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Crisis in Cabinet

What is a representative? According to some persons, a representative is a person who states the opinions of his constituents on minor matters and his personal opinion on major matters. According to Webster, he is "a person that represents, or stands for, a number or class of persons," without reservation.

Recently a major problem arose in the All-College Cabinet. Suddenly the Cabinet members were no longer representatives, but individuals speaking only for themselves. When the boycott question was concluded and the next matter on the agenda presented, the Cabinet members became representatives once more.

Since the last Cabinet meeting, we have sat in on two meetings in which 2000 and 4000 persons were represented. The presidents of the organizations, Cabinet members, called for a vote within the group on the boycott question and again the group voiced the opinion that it was only speaking for itself rather than for the persons they represented.

This farce of non-representative representation could be carried to the point where every issue before Cabinet would have to be carried back to the students with the students deciding the point by a referendum.

The point of the matter is, just what is a Cabinet member? Is he an individual or does he express the wishes of his own organization? Students vote for representatives in student councils, IFC, AIM, etc. and these persons, in turn, vote for a president of the organization. Therefore in theory, the president has the backing of every student in his organization and should vote in Cabinet with the knowledge that he was elected to represent his group.

A similar question of representation arose last year and a Cabinet member made the same remark, "I speak only for myself, not for the organization I represent."

If the same situation should come up again, Cabinet should either have enough foresight to vote as a representative group, or disband and throw every question to the students in a referendum.

—Elliot Krane.

Don't They Know?

Raspberry's Aren't in Season—

School spirit has sunk to a new low when home fans give their own players the raspberry.

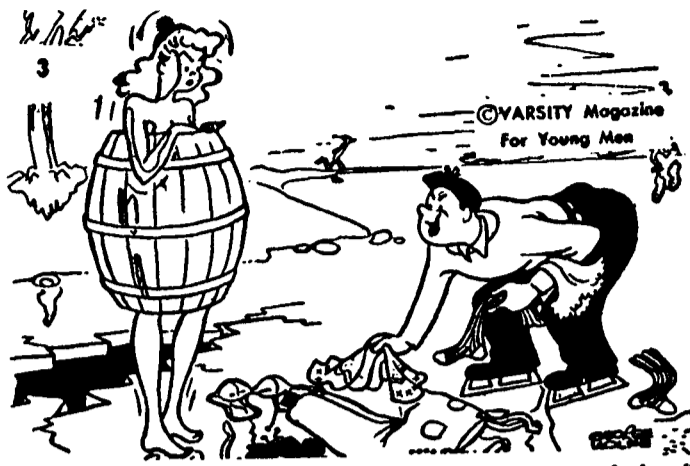
Don't Penn Staters know that those players are out there playing as hard and as well as they can to win? Don't they know about the long hours of practice required to be a member of a varsity team? Don't they know how badly a player feels when he does make a mistake? Or don't they care?

A groan is only natural when a basket is missed or a bad pass made, but to boo a player or the team on principle is completely unjustified.

Maybe we consider ourselves too sophisticated to show school spirit. But doesn't sophistication include good sportsmanship? Everybody likes a winning team and it isn't hard to support it, but to show true sportsmanship and school spirit by cheering for a loser is quite another matter.

Do we have any of that spirit left at Penn State? I hope so.

—Stan Degler.



"But I need that barrel to make a fire to dry your clothes."

Meal Ticket Plans

At a volcanic session of the combined Nittany and Pollock Circle Dorm Councils Monday night, the All-College Cabinet food committee got what it was asking for—a statement of the food problem.

The problem, which consists of at least 27 more or less major complaints, could be separated into about five general categories, food, finances, meal-tickets, operation and investigation.

Since one form of meal-ticket was agreed upon as the solution of the Nittany feeding ills, it is appropriate to consider the various aspects of the plan and related ones.

Agitation for meal-tickets excluding Saturday and Sunday meals has existed for several months, but to no avail. They would be optional for students who go home on week-ends and are therefore not now obtaining meals for which they are charged.

Another proposal, new to us, was for tickets which would exclude breakfast. This, of course, would benefit late sleepers.

Unfortunately, the agreed-upon scheme is not very realistic. Pay-as-you-go systems, as such, are not feasible for College dining commons, and chances of the idea's acceptance are nil.

It would provide for \$5 meal tickets, to be punched when entering the line. Meals would have a set price, and the holders would have the option of eating or not eating any particular meal in the commons.

Dormitory presidents agreed not to request refunds on unexpended portions of the ticket at the end of the semester, and suggested that the purchase of one ticket would be mandatory at the beginning of each semester.

The uncertainty of the number of diners at any meal, would obviously rule out the plan, unless a higher price were acceptable. A higher margin would be necessary to ensure breaking even.

However, the first two types of ticket would be feasible and beneficial. The number of each type sold would give a better indication of the number to expect than is possible under the present system.

Diners could have four choices, and would know in advance that they were not paying for meals they wouldn't eat. The choices would be for three meals seven or five days, or two meals seven or five days each week. Costs would be proportionate.

The Safety Valve

Expectoration!

TO THE EDITOR: It would be so much more of a pleasure to watch a basketball game without also having to watch the loathsome habit of a certain member of the team constantly spitting on the floor.

In addition to being a nauseating sight to watch it is also a very unsanitary habit.

My sympathy lies with those who occupy the first row and must be prepared any moment to duck or dodge. Also, it must be run for the other players to handle the ball after it has gone out of bounds.

Can't something be done to remedy this situation? Perhaps, if it isn't too old fashioned, a handkerchief could be furnished, or, if that is too much trouble, a spittoon could be strategically placed where it would do the most good.

—Name withheld.

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Wednesday, January 12

ALL-COLLEGIAN Promotion Staff, CH, 6:30 p.m.

NAACP Executive Meeting, 2d Floor Lounge Old Main, 7 p.m.

IFC, 405 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.

DRUIDS, 410 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

CAMPUS Center Club, 401 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

CIRCULO Espanol, Ath. S. E., 7:30 p.m.

EDUCATION Student Council, 125 Sparks, 8:30 p.m.

College Placement

Kroger Co., January 11 and 12, January graduates, C&F, A&L, HA.

Johnson Service Co., January 14, January graduates, EE, IE, ME.

Procter & Gamble Distributing Co., January 17, January graduates interested in sales, A&L, C&F.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—No Minor Vices.

STATE—The Plunderers.

NITTANY—The Olympic Games of 1946.

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