

Editorial Opinion

Second Student Seat On Subcommittee Needed

The question of student participation and voting in the committees of the University Senate has been debated for years. The battle has gone back and forth many times but those favoring student participation have been gaining slowly.

Last year the student's fight lost ground when the Senate Student Affairs Committee and its subcommittee on discipline were reorganized. In that shuffling the students lost one participating, but non-voting voice in the subcommittee on discipline. Certain administrators were also removed from the committee.

We have always believed it is necessary for students to have a voice in the Senate and on its committees. The regulations of the University are made by the Senate; all of them must go through a committee. The student's viewpoint as well as that of the faculty and administration must be made a part of these policy-making process and the enforcement of these policies.

For these reasons we support the proposal of the Committee of Tribunal Chairmen to seek an additional student seat on the discipline subcommittee. At the present time only the student body president represents students in this important group.

We hope that USG will concur with this need as described by the tribunal chairmen and throw its full weight behind the proposal before it goes to the Senate for consideration.

But we view with some alarm the second part of this plan — that the additional member be the president of the Committee of Tribunal Chairmen.

We believe the president of the tribunal chairmen sitting on this subcommittee could often have a conflict of interests.

The president of the tribunal chairmen will, in some instances, have already heard the case and have taken part in the original judgment.

In such a situation, we believe, the president would be in the position of having to defend his prior action and thus would not really enter the hearing with a free and unbiased mind.

This would be unfair to the appealing student who would not have the benefits of appeal to a totally new body.

The fact remains that it is the heads of the student judicial bodies that are most well-versed in student judicial procedure and precedent.

Therefore we support the suggestion that an additional student seat on the the subcommittee on discipline be filled by rotating members of the Committee of Tribunal Chairmen. The judicial schedule could then be arranged so no student would sit for a case which he had previously heard.

Tribunal Handbooks

We agree with a second plan of the tribunal chairmen to compile a handbook of judicial proceedings. Although the tribunal chairmen have designed it only for the use of tribunals themselves, we urge that such a document be made available to all students.

The handbook, which would more firmly establish student judicial precedents, would be of great value to the tribunals in hearing their cases but also to students who must prepare defenses.

This could be the second important step within the year to give students a more fair and equitable hearing for it would let them know the history of similar tribunal cases.

Just last year the first step in improved tribunal procedure was taken when students were given the right to expect full reports of any charges being brought against them and sufficient time to prepare an adequate defense. We urge tribunals to take the second step at once.

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Letters to the Editor

USG Congressman, President Explain Insurance Plans

TO THE EDITOR: It has been brought to our attention that many parents of students enrolled at Penn State have been receiving mailings, concerning a student life insurance program. The question has arisen as to whether this plan is the one endorsed by the Undergraduate Student Government.

Though the plan is called the University Life Plan, it is underwritten by an out-of-state company. USG has not endorsed this student life plan. The program considered, investigated, and endorsed by USG is the University Life Plans, Inc. underwritten by the Life Assurance Company of Pennsylvania. This is the \$20 per year term insurance program available to Penn State students

between the ages of 18 to 23. It is also the better of the two programs; whereas, the other states that conversion to permanent insurance must be immediately affected when a student graduates or leaves school for any other reason.

The USG endorsed plan will be mailed to all Penn State students, company representatives say, by Dec. 1. It is easily distinguished by the presence of the proposed Undergraduate Student Government seal on the front of the pamphlet along with the announcement of USG's endorsement.

—Dean W. Wharton, USG President

—Michael D. Drvonik, USG Congressman

West Halls Thanks Program Aides

TO THE EDITOR: West Halls Council would like to express their thanks to all who made the Thanksgiving program in West Halls so successful. Special appreciation is extended to the dean of women's office, the dean of men's office, Mr. Packer, Mr. Fedor, Mr. John Fishburn, Mrs. Walker, Eddie, The Collegian, Campus Patrol, that energetic group of young ladies from McKee under the direction of Miss Barbara Babb, and of course the regulars from the West Halls' Social Committee. Without the help and cooperation of all, the program could not have been a success.

Council expresses Season's Greetings to all.

West Halls' Council Exec. Com.

—Ken Hershberger, Pres.

—Tony Platt, V-Pres.

—Ed Mahan, Treas.

—Owen Henning, Sec.

Thanks Given

TO THE EDITOR: We are thankful for the wonderful Thanksgiving which we spent this year.

We are thankful for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner which we ate this year; it consisted of turkey pot pie (frozen) and cranberry sauce.

We are thankful for the wonderful opportunity afforded us to spend this Thanksgiving in State College, rather than in the dreary confines of our own homes surrounded by our loved ones.

Most of all we are thankful to the wonderful administration of the Pennsylvania State University for making all this possible.

