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## Senate Act Causes Student Indignation

Penn State's wrestling team left for Colorado yesterday afternoon with its chances for a national championship remaining here in State College in the person of Jerry Maurey.

Maurey, runner-up in the East in the 137-pound class, will not compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's tournament because of a ruling by the Senate committee on athletics which limits entrants in national competition to those who have won Eastern titles.

We make no prediction that Penn State would win the title were Maurey entered, but whatever chances the Lions did have of copping the crown were eliminated by the ruling.

Nor is this the only or principal reason why we believe that the ruling is not in the best interests of Penn State athletics.

We take issue with the Senate committee's contention that a major factor in its decision limiting NCAA entrants to Eastern champions this year was the distance from State College of the wrestling, boxing, and gymnastic tournaments.

We contend that distance should not be a criteria, for if we do accept a new basis for athletic competence: the eligibility of an athlete to compete in the national tournaments is directly proportional to the distance of the tournament from State College. As the distance decreases, his ability increases and vice versa.

We think that the criteria should be the athlete's ability to meet the rugged national competition, and whether scholastically he will be able to weather the absence from school. We contend that the coaches, the graduate manager of athletics and the dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics are capable of making these decisions, subject to the approval of the Senate committee.

Instead the Senate committee has taken the decision completely out of the hands of the athletic staff. We contend that the interests of the College would best be served if these decisions were made by the athletic staff and the Senate committee working in harmony.

The basic injustice of the decision has aroused student opinion to a pitch we have not seen equalled in three years on campus. Students don't like it and they are saying so to anybody who will lend an ear. Action against the rule by the Liberal Arts Student Council and the Interfraternity Council Wednesday night was an honest-to-goodness grass roots movement.

The action by these two groups typifies student thinking on the subject. And we would not be surprised if the lead of these two groups was followed by other student organizations.

We think the student body will not be satisfied until the rule is changed and a more practical and reasonable criterion is established by which Penn State shall determine those athletes who are to represent it in national competition.

## Customs Program Shows Good Will

After months of discussion, the proposed joint customs plan presented to All-College Cabinet last week appears to be on the way toward approval. The plan in itself should make customs function much smoother in the future and should eliminate some of the conflict which has resulted between women and men student leaders over the customs program.

When the joint customs plan was first presented, the viewpoints of the men and women appeared to be so far apart that it would have been folly to hope for an agreement. But both sides were willing to yield. The plan presented to cabinet last week is the result of compromise.

The ability of the two groups to get together, iron out differences to the satisfaction of both sides, and accomplish something "For a Better Penn State" has been shown to be a goal which can be reached. That they can cooperate was evidenced when the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council came to agreement on terms for the IFC-Panhel ball after lengthy discussions. The cooperation over customs is further indication of a willingness to work together.

We hope that these incidents are a sign that the hatchet is being buried by the men and women of Penn State student government. With the hatchet buried or converted into a hammer, a stronger home for student government would be in the making.

## Free College Press Must Remain Alive

The cry of educators that a college education should attempt to instill in students the values of a democratic society sounds like a voice in an echo chamber against the light of some interesting facts gathered in the Journalism Quarterly.

Making a survey of the status of college publications, the Quarterly discovered that 85 per cent of the colleges without journalism departments closely supervised their newspapers and that 68 per cent of the college press with schools or departments of journalism supervised the student publications.

So it appears that while educators talk about implanting democratic ideals in students, they play another game. Apparently democracy is a nice word, but when it comes to applying it to college journalism it is only a word, and nothing more.

Freedom of the press is one of the cherished ideals of a democratic state. It is protected by the first and fourteenth articles in the United States Constitution and by clauses in the constitutions of every state in the nation. Through an oversight, however, nobody has thought it necessary to protect the freedoms of college editors.

Aside from exercising a healthy influence on campus affairs and attempting to voice the opinions of the student body, the free student publication which operates without faculty and/or administration control serves a valuable purpose in our society.

The free college newspaper demonstrates to the student journalist the value of freedom of the press. Freedom of the press becomes dear to those who have once tasted its sweet vapors, and the student journalist weaned, nurtured, and raised on these vapors will fight like the devil before he yields that freedom. The burning passion for freedom once fostered in college, will not be quenched in later years.

Raise the journalist in a fettered press, however, and that will be the procedure he will accept as the norm.

Journalism needs men who believe in a free press and who are willing to fight for a free press. Freedom of the press, however, is not a private commodity, owned by editors and publishers. They are merely its custodians.

The public has the biggest stake in freedom of the press, for freedom of the press is unlike any of the other freedoms we enjoy, in that it fosters and protects all the rest. And the public also has a stake in freedom of press on the campus.

