

### Two Views On The Proposed Student Union Fee

#### Needs Of The College

Few will deny that the College is in need of the Student Union Building which received the first approval of All-College Cabinet last Thursday. A large percentage of the student body does, however, apparently find objections to the method Cabinet has chosen to finance the building.

ONE OF THE CHIEF OBJECTIONS voiced to the Cabinet plan is, of course, that the \$15 assessment for next year is too high. They suggest that the assessment be lowered and the debt be paid out over a longer period of years.

Others have pointed out that the present junior class will not use the building, which will be completed by the Fall of 1951 at the earliest, although its members will be compelled to help pay for it.

It has also been suggested that in a matter affecting students so vitally as does this, the students themselves should be given an opportunity to express their opinions directly through a referendum.

IN ADDITION to weighing these suggestions, Cabinet should take into consideration whether the proposed building will meet the needs of the College. In one case apparently the building does not. We are referring, of course, to the proposed ballroom, which would have about half the floor space of Recreation Hall.

The possibility of the Commonwealth financing the Student Union Building is ruled out by the policy of the state to contribute only to the construction of facilities directly concerned with academics. If Penn State is to have its Student Union Building, it will have to be financed by the students.

Cabinet must decide if, in the face of student objections, it wishes to stick to its original method of financing the building and whether the building will meet the needs of the College.

—Marv Krasnansky

#### Exempt The Seniors

Penn State, almost everyone agrees, needs a Student Union building. Cabinet is in the process of adopting a plan for financing the building. That plan, we believe, is bad.

CABINET OFFICERS are agreed that the plan proposed works an injustice on students now on campus, who will pay an extra \$15 for a building which as yet doesn't exist. Juniors especially suffer, since they will never have any use of the building—they will be gone before it is built.

The basic problem here is finding money for the first installments of the loan, the initial payments on an unbuilt building. Students object, and rightly, to an involuntary contribution for a questionable charity.

Here is an equitable plan for building a Student Union:

Exempt next year's seniors from any payment whatsoever. They cannot be expected to contribute for a building they will never see. Make the planned \$15 assessment against all other students on campus, as the present plan calls for.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, however, when the building is up, exempt all students who paid the initial \$15 from \$15 of the \$20 assessment scheduled for that year. Thus, new students on campus, who would get four years of enjoyment from the new building, would pay the full \$20 each year, or \$80 in all. But students who only had student union for three years would pay \$60, two years \$40, and one year \$20. Yet the College would have money for initial payments on its construction loan.

For simplicity, all calculations have been based on Cabinet's proposed figures. These figures, however, are far too high. So that they may be cut drastically, as they must be if they are not to inflict hardship on many students, the proposed loan should be made on a 35 year basis, rather than 15.

—Ron Bonn

### Safety Valve . . . .

#### An Insult to the Petition Signers

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is to be in answer to Mr. 'Name Withheld' who in calling himself a typical Engineer usurped the role of spokesman for State Engineers when he launched a campaign of 'mud-slinging' against the supporters of Dr. Lorch while proudly hiding behind a cloak of anonymity. Not only was he insulting to the Engineers, whom he claimed to represent, but to the more than one thousand students who signed the petition asking the administration to reconsider the 'Lorch Case.'

His letter indicates a flagrant ignorance of the facts. Dr. Lorch was recommended for reappointment by the head of the mathematics department, and he was supported by twenty-three members of that department through their signatures to a statement which expressed their confidence in the ability of Dr. Lorch as a mathematician and a teacher. He has been helpful in departmental activities and is personally liked. These facts were in an information sheet circulated with the petition.

The Student Committee For Academic Freedom conducted an investigation which lasted for three weeks; a substantial number of faculty members studied the case and have registered their protests at his dismissal; the American Association of University Professors and the local American Federation of Teachers have taken action.

—Elaine Clark Buechner  
Seymour Schuster

#### Hold It!

TO THE EDITOR: All-College Cabinet has given initial approval to a measure that would mean an assessment of \$7.50 per semester for each student who is enrolled in or who plans to enroll in Penn State.

