

Editorial Opinion

Class Advisory Boards— Outmoded by Term System

The Junior Prom may soon be abandoned. This grim pronouncement yesterday by Guy Jackson, chairman of the prom committee, was viewed by us with a tinge of remorse. This one pronouncement is just another indication that the University's term system has brought about not only scheduling changes but a reorientation of social preferences as well.

The Junior Prom is probably the biggest project sponsored by the Junior Class Advisory Board and its pending elimination now leaves open a question. What will this board do for something to do? Or, for that matter, are any of the class advisory boards necessary?

The boards, groups of approximately 30 people, are selected by the class president. They are to give him advice on class feeling and to chair committees for class projects.

The class presidents themselves are quick to point out the merit in the good intentions of their advisory boards. They plan possible book scholarships, concerts and teas.

They view the function of their boards as one of instilling class spirit among University students and of bringing the class members closer to the University.

While we support these meritorious goals idealistically, we feel that they are unrealistic. The term system has changed class status — evidenced by the possible elimination of the Junior Prom.

Most of the functions now planned by the class advisory boards are social in nature and could be handled just as well by committees selected through application of interested students.

Couldn't a spirit raising drive for the University—in view of decreasing class importance—be better and more effectively carried out by a strong USG which represents the student body as a whole, regardless of class or even term?

While the class presidents speak admirably of enlarging the scope of class activities to include cultural events such as concerts, we feel there are other campus organizations such as the Jazz Club, the Liberal Arts Lecture Series committee and the Artists Series committee which already provide this type of activity.

With the increased pressure put upon extra-curricular activities by the term system and in view of the decreasing importance of classes per se, the class advisory board has lost its importance.

The one advisory board which seems to retain some degree of importance is that of the senior class. It is this board which has the major responsibility for collecting money and suggestions for the senior class gift—a tradition which we feel will and should carry on at this University regardless of how much class distinction is lost.

It is in view of these considerations, that we say class advisory boards have lost their major function and importance and are rapidly becoming "just another activity"—a type of organization which cannot survive under the four-term system.

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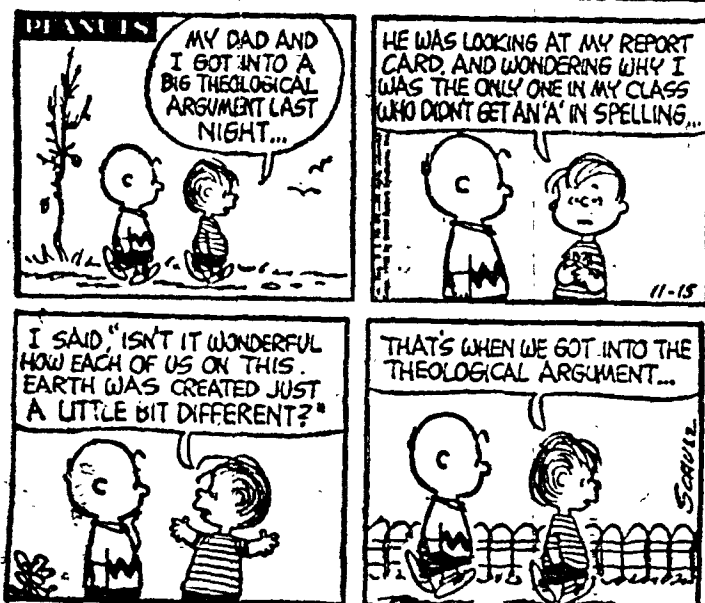
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Letters

Maloney Letter To Faculty Hit

TO THE EDITOR: It has come to our attention that a letter has been sent from Dean Maloney to all members of the Liberal Arts faculty. This letter specifically instructs that all professors and instructors must definitely be in attendance of their classes of the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving, and furthermore, to arrange for special work to be done in their classes that will provide an incentive (or does he mean penalty?) to have all students present in class.

