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Educators Oppose Veterans On Oath

The pros and cons of the controversial loyalty oath bill were aired before a joint committee of the state House and Senate Monday. As the hearing turned out, the top four educators in the state were aligned against the leaders of the state's veterans' organizations.

What was said during the committee hearing on both sides was not new to those who have been following the loyalty bill. What was important was the people who were testifying.

Opposition to the bill was voiced by the heads of the four state-aided colleges, while the author of the bill and the heads of the state veterans' organizations backed the measure.

Some weeks ago when questioned by a Daily Collegian reporter, Sen. Albert R. Pechan, sponsor of the bill, referred to opponents of the measure as "pinks and subversives." The reports of the hearings fail to indicate that the senator had the courage to repeat his charges Monday.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, after first making it clear that he spoke only for himself, went on to point out the dangers inherent in giving one man—the state attorney general—the authority to declare an organization subversive. "It is surely un-American," the President said, "to give one man control of the allegiances, the consciences, and the thoughts of great numbers of his fellow citizens."

In arguing for the bill, Pechan said, "We don't want anyone on the payroll who believes that any other form of government is better than this one."

In reply we quote President Eisenhower: "... One of the major values which each student should derive from higher education is an abiding commitment to the democratic way—a commitment based not on empty indoctrination but upon genuine understanding of the principles that characterize our free society..."

A statement attributed by the Associated Press simply to those "favoring" the bill probably goes further toward indicating the true motives of its backers than anything said on either side heretofore.

We do not wish to curb educational philosophy and its growth so long as it "goes in the right direction," the bills backers said.

What, we ask the bill's backers, is the "right direction"? And when they have answered that one, let them tell us who is to decide what that "right direction" is.

More and more it becomes clear that the purpose of this legislation is not to root out subversives—to which very few of us have objections—but to force upon the people a preconceived idea of what the "right direction" shall be.

Choose Gift That Will Be Valued

The senior class will soon select the gift it will leave to the College. It will thus renew the very fine annual tradition which has enriched both Penn State and its graduating classes of the past.

The problem now is what to buy with the \$8000 available for the senior gift. What can be left to the future students of the College which will be of such value to them that they will remember the class of '51 for it?

Seven possible gifts have been suggested. Any of five of these would reflect credit upon the senior class. Of the remaining two, however, one is quite non-essential, and one is downright frivolous.

There are few who would suggest that an ornamental gate at the "side entrance" at Pollock road and Route 322 is as important to Penn State as a student press or a student radio station.

But the really ridiculous suggestion is the one which would have the seniors throw \$5000 into the purchase of a football statue. Without quarreling with artistic judgments, it can be said that "The Linesman" would be an addition of but the slightest value to the College.

So let us not purchase statues of football players until the College can afford such luxuries—until all the necessities have been bought. A college with Harvardian endowments and equipment may be able to afford the luxuries of extra football statues at \$5000 a throw. Penn State certainly cannot.

Surely the good sense and good taste of the class of '51 will prevent the diversion of its money to two projects so little to be desired as the "sidedoor" gate or the spare grid statue.

—Ron Bonn

Quiet, Effective Cabinet Bows Out

This morning as part of the Honors Day program the officers of All-College Cabinet will be sworn into office. With that oath they will assume a responsibility unmatched in campus student government.

With the officers and members of cabinet lie the responsibility for guiding the future of Penn State's undergraduate government. Penn Staters have every right to be proud of the accomplishments of student government. These same students also have every right to expect the same high level of leadership from the new cabinet.

Cabinet has not made a big splash this year. Rather, it has worked quietly and efficiently, accomplishing what has had to be done. Economies were made in the budget for the coming year, making possible a decrease in the student assessments. Expansion of the Daily Collegian to eight pages daily was made possible. Support was given to the NSA and its absentee voting petition.

With the backing of cabinet an activities file for male students was put into operation. Support was given to the campaign to preserve Hort Woods, the not altogether fruitless effort to eliminate final examinations for seniors, and the drive to forestall a decrease in enrollment.

Cabinet also acted with the kind of good sense that is rare today in refusing to take any action on a proposal that it recommend a loyalty oath for faculty members.

