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Cabinet Should Have Say in Class Gift

The challenge of All-College Cabinet's power by Bryson Craine, chairman of the senior class gift committee, over Marvin Krasnansky's proposals for governing the handling of voting and campaigning for the senior class gift threw a bombshell into last week's cabinet meeting.

Craine wanted to know whether cabinet had the right to step into what he termed a senior class affair. His point was perfectly justified and even cabinet members themselves had to admit that they didn't know the answer to the question.

What prompted the whole question was Krasnansky's comments on what he termed "unethical trends" on the part of the Radio Guild in its campaign to secure the gift for the campus radio station. Krasnansky urged:

1. That publicity on the senior class gift of the poster, leaflet, and advertising nature by undergraduate organizations be prohibited under penalty of disqualifying the gift suggestion that the publicity supports.
2. That it be required of the senior class president that he submit to cabinet a report on the gift suggestions and other pertinent information on voting for the senior class gift at least two weeks before the voting starts.
3. That informative articles appearing in the Daily Collegian concerning the gift suggestions come from the class gift committee.
4. That the All-College elections committee handle the counting of ballots for both the gift and Class Day honors and that the results be made known. (Krasnansky said he also thought this proposal should be put into effect at once.)

All-College President John Laubach submitted the first point to committee study after Krasnansky had withdrawn the second two points. The fourth recommendation was passed by cabinet to go into effect next year.

According to Article I, Section 2 of the All-College Constitution, "the cabinet shall have power to regulate and supervise All-College student activities, except that any power not specifically delegated to the All-College Cabinet shall be reserved to the governmental organs specified under Article I, Section 2." The latter section lists the members of cabinet.

Studying this section of the constitution, it seems very likely that cabinet has no power to interfere in the senior class gift procedure and that Mr. Craine's point was well-taken.

However, there is room for debate on the subject. It seems to us that the choice of senior class gift vitally affects every student on campus at least in two ways. First of all, the gift fund is obtained from the breakage fees paid by each student. The gift each year is paid for by every student in the College at that time—the money is not carried along from the freshman year through to the senior year by each class. Actually then, the money used to purchase the gift is All-College money.

Secondly, the gift purchased is important to every student on campus and every student who will come to the campus in the future whether it be a radio station, a scholarship fund, a campus press, or a gateway to Pollock road.

For these two reasons, we think cabinet should have some jurisdiction over the gift "campaigns." Perhaps the next step would be to seek a constitutional amendment setting down the rule.

As for Krasnansky's other proposals, we think he was somewhat rash in terming the present campaign "unethical." However, we also feel he made a good point when he said that such campaigning gave an unfair advantage to the Radio Guild over the groups backing other gift suggestions. Only the guild is organized in such a way that it has money to present its side of the story.

In addition, we agree that the material used in Daily Collegian feature stories on the class gifts should come from the gift committee. It is only natural that Collegian staff members should have their own opinions on the choice of a gift and that some bias could creep into their articles on the gift. Having the articles checked for accuracy and truthfulness by the gift committee might be a big help in aiding the students to make their choices more wisely.

Spring Week Needs Successful Parade

Tonight marks the celebration of some of the most important and colorful events in this year's Spring Week activities. Along with the traditional sun dance and the first All-College He-Man contest is the lavish costume parade the Spring Week committee has arranged. Several bands and over 2000 students are scheduled to take part in the affair, which will probably become an annual event if it turns out to be as successful as expected.

The parade will begin at 7:15 tonight, with the group forming at the Forestry building parking lot and proceeding from there along Shortridge road, College avenue, Burrows road, and Pollock road to Schwab Auditorium.

One of the chief factors in the success of the parade is undoubtedly the requirement that all groups sponsoring booths in the Spring Carnival must take part in the parade. In addition, the point system set up to reward the most inventive marching groups is another incentive to participate.

It is still not too late for a group to enter the parade, James Geffert, Spring Week chairman, said yesterday. We urge any group which has been hesitant over whether to enter to do so. This year's Spring Week promises to be one of the outstanding in the history of the affair. We hope everyone, and the weather, will cooperate in making the parade a great one.