We think that Dean Maloney is being rather self-assuming in that (1) he is going against the wishes of the student body, and (2) which is probably more important, he is trying to make these two days different than other days by forcing teachers to be in attendance and by legislating penalties on students who are not in class. This injustice is pointed up by the fact that more members of his own faculty are displeased with this "proclamation from above."

Furthermore, it seems a shame that the policies of Dean Maloney must be undemocratic in nature and also unrevealed to the students. The letter, itself, expresses concern over "a spirit of general uneasy rebelliousness" that may be generated across the campus. May we add that this spirit would not be without undue cause.

Another important question that arises is the paradox that the University has the nerve to sell tickets to the Pitt game, while at the same time it is prohibiting students to go to this game. It would, indeed, be difficult to be in classes on Saturday and be at the game in Pittsburgh at the same time.

Dean Maloney justifies (or tries to) his actions by reminding the students that we will soon be going home for a month. May we ask him when we will be going home for Easter? Doesn't it seem more reasonable to have three days to spend with one's family on Thanksgiving and Easter, and to cut a week out of the unnecessarily long Christmas vacation?

—Jeffrey M. Shaman, '63
—Arthur R. Makadon, '64

Senior Satirizes Dining Hall Dress

TO THE EDITOR: I was dismayed at the unexcusable conditions that I have witnessed to date in our fine dining halls. Imagine, finding young men and ladies of such fine college caliber and from such outstanding American families degrading themselves and this fine American institution by wearing clothes suitable for peasants.

Our young ladies wear slacks and shorts, and the men come to dinner with their necks bare. Well, in my day they would have been turned away from the table! Even more discouraging is the rapid appearance of, and please excuse the term, sweatshirts. Oh, my goodness.

Of course, the apparel is clean. However, this is natural—because cleanliness is next to godliness, and we won't allow dirty atheists in this fine American school.

We must cease this shameful display before it's too late. We are already behind the Russians in the space race. What will be next? Perhaps the disappearance of motherhood and even the Bible readings in school.

Fellow Americans, arise and help eliminate this gaudiness!
—Edward Silver, '63

WDFM Schedule

- THURSDAY, NOV. 15
- 5:00 Dinner Date
 - 6:00 Analysis of Week's News
 - 6:15 Weatheroscope with Joel Myers
 - 6:20 Concert Hall-Symphonic Music
 - 7:30 USG Report: Vice president Morris Baker, "The Aims of Student Government"
 - 7:40 Survey, Chamber Music with the Allard String Quartet
 - 8:00 Lecture by Jean Mayer—"Obesity: Physiological, Psychological and Social Aspects"
 - 9:00 Harlequin: Humorous Works by the University Readers
 - 9:15 Mostly Music: Stress on Jazz
 - 10:00 Classical Canvas—Tonight: Berlioz
 - 12:00 "Requiem Mass"

University 'Rights' Pointed Out

TO THE EDITOR: In the Collegian of Tuesday, Nov. 13, there appeared a letter from one uninformed Mr. Ruth who is apparently laboring under the false impression that the Pennsylvania State University is a democracy. It is not, nor does it profess to be, nor should it be.

I don't mean to imply that Mr. Ruth is alone in his misconception of our university. A glance at the "Letters to the Editor" on almost any given day will suffice to illustrate this point. There are obviously many students who feel that our "rights" are being violated.

Please consider these statements. We are here by permission of the Pennsylvania State University. By accepting the University's invitation to attend, we place ourselves under its jurisdiction, and we agree not to give up, but to modify the absoluteness of some of our rights. An individual attending, or an organization chartered by the University is not free to do exactly as it pleases if its pleasure does not coincide with that of the University. This is as it should be.

This situation is somewhat like having a job. You go along with company rules or you leave yourself open to corrective action. You take on this responsibility when you accept the invitation of the organization.

What gives students the idea that every time the University exercises its authority that it is violating our "rights"? Let's stop saying, "they don't have the right to do that."

The fact is, they do have the right to do that. We give them that right when we come here. We have been extended the priv-

ilege of becoming educated and this advantage may rightfully be modified or even revoked at the discretion of the extender.

