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All-College Cabinet Representation

Some things about Penn State student government have been bothering us for quite a while, and we think it's time—with a new cabinet now being formed—to throw these ideas out for consideration.

PRINCIPALLY, THE THINGS that have bothered us concern the system of representation on cabinet, and whether cabinet is a device to represent the students or to get work done. As it presently is composed, cabinet's real function is that of working, and representation of students is secondary.

Such must be the case with the multiple representation plan under which each student must contact more than half a dozen cabinet members if he is to inform all those who supposedly represent him personally of what his views are. Actually, political theorists tell us, multiple representation is no representation at all.

As now composed, cabinet is extremely responsive to the small, organized group of students active in campus affairs. It is not adequately responsive to mass student opinion, as it might be under a system of district representation, where each member would be directly responsible to the students in his district.

ANOTHER ASPECT WHICH bothers us is the over-representation of women because of the seat on cabinet of WSGA, which is hard to justify even under the multiple representation theory. All students—men and women—are represented by their All-College, class, and student council officers. Men are represented by the Athletic association and either IFC or AIM; women are represented by WRA and either Panhel or Leonides.

But women also are represented through WSGA, although there is no comparable organization representing men's student government. WSGA, incidentally, seems to be both superior and inferior to cabinet at the same time.

Another instance of unequal representation involves students in publications and dramatics and forensics. Special seats exist on cabinet for the chairmen of the Board of Publications and the Board of Dramatics and Forensics, yet these two boards actually do very little in any school year and their chairmen are responsible to no one. How their seats can be justified we do not know.

THREE OTHER ASPECTS of cabinet also cause us some concern. One is the fact that the room in which cabinet meets is too small for more than a handful of student spectators to attend. Could a larger meeting place be found, with seats for more students, there might be greater interest in student government.

Except in a few instances, records of how cabinet members voted on measures before the body have not been recorded. We would suggest that a record of votes be kept, at least on all important measures, so that the students may know how their representatives voted.

Previously we have protested against concealment of election figures in student government organizations—specifically WSGA and Leonides. With the All-College officers apparently agreed that the situation should not exist, perhaps something will be done next year.

Stupid Pledge Stunt Illustrates Danger

Every time a fraternity man is killed as the result of a drinking bout or in the course of a pledge stunt the critics of the fraternity system come a' howling with glee. It seems as if that's what they're waiting for.

AND APPARENTLY the fraternities never learn their lesson. They seem to go right on taking the calculated risks. Fortunately, Penn State has been lucky enough to escape a major tragedy—so far.

That Penn State has been particularly lucky in avoiding tragedies was well-illustrated by the rather stupid pledge stunt which wound up with a pledge in the lockup and a \$17.25 fine for disorderly conduct.

The results could have been far more serious.

THE PLEDGE, DRESSED in the costume of a prisoner, attempted to hitch a ride to State College along the road that passes the Rockview State penitentiary.

The unfortunate student was arrested by the police. Had he decided to "run for it," it is not hard to imagine what the consequences would have been.

The fraternity in question probably has learned its lesson. The odds are that this is the last time it will engage in pledge hazing of this type.

FOR THE SAKE OF the Penn State fraternity system, other houses would do well to use this incident as a lesson.

—Marv Krasnansky

Mark Auto Spaces

With parking space on campus as limited as it is, we'd like to offer a suggestion to make full use of every available inch of space.

It's simply this: Why not mark off every parking area—including curbside areas—with painted lines for car lengths, as is done downtown for parking meters? All too often one car will be observed taking up more than its share of space simply because it is parked in the middle of a space big enough to handle two cars, not leaving room for another car to pull in either in front or in back of it.

Were this done and were the Campus patrol to consider all violations of the painted lines as traffic violations, a few more cars might be able to park on campus every day.

Gazette . . .

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Long Island Lighting company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Friday, May 4.

Pomeroy's Department store will interview June graduates interested in retailing Friday, May 4.

Naval Torpedo station will interview June graduates, men and women, in M.E., Chem., and Phys. Friday, May 4.

Boy Scouts of America will interview June graduates interested in career opportunities with them.

Austin company will interview June graduates in Arch. Eng., Arch., C.E., E.E., and M.E. if enough students are interested. If interested, leave name at placement office before April 30.

Calvert Distilling company will interview women June graduates in C&F, Chem., Bact., and A.B.Ch. Thursday, May 10.

Calvert Distilling company will interview draft-exempt men June graduates in C&F, Chem., Chem. Eng., M.E., I.E., E.E., A.B.Ch., and Bact. Thursday, May 10.

Equitable Life Assurance society will interview June graduates in C&F Saturday, May 5.

National Biscuit company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Electric Storage Battery company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., and E.E. Thursday, May 10.

Bell Aircraft Helicopter division will interview June graduates interested in working on helicopters Monday, May 7.

Harbison-Walker Refractories company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., and Cer. Wednesday, May 9.

