

Editorial Opinion

# It's on the Record Now

When a uniform judicial code was adopted in April, The Daily Collegian went on record as considering the move the proverbial "first step" toward a truly just system. More strides toward this goal were made Tuesday as the University Senate voted this code into its policies and rules for undergraduate students, commonly known as the Senate Regulations.

The new rule W-16 now spells out for all to see the rights of students involved in disciplinary actions. Any future University students may now be fully informed of their rights before judicial groups consisting in any part of their peers and including the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline.

Only the Senate may now change this policy. Its basic points are subject to no whims of interpretation.

There was some question, however, at the Senate meeting about loose wording in the requirement that charges be made "sufficiently specific" to "reasonably inform" a student of their nature. Likewise, these charges shall be furnished in writing "sufficiently in advance" of a hearing to allow time for defense preparation.

Laurence H. Lattman, chairman of the Committee on Student Affairs, explained that this section is so worded to allow flexibility of administration for the student tribunals and offices of the dean of men and dean of women.

If this is to be the Senate policy, we request that there be careful scrutiny of interpretations on these fine points to determine that no rights are violated. We agree with Lattman, who indicated, for example, that if any official began to interpret a reasonable amount of time as 30 minutes, then this matter would be worthy of immediate Senate consideration.

The Senate has been questioned in the recent weeks for allowing its policy-making function to enable it to escape making definitive statements. In this case, however, the Senate has made a decision which, properly used, can serve as a concrete guide both to judicial groups and to students called before these bodies.

# A Note of Thanks

The news release earlier this week concerning opening of Pattee Library on the Fourth of July was almost so insignificant as to be lost in the shuffle. Almost, but not quite.

To those members of the Pattee staff who spent part of their July 4 holiday yesterday behind a desk or searching for books in the stacks, we say "thank you" from the students.

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Campus Beat

# 'Miles And Miles Of Heart'

Who says Penn State is a big factory with no human soul? At least some of the students and staff here have hearts, or so my friends tell me.

I drop in to Sackett occasionally to talk to my former HUBology group on the Collegian staff and on my last visit I heard a story about some other Sackett occupants.

Seems like the third floor architects have for many years had a buddy, a fan. One of the custodians there follows the designers' careers, their first jobs and moves toward success. Not too many people around here have time—with a capital T—for this little personal touch.

Well, this gentleman retired recently and the fellows up yonder on third floor Sackett threw a party. And it was more than just a fun-and-games thing, it was a sincere token of appreciation. Thanks—glad to hear there are some real people on camp.

Suddenly this summer there is a new assessment of the term system among students. My HUBology group especially is arousing itself from a three-term stupor and looking around. These students find the world still exists—yes, it does—but the class is hardly sure whether it likes the big, wide type of our little treadmill kind.

Prof Wayne

kaleidoscope

# spirit of '76

by kay mills

every may, july, september and november, come those days—those fine days—on which we remember, we wave our flags and occas'nally don't have classes. wherefore the lure of these great days to the masses?

veterans' day alone lacks the glamor of yore, a picnic in the park or a trip to the shore, out on the road where, mumbling, a flat you must fix—you're displaying the spirit of '76?

the red, the white and the blue link neighbors as friends; for once you forget, he who borrows never lends. if the colors do this much to pull people near, why do the flags remain hidden through the year?

freedom from oppression was signed on july 4. economic gains too helped hold the philly floor. and here, not two hundred miles away from that shrine, when the certain freedoms we want find bright sunshine?

we were curing the IBM complex 'round here; then they informed us, "four terms of study a year." but last month they created time for an exam; maybe someone has spirt and does give a d—?

when our fine declaration was dully proclaimed, equality for all was to make us so famed. famed as the land of freedom riders and sit-ins—what would old tom say if he saw the southland's sins?

ah, my friends, spirit 'tis grand, and spirit 'tis bold; you have learned to hate before you're three years old. one final point on these good days we love dearly, at least AMERICANS question themselves yearly.

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# 'A Collection of Books'

by ann palmer

The inscription "A University is a collection of books" is permanently chiseled into the facade of the Pattee Library as a constant reminder to those of us who find it hard to walk the strictly academic road at this University.

However, this inscription in all its poignancy has always caused a twinge of irony in me when I read it. Such grand words hardly seem fitting to grace the front of a library inside whose walls one finds a collection of books which are a definite detriment to the fine school which this University is rapidly becoming.

How very many times have I and most of my fellow students gone confidently into the library finally having decided on a term paper topic, perused the shelves and trudged dejectedly out only to sit for another week, thinking of an alternative topic because source material just wasn't available on the first topic? Or how many students have spent long hours of research on a certain topic only to have their work criticized because source material wasn't "up-to-date" enough?

In discussing the library situation with President Eric A. Walker during the winter term, I was informed that Penn State has one of the most well-equipped engineering libraries in the country—a status which is hard to achieve because the journals and books for the engineering curriculum are so perishable.

And yet, Pattee Library is poor. In a University which offers such a wide variety of curricula as does Penn State, it should be the goal of the administration not to let such a sharp contrast exist between the facilities of one college and another. Certainly, the building of an entire University is a gradual process; but the attempt to build a well-rounded University is a necessity.

At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees, the library

budget was increased from last year's \$377,000 to \$1,300,000. This addition of funds to the library section of the budget represents a tremendous increase over last year's available funds. Although the establishment of a library of which the entire state can be proud will take much more money, this increased allotment is definitely a step in the right direction. Now that the administration has graphically shown that it realizes the crying need for funds in the library area, I hope it will make an intensive effort to determine just where the need is most important and how the funds can best be used to build a foundation of books for the entire University.

Students can help in this effort as well as faculty since students have as much contact

with the library facilities as do the faculty members and can determine areas the library is lacking. I urge students to be aware of this need when using the library both this summer and during the next year talking to their faculty advisor or the head of their department about library deficiencies which they feel exist.

The increased allotment of library funds has set the ball rolling toward a library system of which the entire University, students, faculty, administration and alumni, and the people of Pennsylvania can be proud. It is, however, up to those who have immediate contact with the University and its libraries to see that the words "A University is a collection of books" becomes a reality instead of an irony.

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# Terrace Room Policy

by joel myers

The Hetzel Union Building, built with student funds, was designed to serve the students.

The HUB cafeteria, the Terrace Room should play an important role in this pattern. It should be a place where students can buy a well-balanced whole-some meal at inexpensive prices.

For some reason, unannounced to the student body, the persons who determine the policy for the HUB Terrace Room apparently disagree with the purposes for which the HUB was expressly constructed.

The policy makers seem bent on changing the role of the Terrace Room from a student cafeteria to a restaurant for townspeople.

Prices have been raised three times during the past 13

months, and the director of the Terrace Room admitted that food portions were reduced during that period. The price hikes have increased the cost of a meal by 25 to 35 per cent. Such a drastic price rise over a 13-month period is hard to justify when considering that basic food prices have remained rather stable during the same period.

It should also be noted that the Terrace Room recently broadened its help-yourself policy, which would seem to be a step toward more efficient operation and less personnel.

Even in regard to time, students have apparently been considered secondary. The University has allowed hundreds of conventioners to flock to the Terrace Room, causing students to wait in line for periods up to 25 minutes.

The University should re-evaluate its Terrace Room policy at once. Some students are wasting several hours a week in line, and their food budget is up to \$15 a month higher than it was 13 months ago.



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