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We Want A President

The new All-College Cabinet got off to a good beginning Tuesday night when it began to consider methods of getting out of the ticklish situation which will arise next fall if both Robert D. Baird '42, All-College president, and Gerald F. Doherty '42, vice-president, are drafted as they probably will be.

One solution which we believe to be worthy of serious thought is simply to hold a new election as soon as possible next September. This plan will be considered by the Cabinet committee appointed to discuss the matter. The argument will be raised that a new election would be setting an undesirable precedent. The answer is that this is an emergency which will probably never come up again.

To hold a new election, an amendment to the constitution will be necessary. Under the present rule, the senior class president—H. Leonard Krouse in this case—"shall act as chairman of Cabinet for the remainder of the year" if the president and vice-president are disqualified or resign.

This section of the constitution was written two years ago when we doubt if anyone seriously thought that conditions would ever be what they are now. For this reason, it is quite possible that those who drafted the constitution failed to give due consideration to what is now a grave problem.

Why not let Krouse take over the chairmanship of Cabinet? We can think of several reasons:

1. Note that Krouse would not become president of Cabinet, that he would still be responsible for performing the duties of the senior class president. He would have two student government jobs and too heavy a load for any one student to carry. It would be especially true in Krouse's case for he is also football captain and during three months next year will have to spend much of his time on the football field. No one can play football, take charge of the senior class, and head the All-College government—all at the same time.

2. Because of the draft, which may greatly hamper student government, Cabinet will have unforeseen difficulties. We believe that a president and not a substitute, such as a part-time chairman would be, will be necessary to bind the group together.

3. The All-College president has innumerable functions to attend as the representative of the Penn State student body so that the position takes on the nature of a full-time job. This would be hard for Krouse to do. Again his duties as football captain would interfere.

4. The office of All-College president has gained valuable prestige during the two years that the position has been in existence. This prestige would be lessened by the combination of the office with other jobs because many of the president's tasks would be passed off to appointed officers.

Those are some of the points which the committee will do well to consider. To us, it seems like a solution which would place student government on as strong a footing as possible. And isn't that what everybody wants?

—J.A.B.

ONE MAN'S MEAT

Amazing, Isn't It?

The British Navy handed me a terrific shock last week. All I did was buy a cleverly-bound little copy of the Rubaiyat, my guiding philosophy in these turbulent times, for a paltry sum, and what happens?

Out of its pages drops a brilliantly-colored picture of a string of battleships and all their accoutrements, emblazoned with the stirring words, "Britain Delivers the Goods—Thanks to the British Navy."

Every time I think of the courageous stand of His Majesty's Fleet, protecting my 35 cent edition of the Persian Poet's stanzas, I just have to take time out for breath.

Fan Mail

The three readers of this column all wrote in and expressed their opinions of Rockwell Kent's "To American Youth." One liked it, another disliked it, and the third was simply enigmatical. I'm thinking of bringing in my pet Ouiji board to figure out just what the latter does think.

More Contributions

Herein I publish a poem by Dion O'Donnell, a youthful California poet, whose first book of poetry, "Eggs in a Blue Bowl," appeared in 1937. For some time he edited "Path of Beauty," the only newspaper devoted exclusively to poetry. As far as I know, this is the first time that these particular verses have appeared in print.

Answer For Bombastic Patriots

O Drummers of relentless hate,
 Your triumph is a loathsome thing!
 You kill to glorify the state.

Still pallid boys are made elate
 To enter in the armoured ring.
 O drummers of relentless hate.

If only they could dream their fate,
 Hear hatreds sharp unslumbering:
 "You kill to glorify the state,"

Their understanding would create
 A world for love and worshiping,
 O drummers of relentless hate!

Where beauty would intoxicate
 All those behind remembering,
 You kill to glorify the state.

With sick foreboding we must wait,
 While proudly guns are thundering.
 O drummers of relentless hate,
 You kill to glorify the state.

—Dion O'Donnell

A New Opinion Poll

The accuracy of collegiate polls has never received my personal examination, but I think I've found a measurement of student sentiment at least as accurate. Past columnists have bewailed the cheers and sneers of students viewing movie news reels. Personally, I find these extrovert expressions of opinion very enlightening.

