

Editorial Opinion

Placement Service Functions

There are three very broad divisions in the duties of a large University — admitting students, educating students who have been admitted, and helping students to find suitable positions after they graduate.

One of these three cannot be sacrificed for the benefit of the other two. All three must advance at a parallel rate.

It is our belief that these three functions are improving at about an even pace at this University.

The admissions office has steadily upped its admission requirements. The educational program has been advancing at a rapid rate. These facts are familiar to all students.

But the Placement Service is an almost unknown quantity to most students until they become seniors and begin looking for permanent jobs in their field of interest.

It is our belief that the Placement Service has been holding up very ably its end of the tripartite arrangement.

Between 600 and 650 companies visit this campus annually to interview hundreds of seniors. During the recruiting season which is now under way, about 12 and 15 companies are on campus daily to interview.

In 1961, approximately 1,050 received offers after being interviewed on campus.

This is in addition to the hundreds of graduates of the College of Education who are placed in teaching positions by that college's placement services.

The Placement Service also maintains a list of companies which do not conduct interviews, but require students to write for job applications, it distributes materials on interviewing and on specific companies so that students can evaluate firms coming to campus.

In addition, at the present time the Placement Service is carrying on a limited counseling program for seniors and other upperclassmen whose post-graduate plans are indefinite.

The Placement Service is a vital part of this and any other university. We are glad it is performing its function with such vigor. We urge students to make use of its valuable services.

Amendment Would Hurt Parties

An amendment to the Undergraduate Student Government by-laws will be voted on tonight. It would change the relationship of political parties to the Congress.

The amendment would take nomination of Congressional candidates out of the hands of parties. Congressional hopefuls would nominate themselves by getting a stipulated number of students to sign a petition. Parties could support candidates who had already nominated themselves but could not nominate candidates directly.

We oppose this amendment and urge that it be defeated.

We feel it will weaken the already weak party system on this campus — the potential backbone of successful student government.

Were this amendment passed, any "green" student interested in the prestige which student government offers its members could circulate a petition, be placed on the ballot and win an election with no questions asked. If there is anything student government does not need at this point it is unqualified, uninformed seat-fillers.

However, if the Congress were to retain the party-nomination system and strive for the strengthening of principled parties, they would be providing the students of this University with "screening boards" dedicated to the fielding of qualified candidates for every student government position.

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The Apartment

by kay mills

Within every mammoth organization, policy contradictions will exist. Penn State has been abundantly blessed in this respect and, most glaringly, within generally liberal women's rules.

Yes, liberal. Compare Penn State's curfew for women students with those of many smaller colleges, church-run schools or even military academies for the young men. The women's ivy colleges may have no hours, but a majority of schools cannot boast of the liberalization PSU rules have undergone in the past three years.

Regulations which were Victorian remnants disappeared early in 1960. We seniors belong to the last class to remember the bad days.

There remain few women's rules (barring those of the Department of Housing and Food Service, with which I am not concerned here) to irk those who habitually rebel at any authority above them. One has long proved a topic of controversy, however—the current interpretation of rules barring women from men's apartments.

The University administration, which regulates student activities under Senate policies, states in a

guide to student conduct that "women may not, at any time, visit apartments, rooming houses, trailers or private areas of living quarters occupied solely by men."

This exemption from the liberalization process has repeatedly been discussed by the Association of Women Students, the Town Independent Men's Council, campus political parties, The Daily Collegian and other students.

If student groups really want to revise the rule, requests for a liberal policy could be channeled through the Senate Committee on Student Affairs to the University Senate, which determines policy but does not administer it.

With proper preparation, including support from key personnel, recommendations would undoubtedly carry more weight with the committee if sponsored by organizations, such as AWS or TIM, rather than by students as individuals. Additional student opinion directed at the committee would then be far more valuable after a suggestion had been made by a student group.

Should the committee approve, for example, a recommendation that all women students over 21 be allowed to visit men's apartments, the measure would then be brought to the full Senate.

At present, the Senate regulations carry no specific statement about apartments. The controversy arises over interpretation. The Senate, if it were to approve an "over 21" concept, could write

an explicit policy into its regulations.

Consideration of this proposal by the Senate would reveal some of our pseudo-liberal leaders in their true colors. Many people look with extreme distaste at such proposals and will fight to block their passage.

If this rule passed, they would then attempt to sour students and faculty alike by enforcement to the "letter of the law." such Student violators can now hope for leniency; they would have no such luck if a rigidly limited lowering of the barriers were made.

Any new rule would be a test of students. Harsh penalties could rightfully be established for its violation. And violators there would be.

Once passed by the Senate, the sole roadblocks would be the meticulous enforcement already discussed or possible veto by the Board of Trustees. No Senate policy decision has ever been overruled. Delayed perhaps, but not vetoed.

