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Looking Ahead

The Student Union assessment has been approved by All-College Cabinet and the question now lies in the hands of the Board of Trustees. The Cabinet decision was made at the end of a lengthy and stormy session at which feeling ran high and which was not in the least conducive to making an intelligent decision.

NEVERTHELESS, the decision has been made and we hope that it will turn out to have been the right one.

It is regrettable that the question had to come up so late in the year and that it was necessary either to approve or reject the assessment plan on such short notice. Cabinet was faced with, in effect, approving the present building plans in its approval of the assessment. What has happened was that Cabinet took this action without having too much information on the building and its functions.

Although some information was brought forth at Cabinet's Thursday night meeting, efforts in this direction largely proved futile, due mostly to the highly emotional atmosphere in which the question was discussed.

Also to be considered is the fact that the question came up so quickly, late in the year, that it was extremely difficult to put all relevant information before the students. It was one of the first points of business put before a new Cabinet which was not yet sure of itself. It came up at a time when students were beginning to prepare for final exams, were closing up their affairs for the semester, and were making preparations for the Summer. Sufficient time to explore the matter fully simply was lacking.

HAVING MADE the decision, Cabinet has put itself on the spot. Now it is the duty of Cabinet to see to it that the project is carried to its conclusion in such a way that the students will get the fullest possible benefit from the Student Union.

Final plans for the building, its operation and functions, have not yet been completed. Certainly there will be considerable debate next year and the following year over these points. Cabinet has the responsibility of making certain that the student will get his money's worth from the building, and that the sacrifice to be made by next year's senior class will not be unjustified.

FOR ONCE THE WEATHERMAN declined to inflict his tortures when he allowed the sun to shine for yesterday's Spring Carnival. However, if it becomes necessary to tear the heart out of an All-College president in sacrificial ceremonies every year to preclude rains, this Spring Week business is likely to become a bit costly.

Safety Valve . . .

Letters to the Editor should be addressed—The Daily Collegian, Box 261, Boro. The writer's name will be withheld upon request, but no letter will be printed unless it is signed.

Praise for the 'Review'

TO THE EDITOR: Highest praises are due Tom Morgan, retired editor, whose monumental "Review of the Year" was another "first" which he modestly failed to list, as well as a fitting climax to a year of outstanding editorship.

While praising several of the students who performed noteworthy deeds, Tom did not claim any credit for various projects which he initiated or pushed to successful completion. Among these can be mentioned Inklings, Androcles, the Gridiron Banquet revival and the "Big-time Coach" campaign.

Truly, Tom has established a lofty goal of beneficial service to Penn State; I hope you and your staff will live up to it.

—Lew Stone, '49

Referendum Proposal

TO THE EDITOR: We wish to congratulate 14 members of All-College Cabinet for sticking to their own personal opinions in the face of widespread student opposition.

In the interest of obtaining more representative student government, we propose the following additions to the constitution:

1. Cabinet may not vote on any motion which involves the raising of existing fees, or the initiating of new fees, without first submitting the proposed motion to a referendum.

2. In any referendum on a motion concerning the raising of fees, or the initiating of new fees, an affirmative vote by a majority of the total student body (not just a majority of those who vote) shall be required before Cabinet may vote on the matter. This does not apply to motions concerning reduction of fees.

—Harry Klemic
John Kraft
Elmer Hauer
Richard E. White
Robert C. Gerhard

Gazette . . .

Saturday, May 27

INKLING ADVERTISING STAFF: Sunday 7 p.m. Daily Collegian Office.

WRA GOLF CLUB: 10 to 12 at the caddy house, instructions from Coach Rutherford—bring your own clubs and balls.

Monday

STATE COLLEGE Gas Model airplane club, 9 P.M. High School Auditorium.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Friday: Harry Kaufman, Frank Pickon, James Miller, Elizabeth Deknatel.

Discharged Friday: Audrey Eppley, Joan Wilgarde.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

American Car and Foundry Co, May 31. June grads in ME for drafting and preliminary design work. No priority.