For instance, I noted, with some surprise, that when a local cinema exhibited a news reel summary of the convoy question that Secretary of War Stimson received some polite applause; perspiring Secretary of Navy Knox elicited naught but laughter; and Senator Wheeler, isolationist Montanian, evoked a considerable ovation. Col. Lindbergh, however, fared badly, while Wee Wendell Willkie, the barefoot boy from Wall Street, was merely listened to.

Which probably only proves that the theatre was filled with Communists or Fifth Columnists that day.

—LOKI

"Today as formerly, war requires a just cause, a good to be obtained that will far outweigh the evils which inevitably and necessarily follow. In the modern world no search can reveal a cause proportionate to the destruction wrought in every order, physical, political, social, moral and spiritual, by a war such as the last. A war, completely modern in character and universal in scope, is, Pope Pius XI has said, 'so monstrously murderous and almost certainly suicidal' that for a statesman or government initiating aggressive war to attempt to assign to it a proportionate cause is vain even to the point of folly and malice." Dr. John K. Ryan, assistant professor of philosophy at Catholic University, holds that modern aggressive war as an instrument of national policy cannot be justified in the light of the tradition of the Catholic ethic of war.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Student Handbook editorial staff meeting, Room 418, 7:15 p.m.

Grange meeting, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Senior hot dog picnic committee, Room 305 Old Main, 9 p.m.

ROTC Infantry parade, Golf Course, 4:10 p.m.

American Society For Metals will hold election of officers at Kappa Sigma fraternity, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Senior engineering lecture, Room 110 E. E., 4:10 p.m. Harry F. Burkholder, Brentwood-Dormont borough manager, will speak concerning "The Engineer in Municipal Affairs."

Varsity baseball with Muhlenberg, New Beaver Field, 4 p.m.

Varsity tennis with Franklin and Marshall, New Beaver Field courts, 4 p.m.

Twins Get World Trip

After Coaster Ride

For a roller coaster ride in which they struck up an acquaintance with the brother of a reigning Indian Maharajah, John and Frank Craighead '39, twin brothers of Jean C. Craighead '41, were invited to visit India on an 8-month trip.

Acquaintances were made through a hobby interest, falconry, the taming of birds to capture prey. The twins have returned to their Washington, D. C. home from India and have brought colored movies and slides with them.

CINEMANIA

"A Woman's Face," starring Joan Crawford, Melvyn Douglas, and Conrad Veidt, will open this afternoon for a two-day stand at the Cathaum Theater.

The plot is based on the tragic story of Anna Holm, a woman who is shunned because of her disfigured face. To avenge mankind, she organizes a blackmailing ring to prey on beautiful women.

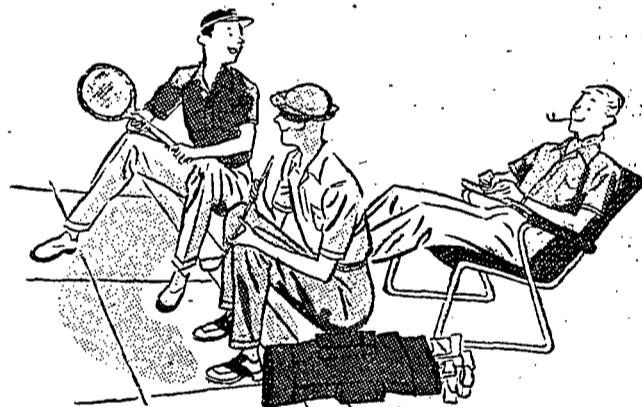
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Paul A. Mitten

MEN'S APPAREL
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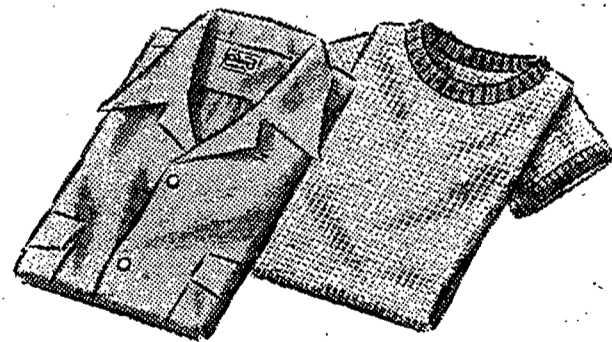
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Sport Shirts for Athletes
 (Armchair and Otherwise)



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