Let us realize that we get a pretty good deal from this University. As pointed out by Mr. Thormayer (Collegian, Tuesday, Nov. 13), they don't have to give us phone service. They don't have to give us anything extra... but they do. How ungrateful can we be?

Let's start looking at all the things Penn State does for us, and quit complaining when she exercises her rights of control over us, or when her services are not quite as adequate as we feel they should be.

—David A. Whitsett, '63

Grad Student Defends Ed-Aid, Medicare Bills

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to the letter of Mr. Kenagy in Tuesday's Collegian, aid-to-education and medicare are bills drawn up by democratically-elected representatives of the people. Surely their being enacted would be nothing more than part of a democratic process. Perhaps Mr. Kenagy is daring to suggest that democracy really doesn't work after all.

As far as medicare is concerned, it appears that the only real "ramming" beyond the limits of democratic mechanisms, has been the biased yammering, not of Joel Myers and the Collegian staff, but of the AMA.

Of course, we are all well aware that education at Penn State doesn't need aid — it needs sympathy.

—M. W. Cresswell,
Grad Student

World at a Glance

Adenauer Calls Britain Checks Cuban Action World Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany told President Kennedy that the United States, by accepting the Soviet challenge in Cuba, "rendered an invaluable service to the freedom of the world."

Adenauer made the comment yesterday in responding to Kennedy's official welcome as the two met to try and determine how the outcome of the Cuban crisis influenced Moscow's thinking about Berlin.

THEIR VIEWS are not identical, officials said. Kennedy is reported to believe that his firm stand convinced the Soviets that the United States means it when it says America will not flinch in Berlin. The German leader was said to doubt that the Kremlin has understood the message.

Adenauer arrived Tuesday night. At midmorning yesterday, he was welcomed by Kennedy with the traditional pomp due a head of government on the south lawn of the White House.

No agenda was prepared for the two scheduled conferences, officials said. Experience of earlier meetings—this is the third between them since Kennedy became president — showed that neither the U.S. chief executive nor Germany's leaders is willing to observe a schedule prepared by specialists.

Federal Tax on Travel Expires; Most Rates Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 10 per cent federal tax on rail, bus and boat fares passed out of existence last midnight and a similar levy on air fares was cut in half. As a result, travelers can expect to save nearly \$150 million a year.

The Eastern railroads and some bus lines will boost their fares to offset the tax change. But all air fares will remain at current levels.

As a result of the tax changes, the government will incur a revenue loss of about \$170 million a year.

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan opened a full-scale investigation last night into rumors that one of his former admiralty ministers had planned to flee behind the Iron Curtain with a British spy who is suspected of homosexuality.

The prime minister told a stunned House of Commons he was asking "for a trial of the truth" into the talk involving Thomas Galbraith, civil lord of the Admiralty in 1957-59. Without dissent, the House approved Macmillan's motion for a three-man tribunal of inquiry.

While Macmillan spoke, Galbraith's successor told a civic meeting in a London suburb thousands of Soviet spies operate in Britain—"trained to detect weakness in character, weakness for drink, blondes, drugs and homosexuality."

Charles Ian Orr-Ewing told the Hendon Chamber of Commerce spies are in the embassies, consulates and trade missions of Iron Curtain countries. As civil minister, Orr-Ewing rates just below the First Lord of Admiralty, a civilian post similar to that of an American cabinet member.

Nehru's Birthday Nets Defense Gifts

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru got a dynamic new defense minister and 148 pounds of gold for the Himalayan war effort on his 73rd birthday yesterday.

The new defense minister is Y. B. Chavan, 48, who has a record as an able and imaginative administrator.

Chavan takes over a post Nehru himself had handled in the 15-day interval since it was vacated by the controversial V. K. Krishna Menon under charges that Menon failed to prepare India's defenses against Red China's attack.

The 148 pounds of gold from Punjab State — Nehru's weight plus two pounds for good measure — are worth \$62,160 at world prices. It is to help carry on the fight against Red China's invasion. But it's a multimillion-dollar war.