



## Close Retained for Forum

### Free Speech, Precedent Issues in Hour Debate

By RON BONN

Upton Close was retained last night as a bonus speaker for the Community Forum, by voice vote of the forum general committee.

The action followed an hour-long debate on a motion that would have canceled the Close engagement. Close will appear on April 7.

Only three members of 13 present voted to drop Close.

Close has been denounced as anti-Semitic by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, as well as by other groups. Dr. Gerald Stein, B'nai B'rith forum representative and chairman of the 3-member committee which engaged Close, emphasized that this fact was not known by the group at the time.

#### Precedent Issue

Debate centered around the issue of whether it would be an infringement of free speech if the committee were to cancel the speaker after new evidence on his views indicated he was not desired.

Several members of the committee raised the issue of the possible setting of a precedent against speakers advocating any extreme views. "Where are you going to draw the line?" C. W. Kallenbach, member at large, asked.

Clair George, All-College Cabinet representative, suggested that cancellation of Close might indicate to outside observers that the speaker's conservative viewpoint was the cause.

#### No Endorsement

Joel Milner, Hillel Foundation representative, said, "I don't feel we're benefiting the student body or anyone in the town by bringing this speaker."

Kallenbach, speaking for the executive committee after the voting, said there should be "a clear understanding" that no member and no group represented on the committee agreed with any anti-Semitic views Close might have.

#### Might Have to Pay

Stein, arguing for dropping the speaker, said, "The committee made a mistake in asking him," and that the mistake should be rectified "in the most honest way possible."

Clayton Schug, forum chairman and member of the hiring committee, indicated that cancellation of the contract might entail paying Close his full \$300 fee, but said that some settlement might be arranged.

Milner made the motion which would have dropped the speaker, and Dr. Stein seconded it.

Mrs. S. Lewis Land, Parent-Teachers Association representative, was the other member of

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## Past Poll Shows Staters Picked Wrong President

If the past is any indication of the future, Penn State students are going to pick the wrong man to win the coming Presidential elections.

According to the results of a poll conducted by the Daily Collegian in 1948, 53 per cent of the students questioned preferred Thomas E. Dewey over President Harry S. Truman and the other candidates in the field. A similar poll will be conducted by the

Daily Collegian tomorrow and Friday to give Penn State students an opportunity to express their preferences in the Presidential race.

The 1948 poll, which was similar to those taken in other colleges and universities, showed that Penn State students weren't the only ones wrong, however. In seven other colleges which were surveyed Dewey was preferred by 73 per cent of those questioned.

#### Ballot Box Locations

Ballots for the current poll will be printed in tomorrow's Daily Collegian. The ballots will list the names of the eight men in both the Democratic and Republican parties who have declared themselves candidates or have been mentioned as possible candidates for the Presidential nomination. Space will be left for write-in candidates, as well as for those who are undecided.

Ballot boxes will be located at the Student Union desk in Old Main, the lobby of the West Dorm lounge, and in the lobby of the Agriculture Building and will be open tomorrow and Friday. The boxes will be open from 9 a.m. to noon at all three locations and from 1 to 5 p.m. at the West Dorm lounge and the Agriculture Building. The Student Union ballot box will be open in the afternoon from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

#### Poll Includes Other Questions

The Presidential preference poll will be the first of several political polls planned by the Daily Collegian. Another Presidential poll may be held near the end of this semester, and another just before the elections in the fall. The three polls will show the trend of student thinking as the campaigns become more vigorous.

The poll ballot, in addition to asking the students' Presidential preference, will also include questions on national political party affiliation, family income, and size of hometown. The answers to these questions will provide material for an analysis of the poll results.

## Frosh Okay Major Part Of Proposals

About 40 freshmen, who attended a meeting last night to discuss customs changes, approved all but two of the major points in a group of suggestions which were presented to the freshmen class last month.

The freshmen did not approve the proposal for stronger freshmen punishments for customs violations nor did they approve the proposal which would ask customs enforcement for all students who transfer to the College as freshmen.

The basic tenets of the suggestions, including a male-female customs enforcement board, occasional coed customs, the setting of a definite time limit for customs, and set periods for song-cheer sessions, were approved by the group.

The original suggestions, with the exception of those rejected last night, will be presented to Tribunal and Judicial by the chairman of the freshmen customs committee, Thomas Kidd.

The 40 students also approved a suggestion by one of the group that the "no smoking" ruling now in customs be removed, although there was some discussion as to whether such detailed analysis of customs was the intention of the meeting.

## Group to Probe Cost of Glazing

Pollock Council last night laid plans to investigate the cost to area students for replacing broken dormitory windows. Council members reported that Pollock residents were being charged varying amounts for similar repair services.

Theodore MacDonald, chairman of the council's public welfare committee, was appointed to head the investigation.

The council voted unanimously to reject the serving of cocoa in the area dining hall. The food committee reported that serving of cocoa would necessitate the removal of coffee and a half pint of milk from the menu for a day a week.

Joseph Haines, recently re-elected president of the council, named Emery Richardson to work on the food committee. Frank Schrey was appointed parliamentarian, the last office to be filled this semester. All other officers were elected and appointed last week.

