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## New Plan Offers Reduced SU Fee

Speaking of solutions to the Student Union assessment problem, we have recently heard several persons discussing a plan which hasn't been broached before and which may have several merits.

So far, the two main schools of thought seem to run like this: do nothing about the fee and leave it at \$7.50, or dispense with the fee until the actual building of the Student Union is started.

Here is a third suggestion which could be considered by the powers that be. Why not reduce the fee from \$7.50 to, say, \$3 and raise it to \$10 when construction begins, or leave the fee at that figure permanently.

By reducing the fee instead of postponing payments the possibility that the fee might never be reinstated is avoided. We feel that the fee is necessary if Penn State is to ever get an SU building.

But we also believe that some method should be devised to reflect the student opinion that the fee is excessive without a fair return in the form of the actual construction of the building—that is, if the students feel that way.

If the fee were permanently reduced, it would have the same effect that the \$7.50 fee would have. The building could still be constructed according to plans. The only difference would be that payments from the students would cover a longer period of time, and more students would be paying less money. Meanwhile, they would all be enjoying the use of an SU.

Regardless of how many plans are put forward, it is necessary to realize that the SU problem, which had been smoldering beneath the surface of campus affairs for a long time, has finally exploded into the open. An intelligent decision on what to do with the fee is necessary before it becomes time to collect the \$7.50 again next semester.

—Moylan Mills

## 1952 May Well Be 'Year of Decision'

War or peace, deflation or prosperity, Democrats or Republicans?

What does 1952 hold for the world?

The man who could answer any of these questions could command a fabulous salary. We don't pretend to know the answers ourselves; we wish we did.

This much we do know: America—and with it the rest of the free world—will be passing through another year of crises in 1952. It will be a year in which our decisions will shape the history of the world and the lives of men for years if not centuries.

In many ways 1952 will be The Year of Decision. The American people will have to decide between a Republican, probably Dwight Eisenhower, and a Democrat, probably Harry Truman, for the presidency. The people of the world will have to come closer to the final decision: Communism and Democracy.

The decisions we and the other free peoples of the world will be called upon to make will be difficult ones. We will have to be right, for we cannot afford to be wrong.

The Year 1952 will call for vision and courage on the part of the leaders of the Western world. There is a task unparalleled in the history of man. The year 1952 will also call for decision and courage on the part of the peoples of the free world.

We must set our goals on a policy that will gain for us permanent world peace. But first we must choose the path that offers the greatest chance of a permanent and just peace.

That will be the toughest decision we shall have to make in 1952, The Year of Decision.

"Fashion, a word which knaves and fools may use, their knavery and folly to excuse."  
—Churchill

## Loyalty Bill Is Act of Disservice

While Penn State's student body was home enjoying the Christmas vacation, the General Assembly and Gov. John S. Fine got together to arrange a special Christmas gift for the people of Pennsylvania.

The gift was not wrapped in the bright paper and ribbon to which we are accustomed. Unwrapped and stripped of the camouflage of false flag-wavers, the gift of the assembly and the governor, called the Pechan loyalty oath bill, stands as a useless and dangerous piece of legislation.

The bill went before the legislators and the governor opposed by virtually every responsible voice in education and soundly flogged by every important newspaper in the state. Despite the roar of protest the bill created, it has become law.

It is safe to say that from the very start opponents of the bill were working aware that they were going to meet with failure. Opponents of the bill were doomed to failure not because of the virtue of the act, but rather because it is seldom that such legislation can ever be defeated.

The Pechan bill was based on fear and passed on fear. Many members of the legislature voted for it merely because they did not have the courage to vote against it, lest they run the risk of being charged with affinity for Communism and the Communist cause.

The Pechan bill and its oath of loyalty are designed to affirm our faith in democracy. The effect of the oath will be just the opposite. The bill affirms nothing but our fear of Communism as a competing ideology.

We would not become better Americans even by taking the oath with every meal and once between meals, like a medicine. And if we do advocate taking our loyalty as a medicine, it will sour on our tongues and become offensive.

Rather than serving as a demonstration of our loyalty, the Pechan bill stands as witness to a lack of confidence in the democratic process. The men responsible for its becoming law have performed an act of disservice to the people of Pennsylvania. Those who opposed the bill fought the good fight. Time will justify their stand.

## Caution Needed

Sooner or later, the campus again will be buried with snow. As usual, the snow will turn to ice eventually, and driving will become hazardous.

In times like that, every driver must use all his skill to control his car.

It's all he can do to accomplish that, without having to worry about what pedestrians are doing at the same time.

And yet, Penn State students seem to have adopted a "I dare you to hit me" attitude. This applies not only when the weather is bad, but when it's good also.

Pedestrians have acquired what could be a fatal habit of edging up as close as possible to moving cars as they start out from the stop signs scattered around campus, or as they turn into a driveway.

Eventually, it is not too difficult to imagine that someone is going to edge too close, and the least that will happen will be a set of smashed toes.