H. J. Heinz Co, May 31. June 1. June grads in Chem E, IE, ME, and Physics for manufacturing training. Accounting for work in comptrollers office. No priority. Bendix Radio Division, May 31. June grads in EE. No Priority.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Part time seamstress for supervised work on slip-covers.
Young married couple to head a pioneer group at Pocomo camp.

Part Time Radio Repairman and plumbers helper for summer work in State College.

The Boneyard

By Jack Boddington

Perhaps the biggest and meatiest "bone" to be picked at the present time is All-College Cabinet's action in approving the hotly debated Student Union assessment.

The purpose of these few paragraphs is not to support or oppose the assessment itself, but to air publicly some views expressed during the past few days on and off campus by a considerable number of the ordinary students whose money is being spent by what they term the "big wheels."

FIRST OF ALL, they are wondering out loud if Cabinet has completely lost sight of its supposedly representative nature and if it is becoming merely the instrument of expression for members' personal views. They are wondering why obvious student sentiment was ignored, why petitions were, for all practical purposes, disregarded. Bitterness in some quarters is so strong that talk of the action's effect on next year's all-College elections is not uncommon.

Another question resounding in the Nittany vale is why the influence of graduating seniors, suspected as the plan's true fathers, should be so disproportionately strong since they are conveniently exempt from the assessment. Those who will do the paying take a dim view of what they are calling the "senior wheels' let's you and him fight" position.

MANY ARE CURIOUS to know how so many student council presidents could cast conscience-free ballots in either direction on such a controversial issue without first consulting their councils. Hugh Stevens did seek the opinion of the Home Ec council and got a unanimous "nay!" Harry Little, of the Phys Ed council, did not poll his group and properly abstained from voting.

One of the biggest question marks is Cabinet's refusal, despite repeated requests, to determine the true student viewpoint through a referendum. When told that the reason was a shortage of time, students seemed to grow even more impatient and demanded to know why they should be made to suffer simply because Cabinet waited until the last minute to take up the question.

Whether such student reaction is justified or not is open to question, but the fact remains that is the way a great many feel. Respect for and confidence in Cabinet is suffering as a result and the long-fought-for status of student government is threatened. So long as members of Cabinet remember that Joe College up in the chemistry lab has as big an interest in their action as the more publicized student leaders, their usefulness is preserved.

At ANY RATE, it can be hoped that more students now realize what can happen when they fail to make their opinions known in the proper places and at the proper times.

Used Book Agency Dorms Give Opens Wednesday Scholarship

The Used Book Agency of the Student Book Exchange will open next Wednesday morning and will continue to be open until June 7, for receiving and storing books which students desire to sell next semester.

In this way the BX will be able to open during Orientation Week next Fall and can provide returning students with texts immediately, according to Walter Miller, BX secretary.

Receipts for books turned in at this time will be given out on Oct. 16. A ten-cent handling charge will be made on each book bought or sold.

Grad Club Holds Picnic

The Graduate Club will have an outing at Whipple's Dam today honoring those graduate students receiving degrees this semester. The group will meet at 1:30 this afternoon behind Old Main.

The Nittany-Pollock Dorm Council Scholarship Committee has announced that any person with great need and high scholarship, living in the Nittany-Pollock area this semester, is eligible for the Nittany-Pollock scholarship of \$100.

The committee, led by Harry Sweptson, also announced that all applications must be accompanied by complete transcripts. Application forms may be secured from the dorm presidents and must be filled out in duplicate. One form must be turned into Joseph Erigo, chief resident advisor for the area, Dorm 1, Room 1, before 7 p.m., Monday.

The other form must be sent home for parental verification and signature. Additional information may be secured from the dorm presidents.

Poultry Club Picnic

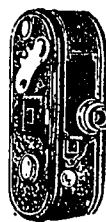
Seventy broilers will be served at the annual Poultry Club picnic which will be held at Fairmount Park today.

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