

Editorial Opinion

USG Study on Senate Rules

One of the bills accepted in USG's energetic approval of nine proposals Wednesday night establishes a committee to study and evaluate the University Senate's rules and regulations.

The bill's sponsor and temporary chairman of the study committee, Harry Grace, said the six-member group would study each section of the regulations for its merits and applications.

The Senate rules have been changing yearly, it seems, to fit the faculty's concept of increasing student responsibility.

Two years ago, the Senate abolished the "K" rules on class attendance and in their place established an attendance policy. The policy lets instructors organize their course material with the intention of encouraging students to attend class.

The instructor is left free to decide whether scholastic achievement in his course depends on class attendance and to relate this policy to his students.

The Senate took action only recently on the "S" rules concerning compulsory Reserve Officers Training Corps courses. It has recommended a change from compulsory to voluntary ROTC to the Board of Trustees.

The value of a student committee to study the Senate rules seems to lie primarily in educating and informing students on the significance and implications of the Senate rules.

Perhaps the committee can devise a method of getting students to understand what is expected of them and what they can expect in return.

A second value of such a committee seems to be that further changes in the rules could be suggested by the student group.

Study of the "M" rules concerning grading, the "U" rules on student automobiles, the "W" rules on student conduct and the "Z" rules on social organizations have been areas of concern to past student groups and should provide fertile bases for student evaluation.

In studying any of these areas, we feel it is of primary importance for the committee to do as much research as time allows in talking to or getting a survey of student knowledge and awareness of the rules and their opinions on them.

We hope the committee will speak at length with faculty and administrators on the reasoning behind the rules and the feasibility of possible changes.

Other schools should be consulted as to their policies.

Only with thorough research can the committee hope to make a valid appraisal that will be beneficial both to the students and the faculty and one that will be influential in formulating future policies that concur with the needs of the University body.

NSA Regional Conference

Pennsylvania and West Virginia member schools of the United States National Student Association will convene their regional conference on campus tonight. The conference topic will be the aims of education.

This University is a member of NSA on a tentative basis only. Student government entered the national organization on a one-year trial basis last spring. This spring a decision will have to be made by the student body on whether Penn State should or should not remain a member of the association.

With this major decision lying ahead, we believe that this conference provides a golden opportunity for students to judge some of the merits and demerits of NSA at work.

Furthermore, the presence of representatives from member schools in this area, including major universities such as the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, will give Penn State students an opportunity to question more experienced members on the value of NSA membership.

We urge all students of this University to talk with students from member schools and if possible to attend some of the conference meetings tonight and tomorrow.

Whether or not Penn State should become a full member of NSA is a decision which all students on this campus should begin considering now.

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Hammaraskjold's Folly

by joel myers

The Post Office Department's recent decision to deliberately flood the market with misprinted Dag Hammaraskjold commemorative stamps not only speaks poorly for that office's philosophy but may enhance the possibilities for individual profit-taking at the taxpayers' expense.

Several days ago a few stamp collectors noticed that some of the Hammaraskjold commemoratives were partly printed upside down.

This error, which resulted from the sheet of stamps being inserted into the printer backwards for the second impression, is similar to the one that was detected in 1917 on a sheet of airmail stamps.



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The lucky purchaser of those airmail stamps, which featured upside down airplanes, sold his \$24 investment to a group of stamp dealers several days later for \$15,000.

The dealers later broke up the sheet and today the individual stamps sell for \$4000 to \$5000 each depending on their condition.

One of the discoverers of the Hammaraskjold error, Leonard Sherman of Irvington, N.J., thought he had a similar find un-

til the Post Office decided Tuesday to flood the market with misprinted stamps so that every little boy in America who wants one can have one.

The Post Office, which spends thousands of dollars annually in order to prevent imperfect stamps from reaching the public, will now turn around and deliberately print 400,000 of the flawed issue.

In the process they will destroy the image of their own department not only in the United States but throughout the world; not to mention the insult to the memory of Dag Hammaraskjold himself.

The announced intention of the Post Office to print 400,000 of these errors will not reduce the initial problem but rather compound it.

There are approximately 10,000,000 stamp collectors in the United States and millions more abroad who collect our stamps. These collectors purchase a large share of each commemorative issue; which usually appears in editions of 120,000,000.

If the P.O. Department goes through with its plans to print only 400,000 stamps of an issue that has received international notoriety, it will find the issue still won't be within the financial grasp of every stamp collector.

On the contrary, investors will flock to stamp windows considering such a limited issue will re-

resent profitable investment.

But the injustice does not end here. What if the "lucky" purchaser had quickly sold his "find" to someone else for a neat profit. It would be the buyer of these stamps who would suffer a great financial loss.

This is precisely what happened earlier this year, when the Post Office followed a similar policy on a series of plate number blocks that inadvertently appeared in limited supply.

Many of these blocks had changed hands many times for prices ranging up to \$100 a block before the Post Office announced that more would be issued.

However, the additional blocks were not issued in sufficient quantity to reduce the price to normal levels. Many of these blocks are still selling for several dollars apiece, which is well above their face value of sixteen cents.

