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Does Cabinet Have Power?

As the present term of All-College Cabinet draws to a close, once again the student body will sean the political horizon to find prospective politicos who will take the leadership in student government affairs for the coming year.

For the outgoing Cabinet, 1942 has been an unusually eventful year. No other Penn State student government group of the past was called upon to make the large number of legislative changes that whave been necessary this year in gearing campus life to cope with the accelerated program, and war-time emergencies.

On several occasions, Cabinet has been attacked for formulating inferior legislation, but on the other hand, this same student governing body has also drawn up commendable programs. However, time and space will not be taken to delve into the magood and bad points of the retiring Cabinet.

One question might be cleared up, if for no other reason than to give the new leaders a clean start. Occasionally, some student will come forth with the question, "Where does Cabinet get its mower? Or, why can this small group of students iell us what to do?"

. First of all, Cabinet does not consider itself an all-powerful body, which must continually tell the student body what the latter may and may not do. Basically, Cabinet has its powers well defined in the All-College constitution, which has been accepted by both students and the Administration. If at any time there is reason to believe that student government is over-stepping its bounds, then both the Administration and the students have a right to step in and demand changes.

Student government, just as our federal government, can remain powerful only when it has the support of the governed, and when this support collapses, student government can no longer retain its constitutional power.

Last Of The Looper

- Action by Student Tribunal in aning the Penn State Forestry Society \$25 for the War Stamp Fund gives All-College Cabinet an additional power—that to regulate what shall be painted on campus walks. However, Cabinet since passed a puling that no whitewash or paint shall be applied to campus property in the future, and last night's mling will uphold that law, too.

About two weeks ago, members of the Forestry Ball committee whitewashed campus walks with loops symbolic of the Hemlock Looper, a promotion device for the dance. The whitewashing, however, was in violation of a ruling by All-College Cabinet last year which stated that any campus organizations desiring to paint College property must first apply to the Cabinet executive cominitiee for permission.

When Cabinet passed the ruling last year, it was gorgewhat in deatht as to the constitutionality of the ruling, but went ahead with it anyway. Cabinet was a't quite sure it had power to dictate what $\operatorname{coul}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathfrak{s}}$ be put on walks or property. For a whole Fear was avoided until the foresters violated it, then refused to act in accordance with Tribunal's action last week that the paint be removed.

A meeting of College Cabinet and Forestry commattee representatives yesterday resulted in giving Cabinet power to make rules concerning markings on walks. The Forestry Society will comply by paying the fine, but it does not have to remove what few macks remain. Thus proves the constatution viry of the whitewash law, and ends the Tribunal-Foresters' food.

The Campuseer



This column is rapidly degenerating (or improving) into a contrib column for budding freshman poetesses. Here we go again:

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Penelope is my proctor; she shall not want noise.

She maketh me to stay in my room;

She leadeth me astray during quiet hour.

She restoreth my campus;

foameth over.

She leadeth me by the ear to our hostess. Yea, though I walk into the john at night,

I will fear no evil, for she art in bed; Her rod and her staff they frighten me. She preparest a campus before me in the pres-

ence of mine roommate; She annointest my room with hot air; my mouth

Surely Penelope and Judicial shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in Smack Hall every weekend.

Advice To Lovelorn Dept.

"Can you tell us why Dick Reynolds, Sigma Chi, pinned his frosh sweetheart, Marcia Jones, BE-FORE she came to State this fall? A mighty mean trick to play on the rest of us, wasn't it? "Disgruntled"

Dear Disgruntled:

The best answer to your question can probably be found in the Encyclopedia Britannica under the heading, "Wolves," and in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Fifth Edition) under "Foresight."

Odds And Ends

Theta Marge Sykes, Judicial head, will take the fatal plunge with Dick Cramer, ex-lambdachialpha now in the services, come January 9... Operator G-47 observes that Pete Scott, phisig, is "branching out" with regard to his wimmin... Ex-Collegian Ed Bud Smyser, now Midshipman Smyser, reports that the theme song at his officers' training school is "Praise the Lord and Pass Me My Commission"... After a long, hard struggle, Bea Russ and Shirley Rodale have succeeded in getting their names in this column...We hope the economists' law of diminishing futility soon catches up to Cabinet's curfew and whitewash legislation.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

WRA Fencing Club meets, Eody Mechanics Room. Hall, 6:30.

WRA Outing Club meets, White Hall, 6:30.

WRA Swimming Club meets, White Hall pool, 7:30.

WRA Executive Board meets, WSGA Room, White Hall, 6:30. IMA meeting, 302 Old Main, 7

tion, 4:15 p. m. Meeting '46 Independents, 411 ers.

Old Main, 7 p. m.

Business Meeting WRA Swimming Club, White Hall Pool, 7:30 p. m.

LA Council Elects

Elections for Liberal Arts Friars Meet Tonight Council offices will be held in 418 Old Main, 4 o'clock this afternoon, Donald W. Davis '43, president of the Council, announced last night.

Students eligible for the presidency are junior members of the Council, who must be present this afternoon if they wish to run. Voting must be done in person.

Liberal Arts Series Start

First in the series of five Lib-White eral Arts lectures of the 1942-43 season will be given in room 121 Sparks Building, 7:30 p. m., Tuescay. November 10.

> Dr. Henry J. Bruman of the Department of Earth Sciences. the first speaker, will lecture on "Geography and War."

A committee composed of Professors Donald B. King, Philip S. Hillel Coffee Hour, Round-Klein, Franklin B. Krauss, Isador Table Discussion, Hillel Founda- M. Sheffer, and George E. Simpson, chairman chooses the speak-

The initial lecture, open to the general public, is particularly timely and vital during the present world conditions; according to the committee's reports.

Announcement of the entire series' lecturers and their subjects will be made soon.

A very important meeting of the Friars will be held at 7:00 p.m. tonight for the tapping of new members in 318 Old Main, according to an announcement by Paul Bender, secretary - treasurer. Initiation will take place in one week.

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