

Editorial Opinion

Housing Code: A Step Forward

The public housing code passed by the State College Borough Council Monday night represents a significant step toward enabling students to find better housing facilities.

While the code is not specifically written for students, the minimum standards it outlines will require landlords of previously sub-standard dwellings in the student price range to better their facilities more stringently than ever before.

Property owners will have until June 1 to improve their buildings. At that time, housing inspectors will examine town dwellings and any person violating the code will be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100 and costs of suit. If the fine is not paid, the violator will be imprisoned for not more than 30 days.

This stricter enforcement of the code, plus its specific requirements for minimum standards for sanitation, ventilation, light and heating, space and occupancy, structure, cooking equipment and rodent and pest control should help to establish a uniform standard of good housing.

Action such as this was long overdue by the Borough Council, but by finally taking it the Borough Council has issued a warning to potential violators and given a hope to all downtown students.

Student 'Series' Tickets

When a student submits his payment of fees at this University, he is entitled to free entry to home athletic contests, a copy of *The Daily Collegian*, a personal volume of *La Vie* in his senior year, and gratis tickets to the Artists Series programs.

Recently, students have been securing tickets for Artists Series events and then giving them to non-students such as landlords, parents and faculty members.

This is extremely unfair to other students and will no longer be tolerated by those responsible for planning and presenting the Artists Series.

All non-students must purchase tickets for Artists Series programs at \$1.50 if they wish to attend.

Non-students attempting to enter a program with a student ticket will be stopped at the door and asked to pay for their ticket before entering.

This action, while necessary to protect students' free entry, will be both embarrassing for the non-students and will reflect badly on the Penn State student body.

If a student has picked up a ticket and cannot attend the event, we feel he should give it to another student who will use the ticket.

But we urge students not to cause extra work and embarrassment for all by giving their free tickets to non-students.

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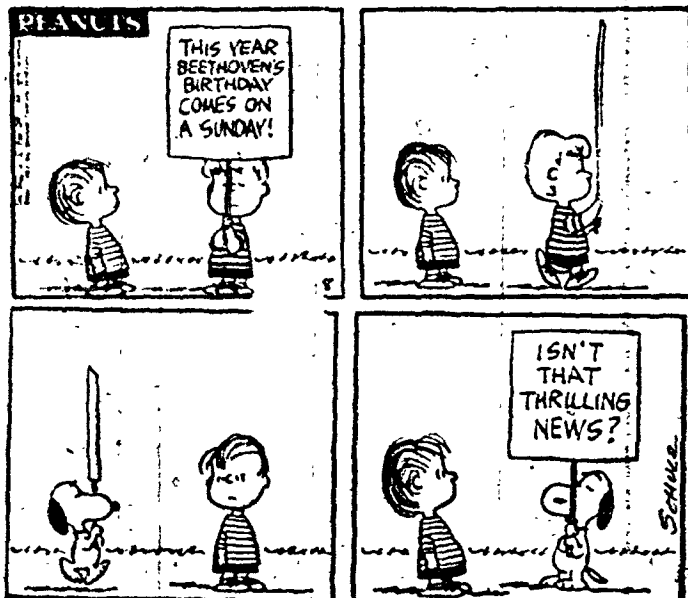
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Election Analysis

by Joel Myers

Despite Republican victories in the important gubernatorial elections of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York, the 1962 mid-term election has gone into the history books as a significant victory for the Kennedy Administration.

The Democratic Congressional Houses, although slight in numbers ran strongly against the grain of tradition.

The President's party usually loses an average of 30 to 50 seats in the House and several in the Senate in a non-Presidential year election. President Wilson once lost 113 seats in the House.

History shows that if the same party retains control of the White

House in the following Presidential election, many, if not all, of the lost seats are regained.

President Kennedy has already let it be known that he intends to seek re-election in 1964. His amazingly high popularity, as measured by several reliable pollsters, seem to suggest that he will sweep most of the electoral votes two years hence.

Figuring on the usual number of "coattail" Congressional victors, the Democrats would stand to gain at least 25 seats in the House and possibly a few more in the Senate.

If such a majority should materialize, the New Frontier would have as clear a popular mandate as that given the New Deal in the 1930's.

The opposition candidate in 1964 will undoubtedly come from the growing and strengthened liberal element of the GOP. The balance of Republican power will soon reside in the statehouses of

Albany, Columbus, Lansing and Harrisburg.

The increased power of the liberal wing of the GOP together with the New Frontier's technical gains in Congress should aid the Administration's legislative program this season.

The age and psychology of the Congress will also favor the President. Many of the Congressmen who remember JFK as a former colleague who won the Presidency by a razor-thin majority have been replaced by men who first met Kennedy as the President.

Also, the average age of the newly elected Congressmen is five to ten years less than that of the men whom they will replace. These younger men may be more prone than their predecessors to vote in favor of progressive legislation.

The victory scored by the Administration in Tuesday's election was not dramatic but it was significant. This fact may be well illustrated in the first session of the 88th Congress, when Medicare, aid-to-education, and the revision of income tax schedules come up for a vote again.



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Letters

Sophomore Coeds Dispute Bolbach Criticism of Rush Code

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to Dave Bolbach's suggestion for a "Replacement for Froth," which appeared in *The Daily Collegian* on Tuesday, Nov. 6, we ask whether he would wish the U.S. government to dispense with laws concerning all criminal acts merely, because at one time or another these laws may be broken?

