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Slow Down

The fashion in which this fall's elections code was approved by All-College cabinet Tuesday night is typical of the manner of enacting legislation which the governing body should wish to avoid. With virtually no consideration, the code—like some other proposals—was put into effect.

There may be nothing radically wrong with the elections code—but cabinet members, who had no forewarning concerning it and little chance to question it, quickly approved it, many of them without really knowing what the code contains.

The code was not read in its entirety—rather, the few changes to last year's code, which the elections committee proposed, were read and the vote was taken. Few cabinet members knew the code would come up for approval before the beginning of the meeting, when the committee chairman put it on the agenda.

THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH time before the vote for members of cabinet to read all the four-page code, and, unless they previously had been thoroughly acquainted with it, they could not have had more than a vague idea of what they were approving.

Cabinet's habit of appointing committees—ludicrous as it sometimes seems—does much to stifle over-hasty action, but cabinet always should keep on its guard against rushing through legislation with which it is not completely acquainted.

Preparing Citizens

Along with the fundamental procedure of preparing the student for his future, college sometimes has the difficult task of preparing him as a citizen, which includes the all-important job of teaching how our government functions. To be good citizens, we all must have some concept of governmental procedure, national, state and local.

MONDAY NIGHT, THE Intercollegiate Conference on Government held its first campus meeting this semester. The ICG is an organization sponsored in part by the Political Science department, but is not confined to political science students. Purpose of ICG is to study government and government procedure from the practical angle. Student representatives attend the state convention in Harrisburg each year and stage model meetings of government bodies.

This year, in April, ICG plans a model United States Congress, with delegates from different colleges representing the various states. Actual congressional procedure will be followed, with committee meetings, floor debates, and passage of bills. Such an opportunity to study the internal workings of our government should not be passed up.

Students with sufficient interest to spend a little time learning parliamentary procedure and political technique can certainly profit by the activities of the ICG.

—Paul Poorman

Bleak Outlook

This year's college graduating seniors, male, non-veteran, and in reasonably good physical shape (both thumbs and one good eye) face an extremely bleak outlook for the immediate future.

TWENTY-ONE MONTHS as a draftee seems an unjust reward for four years of hard work, admittedly not so hard in some cases, but still four years of time, expense and energy spent in college.

But disregarding the fate of ambitious college graduates and turning our eyes to a shaky and ominous world situation, we are informed by many in high positions in Washington that building a strong peacetime army is absolutely essential to guarding our future security.

Assuming this line of thinking is correct, we can see two main avenues of approach to building this army—the draft and universal military training.

MOST PEOPLE are fully aware of the implications of a peacetime draft. A graduating senior is especially aware of them for he may have to cast aside the start of his lifetime work. He at least has the advantage of completing his education, which will be denied to many freshman, sophomore, and junior students who will be drafted during the summer.

But then there is the matter of universal military training. UMT would take boys out of high school and give them full "military schooling" in the ways of war, how to follow orders blindly, and how to kill a man quickly and efficiently. They will leave the service and enter their careers with a strange indoctrination.

But draftees, between the ages of 19 and 26, will have been out in the world. Theirs will not be impressionable minds ripe for military indoctrination. They still will be capable of "guarding the world's security" without endangering ours at home with their military "education."

THE DRAFT represents inconveniences and a spoiling of plans, but universal military training represents dangerous trends not only to those directly involved, but to our country and the whole world.

—John Dalbor

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



4-21 "By George you do have a little rash. Well you'll just have to stop mashing potatoes until this clears up."

Safety Valve...

More On Collegian Costs

TO THE EDITOR: In your answer to Nelson Bevard and Richard Hunter concerning the shortage of Collegians, you stated that to supply each student with a Collegian it would cost \$7.50 a semester figuring on the basis of 5 cents a copy for 150 issues. I think that this figure is incorrect as it undoubtedly does not cost you five cents to have a Collegian printed.

Ed note—Cost per copy of the Collegian has never been estimated since both revenue and number of papers printed fluctuate with the size of the student body. Current figures show that 530 more papers are being printed this year than last and about 100 more than the year before that.

Hatmen Feeling Oats

TO THE EDITOR: We notice that some big wheel hatmen are feeling their oats already and take great pleasure in tormenting frosh. If they had tried that kind of stuff with frosh veterans they would have been taken good care of, but now that youngsters are coming back, they can show their gestic like tendencies.

Onions to somebody like Gene Kolber and orchids to William Druschel.
Bill Summers '49
Claude DiPasquale '49

Spare Those Trees

TO THE EDITOR: It was heartening to read Mr. Ashbrook's well written editorial calling for the preservation of Hort woods. This is one of those situations in which nearly everyone agrees that it's too bad to see something happen, but hardly anyone sees fit to register his individual protest. What is needed, of course, is concerted effort on the part of student and alumni organizations, not only to forestall if possible the cutting of any part of Hort woods now, but to urge that the College administration designate this tract a permanently inviolable area of our already too congested campus. Such a step would deserve the gratitude of present and future Penn State generations.

H. E. Dickson
Professor of Fine Arts

Named As Editor

Dr. Hans Neuberger, professor and chief of the division of meteorology at the College, has been named technical editor for Compendium of Meteorology, which is sponsored by the American Meteorological Society and the Air Materiel Command.

Gazette...

- Thursday, October 12
- FROTH EDITORIAL, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS, 8 Carnegie Hall, 8:30 p.m.
- DELTA SIGMA PI, Business meeting, 124 Sparks, 8 p.m.
- WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7 p.m.
- WRA OUTING, White Hall 2, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN, Junior editorial board, 8 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- HAT SOCIETIES COUNCIL, Student government room, Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
- EL CIRCULO ESPANOL, Home Ec. Living Center, 7 p.m.
- MARKETING CLUB, organization meeting, 125 Sparks, 8 p.m.
- PENN STATE DAIRY Science Club meeting, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy Building.

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 Cyanamid company will interview 1951 Ph.D. candidates in chemical engineering and organic, physical, inorganic, and analytical chemistry, and January B.S. and M.S. candidates in chemistry and chemical engineering on Monday and Tuesday, October 23 and 24. U.S. Rubber company will interview January graduates in chemistry, chemical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering and accounting on Friday, October 20.

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