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## Cabinet Investigates Changes In Diploma

All-College President Robert Davis appointed John Erickson, senior class president, Wednesday to investigate the cost of changing the size of the diploma received by graduating students.

Erickson, in a report to All-College cabinet, presented samples of the diploma used now and the smaller one that is being considered.

The present diploma is printed on a piece of paper, 14 by 17. The school seal is printed on it.

The one which is to be investigated for cost by Erickson, is 6 by 8½ inches, bound in a cordovan leather case with a silk lining in the school colors. The seal is embossed on the small sheepskin diploma.

### Not In Time

Erickson said, however, that the change could not be made in time for the June commencement but could be prepared for future graduates.

The present diploma must be rolled for easy handling, cannot be given out at the commencement exercises, but is distributed at the recorder's office after the exercises, Erickson told cabinet.

Davis told the group that President Eisenhower would like to give them out personally.

If the new smaller size could be used, it would be possible to distribute them at graduation exercises, Erickson said.

### In Sympathy

The senior class president said that the administration would be in sympathy with any move toward changing to the smaller size.

Cabinet unanimously passed a measure giving its support to Negro History week at the meeting. The week, which began Monday will continue until Sunday.

## State Party Will Hold Final Elections Sunday

Final nomination and election of State party clique officers will be held 7 p.m. Sunday in 10 Sparks, it was announced yesterday.

Clique officers will be elected for All-College, senior and junior class positions. Preliminary nominations were made last week.

### Nominations

The deadline for the nomination of All-College candidates for office is March 18. Yesterday's Collegian erroneously stated the deadline was March 1.

## Two Tried For Illegal Permit Use

Two cases of illegal use of a parking permit were tried before Tribunal last night, one resulting in a fine and the other in a suspended sentence.

A West Dorm resident was fined \$3 for parking illegally and using a parking ticket which did not belong to him. He said he would appeal the case to All-College cabinet.

A commuting student was also fined \$3 for a similar violation, but the fine was suspended due to unusual circumstances of the case. He was warned that if he appeared before tribunal again, it would constitute a second offense and carry a larger fine.

Another student was fined \$2 for driving west on Pollock road, which is one way east.

Three West Dorm residents were let off with a warning in a case involving mischief in the dorms. The men had caused a mess in a shower room, but no damage had been done.

Neil See, tribunal chairman, issued a warning to any students who may be using illegal parking permits. He pointed out that the parking permits are issued by the College, and are invalid if obtained in any other way. Parking with an illegal permit is considered a more serious offense than regular traffic violations, he added.

## NSA To Close Petition Drive This Week-End

A majority of the Pennsylvania residents at the College have signed the National Student association's absentee voting petition, David Fitzcharles, absentee voting committee chairman, reported last night to the NSA meeting.

The petition to the Pennsylvania legislature urging legalized absentee voting will be circulated at the bulletin board in front of Carnegie hall this afternoon. Fitzcharles asked all committee members to turn in their petitions to the Student Union desk in Old Main or to his room at 316 South Allen street by Monday.

### 4400 Signatures

Since there were over 4400 signatures on the petition, the committee will stop circulating the petition this weekend.

William Klisanin, NSA chairman, reported that there will be a student government clinic at Muhlenberg college in Allentown April 28 and 29. "Why Student Government?" and "How Student Government?" are among the topics to be discussed by different panels.

### Jazz Concert

Fred Hopkins and Joan Yerger will head a committee to plan a jazz concert. Gene Witmer will provide the music.

Phyllis Schreider will represent NSA on a group to help student displaced persons socially.

The work, study and travel program will be headed by Leonard Wargo and Otto Grup.

## Senate Committee Gets Senior Finals Question

By RON BONN

The College senate yesterday referred elimination of finals for graduating seniors to the committee on academic standards, with the assurance that students will sit in on the committee discussions.

Other senate action included reinstatement of a modified World War II system of credits for students entering service, a simplification of the grading system, and elimination of the rule that women in courses requiring ROTC for men students substitute equivalent credits.

President Milton S. Eisenhower read a letter from Marlin Brenner, parliamentarian for All-College cabinet, requesting senate consideration of the finals question, in view of unanimous senior class and cabinet votes for dropping the exams. Dr. Victor Beede, chairman of the academic standards committee, said that the committee would invite Brenner and possibly another student leader to its sessions on the matter.

### Six Reasons

Brenner's letter emphasized that no condemnation of the finals system itself was intended and listed six reasons for exempting graduating seniors. He cited the shorter period in which the student must take the exams, the shorter period for the instructor to consider his grade (marks for graduating seniors are due earlier than others), the strain of preparing for graduation, the necessity to make arrangements for life after graduation, the fact that many seniors have scheduled only the minimum number of credits needed to graduate and could estimate their grades earlier if finals were not required, and the fact that these seniors have proven able to pass finals for seven semesters.

