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Time To Fight

AN EDITORIAL

This is the time for us to stop and think about our freedoms. IT IS THE TIME for us to examine our feelings on freedom and, if we believe in it, to take a stand and fight.

The Pechan bill would force faculty members at Penn State and other state-supported Pennsylvania colleges to sign the so-called "loyalty oath." The bill already has passed the state Senate.

If approved by the House and the governor, the Pechan bill would be a shattering blow to academic freedom at Penn State.

Freedom, as the Collegian remarked editorially in September, entails the right to be wrong in a political situation without fear of reprisal. The oath provides a means of reprisal, not only against those who are wrong, but also against those who don't happen to agree with the preconceived notion of American democracy held by the backers of the oath.

THE OATH HAS WREAKED widespread havoc throughout the United States. It has been particularly disasterous when applied to colleges. The University of California got into a good deal of trouble when the oath was made mandatory for its faculty, many of whom quit their jobs. As a result, U of C got into trouble with the American Association of University Professors and its academic rating has dropped considerably.

No college is really a college if its faculty is not allowed to hold diverse views and to present those views for consideration by the students. Under such an oath, the teacher would be afraid to teach the truth as he saw it for fear of being held suspect. He would be hedged about with fear and his course of study would become patterned into a sterile mould of conformity—devoid of searching inquiry.

Freedom is always a precarious thing-it cannot be safeguarded by restricting freedom. The Pechan bill, by restricting freedom, would destroy the reason for which freedom exists.

The Pechan bill uses totalitarian methods in the name of combating totalitarianism. It-cannot be condoned either by teachers or students, for it will affect them both by lowering the quality of education and impairing the freedom we espouse.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS should unite in voicing their protest against this bill which is contrary to American principles

-Dean Gladfelter

College May Be Granted **Appropriation Increase**

Penn State would receive \$16 million for the next two years under the Commonwealth budget proposed to the legislature by Gov. John S. Fine.

The sum represents a cut from the \$18,313,142 requested by President Milton S. Eisenhower. It is a substantial boost, however, over the \$10,901,000 appropriated for the 1949-51 period.

Adjustments may still be made by the legislature or by Fine himself. Final passage of the budget is not expected immediately.

Breaking down the appropriation, the President said that \$2,300,000 would go to cover the deficit caused mainly by the loss of federal money as the GI bill program closes. The actual in-crease in usable funds over the last appropriation would be some \$2,700,000, he said.

605,000 would go for mainten- L. Haller, dean. ance; \$150,000 for crop research Eight student by the School of Agriculture; \$70,000 for coal research by the School of Mineral Industries; (continued on page eight)

Students To Attend **Wesley Conference**

Twenty-one students and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, Wesley Foundation program director, will attend the seventh annual Penn-

Chem-Phys

Forty-nine students in the School of Chemistry and Physics Of the \$16,000,000, some \$15,- the fall semester by Dr. George

> :Eight students were reported with a grade average of 3.00. They were Donald Bedo, Andrew Skumanich, Armine Paul, Ronald Cohen, Joseph Leitinger, Thomas Gorrell, Lawrence Gregor, and Stanley Speaker.

> Eight freshmen, 11 sophomores, 12 juniors and 18 seniors made the required 2.5 average.

Seniors on the list are David Aicher, 2.7; Henry Albright, 2.8; As a member of the Penn State Campus chest drive last fall, the Nittanies, 2-0. The team is scheduled to fly back to New Students, who will represent the College are Joanne Ashman, Raymond Barr, Charles Beehler, Gloria Beppler, John Blanchard, Virginialou Burney, Grace Burt, Roynond Barr, Charles Beehler, Gloria Beppler, John Blanchard, Virginialou Burney, Grace Burt, Ned Cole, Marijun Detweiler, Billie Ann Deuvall, and Roy Lady.

Lloyd McGonagle, Alice Murray, Jeanne Peffer, Edwin Rohrbeck, Marjorie Shaffer, Roland Sickler, Donald Snyder, and Richard Wright.

