

Deflating Rumors

—By David Malickson

To kill all the rumors that are circulated on Campus in a month about professors, administrative policy, or the Veterans' Administration would probably keep one separate "rumor staff" busy. However, there is one very damaging and false notion being currently circulated about the College treasury and the Veterans' Administration.

Some vets have said that the College receives the balance from the \$250 a semester that the veteran is allowed to spend for education under the G.I. Bill of Rights. They say the College is rolling in the money since not many vets use even half the allotted amount.

All this is so much "hokem." The College must present vouchers for every item that the veteran receives whether it be fees, books, or special tests. The balance does not change hands, but is retained by the United States Treasury. The College is reimbursed for no money other than that which the veteran actually spends.

The second unfair rumor being leveled at the Administration by some ex-G.I. students is that the College is making a fortune by charging every veteran an extra \$75 fee besides his usual fees.

The U. S. Government realizes that a land grant college—Penn State—receives financial help from the state in which it is located, and charges the student only a fraction of the actual cost of instruction.

However, a privately owned college charges the tuition which covers most—if not all—of the cost of instructing the individual student.

Since the Government does not feel that the state should be made to subsidize the National Government's program of sending the vet to school, all land grant colleges are permitted to charge the Government a \$75 (minimum) fee.

The secondary reason for charging this extra fee is that the College is required to give special services to the veterans and the Veterans' Administration that the student who pays his own way does not demand. The Government does not want to tax the College with this extra financial burden.

The College is not "knocking down" on the balance of the money the vet is allowed to spend for education, nor is it "running a racket," or "lining its pockets."

In Praise of Cabinet

Because jobs well done so often go unacknowledged, I would like to commend the retiring All-college Cabinet.

In its punctuality, its attendance and in its orderly and business-like manner, this group was one of the most efficient and cooperative cabinets it has been my pleasure to observe at Penn State.

I was especially impressed with the manner in which president Bob Foote conducted the weekly meetings. He delegated duties in such a manner as to leave no doubt in the minds of the recipients as to their course of action. That these duties were carried out to the letter reflects credit on both the president and members of the cabinet.

The entire Cabinet is due for a great deal of praise, not only for the manner in which they executed their duties, but also for the many worthy tasks they completed.

—Daniel A. DeMarino, Assistant Dean of Men

The regularity of time and place, the definiteness of publicized agenda, and the adherence to good parliamentary procedure composed the framework for the accomplishments of the out-going All College Cabinet. But it was the willingness of each individual member to assume responsibility, to serve unselfishly, to think clearly, and to vote wisely that made up the true structure of its success. It was a good cabinet and we commend its members for their part in doing a fine task.

—Pearl O. Weston, Acting Dean of Women

Method of Selection

In a letter printed in yesterday's Collegian, two students condemned the method of selection used by Penn State hat societies. In doing so, they covered a lot of territory concerning a matter which they have indicated they know little about.

It would be foolish to make a blanket statement that "all selections are free from the influence of the fraternal bond of friendship," because such is not the case. Occasionally, the deciding vote falls to a man who gives the nod to a friend or fraternity brother. If this happens, we hastily conclude that the man had no other qualifications. But in some instances the man was the most deserving candidate.

We cannot vouch for the method of selection of all hat societies on campus. Most of these organizations make it a practice to keep their functions at meetings of this type a secret. That's the way it should be.

However, there is one senior honorary on campus that devised a point system of selection, and has adhered to it since its innovation.

almost two years ago. In order to rate a bid to this organization, a man must have a qualifying number of activity points. The standard is kept high, and may go even higher in years to come.

This method serves as assurance that the men tapped are among those most active on this campus. It shuts out "the popular guy" who has never contributed in any way to the college. It also disqualifies all fraternity brothers and the "guys who know Joe," except those who have the required number of points.

It should be pointed out that the final selection is not foolproof, for after the candidates have been evaluated according to activities and service, they must be voted upon by the actives. Here, an acquaintanceship may play a part in the selection. But in what phase of human relations wouldn't it be a factor?

Any aspersions cast on the group selected under the point system are unfounded, for every one of them qualified for the honor.

—LGF

Edit Quips

Five years ago today the Daily Collegian published a survey tabulating monthly fraternity house bills from \$39 up. Yet 2 percent of the independent freshmen (there once were such things) gave "added expenses" as their reason for not pledging a fraternity. Talk about those that are gone forever.

Editorials and features in The Collegian reflect the opinions of the writer. They make no claim to represent student or University opinion. All unsigned editorials are by the editor.

Letters — From the Editor's Mailbox

Letter to WSGA Senate

TO THE EDITOR: The following is a letter submitted to WSGA Senate. It has been approved, but will not go into effect until the fall semester of 1948, as Sara Ann Bieber has been elected to fill the independent senator position for next year.

As representatives of the Independent Student Committee, Independent Women's Association, and Philotes, the three independent student organizations on campus, we would like to ask for a change in the method of selecting the independent senator to WSGA Senate. At present she is elected at large, regardless of her connections with these independent groups. We would like to have her selected in a way similar to our representative to All-College Cabinet.

ISC wishes to elect the independent senator to WSGA Senate and the independent women's representative to All-College Cabinet from their members. These girls would meet the requirements set up by WSGA and All-College Cabinet, and one would be from Philotes and the other from IWA. ISC would then act as a coordinating body to transmit the activities of both A'l-College Cabinet and WSGA Senate to the entire independent student body through the IWA and Philotes.

—Vera Slesak, ISC representative
—Frances Gittlenmeyer, IWA representative
—Paul M. K... Philotes representative

He's Tired of Lines

TO THE EDITOR: The co-chairmen for the Senior Ball have announced that tickets for said dance will go on sale Friday morning, May 23. In other words, all we have to do to be assured of a ticket is stand in front of the Athletic Office window—all 1500 of us!

I for one have stood in far too many lines to relish the thought of another, that could be at least partially alleviated by selling the tickets for several days in advance.

—Jack Trumbauer

Smile Pretty

Notes on Mr. Bolte's speech Mr. Bolte takes the stand. Not one but two photographers take their positions; one in the balcony and one in front of the stage.

At this time they are just noticed.

Mr. Bolte speaks. The photog in the balcony takes a flash bulb shot.

Mr. Bolte speaks. The photog in front of the stage takes a shot.

Mr. Bolte speaks. Photogs change positions. Mr. Bolte continues with his speech.

The photog in front of the stage takes another shot. Mr. Bolte continues.

The stage photog shows up in the balcony, takes not one but two more flash bulb shots. Later he is joined by his other friend with a camera.

All told, the sum came to seven shots. Not only was it disconcerting to the audience, but it must have been extremely annoying to the speaker to have two photographers moving around the auditorium, cutting up his speech with flashing flash bulbs.

I don't know who was in charge of that display of flash bulbs, but really now, wouldn't two shots have been enough?

Thanks to the photographers, I can't quite remember what the speaker said. I think it was something concerning the veteran and peace.

—Harry L. Lamb

Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

Wednesday, May 21

AG STUDENT COUNCIL meeting, 103 Ag, 7 o'clock.

AFC meeting for adoption of platform for national convention, 10 Sparks, 7:30 o'clock.

CHAM-Phys Student Council meeting, 418 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.

IPC meeting, 495 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.

MATH CLUB meeting, Mr. Kenneth Harshbarger will speak on "Prime Numbers," 215 Main Engineering, 7:30 o'clock.

College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Tuesday: Frank Chapman, Jean Erisman, Elizabeth Troemner, Joseph Wintersteen.

Discharged Tuesday: Frances Gundlack, Edna Myers, Floyd Selbst.

College Placement Service

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