

Editorial Opinion

A Fair Compromise

The University is abandoning its unfair policy on refunding tuition to students forced to withdraw from the University, and it is apparently considering a softening of the regulations concerning pre-payment of tuition.

Under the semester system, students forced to withdraw from the University because of illness, financial problems, sickness or death in the family or scholastic difficulties could receive an equitable refund of tuition.

If the student withdrew during the first week, he got 90 per cent of his tuition back, if he left in the second week he got 80 per cent back, and so on through the tenth week.

With the start of the four term system, a much more stringent and unfair regulation of tuition refund was adopted. According to it, if a student was forced to withdraw during the first two weeks of the term only 50 per cent of his tuition was refunded. If he withdrew during the third week or after, he got nothing back.

A new and more equitable policy concerning tuition refunds will go into effect this summer. It provides a refund of 80 per cent of the tuition for withdrawal during the first week, 60 per cent of tuition for withdrawal in the second week and so on through the fourth week.

The Daily Collegian thanks the administration on behalf of the student body for a fairer regulation on fee refunds.

We suggest that it also softens its very tough policy on prepayment of tuition and room and board fees.

Before the start of the four term system students could pay their fees anytime prior to registration. Under the present system, they must pay tuition and room and board charges a month prior to registration or face assessment of a \$25 late fee.

This harsh regulation poses an additional financial burden to already hard-pressed students. We urge that the administration once again allow students to pay their charges anytime prior to registration.

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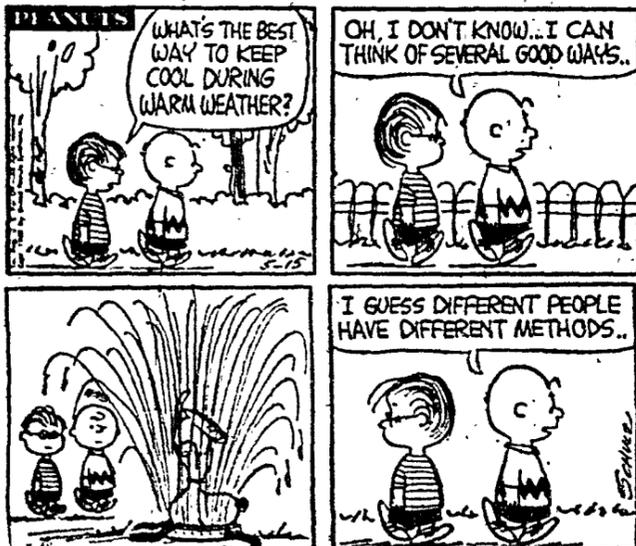
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Letters

La Vie Editor Explains Coverage

TO THE EDITOR: In recognition of this problem of listing student activities from Commonwealth campuses which had previously been brought to our attention, La Vie has established a committee to investigate the matter and report to the senior board of the 1963 La Vie.

This group is composed of the Managing Editor, the Senior Editors, on-campus students who had previously attended the Commonwealth Campuses, and myself. Dean Campbell has been contacted and is willing to see if he can clarify the problem, or even if it is in the realm of his office.

The report should be complete by May 25th and ready for release around the same date.

It should be realized that the problem is not a simple one and most certainly an intricate one. It is my understanding that each of the campuses does provide activities for their students and now the only question is - what are the major activities? How are we to determine without prejudice and without being able to observe just which activities merit inclusion along with the major University Park activities?

Certainly they do not all merit mention just as all the clubs and organizations on this campus do not receive a page of coverage in the book. Furthermore, it is my understanding that some of the campuses do produce their own yearbooks and I am sure that they cover the activities of the campus quite capably.

More problems arise when one stops to consider the ease with which we are supposed to be able to compile a list of activities from these campuses.

Furthermore, what distinguishes an outstanding transfer student from any other transfer student? Where are we to draw the line? Do we include only officers, or all the members?