Why do people worry about the current interpretations at all? Town men complain that they are denied the privilege of entertaining friends in their own "homes." They claim they should not be barred from socializing just because they did not choose the Greek way of life.

Some people will always ask why women would want to visit an apartment except for "sinful" reasons. Indeed, a current argument against dropping the rule is that if it saves one naive coed from ruining her life by bearing an illegitimate child as the result of an all-night stay at an apartment, then the rule should stay on the books.

One finds it extremely hard to argue with this point. I believe, however, that if people are so motivated, no mere Senate regulation stops them.

If we seek "non-sinful" reasons, try: parties, serious study in an atmosphere quieter than disgracefully noisy dorm halls or conversations away from the bustling State College snack shops. There is also the point that an apartment is a home, not a bedroom, and the University should not abridge students' rights in what is their home during a major portion of the year.

The question of University responsibility also enters the picture as a prime drawback to any rule change. It can exit just as quickly if the line is drawn to correspond with the age of legal adulthood. It must be seriously considered, however.

Passage of even partial "apartment privileges" would arouse a clamor from some parents, townspeople and students. Others would say, "About time!"

The student body needs to have this issue aired so that it may consider carefully whether it is as mature as it believes it is and whether it can handle conditions more like the fabled "real world" rather than those presented by an institution which now simply graduates old teenagers.

Campus Beat

The official University calendar notes for this day that "Froth is on sale."

—Prof Wayne



MISS MILLS

Circumstantial Evidence

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to the letter of Jack Martire one cannot help but be equally "disgusted with the childish action of some adolescent minded" person or persons who dosed the Greek torch. However, one should be reluctant to convict the town independent men on such flimsy circumstantial evidence as a note which could have been left by anyone (IFC, AWS, University Senate, TIM, or some high school student).

In addition, if one will be rash enough to assume that an independent man did douse the torch, it is the ultimate in childishness to degrade the character of the town man in general. This, however, seems to be one of the primary purposes of Martire's letter. It is obvious that he is attempting to use the letter as an additional means of inflating the ego of the Greeks on this campus.

Suggesting that Spring Week would be a complete farce without the Greeks does not explain why it, nevertheless, is a farce. By further suggesting that there

are no Greeks on this campus who have such childish notions as the dousters of the light, Martire demonstrates his infatuation with the Greeks to the point that sound judgment and common sense are clouded.

We do not believe, however, that the typical Greek judges a group by the actions of a few of its members, as Martire so obviously does. Neither do we believe that the Greeks are so egotistical as to consider themselves so important that the campus would be half of what it is were it not for them.

—Bill Tichi, '64

—Philip Fuehrer '65

Congressman Urges Support of Drive

TO THE EDITOR: As recent news broadcasts have indicated, Cuban refugees are faced with the problem of no source of income and few job opportunities. Since they were permitted to bring only a minimum of personal possessions, they desperately need clothing, particularly of the winter variety.

For this reason, Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma, service societies, are jointly sponsoring a clothing drive. This drive will be held from tomorrow through Monday. Boxes to collect the donated clothes will be located at the base of the Mall and in the Post Office. It is sincerely hoped that the students of Penn State will do their share in supporting this drive.

—Greg Young
USG Congressman (West)

Junior Praises Orton

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to Miss Orton on her column, "Pressure Tactics," in the Feb. 8 edition of the Collegian. I'm glad to see that someone on the Collegian editorial staff has something on his mind besides Froth.

—Fred Gorsen, '64

WDFM Schedule

- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 1963
- 4:15 The Philadelphia Kachaturian; Gayne Ballet Suite Ibert; Escapes Ravel; Pavane Pour Une Infante Debussy
 - 5:00 News Report—Bill Merriam
 - 5:05 Dinner Date—June Oechler and Dick Weikart
Fine Instrumental music for your dining pleasure
 - 6:00 Washington Reports
 - 6:15 Weatherscope
 - 6:20 Virtuoso—Val Shockman
Featuring Richard Wagner
 - 7:00 Weekend Preview—Artist Series Preview (AM & FM), Dick Althaus previews Phyllis Curtin
 - 7:55 News Reports—Bob Fisher (AM & FM)
 - 8:00 Composer Speaks His Mind (AM & FM)
Dr. Leonard Raver comments on Edward Elgar
 - 8:55 Sports Report (AM & FM)
 - 9:00 Campus and Religion
 - 9:15 Mostly Music—Light Popular Music with Joyce Barbagello and Chuck Hoover
 - 9:55 Campus News (AM & FM)
Bob Fisher reports
 - 10:00 Symphonic Notebook—Blaine Shover

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