#### Will Speak



Upton Close

## Junior Class To Dedicate Gift Records

A special dedication ceremony is planned for next week when the 28 record albums bought for the library by the junior class are released for student use.

The albums are now being processed by the library and will be ready for use next week, according to Robert Sherman, project committee chairman. The collection of records, all of which are of 33 1/3 r.p.m. speeds, is to be called "The Greatest Shows of the Century." They are all recordings of musical show tunes.

The records will be available at the reserve book room of the library and will circulate on a three day basis. Fines will be assessed when an album is kept over the three day period. Breakage charges will be made if any part of the album is lost or damaged. These charges will be at the album's regular list price.

Among the albums in the collection are "Call Me Madam," "I'll See You in My Dreams," "Song of Norway," "The Vagabond King," "The Desert Song," "Kiss Me Kate," and "Sweethearts."

#### Players' Show Tickets

Tickets for "You Can't Take It With You," the Players' show which opens tomorrow night at Schwab Auditorium for a three-night run, are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main. They are 60 cents for opening night, and \$1 for Friday and Saturday night performances.

## Cabinet to Vote on Fee Amendment

By DAVE PELLNITZ

The proposed amendment to the All-College Constitution regarding the changing of student fees will come before All-College Cabinet for the last reading and final vote tomorrow night.

The amendment, first proposed on Feb. 7 by David Olmsted, senior class president, provides a statistical poll of a representative cross-section of the student body upon the presentation to cabinet of a petition signed by ten per cent of the student body within one week after a proposal to change student fees has been made.

The poll would not be conducted by the All-College elections committee with the advice of the Psychology department. It would be taken within 30 days after the petition was submitted, and the results presented to cabinet for consideration before the final vote on the change in student fees was taken.

On Feb. 14, Olmsted withdrew

the amendment as Article 13 of the constitution and resubmitted it as an amendment to Article 1, Section 8 of the constitution. The withdrawal did not change the essence of the amendment.

Under the constitution, a proposed amendment must be read and discussed at three consecutive cabinet meetings, with a final vote after the last reading. A three-fourths vote of cabinet is required to pass the amendment.

According to Barr Asplundh, cabinet parliamentarian, the three-fourths vote means three-fourths of the cabinet must vote for the measure if it is to pass. Abstentions are, as a result, considered as negative votes.

Abstentions are not considered as votes and will not be counted for or against the amendment.

The amendment as cabinet will

vote on it tomorrow night reads: "The cabinet shall have control over all student funds, including the establishment of class dues, the recommendation of student activities fees, the approval of specific budgets, the approval of expenditures. Recommendations for subtractions from, or additions to, student activities fees can be made to the administration only after cabinet has passed such a recommendation by a two-thirds vote on each of two consecutive meetings; if, however, a petition signed by ten per cent of the student body is submitted to an officer of cabinet within one week after the first vote, a statistical poll, conducted by the elections committee, with the advice of the Psychology department, must be taken within 30 days and the results presented to cabinet for consideration before the final vote is taken on the change in student fees."

## Tribunal Favors Poll, 4-0

Tribunal last night voted 4-0, with one abstention, in favor of the statistical poll amendment now before All-College Cabinet. The action was taken in a special session after the regular meeting of Tribunal.

David Olmsted, senior class president, who sponsored the amendment, last night asked David Mutchler, chairman of Tribunal, who he was actually representing on cabinet.

(Mutchler was appointed by All-College president James Worth to sit in as a voting member to replace Harry Cover, All-College vice president, who resigned.)

Tribunal took the vote on the amendment so that if Worth ruled that Mutchler was to represent Tribunal when he votes, he would have an opinion of the group to go on.

#### Mutchler to ask Worth

Olmsted, contacted after the meeting, said that in his opinion, Mutchler would have to be bound by Tribunal's decision. Since he cannot vote as All-College vice president, nor as a member at large, his voting capacity must stem from his being Tribunal representative, Olmsted said.

Mutchler said he would have to ask Worth who he was representing when it came to the question of voting. Worth, contacted last night, said Mutchler was appointed to his present position because he was an ex-officio member of cabinet as chairman of Tribunal. Worth said it was his opinion that Tribunal's vote last night bound Mutchler to vote for the statistical poll, which comes before cabinet again tomorrow night for the third reading. It will either be passed or dropped then.

The amendment would require a statistical poll to be taken, if a petition signed by ten per cent of the student body is presented to a cabinet officer within one week after the first vote on an increase of student fees. The poll would be conducted with the advice of the Psychology department within 30 days after the petition was presented. The results of the poll would not be binding on cabinet.

#### Found Guilty

In its regular meeting, Tribunal tried 12 student violators with seven being fined and two given warnings. Two fines were suspended and one defendant was held over until the next meeting because of incomplete information.

All the offenders were found guilty of parking or traffic violations. One student was fined three dollars because of reported offenses, and three were charged two dollars.

Three violators were fined one dollar because of minor offenses. Two more received suspended fines, and two were warned against future violations.

The case of illegal parking resulting from the alleged expiring of a permit was held over until the next meeting pending closer examination and allowing the offender time to obtain a new permit.

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