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**A New Coat**

The All-College constitution is gasping its last breath!

Basically sound and idealistically reasonable, the constitution needs a shot in the arm in order to cope with present-day All-College Cabinet legislation. Too many loopholes, too many undefined articles have thrown the Cabinet into dismay in their efforts to interpret and understand the constitution.

In undertaking to revise the constitution, the Cabinet has indicated that it will not disturb the principles which underlie, but will only clarify those amendments and articles which have created confusion. In fact, it is the purpose of the Cabinet to leave everything unchanged unless there is a need for further interpretation or explanation.

Only the rewording, the readjustment of the constitution will be the prime motive of Cabinet. With the sudden thrust of war into Penn State and the creation of the third semester, All-College Student Government will suffer. Many problems which did not face other Cabinet groups have quickly and noisily upset Cabinet legislation because there has been no provision made in the present constitution for such emergency measures.

Like a coat that is tattered, the constitution must be sent to the tailor. Some of the seams are bursting under a heavy load and others are too weak that they must be reinforced. The war has hurried the trip to the tailor.

The committee on by-laws started to attack a tremendous job this year. It soon discovered that so many loopholes had been uncovered that it would be impossible to establish by-laws until a closer and more snug-fitting constitution was drawn up. When the committee presented by-laws to the All-College Cabinet, it was never certain of its grounds, nor was it certain that the interpretation of its by-laws would be the same by the student body.

With its back to the wall and entangled in the loose and vague definitions of Cabinet and student governing powers, the committee was forced to call for a revision of the constitution. That revision will be one of clearer and more concise understanding of the powers of the Penn State Student Government Association.

The best way to accomplish the revision of the constitution seems to be the one that was taken by Cabinet on Tuesday night. First, the committee on by-laws will study the constitution, attempt to interpret it in understandable language, and coordinate the constitution into a flexible, yet rock-bound organ. The committee will not attempt to change, but rather clarify and tie the loose knots into a compact unit.

After the committee has revised the constitution, it will present it to the Cabinet for approval and further suggestions. This will be supplemented by a public meeting where all students may offer their recommendations and suggestions. The proposed constitution will return to the Cabinet for more revision, more active debating by Cabinet members and other interested students. The final proposed constitution must be passed by a two-thirds Cabinet vote. Finally, the student body will vote upon the constitution in spring elections. A majority vote is necessary.

Where students were attempting to push their way through the constitutional muddle, the revised constitution will at least clear up some pertinent questions and speed-up Cabinet and student legislative action.

**One Man's Meat**

*LA Council On The Pan*

The Liberal Arts Council certainly took a beating, and with good reason, on both edges of this page yesterday morning.

In the editorial column, the Liberal Arts politics were held up as a horrible example of unjustified existence. Then, in the Campus Calendar department, the Council further indicted itself by providing evidence of its futility. Two items, both announcing a meeting of the Liberal Arts Council, were included in the calendar. One announcement gave the place of meeting as 318 Old Main, while the other proclaimed that the Council would convene in Room 305 of the same building. The meeting in Room 318 was called for 7 p. m., the other for 8 p. m.

Reprimands are due the underlings of the Collegian staff. These youngsters should have known enough to check up on the reports. However, since making up the Calendar is largely a matter of mechanically listing events reported to the Collegian office, perhaps they are entirely free from blame. Then again, perhaps they correctly appraised the Council and reasoned that nobody would know which was correct and so published them both.

To top off this faux pas, the Liberal Arts Council secretary sent out cards to the members on which he announced the meeting place and date, but forgot to mention the time. Chances are, though, that he didn't forget at all. Simply didn't have the faintest idea.

*Knittin' For Nothin'*

How pleased we all were when we saw the dear girls knitting and perling away for all they were worth not so long ago! Such patriotic fervor! Such enthusiasm! How unselfish of them to work so hard for the boys in the services!

After making proper inquiries, I'm now ready to ask: So What? After a little unraveling, I discovered the following pertinent facts about WSGA's patriotic knitting:

The Red Cross gave WSGA the materials for approximately 28 sweaters. WSGA handed out the stuff and as a result we started to hear the click-clack of needles busily plying in the Sandwich Shop. At long last, the Red Cross took roll and learned to its dismay that exactly four out of the 28 sweaters were fit to use. The rest of them had four inch arms, 10 inch waists, 20 inch necks, pieces tacked on backwards or upside down, or some other affliction. It wasn't bad enough that only four were usable. The worst of it is that the other 24 have to be undone and remade.

According to responsible parties, the current opinion of Penn State knitters is that they have not the slightest idea of how a man's put together, let alone a balbriggan.

