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Mandatory Voting Would Hurt Gov't

In the wake of the defeat of an amendment to the All-College Constitution which would have set up a non-binding statistical poll for changes in student fees, student government will apparently have to deal with another proposed change in its constitution.

This time student government will be asked to change its constitution to make it mandatory that a member of cabinet vote as he is instructed by his group.

The proposal for this change originates in the School of Liberal Arts Student Council, which has appointed a committee to work on the wording of the proposed amendment.

May we suggest the wording: "In order to make All-College Cabinet nothing more than a glorified debating society, the members of cabinet must vote as they have been instructed by the groups they represent."

The previous amendment, which failed to get the necessary three-quarters majority, would have created a tendency for cabinet to lean on artificial crutches rather than to make its own decisions after due consultation with the constituency.

While the previous amendment only created a tendency, this new one is the manifestation of the tendency in fullblown form.

As was pointed out in the last meeting of All-College Cabinet, Roberts' "Rules of Order," which outlines the parliamentary procedure cabinet follows, holds that members are not bound to vote as they have been instructed.

So not only does the amendment fail to make sense, but it violates sound parliamentary operation.

The merits of having cabinet members obtain the sentiments of the groups they represent cannot be denied, nor would we attempt to do so. But to have the decision of the groups binding on cabinet members eliminates the very necessity of All-College Cabinet.

Another point worth noting is that in the discussion on the previous amendment, student opinion was to be sought through the statistical poll as a guide, for the results were not to be binding. Much in the same way, the opinions of the various groups represented on cabinet should act as a guide for the members of cabinet. Just as it was deemed inadvisable to make the results of the poll binding on cabinet, it is inadvisable to make the decisions of the various groups binding.

If we were to carry this theory to extreme, we could do away with All-College government, have the various councils vote on issues, with the results being tabulated and thus becoming the acts of student government. There would be no need for cabinet to meet and function.

We might think that the amendment has been proposed in order to remedy a particular problem—chronic disregard for the feelings of the students represented by cabinet members. Such is not the case. In three years of following the affairs of All-College Cabinet we have not known a single instance where a member of cabinet has disregarded the will of his group where he has been legally instructed in the normal, acknowledged, and prescribed manner under which legislative organizations function.

To go a bit further, binding cabinet members to a certain point of view would do away with the give and take, the compromise, the weighing of arguments which is now possible.

We agree that a representative of a group should not be apart from his constituents; when he does move away from his constituents, he no longer represents them. But we should not unalterably commit our representatives in advance, for in doing so we say they have no common sense, no judgment of their own.

If such an amendment is approved, we might just as well not have an All-College Cabinet at all.

Garden Spot...

A newcomer to State College strolled down the Mall yesterday afternoon with his sport jacket hanging open, mopped the perspiration from his brow, and observed "Spring can't be far away."

The veteran senior smiled, for he knew, as we do too, that before too long there will be snow on the Mall. We couldn't possibly be wrong, for this is State College, garden spot of Centre County.

Customs Program Needs Joint Board

Although several changes in the proposed revision of the customs regulations have been made to date by various organizations studying the program, the basic plan for combining men's and women's customs has been left unchanged. This is indicative that the overwhelming majority of students who have studied the new program are in favor of combining men's and women's customs under one roof, as they should be. While it is easy to sit back and say that the men and women should cooperate in the customs program, it is impossible to do so unless there is some vehicle for coordination.

The men and women student leaders who have been responsible for the conduct of customs since their post-war revival have found that no matter how good were their intentions of cooperating, it was impossible to do so. They found it impossible because there was not a joint board to set up a single unified program.

Often Tribunal and Hat Society Council would make plans for an event, only to find out that the Freshman Customs and Regulations Board was planning something else. The result was indecision, and often ill feeling on the part of one side or the other, or both.

All of this can be avoided by the mere expediency of a joint customs board. There has been some talk that one group or another would lose "power" under a joint board. This may or may not be so. We do not believe it is.

Student government having committed itself to a customs program, the major value to be considered here is not who has power. The major value is the conducting of a customs program in the manner that will accomplish the greatest good. And there can be no doubt that the greatest good can be accomplished under a joint program.

Under the present proposal, the responsibility for the conduct of the customs program would be transferred from Tribunal and Judicial (which has, in turn, delegated it to the Freshman Customs and Regulations Board) to a new body, to be known as the Freshman Customs Board. This new board would have the power to:

1. Establish days of joint enforcement, i.e., days on which there would be co-ed enforcement.
2. Decide on a date for the end of customs.
3. Determine customs holidays.
4. Determine all immunities and punishments.

The board would be made up of four men and four women, with the chairmen of Tribunal and Judicial serving as co-chairmen. When a freshman man would be brought before the body, the Tribunal head would chair the meeting, and vice versa. In the event of a tie vote on any issue, the matter would be referred to the body of original jurisdiction, Tribunal or Judicial.

These provisions allay the fears of those who feel that "power" is being lost by their organizations, but at the same time the program sets up a working organization which could coordinate and improve Penn State customs.

Gazette . . .