—Barry Ackerman, '64

—Arnold Gordon, '64

Frosh Questions Silver's Assailants

TO THE EDITOR: The refutation of the supercilious attitudes expressed in the letters condemning Edward Silver's concern for regulation of dining hall attire, I have only to suggest that the writers of these replies abstain from guessing at Mr. Silver's meaning. The direct quotations "I deduce that what it means" and "seemed to express" are acknowledgments of ignorance on the subject.

Furthermore, since when, my fine, patriotic and pious American citizens, does the expression of opinion merit direct condemnation of personality?

—Laurie Posner, '68

Adherence Urged For Exam Period

TO THE EDITOR: A consistent policy regarding comprehensive final exams should be established. The final exam period was added to the term at the request of and for the benefit of the instructors and students; why are instructors continuing to schedule comprehensive finals during the last two class periods instead of making use of this exam period?

The student who has three comprehensive finals in the last two class periods, and then has to remain on campus for one exam on Thursday afternoon is not being given a fair deal. If Penn State is going to have a final exam period, let's stick to it or else do away with it completely.

—Bea Gilchrist, '63

Campus Beat

I've been hearing much talk around campus about the merits and demerits of "status symbols." I'm a firm believer in status symbols if they are earned. But I heard the best one yet yesterday at the lunch table. A justice of USG Supreme Court was telling me of a proposal to provide the bench with scarlet robes. Must say it would present a pretty picture to see the members of the Supreme Court sitting around in red garb deciding what their function is.

—Prof Wayne

the AP

Dear St. Nicholas...

by ann palmer

For the past three and one half years since I joined the staff of The Daily Collegian my "time to shine" has been during the Yuletide season. For during this time, I have been able to revert back to my childhood and write anonymous letters to Santa Claus from this newspaper.

The recipe? A touch of sentiment, a touch of satire and a few bitters. The result? My one chance to get frothy in the pages of the Collegian.

Although I hate to join Ali Baba and the forty merchants in moving the Christmas season up to meet the vestiges of Turkey Day, I can't pass up my last opportunity to communicate publicly with old St. Nick. DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Hello again from PSU! This year we are sending you several requests for the betterment of the "University family as a whole!" We also send our regrets that not many of us will be around when you fly into the Nittany Valley this year. We students get to go home in time to eat Thanksgiving leftovers.

But don't be discouraged... there are many members of the administration who will welcome your jolly good cheer... they always do. Please go visit them in their homes. Maybe you will do better than us students by

furthering close Santa Claus-administration relations.

If you could give us a little help with the faculty in this area, it would also be appreciated.

Please bring USG vice president Morris Baker a felt pad on which to rap his gavel. This is essential for he is wearing a hole in the table.

Please bring the USG Supreme Court a purpose.

Please bring Dr. Walker a pair of roller skates with motors so he won't have to worry about making connections as he traverses the country spreading good will for Penn State. He might like to have a flying sleigh like yours.

Please bring one ROTC uniform for each member of the Board of Trustees as a token of better things to come.

Please bring Fred Waelchli a blueberry pie — that's one he doesn't have his fingers in yet.

Please bring the Collegian Cowards an early present this morning — courage.

Please bring sororities a goodly supply of No-Doz for rushing season.

Please bring lots of Christmas goodies for the housemen and housewomen who will work long hours in the residence halls while we students are raising hometown hell.

Please bring IFC lots of publicity.

And as a final favor please wish all of these people and the many others Merry Christmas for me—I'll be back to haunt them in the winter term.

Love, Fenner



WDFM Schedule

SATURDAY

- 5:00 Music of the Western World: classical music
7:00 Hi-Fi Open House: An Evening with Pablo Casals at the White House
8:00 Spotlight: Julie London
8:00 Offbeat: Tom's Top Tunes, Hammer and Happy Music
1:00 Ken's Korner: popular music by request

SUNDAY

- 1:00 Sunday Moods: Quiet, popular music

- 4:00 Alard String Quartet and Leonard Raver concert broadcast from Schwab
7:00 Third Programme: five hours of best of aural arts

MONDAY

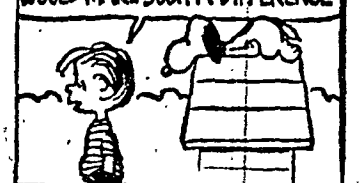
- 5:00 Dinner Date: popular music
6:00 News of the week in review
6:15 Weatherscope
6:25 Operatic Arias
7:30 Highlight: Barbara Farris
7:40 Two of a kind
8:00 Jazz Panorama
9:00 Mostly Music: Popular Standards
10:00 Symphonic Notebook



ALL THE KIDS ARE MAD AT ME BECAUSE THEIR MOTHERS ARE SPENDING SO MUCH TIME PLAYING POOL ON MY MOTHER'S NEW TANGERINE-COLORED POOL TABLE...



YOU WOULD NEVER THINK THAT JUST CHANGING THE COLOR OF THE CLOTH FROM GREEN TO TANGERINE WOULD MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE



I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY MADE GOLF COURSES PINK!

