

Indifference

An air of tension touched off Robert Keller's blast in All-College Cabinet Thursday night. If they did not actually know of Keller's intent, most of the Cabinet members suspected something "was up." So did the gallery; otherwise, Cabinet would not have had so many visitors, and no one would have been turned away from packed 201 Old Main as was the case.

Part of the Keller explosion is that—from the "man on the Mall's" viewpoint—All-College Cabinet this year has accomplished little.

In many instances, we doubt seriously if this is so. A perusal of All-College Cabinet minutes shows easily that Cabinet is accomplishing something. Much of this is through the work of committees and is of an evolutionary nature—not to be done overnight.

The committee setting up a student government room as working memorial to the late "Prexy" Ralph Dorn Hetzel is finding that out. The local National Student Association—in essence a committee of Cabinet—is finding that out in its study and quest of a campus chest, for example. THE RING COMMITTEE (although we are at variance with some of its ultimate aims) is also finding out that many student-inspired actions at the College progress by evolutionary means.

One point is clear to us. If Cabinet has been "lacking" and "indifferent" on any matters, then there is another facet to the charge: The "man on the Mall" is indifferent and apathetic toward what Cabinet is doing. He attends Cabinet meetings—which are open to all students—only when he has an ax to grind, and too often he rubberstamps proposals unquestioningly in his own campus groups.

Although campus politics displayed concrete signs of life in the most recent College election, interest of the majority of Nittany students shown generally in campus politics, i.e. student government, can often be termed negligible.

It sometimes seems that Cabinet could vote to put the students' money toward buying new Cadillacs for Cabinet members, and there would be no "kick."

No Lit. 10

The College catalog contains a description of a course numbered Engl. Lit. 10. The description is as follows "Literature of American Democracy. The important works of American literature that reflect our democratic ideals. Readings include poetry and fiction that shed light on our history, and historically important essays and documents that have literary merit. Lecture 3 hours."

NOW THIS, originally, was a wartime course, and has not been given at the College since the war. It was instituted at a time when American democracy was in a mortal crisis, when it might well have been extinguished, and when the attention of the entire world was focused on it. English Lit 10 was wisely introduced to train Americans in their heritage.

The war ended, the crisis passed, and English Lit 10 was dropped from the curriculum, existing only in memory and in a revised College catalog. It will not appear in next year's catalog.

By why shouldn't it? Why shouldn't Lit 10 be dusted off, revived, cleared perhaps of some of the war-introduced propaganda, and offered again at the College? America is once more in a crisis. We stand in danger of losing our liberties to aggressors without and to opportunists within.

WE ARE MIXED UP, confused, we don't know how far we should sacrifice our century-old freedoms for present security. Maybe Tom Paine could tell us. Maybe the two Roosevelts have interesting things to say about it. Jefferson did some writing about liberty, didn't he? What about Oliver Wendell Holmes?

The literature of American democracy is a chronicle of the American heritage. It has the perspective of almost two centuries, the wisdom of immense minds. If the College can give courses in literature of British dominions, in ballads, can it not find place and would it not find tremendous demand for Engl. Lit 10. Literature of American Democracy?

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Breakfast Club



Exchange News, Views

THE SMU CAMPUS. Southern Methodist University: Preliminary plans for the new \$1,000,000 Student Union building at SMU are nearing completion, it was announced by the secretary of the Union planning committee.

With a "tailor-made" union, designed to meet the personal and social needs of the students as its goal, the committee has been compiling facts and figures since 1946.

Facilities planned include a large ballroom, lounges and hotel units, bowling alleys, billiard tables and facilities for table tennis and small table games. Browsing rooms, hobby shops and a dark room were included in the plan. The union will have offices for the union staff, for the various publications and will house the bookshop, the postoffice, and a barber shop.

Dining facilities include a kitchen, a snack bar, a soda fountain and several rooms, both large and small, to accommodate groups of any size. Officials stressed that the facilities were determined according to their functional use and to the amount of space required by them.

MICHAEL HARE, noted architect and consultant to the Association of College Unions, has been working on the plan since February. Hare has designed 15 college unions, including the theater wing at the University of Wisconsin, which was chosen as one of the leading architectural works over a ten-year period at the San Francisco Expedition.

Porter Butts, director of the union at the University of Wisconsin, has been called in as consultant both for Hare and for the Union planning committee.

THE TECHNIQUE, Georgia Institute of Technology: The quarter is now rapidly drawing to a close and soon both teachers and students alike will be preparing for those final exams and comprehensive quizzes that always mark the final days in almost every department of Tech.

As in the past, professors and instructors will double their vigil over the members of their classes in order to eliminate any opportunity a student may have to perform an act of cheating. Since these quizzes usually determine the final standing of each student in the class, many instructors feel that some individuals may be more prone to cheat now than they were during the early days of the quarter.

In fact, records of the Student Faculty Honor Committee show that ninety percent of all those students found guilty of cheating were caught during the final week of school.