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Faculty Loyalty Oath Bill Passes State Senate, 42-7



John Staub

Glee Club To Present ist Concert

The 95 member Penn State Glee club, directed by Frank Gullo and accompanied by Charles Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in chwab auditorium. to an outstanding man or woman. The concert is the first of the in the faculty or administration. Schwab auditorium.

annual complimentary series Miss Grube outlined a program sponsored by the Department of which would honor one person Music. Admission to the concert or group of persons working on is free.

The program will begin with a series of numbers by the Glee series of numbers by the Glee club; "Hail, To Pennsylvania State," by Ray Fortunato, "My Horn Shall Weight A Willow-Bough," by Johannes Brahms, "Eight Bells," arranged by Bartholomew, "Soon Ah Will Be Done," William Dawson, "The Nation's Prayer," by Cesar Franck, and Blow Gabriel Blow," by Porter-Wood. by Porter-Wood.

Tenor Solo

Franz Lehar's "Yours Is My Heart Alone," a tenor solo, will (continued on page eight)

By RON BONN

Penn State faculty members would be required to swear loyalty oaths under provisions of a bill which has passed the state senate, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

The senate passed the bill by a heavy 42-7 margin on Wednesday. Seven Democrats opposed, primarily on the

Cabinet **OK's** \$670 Grant

appropriations amounting to \$670 teachers, but the press associa-at its meeting in Old Main last tion said that this measure would

The approvals came in the and universities. form of second votes on grants of \$300 for the drinking colloquy to the champion soccer, cross-country and wrestling teams. so receive state funds and pre-sumably would be affected.

The drinking colloquy, to be

appropriation was approved un-

Miss Grube outlined a program (continued on page eight)

Draft Deferments Studied - Truman

WASHINGTON, March 29-(P)-President Truman said today the administration is working on a directive regard-ing the draft deferment of college students.

..He told a news conference he would not discuss details, other than to say an order is being worked on.

grounds that public hearings should procede passage of such a controversial measure.

The phrasing of the oath required was not included in the bill, but it would compel state employes to swear that they hold no membership in any "subversive organization or foreign subversive organizations."

State-Supported Schools

Most bills applying to state All-College cabinet approved employees do not affect college cover all faculty members of state or state supported colleges

The University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsand \$370 for awards to be made burgh, and Temple university al-

Question Constitutionality
Dissenting Democrats in the ture a discussion program to state senate immediately raised study the drinking problems of the question of the bill's constitutionality. Philadelphia Senator the College.

The colloquy grant was passed by a 16-3 vote and the awards fact that the bill's title does not include the expression "subversive organization" is in itself sufanimously.

Mary Ellen Grube reported to ficient to void the measure. Under Hughes, will present a concert cabinet on the progress of the the state constitution, titles must all-College awards committee in carry adequate descriptions of

setting up an honor to be given to an outstanding man or woman in the faculty or administration. The faculty or administration of the minorities tect the rights of the minorities -in this instance more of the religious variety than the politi-cal."

Officials Doubtful

Earlier, College officials had been in doubt as to whether the oath would apply here. Provost Adrian O. Morse had said he believed it would, but that the phrasing of the bill as first introduced did not so specify.

The loyalty oath issue had been (continued on page eight)

PSCA, Baldwin Won't Publish Sale Figure

Officials of the Penn State Christian association and John Baldwin, owner of the College Sportswear store, declined yeserday to release for publication the amount netted by the PSCA

Although profits from the sale were below expectations, Mar-jorie Allen, associate secretary of the PSCA, termed the venture a

Ron Coleman and Harold (Hap) City.

Irvin scored in the victory Tuesday. The third goal was tallied accidentally by a Shiraz fullback.

The 3-0 win evened the series at 1-1, Isfahan having blanked the Nittanies, 2-0. The team is scheduled to fly back to New \$5000. This amount was about \$1300 under the PSCA budget.

Soccer Team Counts

The Penn State soccermen, laden with flowers of tribute and March 5-10. cheered by thousands of Iranians, earned their first victory of the good-will trip Tuesday, defeating the Shiraz Soccer club, 3-0.

The soccer club of Tehran will provide the opposition today in the capital city.

The Lions, first American team to visit Iran, is making a "very ten per cent of the gross income for the week. favorable impression" in the

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favorable impression in the country according to a report from the State department in Washington.

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