If only students will remember that it's easier to stop walking, or take a step backward, than it is to stop a car, no matter how slowly it's going, many possible tragedies can be avoided.

—George Glazer

## Gazette . . .

Friday, January 4

PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

RADIO DAY announcing candidates, 304 Sparks, 12 to 3 p.m.

RADIO DAY, Jan. 5, production staff candidates, 304 Sparks, 1 p.m.

RADIO DAY, personnel and those interested, Jan. 6, 304 Sparks, 2 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Rosalie Buck.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Distant Drums 2:13, 4:06, 5:59, 7:52, 9:45

STATE: Fixed Bayonets 2:11, 4:03, 5:55, 7:47, 9:39

NITTANY: People Will Talk 6:25, 8:19, 10:15

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co. will interview January graduates in C&E and L.A. Thursday.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. will interview January graduates in L.A., C&E, and Journ Thursday.

Mound Laboratory, operated by Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview 1952 Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Tuesday.

North American Insurance Co. will interview January graduates in C&E Friday, January 18.

Solvay Process Division of Allied Chemical and Dye Corp. will interview 1952 graduates at the M.S. and Ph.D. level in Chemistry Thursday.

Virginia Smelting Co. will interview January graduates at the B.S. level and 1952 graduates at the M.S. and Ph.D. level in Chemistry, and January B.S. candidates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Chem. Eng. Friday, Jan. 18.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Student for photo supply work five afternoons a week.

Student for pressing (part-time).

Student for part-time barbering.

Busboy for Monday and Thursday from 9 to 12 a.m.

Woman for light housework five days a week.

"Slander meets no regard from noble minds; only the base believe what the base only utter."  
—Anon

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"After that two-week vacation, all you need is sleep and relaxation—why don't you go back to your classes for a few days."

## Crystal Gazing

# Students Optimistic In Outlook for '52

By BETTIE LOUX and PAT NUTTER

At the beginning of the New Year people the world over take out their crystal balls to see what is in store for them. Two Daily Collegian reporters yesterday polled 50 students to see what they expect of 1952.

They found that students at State have started the new year with an optimistic attitude toward the world situation in general.

Students were pretty well split on the question, "Do you think the Korean war will be over in 1952?", with 21 saying yes and 27 fearing that it would continue.

Opinion was much more one-sided, however, on the subject of a possible all-out world war. Forty-five said they did not think a world war would break out in 1952, and only five pessimistically said they thought a war was inevitable.

Will Truman Run

According to the poll, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is the choice for Republican presidential nominee. To the question, "Do you think Eisenhower will run for president, and if so, on what ticket?" 34 voiced the opinion that the general would run on the Republican ticket. One dissenter said he would be the Democratic nominee, and 13 said that he would not run at all. Joseph Faris said Ike would run, but was undecided as to the ticket, and one said Ike would try for the Republican nomination but would lose.

Thirty-five students believed President Harry S. Truman would try for a second full term. Fourteen answered no to the question, "Do you think Truman will decide to run again?" Rather than Truman, they thought the Democratic party might select Estes Kefauver, chairman of the Senate crime investigating committee; Fred M. Vinson, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; or James Roosevelt, loser in the last California gubernatorial election. Eisenhower was also suggested as a possible nominee. One student had no opinion.

Depends on Nominee

As to which party would carry off honors in the fall, 36 said they thought the Republican party would win, and seven said the Democrats would remain in office. Three were more specific, saying that the Republicans would win if Eisenhower were their nominee.

Two students said they could not say now because it depended entirely on the nominee. Two had no opinion.

Many students thought the outcome of the presidential election

and the Korean war would determine the cost of living.

To the question, "Do you think there will be inflation or depression in 1952?" Frank Oakes, fifth-semester, said "There won't be any great change in the inflationary spiral until after the presidential election." Ronald Youngerman thought prices would go down slightly, "especially if the Republicans get in," he said.

Eighteen students said they thought conditions would stay on about the same level. Joanne Seitz, fifth semester, said, "Inflation is unlikely because government controls will counteract it." Twenty-five, however, said they thought prices were on their way up. This would be caused by the "continued rearmament of the country," according to Clair George, seventh semester student. Six said they thought the country was headed toward a mild depression. One said it depended on whether the Korean war was stopped.

## LA Newspaper Appears Tuesday

L A Angles, newspaper of the School of Liberal Arts, will be distributed Tuesday for the first time this semester.

L A Angles is a four-page publication designed to acquaint Liberal Arts students with the functioning of the school. The forthcoming issue will be the second since its organization; the initial issue was released last spring. William Slepik is editor of the newspaper this year.

Tuesday's Angles will contain feature stories about Hardy Williams, co-captain of the College basketball team, and Seth Russell, assistant dean of the school of Liberal Arts.

## Grad in Armored Unit

Pvt. Albert Koster, 21, of East Stroudsburg, has completed processing at the 2053 Reception Center, Ft. Meade, Md., and is assigned to the 7th Armored Division, Camp Roberts, Cal., for Army basic training.