-Howie Goldstein
Editor, 1963 La Vie

Letter cut

(Editor's note: The Collegian editorial of May 15 did not advocate that La Vie include separate pages for Commonwealth campus activities as implied in Mr. Goldstein's letter. Our point is that La Vie should list both the major University Park and major Commonwealth campus activities of a graduating senior.)

We do feel that obtaining a list of the major activities of each campus would not be an impossible undertaking. Student Government Associations on each campus could be asked to compile such a list or OSGA could centrally establish and maintain an activity list for each campus.)

Collegian Coverage Hit

TO THE EDITOR: It has been stressed at Collegian Publicity Workshops that the space available in the Collegian is so limited that the copy must be of concern to a majority of the students. This is understandable and reasonable.

Isn't an event which is honored by the presence of Dr. Walker and his family, Dr. Rackley, Colonel Cain, Richie and Smith and their ROTC staffs newsworthy? Isn't an annual event in which over 200 students participate as a culmination of a year's work for the Air Force and Navy standard and trick drill teams, as well as the Pershing Rifles Society worth mentioning in the Collegian?

I think that the President's Cup Drill Competition is definitely worth a few column inches! And, in case you hadn't noticed, the USG and the hat societies, although important, are not the only active campus organizations!

-Rochelle M. Goulds '64

Snowed

Old Main's Reaction

by joel myers

The four term system, which is nearing its first birthday at Penn State, apparently has the necessary qualifications to survive the stringent requirements of modern day education.

Fortunately, however, some of the idealistic plans that initially accompanied this system have already been scrapped by an administration that often exhibited stubbornness in the past.

Behind the fanfare of the four term plan, Old Main policymakers initiated new rules and regulations of fee payment, deposits, refund of fees and observance of "national" holidays.

Some of these regulations, which were apparently adopted to promote greater efficiency, are too idealistic and impractical. One, namely the failure to provide for a vacation for Thanksgiving and Easter, proved to be very unpopular with students and some faculty members.

Despite Old Main's outward appearance of invincibility, the administrators do watch and react to student opinion.

The strong but unsuccessful

attempt to obtain a Thanksgiving vacation last autumn has had and is still causing repercussions in administrative policy.

A comprehensive survey of student opinion has been undertaken by the administration in an effort to avert a repeat of last fall's outburst of anti-University feeling.

The question students are being asked cover a wide range of topics from student government to a student-run bookstore to another boost in tuition.

The administration has also moved to ease some of the tough regulations that went into effect with the start of the four term system.

The regulation governing refund of tuition for students forced to withdraw from the University has been softened, and there is unofficial evidence that a more equitable policy on pre-payment of fees and tuition might go into effect this fall.

Further action that might generate favorable student reaction might be taken after the student survey has been completed and results compiled.

Although the fight for a Thanksgiving vacation like the Hungarian rebellion was in itself unsuccessful, its effects might prove to be widespread and long-lasting.



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kaleidoscope

A Short Subject

by kay mills

Casey's nerves were taut as he turned from the radio.

"Oh, God," he said, in an attempt to reach out to the heavens. "I always told him never to ride with wild kids. Now look what happened."

"Oh, Lord." The old police radio crackled on again. More men needed to route traffic around the accident.

"I'll call the station. It can't be the same three kids."

"It's Fishers' car all right," Mister Casey, the deputy said slowly, painfully. "Only... only the bodies are too cut up to tell who they are. If you want to..."

"No, I'll stay here." "We'll call you when we know anything."

"Yeah..." He tried to smoke, then he tried to forget. Nothing came but racing images of his Johnny. "You tell him and you tell him. You know he doesn't listen... You know this moment has to come - but so hard, so brutally quick."

The telephone ringing chilled his thoughts, cut into his heart like an icicle. "Oh, God." That quick prayer again.

"Dad... Dad, this is Johnny. I just heard about the accident. I told them to cut it out. I told them. I remembered what you said, Dad; They laughed at me, but I made them let me out. Right there by the side of the road... Dad... Thanks..." "Dad...?"



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