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DEBATE MONOPOLY

FROM APPROXIMATELY 6,000 students every year Penn State's debating teams—men and women—receive about \$3,000, all because the College insists on maintaining the 25-cent debating fee per student per semester

Two years ago the students voted against this policy in no uncertain manner. But the College refused to recognize this expression of student opinion and has continued to levy the fee semester after semester, year after year

That debating is a worthwhile activity which helps to build up the prestige of the College is not the question. Nor is the 25-cent fee in itself burdensome. But why, the Collegian asks, should every student be forced to pay 25 cents every semester, 50 cents every year, to keep up a debating team when other activities, just as worthwhile and perhaps even more appealing to the student body than debating, are not given a single penny?

Why, for instance, is not a portion of that 25 cents given to the support of the Glee Club and the other musical activities—activities as worthwhile as debating, activities just as "prestige-building" as debating, activities which in many cases are more appealing than debating, activities which have brought to the College proud intercollegiate honors?

Under the new constitution, the Interclass Finance Board, in conjunction with the All-College Cabinet, will have the power to split this fee if it so desires. Its action will, of course, be subject to the approval of the College administration, and those who stand to lose will fight it with every trick of the trade—as they have done to date

However, if the student leaders who will emerge from the elections next week will have the courage to fight for their convictions, if they will have the ability to present facts and figures, the Collegian feels there is little doubt that the people who shell out the dough will have the right to say where that dough shall go

It's about time somebody smashed this unfair control of the debating teams over student money

JOINING THE ISSUE

THE COLLEGIAN has failed to grasp a complete picture of the entire situation, has distorted facts and otherwise unfairly criticized the School of Liberal Arts. Every member of the faculty, for instance, has a voice in the determination of School policy, although often this is not exercised. Promotions are made on the basis of demonstrated ability, research is recognized, the School is not a cesspool for flunking students, the administration welcomes faculty and student opinion, and there is no discrimination in granting of promotions

Such today is the opinion of the administration of the School of Liberal Arts. Such, however, is not the opinion of many faculty men, and thereby hangs a sad tale of disagreement which must be ironed out before the School can hope to continue its improvement

That faculty men who have the chance to express opinion on matters pertinent to them do not do so is the tragedy of the whole affair. Why they fail to do so is questionable, but one reason might be that without a definite system of promotion some of them fear their positions may be jeopardized. The administration calls this foolish, yet foolish things have a way of persisting for years and years

It seems that the best starting-point for the administration would be the establishment of a definite system of promotion, a system which would be based upon demonstrated ability in teaching, research, and also intelligence, a system which would provide for increases in salary in conjunction with increases in rank, and a system which would not hesitate to weed out faculty members who have demonstrated their inability and incompetency

The administration sincerely believes it is doing its best. The Collegian just as sincerely believes it can do better. In fact, both parties agree there is definite room for improvement

There is no reason, then, why all interested parties—administration, faculty and students—should not join hands and strive for this improvement

BURY THE AXE, BOYS

EVERYTHING IS FAIR, they say, in love and politics. So maybe there is some basis for the present battle now raging between the Independent and Campus groups as to which one should take credit for the establishment of the new student government

However, just to clarify the issue for the voters, the Collegian would like to point out that 1—The movement to reorganize student government was started neither by an Independent or a Campus man, but by a non-partisan. (See the Collegian for December 6.)

2—The movement, once started, was supported wholeheartedly by both Independent and Campus representatives as can be seen by the unanimous vote by which Student Board and Student Council twice passed the new constitution

On the basis of these facts, then, the Collegian feels that students who hope to advance the welfare of the student body should realize that credit for setting up the new government cannot be claimed by any one particular party to the exclusion of the other, and that continuation of this battle between the parties will lead only to intestine warfare, sabotage and the premature death of the new constitution

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Advice, Given But Not Asked For

Everytime Campy dies, he leaves behind a column filled with either a last blast, as Swalm did, or a sentimental jabberdash. This Campy is going to try to combine the two for perfect sympathy—on something

Before I Leave

In four years of this place I've found that a few faculty and administration members can be human—without lowering their prestige. A great bunch anyway you look at them. Russ Clark, because he's the kind of a guy you would want to go fishing with. Bill Schmeltzle, because he knows what he is talking about. Prof. Wuelter, because when he speaks you know it's authoritative and because he isn't afraid to voice an opinion. Hal Dickson, because he knows what Penn State needs (munals) and is putting up a fight for it. Bill Jeffrey and Leo Houck, the ultimate sportsmen. Finally, for being good conversationalists the following: Hum Fishburn, Hughie Williams, Moeck, McCarty, and Bob Galbraith—any subject, any time, any place

A Last Stab

The scene of our short play is laid in the Collegian news room. Time—about 3:30 Monday morning. Characters: Maniac, his secretary and Tioanovitch

Maniac: Snaaaaaawwww, tweeeeeeeeeee (mean-snore)

Secretary: For God's sake, boss, tell me the rest of that damn Winnie Watson tale so I can go home!

