "The dress and decorum of all male students in the dining halls should reflect both a pride in the University and in himself at all times."

Note the phrase "pending final consideration of the Men's Residence Council." The sentence couldn't have been much clearer in giving responsibility to the students. It was not sarcastic or dictatorial. It placed the pertinent decision in the hands of the people involved.

Now that the question has arisen again, I hope that the MRC council members don't just sit in the dining halls and complain about the heat.

Letters

U. S. Testing Supported By Senior

TO THE EDITOR: Regarding the letter in Wednesday's Collegian on bomb testing by Mr. Revitz.

•The disarmament talks went on for three years with no testing and no progress either.

•The atmospheric tests we are conducting will add little to the radiation the Russians put in the atmosphere because ours are high altitude.

•The rockets being used to put the warheads in the air are intermediate range rockets which have a range of about 1,500 miles. They couldn't reach the mainland from their launch if we tried.

•The near accident with the fire in the wiring of one of our missiles was of no danger. The missile must be fueled and launched in a scientific sequence which includes activating the guidance system and fueling.

•The object over Alaska which alerted S.A.C., as Mr. Revitz stated, caused no trouble because the "level headed" commander did not push the button. That is why that man is the commander.

•Where were the marchers in front of the Russian Embassy last fall when they broke the moratorium?

•Did the youngsters carrying the signs really know what they were doing or was it fun for them—like a parade? —Dennis Politano '62

Wharton's Attack on NSA Called "Unfortunate" by Jr.

TO THE EDITOR: Dean Wharton's latest attack on the National Student Association was, to say the least, disturbing. It reflects the almost complete lack of information which University party showed during the last campaign.

Then, they called it "leftist" —Thurston Morton and Dwight Eisenhower, among others, don't agree; they called it an association of small schools. —80% of the schools with over 15,000 students enrolled belong; they complained that the membership was secret — complete membership information is available on request, and many NSA publications, which Wharton apparently has not read, contain this information.

Now Wharton condemns NSA because it discusses issues such as: the importance of a good judicial system, factors behind good student-administration relations, the best structure of a student government, and the rights of students as individuals and as a group.

These "don't directly affect Penn State"? To clarify other charges, the opinion of the majority of member schools, not one (as charged), determines NSA policy, and every school has the right to dissent. Also, dues are charged at the request of NSA members, and the amount of financial support

of NSA depends largely upon the extent of participation in NSA, not on dues alone.

Above and beyond this controversy is a very important question. How can the president of USG cry for sweet reasonableness on one issue, and show complete lack of this quality on another?

Compromise is the essence of effective government, and asking others to "look at my ideas realistically" without looking at others' ideas in the same way will lead only to a weakening of student government.

Last year, University party was going to push for acceptance of NSA as one of their party planks. They did not do so because they lacked sufficient information, a condition which apparently still exists.

It is unfortunate that Wharton is attempting to do battle armed only with this dearth of valid information. It is even more unfortunate that he is attempting to use this issue to divide the USG congress into two groups: intelligent, enlightened deities who agree with him, and detestable party hacks who disagree.

Such a contemptuous attitude can only lead to friction which is "definitely not beneficial" to the student body. —Whiton S. Paine, '63

Freshmen Support Collegian Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: With regard to the dress standards established by the Office of the Dean of Men, Oct. 11, 1961 stating that "The dress . . . of all male students in the dining halls should reflect both a pride in the University and in himself . . ." we would like to make the following observations:

•Perhaps the dress is no reflection of "pride in the University."

•How do bermudas "reflect pride in the University" at breakfast and noon, but not at supper?

•Perhaps some shirts are made to be worn outside the trousers and "reflect" pride there.

•How does dress "reflect . . . pride in the University" in the dining hall, but not on the rest of the campus?

•Perhaps free choice of dress by male students would be a better reflection of "pride in the University."

Finally we completely support the position of the editorial in last Friday's issue of the Daily Collegian. —Ed Martin '65

—Bob Goldstein '65

WDFM Schedule

- TUESDAY 5:00 Mostly Music 6:00 News 6:05 Dinner Date 6:55 Weatherscope 7:00 This Week at the UN 7:15 Album Review 7:30 The Jazz Sound 8:00 News Headlines 8:05 The Pleasures of Music 9:00 News in Spanish 9:05 Books and Ideas 9:30 Focus 9:45 News, Weather & Sports 10:00 Contemporary Classics 12:00 Sign-Off

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 Mostly Music 6:00 News 6:05 Dinner Date 6:55 Weatherscope 7:00 Washington Reports to the People 7:15 Album Review 7:30 What's the Problem 8:00 News Headlines 8:05 Jazz Panorama 9:00 USG Report 9:05 Waxworks 9:30 The Spoken Word or Insight 9:45 News, Weather & Sports 10:00 Virtuoso 12:00 Sign-Off

THURSDAY

- 5:00 Mostly Music 6:00 News 6:05 Dinner Date 6:55 Weatherscope 7:00 World Report 7:15 Album Review 7:30 Musically Speaking 8:00 News Headlines 8:05 This is the Subject 9:00 News in French 9:05 Folk Music 9:30 Opinion 12:00 News, Weather & Sports

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- 5:00 Mostly Music 6:00 News 6:35 Weatherscope 7:00 Spotlight 8:00 Light Classical Jukebox 9:00 Marquee Memories 9:45 News, Weather & Sports 10:00 Ballet Theatre 12:00 NightSound 2:00 News

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