

Worth Presents Report On SU at Cabinet Meeting

The following is the complete text of the question and answer report on the Student Union fee and building as given before All-College Cabinet last night by President James Worth.

Q. It has been rumored that the Trustees have not approved the architectural plans for the Student Union, and that this is delaying the start of construction. Is this true?

A. No. The Architectural and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees have given final approval to the architectural plans, and have authorized the architects to proceed with engineering drawings. The rumor probably developed from the fact that at one meeting of the Trustees, all members of the Architectural Committee were not present and the plans were therefore held over for a subsequent meeting.

Q. Will present shortages of critical materials, such as steel, hold up construction?

A. No one knows, but probably they will. Months ago, the College applied to the National Production Authority for permission to construct the Union, and the NPA has offered no objection. This is only the first hurdle to cross, and this action alone by no means gives assurance that the College can obtain critical building materials. An application for materials such as steel must be made by the contractor when a contract for construction has been let. It is anticipated that difficulty may then be encountered. It is known that educational institutions are receiving only a small percentage of total steel allocations, and a good share of educational quota is going to elementary and secondary schools. Thus, even though the application for steel for the addition to Recreation Hall was made many months ago by the contractor, an actual allocation has not been received. There are many guesses as to when present shortages of materials will be overcome; officials in Washington believe that the situation will ease greatly after the first of next year.

Q. When will a contract for construction be let?

A. This question cannot be answered definitely, either. As soon as the engineering drawings are ready, the College will obtain firm estimates on the total cost of construction. At that time, the Trustees will have to decide whether it is feasible to let the contract. The answer will depend on the total cost, amount of funds already available, and the soundness of the amortization plans under the fee schedule and contract cost. If the answer is favorable, the contractor will at once apply for essential allocations of critical materials.

Q. What is being done with the money from the Student Union fee?

A. It is being deposited in a special fund, and most of it has been invested in a type of government security which may be cashed at any time. This enables the fund to earn a modest amount of interest, the interest income augmenting the account. The total of the fund is regularly accounted for in the financial statements of the College as audited by Certified Public Accountants and reported to the Board of Trustees.

Q. How much is now in the fund?

A. \$208,000.

Q. Is the fee of \$7.50 a semester assessed by the students or by the College?

A. While the fee was initially established upon the recommendation of All-College Cabinet, following years of student discussion and petition, legally the fee was put into effect by formal action of the Trustees. It is a College fee in the same sense that the incidental and general fees are College fees. In effect, total College fees were increased from \$220 a year to \$235 a year, with \$15 of this being set aside in a special Student Union account.

Q. Why not discontinue the fee until construction starts?

A. The Trustees established the fee only after long consideration,

involving widespread student participation as indicated by the recent series of editorials in the Collegian. The Trustees took this action in full recognition of two facts: first, that a Student Union will be an enormous asset to students and to the College generally, and, second, that the State could not be expected to finance the structure. At essentially all colleges and universities, Student Unions have been financed primarily by a fixed student fee which, when once started, have been maintained until the total debt on the building has been liquidated. Some institutions have maintained a fee for as long as ten years before construction could begin. Further, most institutions have maintained the fee even after initial construction costs were met in order to finance additions and repair and operating costs. The plan at Penn State has constantly been to start construction just as soon as conditions permit. Each student, in four years, pays \$60 toward construction costs. It is planned to initiate a drive among the alumni in the hope that a great many graduates and former students will contribute a like amount. It is not expected that one individual will contribute both as a student and as an alumnus.

There is an additional, important factor. To finance construction, the College will have to borrow a great deal of money. To assure the soundness of the loan, the College must be able to demonstrate to financing agencies that its plan of amortization is sound. Here two elements will be of great help: first, a substantial sum of money in the bank before construction begins, and, second, proof that once the Union fee was started, it will be maintained until the total debt is paid.

Q. Could the fee be reduced until construction starts?

A. It could be, but such a possibility should be carefully considered. (a) It would reduce the amount of money that would be available to finance the building when construction becomes possible; (b) any temporary reduction would mean that some students would pay less than others—for the present fee will soon have been paid for two years and, even if reduced now, would have to be increased to \$15 or \$20 a year later on. It should be remembered that the original plan was to have the fee increased to \$20 a year beginning with the current school year. But the Trustees voted to hold the fee at \$15 until construction actually begins.

Q. How long will it take to construct the Union after work starts?

A. About a year and a half.

Q. Is it planned to increase the size of the Union in later years?

A. Yes. When the debt on the structure as now planned has been sufficiently reduced, it is definitely planned to increase the size of the building. The first part of the building was designed in such a way that additions could

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Foundation Gives Grant To College

A \$35,000 grant has been given to the College from the Health Information Foundation of New York to establish a research program, it was announced yesterday by President Milton S. Eisenhower and Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, USN (ret.), president of the foundation.

The program is designed to improve the health of school children and to impress upon the parents the importance of providing treatments for defects reported in school health examinations.

Dr. William G. Mather, professor of rural sociology and director of the project in house-to-house studies in four communities found that of 763 school children examined, 363 were in need of treatment, with 166 getting attention.

At the present time, little progress has been made to determine how many children with defects have received treatment.

