

# USG Moves Ahead

Undergraduate Student Government deserves a hefty pat on the back for its passage Thursday night of a resolution expressing disapproval of the Legislature's stand on the Communist speakers ban.

This speaker's ban proposal, ratified by Harrisburg last week, recommends that state universities and colleges should bar "known members of the Communist party" from speaking on their campuses.

The significance of this move by the Legislature is that it would considerably upset both the autonomy of the University and its almost inviolate right of free speech and academic freedom.

Since that fateful act by the Legislature, student groups have remained silent on the issue. They, with the sole exception of USG, were afraid of committing themselves on an issue which has attracted such controversy and debate.

Most students who know anything about the proposed speaker's ban are, for logical reasons, against it. But it is necessary for this feeling to be communicated to the Legislature. The only group which could do this, by speaking for the entire student body, is USG.

And, remarkably enough, USG showed some initiative and did it.

For USG to take a strong stand on this issue is a positive step in the right direction to an effective, dynamic student government. If USG leaders are willing to follow through with the implications of

last week's legislation, then we at last may have a student government that is both willing and able to assume its proper position as the voice and the leaders of the student body.

It would have been all too easy for USG to shrug the whole matter off as being out of its realm, as has happened far too often in the past.

The fact that the leaders were concerned about adequately communicating the feeling of the student body, especially on a matter as controversial as this one, is the important implication of the action.

Before the famous riots at Berkeley, the student government there was afraid to take any kind of stand on the issues that cut the university in two. This left the students with no group to represent their grievances. That is, no group except the radical fringe groups. These groups, led by Mario Savio, were only too eager to take over student leadership.

Our student government this week had the same opportunity as its counterpart at Berkeley to pass the buck. The fact that they didn't shows that USG, in these rather messy periods of extreme controversy, is accepting its responsibility and that it is not afraid to tackle complicated issues in a sane, competent manner.

With its first, quite commendable step in this direction, we commend USG and urge it to continue its new precedent in realistic representation of the student body.

# Berger Detests 'Idiotic Incidents'

TO THE EDITOR: What I have to write is provoked by anger stemming from a series of idiotic incidents to one gross personal attack which finally brought all this to a head.

We have all familiarized ourselves with the regressive behavior of our fellow students employed to get their "kicks". It ranges from mild shaving cream battles to such brazen atrocities such as publicly denouncing American patriotism and at the same time deliberately defying the law.

To be taken into consideration upon deliberating these outrages are the motives behind them and whether or not they justify the behavior. But when one student was questioned as to why he was so deliberately against the draft, in a most superficial, cocksure manner he nonsensically splurted, "I don't think I'd particularly enjoy the sort of life the military service would require . . . Certainly there would be better ways to spend two or three years."

Sure there is. You simply sham fragility in a dormitory and when all proper authority is out of town, clandestinely but thoroughly, play "big man" by entering one of your "fellow" students room, raise hellish but always justifiable havoc, resort to physical means to do your dirty ditty, and scamper away when higher authority is threatened upon you.

I run the risk of being accused of generalizing when I say that this type of individual (which we have far too many of) should not be at our University — should not have the luxury of being permitted to burn his draft card. I have just briefly described what his itchy little fingers can and want to do. They just yearn for something to bully, but when it comes to the real thing he is not there.

I am not far from wrong judging from the other articles in The Daily Collegian last week. One stipulated that good professors don't stay long in our University when they discover that they are merely catering to mediocrity; another said he would hate to entrust our country to this type person and ended with, "God help us."

Eisenhower in this week's U.S. News and World Report expressed the same intense concern. Don't these people realize that internal disunity, as history has shown, can be a powerful self-weapon? Again, these people with the itchy fingers, such as in the incident I have described above, belong in Viet Nam, not here. Where they leave, maybe the "good professors" will return.