Safety Valve—

Guild Member Explains 'Unethical' Practice Charge

TO THE EDITOR: Many thanks to Marvin Krasnansky for pointing up the progress the Radio Guild has made to date in getting a radio station for Penn State. When he complains of "unethical practices" (as stated in the Collegian report of Thursday's cabinet meeting), then we know, like the folks at the Voice of America, that we are doing some good.

What are these "unethical practices?" The student body is entitled to know. As we see it they are

1. The expenditure of about \$22 to print up fact sheets and lapel tags publicizing the drive. This money came from the dues of the students in the organization.
2. The expenditure of a lot of time and energy on the part of a great many students to see that their fellow students are aware of the problems.

It is indeed unfortunate that broad accusations of unethicality have been leveled against a group of hard working people who are trying their darndest to get something that we need.

The students in the Radio Guild are also interested in obtaining a student press, a gate, works of art for the campus, funds for scholarships and research, and a great many things that we need at Penn State. One excellent way of accomplishing the educational and cultural goals of Penn State is to get a student radio station.

What we hope is that we can have both a radio station and a student press. Right now, though, through the gifts we have received of a transmitter and other equipment, the student radio station is very close to realization. The senior class gift to the radio station will undoubtedly put the station over the top.

Letter Cut

—John Price
Vice President
Penn State Radio Guild

Ed. Note: As we understand it, Mr. Krasnansky is not exactly against the campaigning for the radio station as such. Surely such interest on the part of students is very commendable. What he objects to is the fact that the Radio Guild is the only group interested in one of the class gifts that has the funds to conduct such a campaign and therefore has an unfair advantage over other groups who are pushing their pet projects.

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, May 13

COLLEGIAN SOPHOMORE EDITORIAL BOARD meeting, 2 Carnegie, 7 p.m.

DEAN OF MEN'S COFFEE HOUR, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

IRRA election of officers, 208 Willard, 7:30 p.m.

RADIO DAY—all department heads, 304 Sparks, 11 a.m.

RADIO DAY—all station personnel, 304 Sparks, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

New Jersey Zinc Co. will interview juniors for summer work in Ch.E., M.E., Min.E., E.E., C.E., Metal, and Geol. May 13.

American Stores Co. will interview June graduates in L.M.R., Com., A&L, Ag.Ec., Ag.Ed., and Home Ec. (men only) May 13. Also students for summer employment.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Men to work as ice cream dispensers evenings and week days. Camp Linden, Northbrook, Penna., will interview men for August camp work.

Married couple for full time summer job near State College. Men with soda dispensing experience for Friday and Saturday night job.

Man interested in becoming member of student magazine agency for next fall.

Women for night clerking jobs. Camp Lillian Taylor will interview men and women May 15.

Variety of jobs open.

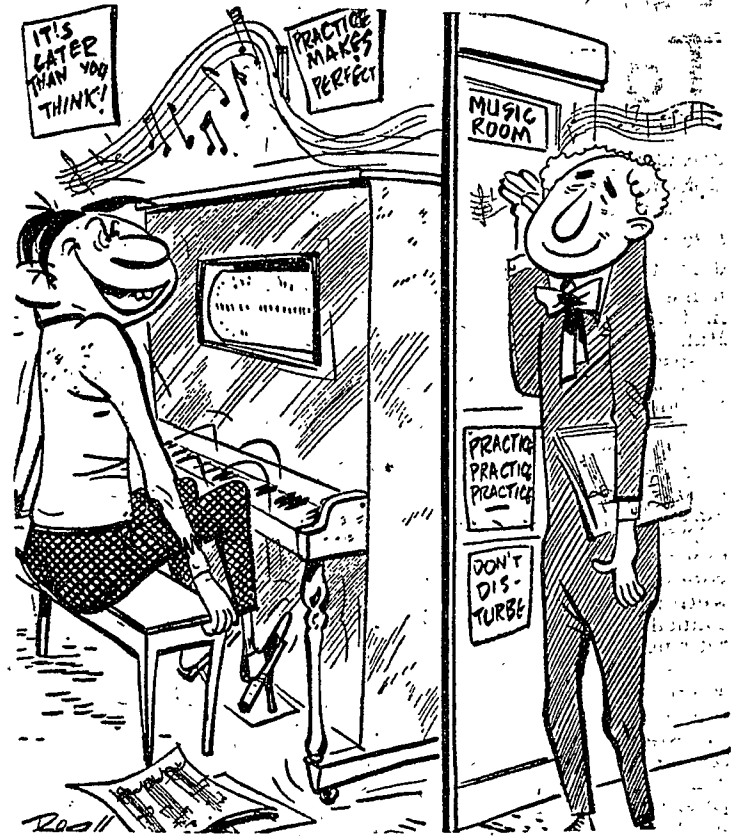
Boy for noontime work 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bass player and tenor sax player for May 17.