If we assume that Cabinet has the legal power to make such an assessment, we might then ask "Can Cabinet ethically levy this fee without first conducting a College-wide election called for the specific purpose of determining the general student opinion?" If we as students are to be compelled to pay an amount of money that is equal to almost seven percent of the present academic fees, should we not be given the privilege of voting upon it.

Won't you, members of All-College Cabinet, consider calling for a student vote of approval before acting further on this fee!

—Lewis J. Hoover

#### A Sensible Letter

To The Editor: The letter in May 18's Collegian, "Look Before You Leap", is the most sensible one written yet on the Lorch case.

Some of the others appear to have been blind ravings by hysterical troublemakers, who have little qualification to criticize the College's action in its selection of faculty members. The College has stated that the racial factor had nothing to do with the dismissal, and how can we seriously question this in the light of the College's past record along this line?

The College merely followed its past precedent by such action—its reserved right to release an instructor after a trial period of employment under a temporary contract, without releasing any statement which might harm the dismissed employee.

Why drag in the factor of racial discrimination and play it up to the exclusion of all others, when it is doubtful that this factor even exists? Why not consider all the possible factors, if the case is even worth considering?

The College could use a little more student support occasionally, instead of the continual opposition of a few radicals. We should oppose racial discrimination, but we should apply our opposition in the right places.

—John E. Butler

#### Branding the Liberals

TO THE EDITOR: This is to chastise the engineering senior, who wisely had his name withheld, for leaping before he took a good look. It is his premise that "incidents" occurring on this campus are played up as though they were of national import. It is my premise that such activities of the college which affect the student body in anyway are deserving of publicity in order to reveal pertinent available facts to help mold opinion so that ameliorating action of existing injustices may be initiated. More disconcerting to me is the fact that a senior, supposedly having benefited from four years of college training and broadening influences succumbs to the same pitfalls as biased and prejudiced groups. I am referring to his terminology in branding any action of an individual with liberal thoughts or tendencies or who questions the status quo as "pink." For shame!

—Shirley G. Felman  
Dorothy Roseman

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Information concerning these positions can be obtained at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.

Wear-Ever Aluminum, Cutco Div. Summer sales. Group meeting May 25, 7 p.m. 410 Old Main.

Part time seamstress for supervised work on slip-covers.

Unit leader and Senior life saver for Girl Scout camp near Bethlehem, Pa.

Interviews for girls at Lillian Home in Valencia, Pa. (Camp)

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## Gazette . . . .

Tuesday, May 23

NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP PLANNING COMMITTEE Meeting, Rectory, 7:15 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB Meeting, 204 Burrows, 7:30 p.m.

NAVAL VOLUNTEER ELECTRONICS WARFARE CO., Naval Lecture Room, EngE, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN ADVERTISING STAFF, Sophomore and Junior Boards, 9 CH, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF Meeting, Collegian Office, 7:30 p.m.

PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, Bible Study, 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE Club, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

INSURANCE Club, 316 Sparks, 8 p.m.

#### AT THE MOVIES

STATE: The Nevadan.

CATHAUM: Cinderella.

NITTANY: Woman of Dolwyn.

#### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

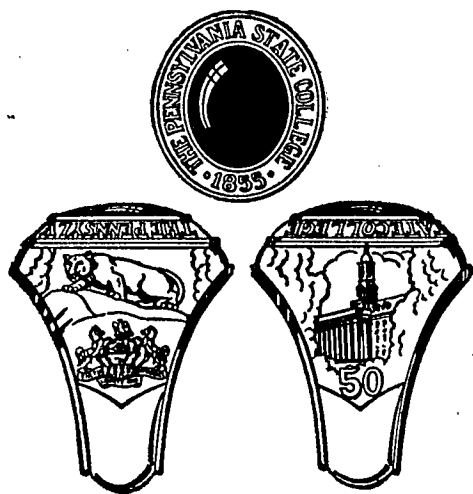
Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Radio Corporation of America, May 24. June grads in EE, ME, and Chem E for production and power work in their television tube plant.

Travelers Insurance Co. May 25. June grads for commission sales in Penna. No priority.

Wear-Ever Aluminum, Cutco Division. June grads in direct sales. Group meeting for interested students May 25, 7 p.m. in 410 Old Main.

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Pictures will be taken from  
May 17 to May 27

These students must have their pictures taken at this time if they want to be included in the

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