—Mitchell Berger, '69

# Lie-For The Record

By JOYCE McKEEVER  
Editorial Editor



When I came to this University I couldn't lie worth a damn.

Now I can lie a terror. And it only took three years to learn thanks to the assiduous, dedicated, inspiring efforts of the Office of the Dean of Women.

Sometimes I lie so well I can even fool myself. Take the time when I got caught with my shirt tails painfully visible in the dining hall. Well, yes, I said, I knew that was defined as an indecency according to the "Penn State Woman."

Actually at the light of dawn I knew no such thing. At such times I have trouble remembering my middle initial which I rarely if ever forget because its been carried down in the family for so long.

On the larger issues the question of ethics and Washingtonian morality looms far greater in the scope of things.

Can I for example, lie for the record on a sign-out sheet when I go to an apartment?

Once I used to worry about it because one lie sets a dangerous precedent for another, ad infinitum.

But, in order to facilitate the Office of the Dean of Women, I lie.

It's the least I can do for a staff whose philosophy is one that sets itself up as an example to which we immature, underdeveloped (pardon the phrase) examples of Penn State Womanhood can espouse.

As an individual however, I find myself morally committed to take issue with the Dean and her cohorts.

For some (namely two and three year olds) this is fine. But it is just as ridiculous as the idea that young Americans planning to be President should wear cowboy boots.

a ten gallon hat, drink Bourbon, and have their gall bladder removed.

Of course the image concept is nothing to laugh at especially in regard to colleges and universities. Bryn Mawr girls as we all know are terribly athletic (I've known some that couldn't even pick up a baseball).

But what about Penn State girls? Well, they look just like their Dean of Women.

With this as a yardstick there is no place at this University for about half the girls in it, in varying degrees as they match the exemplary pattern.

Obviously they're around someplace. A few just hack around blithely raising hell in sundry ways.

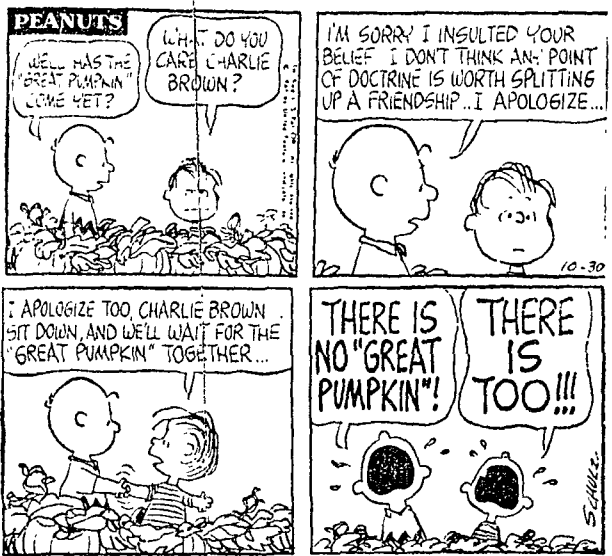
The intelligent and practically the only way to maintain your own identity during your undergraduate years amounts to complete denial of the Great Standard.

What happens when the intelligent and sane deny that their character has the consistency of gelatin. In their denying the pattern, many have in some respects denied they are women. You find them in male-dominant organizations where they can identify with other members of the organization.

You find them on the floor of the Senate, pleading a case in court, on or before the bench, in the American Medical Association.

What about the women who chose to "fit"? Well we just hack there is enough room for them on the DOW staff.

Obviously this must give my mother great joy to realize that when I get out of here I'm going to be another Dean X, Y or Z. Especially since she wanted me to be a biophysicist all the time.



