

No Place For A Spoils System

The newly-elected All-College Cabinet held its first, and last, meeting of the semester amid political bickering which was unsurpassed by any previous meetings of the group this year.

All-College president Tom Lannen had no sooner started the meeting Thursday evening with what was supposedly the routine business of naming the members of various committees, when a bloc from one of the political parties began demanding that party workers be named to the committees.

Lannen, who was naming people he considered the most capable for the various posts, was subjected to such statements as:

"The party people who successfully put eight of its nine candidates into office should be rewarded by appointments to good positions."

While it is true that the State Party put eight men on Cabinet, it must not be assumed that only that party has capable men. Posts such as tribunal chairman must be filled by able men regardless of political affiliation.

In the coming year Cabinet must work wholly for the benefit of the student body. Politics and a spoils system have no place in an honest and efficient student government.

Letters - From the Editor's Mailbox

Position Stated

TO THE EDITOR: Yesterday on this page, Malickson called YPCA liberal. He should have said progressive; "liberal" has ceased to have meaning through misuse. The lily-white-handlers call all others pro-communist, and the fire-the-eyes boys call all others parlor pinks. However, it seems that very often the credit for getting things done goes to the f.i.t.e group, through default. Whether parlor pinks are too lazy to work, or just don't have strong and definable convictions, I don't know.

Calling a vigorous outfit Red is largely a matter of rationalization, if not entirely so. If a parlor pink can convince himself that a group is "pro-communist," then his conscience is salvaged in case he refrains from joining the fight to protect his interests, which he usually does. Of course, after this has gone on a while, the organization obviously becomes filled with "pro-communists," again by default.

Because the reference to constitutions and high-sounding principles also applies to the US constitution and the by-laws of the Ladies Aid Society, I would like to express appreciation of the admission that the YPCA constitution is filled with high-sounding principles. In fact, YPCA admits socialists, republicans, and anyone else who wants to get on the bandwagon, and who is willing to make an honest effort toward the furtherance of these high-sounding principles.

Thank you, Mr. Malickson, for the intimation of recognition of our high principles.

-W. E. Gould

A Broken Promise

TO THE EDITOR: If the program advocated by the military department is adopted, all veterans returning this fall must be screened to determine their eligibility for basic ROTC. According to the chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards, Professor Beede of the Forestry department, his will also include veterans above sophomore standing, and not merely the incoming sophomores, as Colonel Chastaine seems to suggest.

Furthermore the new plan would discriminate against former enlisted men. It is only their credits which would be subject to approval, not former officers. If one group is to be screened, surely the democratic procedure would be to screen the other as well.

Finally, what right has the colonel or anyone else to ask of men who have served their country or years, to spend more time on military matters when we all are trying to make up for time put in in the armed forces?

The AVC puts itself squarely and unequivocally in opposition to any change in the existing plan so far as the veteran is concerned. The College made a promise to the veterans in 1944 to credit them for ROTC and Physical Education by virtue of their military service. Is the school going to allow its solemn promise to be broken?

-The American Veterans Committee

Days We're Slipping

TO THE EDITOR: After a year of excellent sports coverage by the Collegian, the innovation of a sports Editorial has come as a distinct disappointment.

If the brand of inside-doping which appeared in Thursday's "Sports Editor" column is to continue, Penn State athletes and students will certainly be the victims of an unnatural monstrosity.

Almost any article which derogates the reputation of an athlete, and particularly one which falsely intimates that a popular football player is lacking in school spirit, is an insult to the

Collegian Gazette

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

Tuesday, May 27

SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR WOMEN, last day to sign up for "little sisters," Dean of Women's office.

SKULL AND BONES meeting, 418 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

WRA TENNIS CLUB final meeting, Tennis Courts, 4 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Friday: Rachael Emerick, Pearl Mincemoyer.

Discharged Friday: Elaine Buechner, Frank Chaplin, Elizabeth Troemner.

Admitted Saturday: John Steiner.

Admitted Sunday: Harold Griffith, Julius Morris.

Discharged Sunday: Alma Kingsley, Pearl Mincemoyer, John Steiner.

Admitted Monday: Barbara Davis, Anna Nelson.