Tioanovitch: What's the results on the Collegian's 659th poll on Rote, does anybody favor it yet?

Maniac (waking up with a start): "Is this a dagger I see before my eyes?" Snaaaaaawwww, tweeeeeeeeeee

Secretary: How in the devil did Rocky get that Best Dressed Man award? Even though his machine couldn't get him class president they paid him back with a new suit—should we use that?

Maniac: "The quality of mercy is not strained—snaaaaaww!"

Tioanovitch (Looking up from his copy): You should have heard Dean Stoddart give me hell the other day. I'm going to write another editorial on the Liberal Arts school and tell the people what Doc Wuelter thinks of it

Maniac: So Winnie went up to the kappa house and—

Secretary: How do you spell kkg?, in caps?

Tioanovitch: Leave Winnie out of that "chaff!"

Secretary: Talking about the kappas, I hear Winnie Bischoff and Bob Altman are now seen together. Wake up boss!

Maniac: Just because she couldn't see the possibilities of me!

Tioanovitch: Leave Winnie out!

Maniac: Don't get excited!

Tioanovitch: Who's gettin' excited?

Maniac: As I was saying—oh yes put in that Stinky Sam Flanagan stinks—why, Jo Condim is Junior Prom queen, say something about the Collegian's good choice of something

Tioanovitch: I hear the boys up on the "manure pile" get two salaries—ain't fair to my pol'science buds who fill up the space. Salaries must be raised!

Secretary: Listen kids, it's four o'clock and I must get my sleep

Maniac (Dictating finally): "We went up to German-American Club and there I saw a whole group of young people from State. Al MacTavish, Joseph Blotz, Alex Kychavsky, and a whole mob of thetas. Tea was served with everybody doing his own pouring. When it was over these fine Penn States left. Rumor hath it that Ski Dick and Kay Billy were seen in Booth 7 of cinnr yesterday—"

Tioanovitch (typing): "Rote is not liked at Penn State. It is not liked because Dean Stoddart gave me hell the other day. Furthermore, leave Winnie out! Leave Winnie out, and I am not getting excited but Rote, like sex, I guess, like Deans, and stuff is here to stay"

P. S. If this gets by John, "All this and Heaven Too" will be here, too

Plan For War Or Neutrality, Says Ferguson

By DR. JOHN H. FERGUSON
Legislative hearings now in progress in Washington have brought forth four or five widely different "neutrality" proposals. Before deciding upon any particular plan there is a more fundamental issue which one must answer: What we want?

If we want to keep out of the next war there is no doubt about our ability to do so. Unyielding determination is the essential thing. Given that determination, our experience during the World War suggests that we ought to (1) forbid American ships and citizens from travelling in war zones, (2) relinquish our right of title to trade and commerce with nations at war, (3) remain absolutely impartial in our official attitude and conduct toward the belligerents

On the other hand, if we want England, France, Russia and their allies to win, then our policy must obviously be different. They can probably win without our support, but this being our desire we ought to stand ready to assist them to the extent necessary to achieve victory. If economic assistance is insufficient, then we ought to, and probably would, send another expeditionary force to Europe or the Far East to encounter the Japanese.

FDR Takes Stand
President Roosevelt has made his position clear. He, like President Wilson, has concluded that we ought not to remain impartial in a European war. Unlike Wilson, however, the President has announced in advance of the conflict that he wants the United States to assist England, France, and Russia. The President believes that by making his attitude known the axis powers can be binned into behaving themselves. If the bluff fails, as it has to date in the Far East and in Europe, the President wants discretionary authority and an army and navy big enough to use "measures stronger than war" to assist the Anglo-French bloc. The President and his advisers are not thinking about what we can do to keep out of war if it does come. They are planning how we can supply England, and her allies with materials. This is the same policy which preceded our entrance into the last war.

So, I repeat, the important question for us to decide is not which of several "neutrality" bills is best. That question is quite easily answered when we agree whether we intend to remain neutral unless attacked, as the Swiss, Norwegians, Swedes, Dutch, and Belgians have done, or whether we intend to assist England and her allies.

Lists Thomas Amendment
Those who have made up their minds and agree with the President ought to support the Thomas

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? WHAT DO YOU SAY?

By BERNIE NEWMAN

Do you think men should be allowed to use the facilities of White Hall over week ends?

Henrietta Cutter '39 Home Economics: "No. Except for a swimming pool. Rec. Hall has practical by the same facilities for men as White Hall does for women."

Jim Coates '39, Phys Ed: "Yes. Especially for dances. There is also need for additional facilities for men's intramural sports, and White Hall would be the answer."

Gene Bigott '41, Dairy Husbandry: "Yes. The women have a swimming pool in White Hall which, if proper arrangements could be made, men could have equal advantages of."

Gene Kröope '41, Liberal Arts: "Let the women alone. It's their building."