No less a source than Editor and Publisher, the bible of the newspaper business, has warned newspapermen to look to the colleges for evidence of the next generation's—our generation's, that is—outlook on freedom of the press. We think that newspapermen who do look to the colleges for an indication of our generation's regard for freedom of the press will be shocked.

We find it difficult to understand how the respectable college journalist can work on a newspaper for which he is not responsible, a newspaper which is censored. And yet such is the case in the vast majority of colleges.

We on the Daily Collegian operate this newspaper as a student publication, for which we are responsible. We have complete freedom over the editorial content of the Daily Collegian, and with that freedom we assume complete responsibility for what appears in the columns of the Daily Collegian.

We cherish that freedom and are awed by that responsibility, for we know that if we should abuse that freedom we would stand in danger of losing it and our jobs. And that is how it should be, for we would face the same dangers were we working for the New York Times.

## Safety Valve

### Ag Fee Proposal Will Lead To More Fees on Students

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to the Engineering Council for its realistic thinking about the proposed raise in fees. It appears as if everyone wants to get into the act. If we approve the proposed raise in fees for the ag school judging team, it seems just as logical that the engineering field trips should be financed by assessments of the entire student body too. Then representatives to the student government conferences will be justified in requesting financial aid. Next the riding team. And Penn State already has fees higher than most state-run colleges.

But neither of the political parties will vote against the proposal because it is too near the All-College elections. Good timing on the part of the Ag Council.

—Barbara Frankenfield  
(Ed. Note: Miss Frankenfield ignores the obvious: the engineering field trips are required for graduation and are part of the engineering curriculum, nor do the men represent Penn State in intercollegiate competition. The judging teams are an extra-curricular activity, and are on a voluntary basis. Surprise! The expenses of student government representatives who go to conferences are paid from All-College Cabinet funds.)

Loyalty is the greatest good in the human heart.—Latin Proverb

They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.—Sidney

He that has patience may compass anything.—Rabelais

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Dear Dad—This probably will come as a surprise to you—writing another check for more books—you must think I have quite a library by now, and the costs of books seems..."

## Interpreting the News

# W. Europe Needs Economic Unity

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The need for a common front in Western Europe against Communist aggression is now extending its pressure to the supply of basic human needs which, before the days of "total war" were not considered directly a part of military defense.

Secretary Acheson was not overlooking this when he referred yesterday merely to the "political and military" organization of

Western Europe in connection with Allied-Russian negotiations over Germany. Economics is now as much a part of defense as of politics.

With the first beginning in Benelux, a customs union initiated soon after the war by Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, and then with France becoming the center on a broader scale, economic cooperation has become a prime goal. It has been spurred by U.S. demands in connection with the Marshall Plan.

First came more customs unions, such as the highly tentative one between France and Italy. Then the Schuman Plan, by which France found means of cooperation with Germany for the general benefit without constantly having to fear German coal and steel production as the basis of German militarism.

Next was the Pleven Plan for an international army, which seemed at first a wild dream by which France might have been seeking to avoid the rearming of Germany, but which now is expected to become an almost inconceivable reality.

The countries began to do something, through the ECA pool, about convertibility of currencies. But in the effort to establish a

common market in Europe, industrial products were the chief concern.

Now the representatives of 16 nations are meeting in Paris to study ways and means of establishing a common market for farm products and at the same time to increase production.

The idea is for another supranational control body kin to the European defense community and the Schuman Plan.

It is admittedly a long-term project. The Benelux countries still have a long way to go after six years of effort on their comparatively simple customs union.

But the idea is another revolutionary step toward something—European federation—which under Russian pressure has suddenly been metamorphosed from an impractical dream into a goal for practical men.

The nations propose to turn over large sections of their national budgets to international control for military purposes. Basic national resources, coal and steel, are to pass under international, supranational, control. Men are to pass out of national armies into an international army.

And now food. If these separate supranational agencies work, the day when one central supranational agency—a federal government—will cover the rest of the field can hardly seem so far off.



## Gazette . . .

North American Aviation Inc. Engineering Div. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Aero.E. and Arch.E. Monday, April 7.  
Philadelphia Electric Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., C.E., I.E., and Phys. Monday, April 7.  
Westinghouse Airbrake Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. Monday, April 7.  
Jeffrey Manufacturing Co. will interview June graduates in Min.E., M.E., E.E., I.E., C.E., and Ch.E. Thursday, April 3.  
Philco Corp. will interview graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in M.E. and E.E. Thursday, April 3.  
**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**  
Room and board for man with car. Married couple without children for permanent summer job near State College. Men interested in working for meals. Night guard and handyman for permanent job in Boalsburg. Person to do calculating for laboratory.