Vet Briefs

All Air Reservists desiring 14 days' active duty should submit their request to the Commanding Officer of the nearest Air Reserve Training Detachment.

Reservists will be ordered to active duty during the period July 1 to October 31.

If you have lost or inadvertently destroyed bonds issued in payment for unused leave or furlough under terms of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 and wish recovery or replacement of such bonds, direct a request to the Chief of the Division of Loans and Currency, U. S. Department of Treasury, Washington 25, D. C.

The letter should give a full explanation of the circumstances of the loss and a full description of the bonds to be replaced. Your name and address, serial number, value of the bond, the date of issue and issuing agency should also be included.

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school and a mockery to journalistic fair-play. The fact that Mr. Sarge expects an apology or an answer from Larry Joe for his failure to try out the varsity track team is indicative of an unreasonable attitude, particularly in view of Larry's obligations to his family, his studies, and his major sport, football.

I do not know whether the "inside sources" which provided Mr. Sarge with the information at Larry's addition to the track team "might make the difference between the team trophy in the forthcoming IC-4A's and the also-ran category" also supplied him with the information that Larry Joe's 8.9 in the intramural 100-yard dash was faster than any performance of a member of the regular team.

But I would refer him to the column adjacent to his editorial fiasco, in which it is reported that Jimmy Robinson ran a 9.9 one hundred in the Colgate meet last Saturday.

-N. Raymond Shibley

• Sports Editor's note: Any derogatory allusion was inferred by Mr. Shibley. And, Jimmy Robinson has not run under 10 seconds flat in official competition this season.

About the YPCA

TO THE EDITOR: We of the Young Progressive Citizens of America were taken unaware by David Malickson's editorial in yesterday's Collegian. It was not the fact that we were attacked which upset us, but we thought that we'd at least be given the chance to state our position and principles first. It is a sad commentary on the present political atmosphere in America that men are judged not by the program they fight for but by the labels that are pinned upon them.

If Mr. Malickson has had any contact with the liberal movement, he must know that it is a favorite tactic of anti-liberal forces to use name-calling to divide and thus weaken the liberal movement. We of Young PCA deplore such tactics.

It is true that PCA does not go in for red-baiting or name-calling of any kind. We include all people regardless of race, color or creed who will work for the objectives of our group as outlined in our constitution. If a member is willing to work for what Mr. Malickson calls "high-sounding principles"—racial equality, a strong U. N., full employment, we certainly accept him. PCA advances a positive program aiming at a better America.

We agree with Mr. Malickson that before a person joins a group he should investigate it. We invite all students to attend our meetings and look us over. Our aims are clearly stated and we hope that students who agree with them will join with us in the Pennsylvania State College Chapter of the Young PCA.

-Marvin Packer, secretary, the State College Young Progressive Citizens of America.

Our Tricky Time Table

TO THE EDITOR: Has your scheduling seemed different lately? Well, mine has! My hat is off to the genius that created the 1947-1948 Time Table. It is an unmatchable masterpiece of complete information.

For the 4th or 5th semester student, the problem of fall scheduling won't be so difficult, as he will still have a considerable number of courses to take. But, as for the poor Senior! Heaven help the miserable creature.

This business of scheduling the same class alternately in the morning and in the afternoon may have some important purpose behind it as far as the administration is concerned. What the method in their madness is I don't know. But if you've tried to comprehend that mess they call a Time Table maybe you have wondered, too.

I will be a Senior in the fall. I don't know a thing about cryptology. I've never finished a jig-saw puzzle. I can't work a cross-word puzzle. But I can read a railroad time table like nobody's business. I know that if the Pennsylvania runs their trains at precisely the same time as the Santa Fe I could never make connections without waiting a whole day.


If this college insists on their scattered and senseless schedule, a lot of next year's Seniors will be waiting an extra semester to graduate. Last night I worked out six trial schedules. With a few more tries, I might be able to meet the V. A.'s minimum requirements of 12 credits. That's enough for me to be able to attend school but not enough to get me out of school in June 1948.

Won't some kind soul please tell me what this is all about? Why can't something be done to remedy this condition? What is the reason for scheduling a class for two mornings a week and one afternoon a week (I'm being reasonable and assuming that underneath this network of crossed wires there is a system)?

-A Confused and Befuddled Victim of the Time Table.

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