Thursday, March 13

- AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY, Theta Xi, 7:30 p.m.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, Student paper contest, 105 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.
- FROTH PROMOTION STAFF, Froth Office, 7:30 p.m.
- GREEK CLUB, TUB, 7 p.m.
- Le CERCLE FRANCAIS, Atherton Lounge, 7 p.m.
- NEWS AND VIEWS, 14 Home Economics, 6:30 p.m.
- PENN STATE FORESTRY SOCIETY, 105 White Hall, 7 p.m.
- PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 203 Willard, 7:30 p.m.
- PLAYERS PROPERTIES WORKSHOP, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- WRA NOMINEES, 303 Willard, 6:30 p.m.
- WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.
- WSPA NOMINEES, 217 Willard, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
American Smelting and Refining Co. will interview June graduates in Metal, and Min.E. Monday, March 24.
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in Commerce Monday, March 24.
Corning Glass Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., Ch.E., E.E., I.E., and Cer. Monday, March 24. They will interview Chem. and Phys. graduates at all levels.
Curtiss Wright Corp. (Propeller Division) will interview June graduates in Aero.E., M.E., and E.E. Wednesday, March 19.
Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview June graduates in Metal, M.E., E.E., C.E., Fuel Tech., C&F, A&L, Chem., Pre-Med., Zoo., Sci. and M.S. or B.S. candidates with experience in Bact. Monday, March 24.
Rohm and Haas Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Chem. and Phys. Monday, March 24.
United Aircraft Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E. and Aero.E. Monday, March 24.
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in A&L and C&F interested in either sales or claims work on Tuesday, March 25.
Phillips Petroleum Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., E.E., P.N.G. and Metal. Saturday, March 15.
S. S. Kresge Co. will interview June graduates in A&L, C&F and any other fields interested in management, Tuesday, March 25.
Westinghouse Electric Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Ch.E., Metal, Cer. and Phys. Tuesday, March 25. They will also interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., Metal, and Phys. and Ph.D. candidates in Phys.Chem.
Baldwin Lima Hamilton Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., C.E., E.E., and Metal. and M.S. candidates in E.E. Tuesday, March 25.
Combustion Engineering Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. and Fuel Tech. Tuesday, March 25.
International Latex Corp. will interview B.S. and M.S. candidates in M.E. and I.E. Thursday, March 20. Applicants must be in the upper half of their class.
Tide Water Associated Oil Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., E.E., M.E., Chem. and Phys. Wednesday, March 26.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Isn't that enough sawing for a while? Some of the girls are trying to take a nap on the second floor."

The Old Millstream

By MOYLAN MILLS



That day we walked into the dispensary all we had was a slight case of laryngitis. After an examination, the doctor prescribed treatment at the infirmary. When we asked what kind of treatment, the doctor just grinned and handed us a slip of paper.

Upon arriving at the infirmary, we glanced at the paper and read: "Laryngitis—prescribed treatment, steam inhalation." Well, we were willing to go along and see what was in store.

The attendant on the first floor of the infirmary directed us to the basement. Down there, among the labs, no one had ever heard of steam inhalation although they had a vague idea what laryngitis was.

"Go to the second floor," one of the basement nurses advised. She said it as if the second floor was where everyone who wandered into the basement without proper cause was directed.

We made it to the second floor and a smiling, gray-haired little lady welcomed us enthusiastically. "Steam inhalation?" she inquired, "right in this little room." We walked into her little room glancing apprehensively at the forceps, hypodermic needles, and other instruments lying around.

"Oh, by the way," she giggled, "you had better take off your coat and shirt. This might get messy." She good-naturedly led us to a chair beside which sat a small contraption resembling an old-fashioned gas lamp.

"We'll turn on the juice," she said merrily and plugged the thing into the wall. Then she instructed us to cover our head and this gas-lamp with a towel and breathe in the steam as it poured from a tiny opening in the top. "It might take a little while to warm up," she confessed and closed the door.

About an hour later, we were beginning to agree with her that "it might take a little while." Every now and then a nurse in white or a patient in bathrobe

and slippers would wander in, sympathize, and disappear. We asked one of the more intelligent nurses for more information on the use of the gadget. She shrugged her shoulders saying, "Just make like a tent."

Sometime later a thin, milky cloud of steam seeped through the gas-lamp opening. We put up the towel and inhaled gingerly. It really wasn't too bad, that is if you could remember to come up for air every fifteen minutes or so.

The whole process took several hours, providing a positively marvelous excuse for cutting a bluebook. But no one in the infirmary seemed the least bit distressed that the steam inhalation equipment was not in the best working condition.

As to the effect of the treatment, we couldn't say right off. We got our voice back several days later.

Just in Passing

We read recently that Beaumont, Tex., was constructing a \$6,000 drive-in library. Now you can get curb service when you order Mickey Spillane.

And over in New York, a commercial concern has opened a faster reading clinic. This clinic features a special gadget which covers up the print at a certain speed so that customers have to be faster than the gadget in order to read a book. The star pupil is a Navy Commander who clips the pages at 850 words a minute.

Punkeydoodle Corners, Canada

WASHINGTON (AP)—The question Shakespeare posed some time ago about what's in a name is a very leading question.

A researcher for the National Geographic Society, obviously entranced by a news story the other day from a place called Punkeydoodle Corners, popped up with all kinds of information about the strange names some places have.

For instance, did you know there is a town in Wales called Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogoch?

Well, there is. But you'd better not try pronouncing it. People have fractured jaws on less.

The most delightful place names in the United States

showed up in the Gold Rush days. For instance, miners named one town in Nevada Lousy Level. It was flagrant plagiarism. There is such a place in Hertfordshire, England.

Across the U.S. in Pennsylvania, there still exists the quiet Delaware River town of Foul Rift.

In California there are Whiskey Bar, Brandy Gulch, Deterium Tremens, Chucklehead Diggings, Gommorrhah, Hell-For-Noon City, Love Letter Camp, and Mug-fuzzle Flat.

That town pays no attention to frontiers.