The Post Office will again try to reduce the value of a collector's item without completely eliminating it from that status. In doing so, it arbitrarily will determine where and when these stamps will go on sale and thus permit many more collectors and investors to duplicate the lucky discovery of Leonard Sherman.

Maybe next year it will begin reprinting valuable old Roman coins "so every little boy in America who wants one can have one."

Letters

Grad Student Discusses Israeli Security

TO THE EDITOR: With reference to the article under the column, "Behind the News," I would like to make some remarks pertinent to those of Mr. Charles K. Krantz. In particular, I would like to comment on his statement... "Security is not always to be equated with fullest possible military preparedness."

As a student of history, Mr. Krantz must know that simultaneously with the recognition of the state of Israel by the United Nations, the armies of seven Arab states invaded Israel. No nation came to the aid of this infant nation. With much sacrifice of life, Israel was victorious.

Similarly, in 1955, after repeated Fedayeen raids with the murder of many innocents, and fruitless appeals to the United Nations to stop these raids, Israel launched the Sinai campaign.

The immense arsenal of Soviet offensive weapons that were subsequently destroyed and captured showed the world, without doubt, the aggressive intent of Egypt.

It has taken these seven years for Col. Nasser to rebuild his Soviet arsenal and again threaten Israel's very existence.

I use the word existence with its fullest meaning. Although the Egyptians have twice been defeated, there is still, and will always be, an Egypt.

For Israel, any defeat will be final and complete. Israel does not have the hundreds of millions, nor the vast area of India, to risk waiting poorly-armed for the overt aggression to occur. Tel Aviv is only minutes by jet bomber and even less by rocket from Egyptian bases.

Yet Mr. Krantz would want to have a unilateral arms embargo and let Israel's security not be the "fullest military preparedness." He would do unto others what he would not have done unto himself.

Gerald Katz, Grad Student

1-Day Thanksgiving Vacation Brings Protest from Freshman

TO THE EDITOR: I have often heard Penn State called "The Factory," but I have always, in the past, stood up for dear Old State. Now I'm beginning to wonder if it isn't just a factory where we're merely spokes in a wheel, not individuals — human individuals who want to be with their families for Thanksgiving.

Should we give thanks for our reward of a cold, empty Thanksgiving Day in the dorm and a "delicious" Thanksgiving feast in the "mess hall?"

Many of us have forfeited going home over weekends so that we would be able to be with our families on this special holiday, when suddenly we are presented with a threat that we either remain here, or suffer the consequences of having our names turned in to the "principal's office" and missing manufactured busy-work designed especially for that day.

If the University wants us to develop into mature, responsible adults does it think it is going to achieve this by treating us like high school students?

The University maintains that if we take this Thanksgiving weekend holiday, we won't settle down to studying for our finals the following week, but isn't that up to us to decide? Our parents have footed the bill for our tuition; isn't it up to them to give us permission to be home for Thanksgiving?

What rightful say has the University in this matter? Our money

Roosevelt, Kennedy Defended by Senior

TO THE EDITOR: Re: Mr. Kenagy's letter of Nov. 13, in which he criticizes several Collegian editorials.

I would challenge Mr. Kenagy to show to me one constitutional right Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Kennedy has abused or usurped. On the contrary, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Kennedy have the undying gratitude of minority groups for whose constitutional rights they have relentlessly fought.

I don't know how anyone could interpret the recent congressional elections as anything but a victory for the Kennedy legislative program. The voters have clearly shown that they have rejected the stone-age philosophies of the Barry Goldwater conservatives.

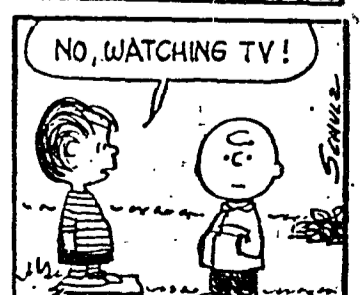
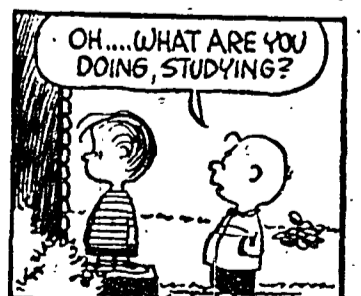
Irv Ehrenreich, '63

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has been paid, so if we want to lose a few dollars worth of time in class to be with our families, isn't that our decision? We will be the ones who will be losing out financially and educationally. This isn't hurting "Dear Old State" one bit.

As human beings we want to be treated as human beings, as college students we want to be treated as college students. I feel that the cuts taken this Thanksgiving holiday weekend should be treated as ordinary cuts. To me, as to most of my professors, Thanksgiving means home, and that's where I want to be.

Georgia Brose, '68



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WDFM Schedule

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

- 5:00 Dinner Date
5:15 Weather Report with Joel Myers
6:20 Ballet Theater - Prokofiev, "Cinderella"; Ravel, "La Valse"
7:30 Sports Highlights: Interview by Ron Eakin
7:40 Album of the Week: Featuring new releases
8:00 Marquee Memories! Tonight, "Bye, Bye Birdie!"
9:00 Sound Off: Music to start the weekend
11:00 Night Sound: Cool music into the night