Rather, we believe that delinquency would prevail if the government did not pass laws to serve as an ethical code in the better interest of the majority of people subject to its dictates. With such an objective in mind, the Panhellenic Council has designed a rush code.

The present Panhellenic rush code is the answer to a need expressed by the majority of sorori-

ties for an explicit and detailed set of rules. During the last sorority rush, due to the ambiguity of the code, it was misinterpreted by two sororities which were accused of rush infractions. This resulted in the humiliation of both sororities and the Panhellenic Council. It is quite evident that the wounds inflicted upon the groups involved would have been avoided had the code at that time been less ambiguous.

We wish also to point out that Panhel does not have to appoint "watchdogs" to enforce this code. Mr. Bolbach obviously forgets that each women's dormitory is inhabited by more than one sorority.

The Panhellenic Rush Committee is justified in prescribing penalties for infractions when its code is thus clearly defined.

—Nancy Quigley, '64
—Joanne Yamas, '64
—Janice Brown, '64

Students Urged To Make Known Opinions on Issues

TO THE EDITOR: Just like "Zorro" on television fame, our administration appears at the opportune moment, completes its mission, and then deftly and mysteriously vanishes into the impenetrable assylum of Old Main.

Shouldn't we be more aware of the administrative mechanisms which are so very vital to our existence — mechanisms of which you have absolutely no voice?

Our sole representative, in such related matters, lies with the illustrious USG. As has been so apparent, the USG, in dealing with such critical issues, is quite inefficient and powerless. It seems that the USG is nothing more than a social gathering and a few more pages in *La Vie*.

The one alternative left to the student body is mature, unified action. This can be achieved only through organization by the living units, that is, the dorms, Greeks, and TIM. The leaders of these bodies, through extremely democratic processes, can obtain a true representation of student opinion. With petitions and determination, these leaders can approach Old Main with a relative degree of confidence.

However, we feel that without one vital ingredient, all attempts would prove futile.

This necessary ingredient is the cooperation and the respected leadership of the faculty. We do not know whether this is possible. Assuming that it is, any just cause can be executed by the above formula.

Now is the time to act! Arise from your dormant state as "vegetables" into a new revitalized organism! But, if you read this letter like you read all others, and shrug it off with similar apathy, then just forget about Thanksgiving, Froth, and anything else which the administration chooses to burden you with.

There is only one thing that will catalyze this reaction — guts!!!
—Andrew Stonefield, '64
—Edward Rickless, '64

SENSE Editorial Termed Redundant

TO THE EDITOR: This is in reply to your editorial "It Just Makes Sense" of Oct. 25.

In the letter from Larry Garlock of Sigma Pi, I fail to see any statement whatsoever challenging the right of Students for Peace to demonstrate against the Cuban quarantine. Your inference is in error and therefore your whole editorial is redundant. Of course these people have a right to demonstrate. And we, in turn, have a right to criticize them!

If they were running our government now, I fear that we would all be digging salt in Siberia in a matter of weeks. This I would not want to do, and I don't think you would either! This is not a time for quibbling over niceties. It is a time for solidarity so that we may preserve our way of life, for which so many have fought and died.

In addition to your aforementioned mistake, you have unjustly slurred Garlock and his friends in your opening sentence when you referred to them as "supposedly patriotic students." Even though they are in the majority, they also have a right to be heard!

—Donald Larson,
Grad Student

(Editor's note: Our editorial was not aimed at the letter from Larry Garlock. It was our opinion on student sentiment which questioned the right of SENSE students to demonstrate.)

Frosh Wants Refund

TO THE EDITOR: As a freshman, I purchased a year's subscription to the late "humor" magazine Froth. According to principle, when one does not receive what he has purchased, a refund is in order. It has been said that the American society is materialistic. I agree thoroughly, and I want my money back!

—Michael Walsh, '68

Letters

Davidson, Gellen Disagree With Plan For Bomb Shelters

TO THE EDITOR: In the recent issues of *The Daily Collegian* we have noticed that the administration of this University is planning to establish a civil defense policy centered on the establishment of fallout shelters and that *The Daily Collegian* has supported this action.

We disagree. Our first objection is that, under the conditions of a modern nuclear war, a feasible shelter program is an economic impossibility. A feasible shelter system, that is, one that would not be a death trap, would cost this University at least 150 million dollars. This figure is a conservative adjustment of the costs arrived at by leading scientists and economists across the nation.

Our second objection is that a shelter program, especially on a large scale, instills in people a false sense of security, and that people will falsely assume that they actually can survive a nuclear war. This is analogous to the ostrich that shoves its head into the sand.

Finally, we believe that peace is the only security, that the only protection against nuclear war is disarmament, and that the removal of the causes of war must be gained through international friendship and peace. We feel that this University should work toward these ends, rather than waste its resources on the folly of fallout shelters and civil defense.

—Carl Davidson, '68
—Karen Gellen, '68

Understanding Seen As Asset of Model U.N.

TO THE EDITOR: Upon entering Penn State I was very surprised to find myself rather isolated from the problems and affairs of the world. After discussing this with other students, I realized that this feeling was widespread and due to a lack of time for both radio and newspapers.

What better solution could there be to this problem than a chance to work on a Model United Nations Assembly?

For the first time in its history, Penn State is planning such an assembly. This type of activity has been carried on at many other universities and has successfully helped students gain a better understanding of international problems.

By working on our model U.N. Assembly, it is not only possible to exchange ideas concerning international relations, but it is also possible to debate impending issues.

Let's all support our first model U.N. Assembly and make it a success!

—Carole Anderson, '68