After information is assembled and programs observed, a symposium on the problem will bring leaders to the College for study in the various fields.

Time Magazine Photo Editor To Give Talks

Robert Boyd, senior editor and photo editor of Time magazine, will be present at a photography round-table discussion at 1:10 p.m. Monday in 121 Mineral Industries, according to Prof. Franklin Banner, head of the Department of Journalism.

Boyd, who is also general make-up editor of Time, will address the journalism 1-2 class at 11 a.m. Monday in 10 Sparks, and will be a luncheon guest of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity.

Richard Byers, head of the news photo laboratory of the Department of Journalism, will preside at the round-table discussion, which will cover general camera problems, particularly in the news field.

Boyd will illustrate his address in 10 Sparks by showing on a screen the outstanding news pictures of the year.

Anyone interested may attend the round-table, or the Journ 1-2 lecture Banner said.

Weekly Jam Sessions To Resume Sunday

The first of the series of weekly jam sessions for the semester has been planned for this Sunday at the TUB. The music, which will be played by a group of students and borough residents, will be Dixieland jazz.

Richard Brady is now in charge of the jam sessions, replacing Jack Huber. Arrangements are made through the Dean of Men's office.

Grad Enlists in Army

Richard F. Houts, 22, who was graduated from the College last month, has enlisted as an officer candidate in the Army. He is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

To Talk on Crime



DR. MARY L. WILLARD, who will speak on "Criminalistics" at 7:30 p.m. Monday at a meeting of the Central Pennsylvania section of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Willard is a graduate of the College and a professor of chemistry here, working in chemical microscopy, organic chemistry, and the scientific detection of crime.

Hillel Forum Will Sponsor 2 Musicians

Marguerite Kozenn and Julius Chajes will present a concert of Jewish music at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Hillel Auditorium, 133 W. Beaver avenue. The concert will be sponsored by the Hillel Forum.

Miss Kozenn and Chajes interpret both traditional and modern Jewish music. They have just returned from a tour of Europe and Israel.

Marguerite Kozenn, a dramatic soprano, has appeared as soloist with the New York Philharmonic and other major orchestras here and abroad, and sung leading roles with the Philadelphia La Scala, Vienna and Prague opera companies. She has given more than 100 concerts during the past three years in America, Europe and Israel.

Julius Chajes, pianist-composer, made his American debut in New York's Town Hall in 1938. Since then he has toured extensively the United States, Canada, England, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Austria.

Miss Kozenn will sing a varied selection of songs of traditional European and Israeli background. Chajes, in addition to accompanying Miss Kozenn, will play several of his own Israeli compositions, and George Gershwin's Three Preludes.

7 to Judge Talent Auditions

Seven persons have been named audition judges for the All-College Talent Show, sponsored by the Penn State Club, at a meeting of the club.

The auditions for the talent show will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Little Theater, Arnold Gasche, talent show chairman, said.

The judges for the auditions will be Peter Lansbury, George Cowbright, John Pagonis, Moylan Mills, William Burrows, David Hyman, and Andrew Jaros.

It was announced at the meeting that a party will be held after the show for members, their dates, and the performers.

Two other committees have been named by Gasche. Joseph Bower was selected chairman of the publicity committee. Other members are William Rudderow, Donald Sumner, Bernard Cohen, Glenn Conrad, Joseph Ondrejko, and Clair Foulks.

The program committee includes Carl Espey, chairman; Mills, Joseph Arnold, William Cole, and Frank Schrey.

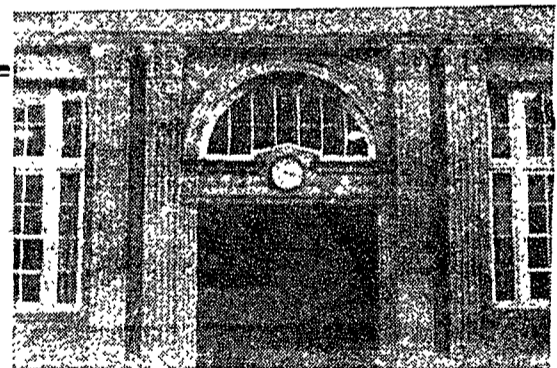
Senate OK's Part of Cabinet Proposals

Only a part of one of the three All-College Cabinet recommendations to the College Senate committee on calendar have been included in the calendar for 1953-54 which was presented to the Senate yesterday, Ernest W. Callenbach, chairman of the committee, said last night.

Callenbach said the cabinet recommendations calling for one floating holiday during each semester and the two-day pre-registration days free of classes were not included in the calendar. He added, however, that the latter recommendation can easily be inserted in the calendar should the Senate desire it by shortening the Christmas and Easter holidays.

The cabinet recommendation that all holidays begin and end at noon was partly incorporated into the calendar, Callenbach said. The Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations will end at 8 a.m., he said, while all other holidays will end at noon. All holidays during both semesters will begin at noon.

This was necessary, Callenbach explained, to make possible a schedule in which all sections of a course will meet the same number of times during the semester. A final vote on the proposed calendar will not be taken until the next Senate meeting, scheduled for the first Thursday in March.



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