**PSCA-Hillel Give Lectures**

A series of lecture-discussions with the theme "Our Common Heritage," are being jointly sponsored by the Penn State Christian Association and the Hillel Foundation to be given at the Hillel Foundation on the next four Wednesdays at 7 o'clock.

The first of the series will be given by Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn of the Hillel Foundation on the subject, "The Founders of Our Heritage."

On February 11, Agnes E. Highsmith, associate secretary of the PSCA, will speak on "The Source of Our Heritage."

"Our Ethical Traditions," the subject of the February 18 meeting, will be given by Miss Ione V. Sikes, associate secretary of the Westminster Foundation.

The final meeting of the series is a discussion on "The Judeo-Christian Tradition in Relation to Democracy" under the direction of both groups.

All those interested are invited to attend and take part.

**IMA To Aid Drive For Blood Donors**

Full cooperation of the IMA has been secured to aid in the drive for volunteer blood donors, and a campaign will be launched among the various units next week to fill the necessary quota, it was announced last night by John H. Knode '42, acting IMA president.

Plans have also been announced for an IMA dance to be held February 20 in the Sandwich Shop. The dance will be open to IMA members and to members of the Campus Business Women's Club. The dance committee, headed by Knode, includes the following members: Kehl Markley '44, Thomas Wilcox '44, and Richard Kurtz '43.

The final standings of the IMA units in the fall intramurals were released by Bob Wasser '42, athletic chairman, as follows: Athletic Hall Waiters 170, Watts Hall 110, Irvin Hall 65, Jordan Hall 55, Mac Hall Waiters 55, B.R.B. 20, Penn Haven 20, Lions Club 10.

The fall sports included touch football, horseshoes and cross country. At the conclusion of the winter and spring intramurals a trophy will be awarded to the IMA unit with the highest final score.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

TODAY

Red Cross sewing and knitting for defense, 117 Home Economics, 6:45 to 8:45 p. m.

Home Economics Advisory Council meets in Home Economics Faculty Lounge, 6:45 p. m.

Old Main Open House committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

PSCA Executive committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 1 p. m.

Community Service committee work in Sellars School, Patton Township, starting from rear of Old Main, 2:15 p. m.

Fireside Sessions committee, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.

Anyone interested in cabin party for upperclassmen at Ralph Watts Lodge should sign up in 304 Old Main. Cars will leave at 2 p. m. Saturday.

The members of the Hillel Scroll Staff will meet at the Hillel Foundation at 3 p. m.

'43 Independent "All Out" meeting, 318 Old Main, 3:15 p. m.

Maurice Samuel's book, "The Great Hatred," will be discussed at the Hillel Coffee Round Table at Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

All candidates for the business or editorial staffs of the Freshman Handbook meet in Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p. m.

Camera Club lectures on the five fundamental types of light in 309 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.

The Penn State Forestry Society will meet in Room 105, Forestry Building, to nominate officers. All members are urged to attend.

Philotes executive meeting in Philotes Room, Old Main, at 4 p. m.

WSGA House of Representatives will meet in 318 Old Main at 5 p. m.

First of a series of six lectures on gardening in 121 Sparks from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. No college credit given.

TOMORROW

Senior Engineering lecture in Room 121 Sparks at 4:10 p. m. The speaker, Crosby Field, Consulting Engineer, will talk on "The Important Function of the Small Plant in a Democratic Civilization."

MISCELLANEOUS

Intramural wrestling and basketball entries sign up at the Intramural office, 213 Rec Hall, before Saturday noon. Basketball entrance fees are \$1 per team; wrestling fee is 25 cents per entry.

**New Carnegie Hall Music Department Now Fully Occupied Adds New Courses**

Carnegie Hall is now complete and being utilized by departments and classes, Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, indicated yesterday.

During the past week the music department, department of military science and tactics, and journalism department have moved into their new quarters in the remodeled building.

The all-college publications, The Daily Collegian, Froth, and Portfolio, have also moved to their new offices on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall.

A few finishing touches have to be made in the new building, Mr. Watkins pointed out, but this will not interfere with the operations of the departments nor hinder the classes in session.

The large rooms that have been vacated in Old Main by the publications and departments are now being used as classrooms.

The music department yesterday announced the addition of two new courses to the schedule planned for this semester. The classes will be taught by Laszlo J. Hetenyi '42 who will meet persons interested in taking them in 201 Carnegie Hall at 4 p. m. today.

One is a basic opera course to be given Wednesday and Thursday at 4 p. m. with no prerequisite required and giving no college credit. The other is an advanced course requiring music 5 or 6 or the basic opera course as prerequisite to be given by appointment sometime Thursday.

and suitable methods of control. It will be taught by Floyd L. Carnahan, associate professor of chemical engineering.

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