Murray Druck '41, Journalism: "When Rec. Hall is being used for other purposes, arrangements

amendment. By that plan the President and Congress would pick the aggressor and place an embargo upon him, thus giving aid to the victim. To call this a "neutrality" measure, however, is sheer hypocrisy. Its adoption would be worse than returning to pre-war neutrality. Then, at least, we made a pretense of impartiality for two years or more, and we did remain neutral in the minor skirmishes such as the Russo-Japanese, the Boer, the Franco-Prussian, and the Crimean wars.

Those who insist that we remain neutral ought to support the Nye-Clark-Boone proposal. This plan would limit the President's control over foreign relations in time of war. It would also forbid entirely the sale of primary military supplies to all belligerents and put other commerce on a cash-and-carry basis.

Compromise Plan

Senator Pittman's proposal is a possible compromise. Under this, all warring nations would be permitted to buy anything they want as long as they pay cash and come and get it. This would aid England and France who control the seas and when their cash runs out there is a chance that we would extend credit to sustain our economy. On the other hand, this is far better than the Thomas proposal, it is not our fault that England and France control the seas and have the most cash, we wouldn't be obligated to protect the merchandise purchased in the United States, our economic system would be less affected than by the adoption of other schemes, we could tax munition profits to whatever extent desired, and we might have the fortitude to resist the temptation to extend credit when cash has been exhausted.

All-College Lodge Will Use Profits Of Circus, Rink

The Student Recreation committee will wind up roller skating with a final session in the Armory tomorrow, Ray Conger, committee chairman, announced yesterday

"We consider this second season of roller skating a success," Conger said. "An average of 300 students took advantage of the sport every Saturday it was held."

Conger also revealed that all the profit incurred from the sport would be turned over to the Recreation Planning Board, headed by Dr. Edward C. Davis, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics

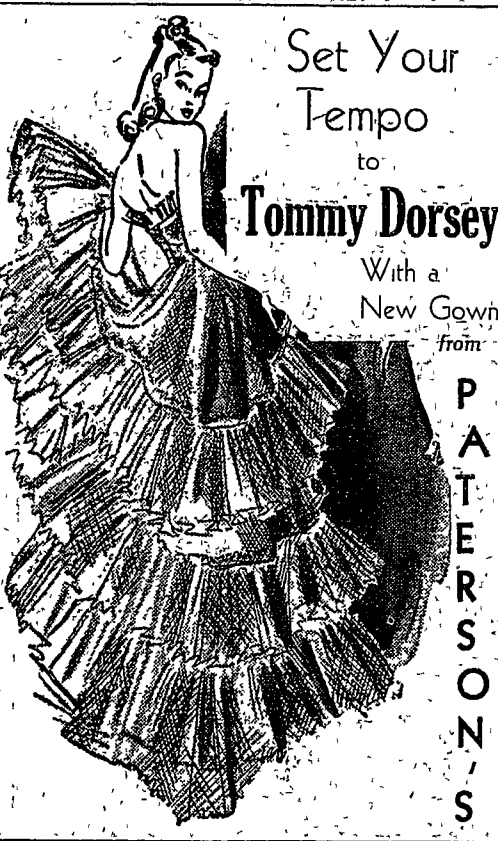
The Board will use the money as a part of the growing fund for the construction of an All-College Mountain Lodge, according to Dr. Davis. He also revealed that the money made on the All-College Circus would also become a part of the fund.

should be made so that intramural sports could be carried out in White Hall. Other than that, White Hall should be for women only."

George Schenkein '41, Liberal Arts: "No. The building was designed for women, and should be used by them only. However, combined swimming parties or other recreational activities could be arranged there."


Ed Harris '41, Arts and Letters: "Yes. As long as it would not inconvenience the women in any way, there's no reason why overcrowded conditions for men students could not be relieved by use of White Hall."

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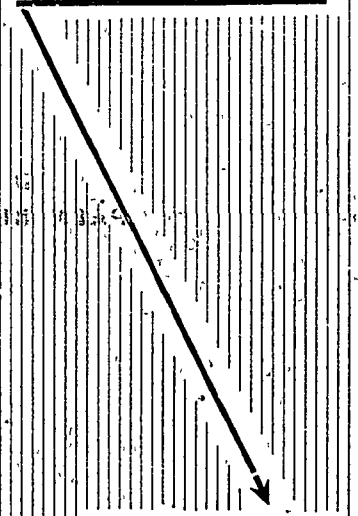
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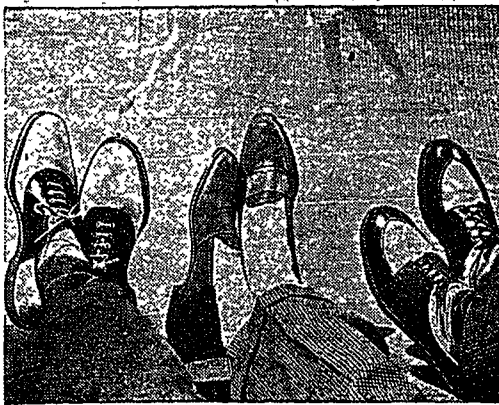
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