Not all is fair

The University administration is taking full advantage of the idea that all is fair in love and war. While its battle with faculty union proponents over the Faculty Senate as a company union has quieted, its battle over the use of the University mailing service has flared up

University President John W. Oswald used the service to send the faculty a letter saving that he opposes unionization and that faculty members should study the good and bad points of unionization before making a decision. The administration also used the service to mail three other letters concerning unionization to the faculty.

However, the administration will not permit the American Association of University Professors or the Pennsylvania State University Professional Association to use the mails. A paradox. Oswald wants the faculty members to find out about unionization, but he does not want the union organizers to use the mails to inform them. That's his weapon.

University Provost Russell Larson claims, "The administration does not wish to restrict the flow of ideas." It's just University policy that the mailing system cannot be used for personal or profitable reasons, he explains. This is a logical policy, since it prevents faculty members from receiving loads of junk mail.

But it is hard to understand how AAUP and PSUPA's use of the mail service to explain their viewpoint would be using it for personal or profitable reasons if the administration's use of the mail service to explain its viewpoint is not using it for a personal or profitable reason.

It is also hard to believe that the administration does not wish to restrict the flow of ideas. Since AAUP and PSUPA were forbidden to use the mail service, organizers were forced to stuff faculty mailboxes by hand. But in October AAUP newsletters were taken out of faculty mailboxes in the College of Agriculture, and last spring PSUPA newsletters disappeared from meilboxes in the colleges of Earth and Mineral Sciences and Human Development. All these newsletters were returned later, but these incidents show that certain administrators do wish to slow, if not halt, the free flow of ideas and that hand-mailing is unsatisfactory.

It is not as if the administration permits only University organizations to use the mail service... The administration allowed the United Fund to solicit contributions from the faculty with letters mailed by the University service.

William Rabinowitz of AAUP, recommended to the Faculty Senate that it recommend to Oswald new guidelines for the use of the mail service which would allow AAUP and PSUPA to use it. But since Oswald already has come out against faculty unionization, it is doubtful that he would ever approve a policy giving the union organizers this opportunity to explain the good points of unionization to the faculty.

The administration has set up a committee to review the policy on the use of the mail service to see if changes are possible. This is just another stalling tactic.

If the war were played fairly, the union organizers would be able to use the mailing services without a change in the policy.

Larson says the service can be used only for official University business, which he describes as "education, research and expansion."

By using the mails to express their viewpoints on faculty unionization, AAUP and PSUPA would be educating the faculty and expanding their knowledge of the subject. AAUP and PSUPA would be making research on the topic much easier for faculty members-all they would have to do is read the newsletters from PSUPA and AAUP along with the letters from the administration that they received in their mailboxes.

Didn't your mother ever tell you to play nice, President Oswald? Be fair. Let your opponents use the mail service, too.



Letters

Dining hall record

TO THE EDITOR: In response to the many complaints I've heard about dining hall food, I wanted to take this opportunity to defend the poor cooks. Their food is great. Home-cooked it's not, but by dormitory standards the meals here at Penn S are are in a class all their own.

One reason is variety. Where else but at Penn State can you get meals ranging from crisp mock drumsticks (that taste real but lack troublesome bones) sauteed with piping hot tomato and mushroom sauce, to tender chunks of beef fricasee cooked in their own juices and gently laid on firm non-sticking rice? You get sumptious dishes like these three times a day with not one, but two main courses each meal. To top it off, you can eat as much as your little stomach desires. Can you mothers beat that?

Another thing that impresses me is dining hall economics, or how to get the most out of something. The University saves us students a lot of money by recycling perfectly good food hat wasn't quite used up in one meal. A typical day's menu is as follows. For breakfast they serve a main course of scrambled eggs. The main attraction at lunch time is, you guessed it. egg salad, and for dinner they serve meat pies made from yesterday's leftover sloppy joes, which were in turn make from leftover hamburger from two days ago. Mr. Strubel, I'm sorry to say this, but you couldn't have done any better.

By now you can see that dining at Penn State is better than eating at home. The clincher, and the last point I want to bring

up, is the dining hall safety record. No one has died from earing in one yet this year. What more could you ask?

over State College for the last three hours and I'm really

dragging. However, it is 5:35 p.m., and as I move towards the

PUB for dinner my gait picks up and I am consumed by a

heared, almost passionate desire. Why is today so different?

It's because I know what lies ahead, what I've craved for the

last 'wo days; barbequed spareribs! It's not that the ordinary

cuisine of the dining halls isn't exquisite, but even the most

delicious of delicacies can lose the magic touch after repeated

consumption. I know it is hard to match such excellent fare as chicken steaks. Welsh rarebit and beef patties (recycled

Gaines Burgers?), but spareribs are considered by many to be

superb, matchless, in fact, almost edible! Now I'm ap-

proaching the counter. My taste buds are tingling and my

ongue is convulsing in wild undulating movements. Disaster

strikes! "My God, where are they?" I see a tray of yesterday's

roast beef and today's turkey a la king, but no ribs! As the girl

answers in response to my puzzled expression that the ribs are

gone. I can feel lears come to my eyes and a cold sweat break

our on my forehead. In bewildered, frustrated anguish, I sit for

a half hour staring at the mangled slab of leather on my tray

I'm not greedy, Mr. Mueller, but I plead with you to try and

and then leave in a state of rotal disillusionment.

2nd-engineering

5th-environmental resource management Yes, we have no ribs TO THE EDITOR: Finally the day has arrived. I've trudged all

After all, we are only prisoners of our emotions

grant us the simple things of life which we are promised.

know you operate under a great deal of constraints and we can't expect chicken steaks every day, but please have mercy.

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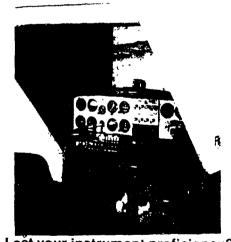
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