## TODAY ON CAMPUS

Engineering Department, 8:30 a.m., HUB assembly hall  
Halloween Party, 8 p.m., United Church of Christ, 300 E. College Ave.  
The Jawbone, 8 p.m., 415 E. Foster Ave.  
MRC Jammy, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom  
Student Film, "Bell Book and Candle", 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Zoology Club Tour of the Life Sciences Building, 2 p.m., Life Sciences.  
SUNDAY  
Folklore Society, 7 p.m., 214-15 HUB.  
Jazz Club, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB.  
Lutheran Student Worship, 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 4:00 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel  
Plymouth Brethren, 9 a.m., 214 HUB  
Student Film, 6 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Swedenborgian, 10:45 a.m., 217-18 HUB.  
MONDAY  
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 214-15 HUB.  
Arnold Air Society, 7:30 p.m., Delta Chi.  
AWS, 8:30 p.m., 215 HUB.  
Bridge Club, 6 p.m., HUB cardroom.  
Football Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB  
IUCF Executive Board, 7 p.m., 217 HUB.  
M1 Ball Committee, 7 p.m., 217 HUB.  
Viewman Federation, 7:30 p.m., 216 HUB.  
Orientation Leaders, 7 p.m., 203 HUB.  
Placement, 8 a.m., 213-14 HUB.  
TIM, 8:15 p.m., 203 HUB.  
YAF, 7 p.m., 211 Boucke.

## OP Program 'Provoking, Enjoyable'

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to congratulate OP OP (Open Panels On Problems) for its thoroughly enjoyable and thought provoking presentation of The Playboy Philosophy.

The program entailed a full discussion of Hugh Hefner's philosophy about sex, as he sees it, and the attitudes of others toward his point of view. The concepts of premarital sex relations and sex laws today were shown in comprehensive assemblage of viewpoints by notable figures in religion, psychology, sociology, and student affairs.

It is most pleasing that controversial topics, as The Playboy Philosophy, can be freely discussed, with the University's approval. It is just as pleasurable to know that future symposiums on the issues of artificial life control, homosexuality, censorship, narcotics, and anti-semitism will soon come of age, right here on this campus. Hurrah to OP, OP, long may it endure.

—Jan A. Alter, '69

## Vietnam Riots: Disgusting

TO THE EDITOR: After reading J. Creegan's letter (Oct. 22, 1965), I was possessed with the feeling that Mr. Creegan had been in Viet Nam himself to see these tortures put to the people. Where he received this propaganda (I doubt whether he could prove these accusations), I could not say, but it sickens me to know that this child, born into a time and place of peace, could, without tangible proof, criticize a man of General Taylor's character.

I don't support all American policies concerning Viet Nam, but it is disgusting to know that General Taylor and many other Americans are risking their necks daily so that this 'student' might have his freedom.

—B. Carneccchia Jr.

## Traffic Violators: Burn Licenses

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to the recent and well publicized draft card burnings, I would like to point out to those participating in such activities that many more people are senselessly killed on our nation's highways each day than in the dangerous warfare in Viet Nam. Would it not also be a wise idea, then, to burn your driver's license in addition to your draft cards?

R. Scott Pierson  
Adjunct Student

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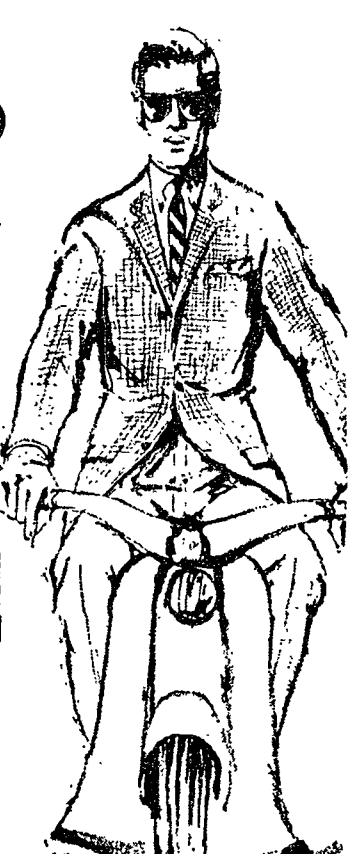
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