Pennsylvania Railroad will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Air Preheater corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., and a few in E.E. and Chem. Eng. Thursday, May 10.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

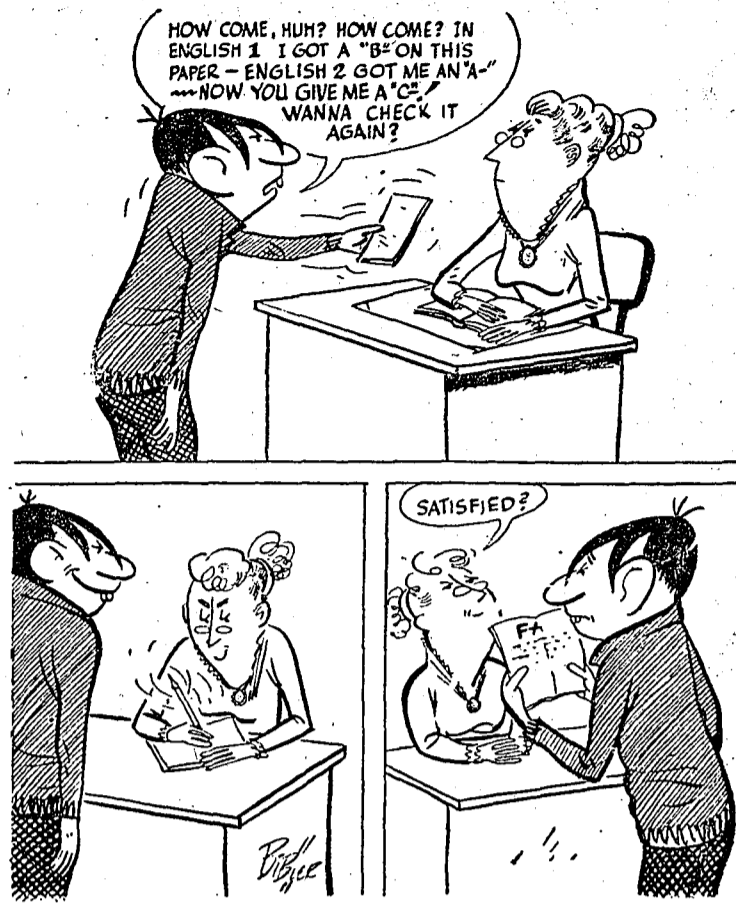
For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Fraternity substitutes needed for pre-registration weekend, May 5.

Lewistown company wishes salesmen on commission basis for State College area; sell on own time; commission up to \$200 per week.

'Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



Interpreting The News

If Stopped Cold, Reds Might Quit

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
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There seems to be only one hope that the Korean war will not drag on indefinitely, perhaps until it is enveloped and forgotten in World War III.

It is the hope that enough casualties can be inflicted on the communists to impress the life-disregarding-minds of Russia and Communist China with the futility of their effort to drive the Allies from the peninsula. That apparently is why General Ridgway refers to the present battle as possibly decisive. If stopped cold, the communists might be willing just to give up, as they did in Greece, or to negotiate a settlement.

President Truman was not specific yesterday in what he had to say about any extension of the war being up to the communists. Presumably he was thinking about what might happen if the Reds resort to heavy aerial assault in support of their offensive.

Allied Attacks

In that case, the only counter-effort which could be truly effective would be Allied attacks on the Manchurian air bases, and the war would be carried across the Chinese border for the first time.

Incidentally, there is still some confusion regarding the retaliation plans. The United States was represented Wednesday by a spokesman at the U.N. as having "proposed" such action, although not having entered into formal agreement with the other Allies or receiving objections from them.

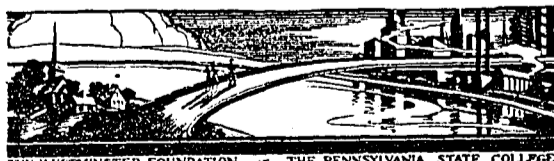
Apparently what actually happened is that the United States, to which the U.N. has entrusted responsibility for conduct of the war, simply informed the other countries several months ago that retaliatory bombing would take place in event of heavy enemy aerial assaults. There was no request for formal agreement or dis-

agreement. Since then MacArthur and now Ridgway have had the authority to proceed on that basis in event of need.

Bombing Plans

This plan for bombing the air bases has had nothing to do with MacArthur's contention for the general right to bomb the Manchurian rear of the communist ground army. China operates from a sanctuary north of the Yalu river, and the Allies operate from a sanctuary in Japan. If the Allies adopted the principle of attacking the Chinese ground supply bases, then to follow the principle to its ultimate conclusion, they would also have to bomb Vladivostok, Russian port which is the very heart of the communist supply system.

If retaliation against communist air bases in Manchuria brought Russian personnel into the Korean war, as some fear, there would be an imminent possibility of direct war with Russia. If that occurred in the Far East, the entire world situation would be changed. Where the Korean war now amounts to a diversion of Allied strength which would be better deployed in Western Europe, Russian strength would also be diverted from Europe. And all of the Kremlin's tactics indicate it doesn't want that.



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