### Formula Changed

The World War II formula for granting partial and complete credits to students leaving for the service was reinstated with one major change. Under the old system, seniors who had completed over half their eighth semester requirements, or who lacked up to four credits or 12 grade points needed to graduate, could be graduated on enlistment or induction.

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## AIM Asks 5 Changes In Contracts

Five changes in the present dormitory contracts were suggested to the College by the Association of Independent Men's board of governors at its meeting Wednesday night.

Also under discussion was the report of the project committee concerning its tentative plan to promote a blood donor drive in cooperation with several other campus and town organizations.

The first section of the dormitory contract, which deals with the length of the contract, now specifies that the rental period will extend for two consecutive semesters beginning in the fall, and that residents of the Nittany-Pollock area may be granted an option to terminate the lease at the end of the fall semester.

### Rental Period

The committee's report suggested that the rental period be only one semester, and that the West dorms residents be given an option to break their contracts at the close of the first semester.

The second recommendation asked a change to make provision for replacements in the clause stating that students remaining in college but leaving the dorms do not receive refunds on rental.

The committee asked for clarification of the College's policy concerning the re-arrangement of the one man left in a double room if one man vacates.

### Dorm Searches

AIM also proposed that searches of dorm rooms be made only when occupants are in the room. As a final recommendation, the committee asked that residents of the living units not be charged as a group for damages done to the unit.

The board accepted the committee's report in full, and will await further action pending the outcome of a meeting between the

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## Committee Head



Victor A. Beede

## Negro History At Library

Books by Negro authors and pictures of outstanding Negroes are on display in connection with Negro History Week, at the Pattee library.

The display is designed to show the achievements of the race in the literary, political, and economic fields.

Books on display are "Shakespeare in Harlem," Langston Hughes; "Dusk of Dawn," William E. B. DuBois; "Negro Family In United States," Franklin Frazier; and the autobiography, "Life and Works of Alexander Pushkin."

Julian Cook, sixth semester arts and letters student, is in charge of the exhibit.

## Russia, Western Powers Will Open Peace Conference In Paris Monday

WASHINGTON, March 1—(AP)

—Diplomats of Russia and the Western powers will sit down at a Paris conference table Monday—but the United States expressed open skepticism tonight that it would lead to any easings of world tension.

There is no sign of "any real change" in the Kremlin's attitude, said the State department.

It announced, however, an agreement by the U.S., Britain, France, and Russia to open a meeting of foreign ministers deputies Monday to work out a slate of critical issues for later discussion by the Big Four foreign ministers, themselves.

### Terse Note

The announcement followed receipt of a terse note from Moscow. In it the Soviet Union reaffirmed its position that the Western powers are responsible for the world's trouble but expressed willingness to hold the Paris talks for a preliminary survey of the topics which the foreign ministers might later go into in detail.

The arrival of the Russian note was followed by hasty talks among the three western governments which resulted in the final decision to go ahead with the Paris meeting. This decision was



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disclosed by Michael J. McDermott, State department press officer, who began by saying:

"The Soviet note does not suggest any real change in attitude on their part which would encourage the hope that the four ministers would be able to reach useful agreement."

### Warning Issued

This was a warning to the non-Communist world against optimistic expectation that the negotiations will solve major world problems and usher in a new era

of relaxed living. Actually officials here believe that if and when the four foreign ministers meet there will be bitter debates on the great East-West issues but little chance of agreement.

The Western powers have suggested that the Big Four should meet in Washington, provided the preliminary Paris negotiations result in agreement on an agenda. The speculation is that barring unforeseen difficulties in the Paris talks, the main conference may be set up for some time in April.

## Chem-Physics Council OK's Absentee Vote

The Chemistry-Physics student council voted Wednesday night to send a letter to the Pennsylvania legislature giving the council's approval of the absentee voting bill advocated by the local NSA chapter.

The council also stated its position in favor of elimination of final exams for seniors. President Robert Sharetts pointed out that Kansas State had adopted the system during President Eisenhower's administration there.

Sharetts said that the three chemistry-physics seminars during Religion-in-Life week were very poorly attended, with only one or two professors and one student at each meeting.

Chairman Donald Furlong reported on the Chemistry-Physics open house planned for May 12. He said that this year the program will continue until evening, because more people will be able to attend then. Opportunity for parents to meet faculty members will be provided from 8:30 to 9:30 that night.

The open house will take place in all the chemistry and physics buildings including Textile Chemistry building, and Frear laboratory from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sharetts said that all parents and friends are welcome and invitations are sent to high schools and colleges nearby as well as to the Penn State centers.