Student wife to do part time secretarial work in exchange for rent of apartment. Couple may have child.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



Interpreting the News

Use for Strength Is West's Big Problem

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

The idea that Western military strength already has reached the point where firmer diplomatic positions are possible seems to be spreading.

The Pentagon's top analysts have told Congress that Russia "quite likely" has not made up her mind whether war is inevitable; that "it will depend entirely on whether or not the Kremlin believes such an attack will be to its advantage."

That, of course, is not a new line of thought. It is the basic idea of the rearmament program that Russian thinking on the subject of war will be influenced not by moral conceptions but by the actual physical obstacles which are placed in the way of her expansion by that method.

That was the fundamental objective of Allied reaction to the Korean aggression—to demonstrate to the Communists that they couldn't get away with it.

John Foster Dulles, who recently severed his connections with the State department in order to obtain greater freedom of expression, presumably is taking a definite warning to the Red sphere that Allied reaction to new aggression will not be confined to the immediate area of conflict as in Korea, but will produce direct Allied attacks on the aggressor.

That's as much as to say, for

instance, that if Chinese troops intervene in Indochina, Red China should be attacked directly. It represents a belief in the efficacy of air and sea power now available. Dulles is talking about Allied action through the United Nations, not something the United States would do alone.

Thus we seem to be gradually approaching the question, often asked but still unanswered except for a "wait and see" attitude, of what the West is to do with the "position of strength" for which it has been striving.

If the Allies could display a clearly-recognizable unity about such an extension of the program of containment the Kremlin might be made more and more doubtful about the advantages of any outbreak.

At the same time, firmness and action might enhance a feeling among Allied peoples, not too firmly convinced now, that their sacrifices mean something. It might help prevent a feeling, when Allied military strength reaches its peak, that a "war to get it over with" may be preferable to the enervating drain of long-term maintenance of such a machine.

Council Seeks Faculty Views

The Faculty Advisory Council has invited members of the faculty to express their opinions of democracy in administration at Penn State through their representatives on the council or with one of the members of a special committee appointed by the council.

The plan provides for the gathering of information about the extent that faculty and staff feel they now effectively participate in choosing top administrative personnel and in making policy decisions for their departments, schools, and the College as a whole.

The Committee members are Dr. Dorothy Quiggle, associate research professor of chemistry and chemical engineering; Dr. James E. Wright, assistant professor of genetics; Luther T. Bissessy, assistant professor of petroleum and natural gas engineering; and Dr. John H. Ferguson, professor of political science.

Choir to Conduct Tryouts Tonight

Tryouts for membership in next year's Chapel Choir will be held tonight in 212 Carnegie. Only undergraduate students may be auditioned.

The choir requests candidates to report promptly at the following times: sopranos, 6:30; altos, 7; tenors, 7:30; and basses, 8 p.m.

Newly elected officers of the choir are Carolyn Morris, president; Thomas Lewis, and Georgia Gianopoulos, vice presidents; Raymond Barr, secretary; George Groninger, treasurer; and James Halton, William Greenham, and Alan Clugston, librarians.

Dahmus to Speak

Dr. J. H. Dahmus, associate professor of history, will speak on "Church and State" at 7 tonight in 217 Willard. His talk is sponsored by the Newman Club and is open to the public.