Cabinet can equal and perhaps better the job done this year if it would adopt this eight-point policy for its consideration during the coming year:

1. A complete reevaluation of all student government as to its effectiveness in fulfilling its purpose, not merely with the intent of changing for the sake of change, but to improve where improvement can be made in order to give Penn State the best student government system available.
2. Co-operation with the administration in investigating the high cost and frequent revision of textbooks.
3. Expansion of the facilities of the Book Exchange.
4. Sophomore representation on Tribunal.
5. Continuation of the effort to eliminate senior finals.
6. Establishment of a campus radio station.
7. Exhaustive study toward the establishment of a student or university press.
8. The improvement of the graduation program and the adoption of a smaller diploma.

Safety Valve...

Opportunity For Senior Class

TO THE EDITOR: Friday's Collegian brought to our attention that this year's senior class has a wonderful opportunity, through its class gift, to add to the College's growing collection of major works of art. Such previous gifts as the "Lion Statue" and the murals in Old Main by Henry Varnum Poor have given Penn State students a national reputation as patrons of living art.

"The Linesman," a striking and powerful statue by famous William Zorach, one of the world's most renowned sculptors, can be purchased for \$5000. Although the other gift suggestions are very worthy of consideration, this dynamic statue is the type of gift that can be enjoyed not only by all of the student body but by the many visitors to the campus as well. Its immediate purchase would assure delivery within a week or two so that it could be seen and appreciated this spring before we leave campus in June, and the remaining \$3000 could be given over to one of the other projects.

It is not often that such a fine piece of art—one that will be a gift of enduring worth—is available, and I sincerely feel that we should take advantage of this opportunity.

—Jay Lucas, Class of '51

Gazette...

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Portsmouth Naval shipyard will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., and C.E. Wednesday, May 9.

Aluminum Company of America will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Metal, and Chem. Eng. Friday, May 11.

Standard Pressed Steel company will interview June graduates in Metal, M.E., I.E., and C&F Wednesday, May 9.

H. J. Heinz company will interview students with a basic training in Chem. & Biology for summer work Monday, May 14.

Navy Bureau of Ordnance will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Phys., Aero. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., S.E., Metal, Meteo., Mining Eng., and PNG Tuesday, May 15.

Allen B. Dumont Laboratories will interview June graduates in E.E. Thursday, May 17.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

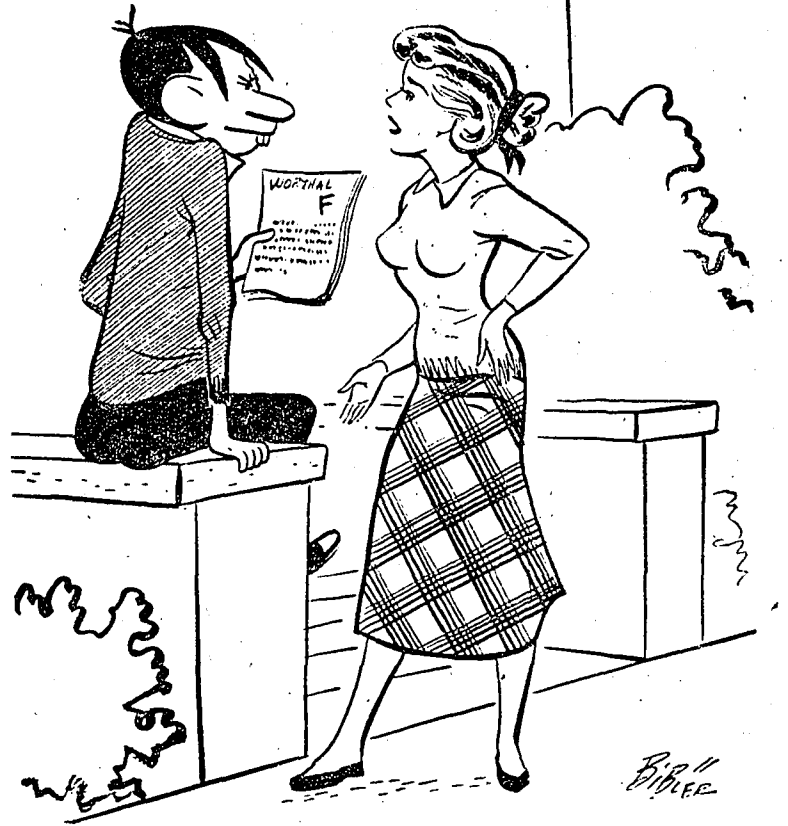
For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

West Dorm residents wanted for regular work in dining commons for remainder of semester at 60 cents an hour.