During the next few weeks, the faculty will spend many hours making up quizzes for their students. We sincerely hope that every professor will consider his students while developing his tests and covering classroom material. If we are to have any system of honor here whatsoever, we must first have student-faculty cooperation. If the instructors do not cooperate whole-heartedly with their students, we can see no chance to eliminate cheating and dissension among the students.

Construction Nothing New

The current building program of the College is following plans which extend back over thirty years. In 1920 the Trustees authorized the preparation of a development program to meet current and future needs academically, aesthetically, and usefully. The landscaping of the campus was closely integrated with this plan—

Cabinet

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problem and fraternities are only "on the outside looking in."

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, commented on freshman dating, "Freshman women may attend chaperoned and registered parties in fraternity houses, approved by the dean of women's office."

Insurance Plan

James MacCallum was appointed chairman of a committee to study an insurance plan for graduates which would provide dividends to the College. The other members are Donald Carlson, Charles Godlasky, Harold Leinbach, Joseph Reinheimer, and Curtis Wessner.

Ramon Saul was added to the list of seniors to be included in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. A plan was adopted for the operational details of the Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Room. George Ebert, director of physical plant, has been vague concerning the time when the Placement Service will vacate 204 Old Main, where the student government room is to be located, according to a committee report of George Oehmler.

After an hour-long discussion Cabinet passed by a close vote a \$600 appropriation to be applied to the debt of Critique. A new literary magazine is to be chartered. Opposition was led by Seymour Barash, business manager of Froth, who attended the meeting.

Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD Wednesday when the meteorology department was giving what seemed to be a mass exhibit of its weather flags on the roof of MI:

"Those aren't weather flags. Someone's just nanging out her wash." Another student asked, "What are they expecting, a hurricane?"

Wednesday's flags forecasted all of the following, rain or snow, high winds, and a drop in temperature. In fact the only flag in the department's repertoire that wasn't displayed was the one denoting warmer weather.

ONE OF THE more spectacular crimes of the season was the theft of the freshman room directory from the lobby of Ath Hall. Obviously the culprit or culprits didn't read the Collegian or they would have known the easier way to get those valuable room numbers was to buy a Student Directory, now on sale.

FRESHMAN COLLEGIAN candidates, worried about their hours for the Collegian Christmas party, asked Elliot Krane if they would be granted late permissions for the affair. Mr. Krane replied that not only had he obtained late permissions but "blanket permissions" as well.

WHILE MANY of the local fraternities are having romantic-sounding parties this weekend the AEP's are remaining down to earth. They are having a "Poverty Party" and which the refreshments will be crackers and soup, served in tin cans.

NOW WE'VE HEARD everything! Under the caption "Dorms Snub Beer Prize" we hear, via the Wisconsin Daily Cardinal, that Wisconsin students, men at that, have refused a prize of beer.

The beer was a prize for the best dorm homecoming decorations but the winners asked for the money instead with which they intend to buy a trophy.

Their reason? How far would a "half" go with more than 100 men drinking at one time?

Safety Valve...

Only Fair

TO THE EDITOR: Since it seems to be the general idea of the administration to keep the incoming freshmen together during their formative year on the campus, why not put these 1000 or so men in Nittany and Pollock dorms?

In these dorms the men would be together in smaller units than in the new dormitories, they would get to know each other better and by making the trip in to the campus every day they would come to appreciate living on the campus during their junior and senior years. To top it off they might even earn their Boy Scout merit badge for hiking into classes every day.

I am a senior and although I have never lived on the campus (by my own preference), I do know what it is to walk a mile from my room to the campus and I think that it would only be fair to the juniors and seniors to allot them the rooms in the new dormitories since many of them participate in College activities, which are a necessary part of a well-rounded college education, so I have been told.

—A Senior

• Name Withheld

Gazette

Sunday, December 11

NEWMAN CLUB Discussion Group, Church basement, 7:30 p.m., Father Hacaia, moderator.
SENIOR EDIT Board, Collegian, 8 CH, 2 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information may be obtained in 204 Old Main. Arrangements for interviews should be made immediately.

DuPont Co., Dec 12 and 13. February grads in Chem, ChemE, ME, MineE.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dec. 13. February grads in IE, Ceramics, EE, ME for (1) openings in sales; (2) possible opening in highly technical engineering requiring outstanding analytical ability. Grade of 2.0 required for the latter position. No openings in production, manufacturing or service eng.

Smith, Kline and French Labs., Dec. 13. February men grads in LA, C & E, Science, Pre-Med, Ag-Bio-Chem, Commercial Chem, ChemE, IE, ME for their training program. Applicants must have 1.95 average or better.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Thursday: Alan Brackett, Mary McCue.

Admitted Friday: Mary Lou Carpentier, Jay Baron.

Discharged Friday: Richard Good, Wayne Homan, Mary McCue.

AT THE MOVIES

Saturday

CATHAUM—Adam's Rib.
NITTANY—Sheriff of Wichita.
STATE—My Friend Irma.