Fraternity substitutes needed for week-ends; remuneration in meals.

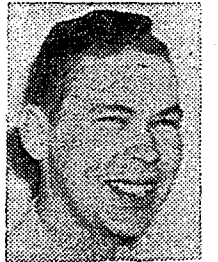
Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"I just can't understand, Worthal. Professor Snarf gave me an 'A' on that theme last semester!"

Poor Man's Paradise



By PAUL POORMAN

There is an insidious plot underfoot. For the past few years, I have been concerned mainly with the writings of the many professors who author textbooks, many Captain Marvel comic books, Joe Palooka, and occasionally the penning of Karl Marx. Now I find that that sort of reading material is apparently insufficient.

Beginning a few months ago, there has appeared regularly in my mailbox a magazine of obviously higher caliber. I did not subscribe to the magazine, nor in any way indicate to the publishers that I might be interested in reading their efforts. However, some kind soul has taken it upon himself to better my mind, and has subscribed to, in my name, a magazine known as "Wee Wisdom."

In bold black letters on the cover, "Wee Wisdom" proclaims to the world that it is the magazine for "boys and girls." I have been kidding myself. After three years at a college like Penn State, I had hoped that I would be classified as a man. Not so.

Selective service thinks I'm a man. In a couple of months, the voting laws and the drinking regulations will classify me as a man. My mother thinks I'm a man. My father thinks I'm a man, except when I ask for the car. But not "Wee Wisdom." To them, I'm a boy or girl, as the case may be.

Not that the booklet isn't interesting. Heavens no! It is chock full of interesting little items for the rainy day. As a matter of fact,

the frontispiece of this month's issue begins "The rain's small feet go tippity-tip." Obviously, the author never watched the tippity-tip of the rain's small feet in State College.

Then we have all sorts of little stories for the small ones. Stories about dogs, horses, etc. You know the type. "Jane saw the dog. Jack saw the dog. The dog saw them. They both saw the dog."

And little songs for the child to learn and carol readily about the house, driving everybody to distraction. And things to draw, and things to color. Yes, all sorts of things.

There are recipes for all manner of goodies from honey cookies to macaroni and cheese. There are puzzles, hobby corners, letter pages, doll patterns—and no advertising. What else could a boy want, or girl either?

The magazine ends on this happy note. "Home is always a happy place when I present a smiling face." The only thing I miss about it is the pictures of grown up girls. But maybe it's for the best.

I only hope my subscription doesn't run out for a while.

Gazette...

Wednesday, May 2

COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

DE MOLAY club, 203 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE club and tournament, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

FROTH retiring and incoming senior boards, student council room, West Dorm main lounge, 8 p.m.

LA VIE, 1952, senior board, La Vie office, 9 p.m.

NEWMAN club, lecture-discussion, 108 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

PHI EPSILON KAPPA, Sigma Phi Sigma, 7:30 p.m.

RIDING club, 303 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE, White Hall play

room, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White Hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Paul Bickle, Larry Boxer, Barbara Bright, Geraldine Brown, Bea Cetlin, Annamarie Colarusso, Jack Cunningham, Bob Decker, Gene Deibert, Don Farley, Jim Griffin, Bill Haltiwanger, Virginia Hamilton, Fred Hammond, Murray Jacobson, Mary Kearns, Chester Makarewicz, Joe Mazurkiewicz, Virginia Melcher, Allen Plotkin, Louis Sheckler, Carole Whedbee, Ronald Wint.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: California Passage
STATE: Lucky Nick Cain
NITTANY:

The Next Voice You Hear
STARLITE DRIVE-IN:
The Petty Girl