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## Cabinet Importance Boosted by Meeting

Just how important student government is at Penn State was forcefully demonstrated Saturday night when All-College President John Laubach, at the request of President Milton S. Eisenhower, called a special meeting of All-College Cabinet at the President's home.

The purpose of the meeting was to give the members of cabinet the full details of the walk-out staged Saturday morning by over 250 service employees of the College, members of Local 67 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL). We think the meeting clearly illustrates why student government at Penn State is one of the most effective college governments in the United States.

"Just what can student government do?" is one question posed by many students. Last year All-College Cabinet, among other things, arranged a student holiday to celebrate Spring Carnival day, formulated the plans for an annual Penn State Student Encampment, urged that all available faculty names be listed in the time tables, suggested beginning holidays at noon whenever possible to eliminate night driving on the part of students going home, and worked on the preferential seating arrangement which will go into effect this Saturday at Beaver Field.

All these activities were brought up in cabinet and acted on from there. All were eventually approved by the College administration. Perhaps this sounds as though cabinet's chief function is to get things out of the administration. This is not the case, however. The aim of cabinet is to work with the faculty and administration in the best interests of all concerned. It is unfortunate that many students base their judgment of a good or bad cabinet on how much the group can get out of the administration.

But there is more to student government than All-College Cabinet. The cooperation between governing bodies has been demonstrated recently by the co-sponsoring of such events as the starlight dance by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council and the variety show and mixer held Saturday by the Association of Independent Men and Leonides.

Student government has been effective in the past, but it can continue to be effective only as long as students take an active interest in the affairs of the College. When such interest lags, student government cannot fulfill its purpose. Let's make this a good year at Penn State!

## Seller and Buyer Each Benefit at BX

Since its inception in 1949 the student Book Exchange has been increasing its service to Penn State students. Now it appears ready to really get moving, but it cannot do so without the cooperation of the student body.

The BX, a project of All-College Cabinet, is a non-profit, student-operated agency. When a student has purchased \$5 worth of supplies, he may show his sales receipts and get \$1 worth of free merchandise.

It is hard to believe that students wouldn't be anxious to take advantage of such saving, yet in the past three years little expansion on the part of the BX has been possible because of the mediocre business transacted.

One section of the BX, the Used Book Agency, has had more success. Those who have braved the long lines at the UBA in past years realize, however, that space has been one of the major problems facing the agency. That problem, as far as the UBA is concerned, has been solved in a grand manner this year.

Last week the UBA took over the ballroom of

the TUB and converted it to a self-service book market. An additional improvement is that the agency will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily this week. This, as one of the members of the agency put it, is all day and half the night.

But the UBA, having solved one problem, now faces another. This problem is a lack of books to sell. Right now the stock of books on hand is badly depleted, and officials of the agency have appealed to the students for help.

There is hardly a student at State, excepting the freshmen, who hasn't at least one textbook he won't be needing any more. The UBA offers him a chance to sell this book at a price he himself sets. At the same time he may help other students get fairly priced texts without having to pay the middle-man profit. In addition, both students—the seller and the buyer—are aiding the UBA and the BX to carry on their chief duty, saving money for the student body.

The next time you need supplies, take your business to the BX. You're not only helping yourself. Your business can lead to an even bigger and better BX.

## Flash System Ideal For Group Seating

Beaver Field may finally see a workable flashcard system this year—if enough students are interested, and if the "best seats in the house" are sufficient incentive to arouse that interest. We should know by week's end.

Seniors interested in joining in the flashcard program may sign for and pick up their tickets today at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Juniors will sign up tomorrow; sophomores on Thursday.

Five hundred and fifty seats will be set aside in Section EH, midway through the senior sections and near to where the Blue Band sits.

Students who sign up for the special section will not be assigned individual seats in the section, but rather will be permitted to group with their friends. The added incentive of good seats in the senior section available to groups of buddies who naturally like to sit together should make the flash section popular.

When a flash card system was tried in 1949 it failed miserably. At the Villanova game over-enthusiastic sophomores flung the cards onto the field, causing a delay in the game until they could be removed.

Since that time flashcards have been talked of a great deal, and last spring All-College Cabinet recommended a new system be tried this fall.

This system shows more promise, for those who participate will be doing so voluntarily. Beyond a doubt, if made workable, the flashcard system will add color and spirit to Beaver Field. The opportunity to be sure of seats in a senior section should be incentive for quite a few groups of campus buddies to sign up en masse.

—Jim Gromiller

## At Last! No Lines For Registration

The seemingly impossible now appears to be close to reality—a registration system that is not an ordeal. For years Penn Staters have been suffering the rigors of registration systems that all but knocked out any enthusiasm for college life. But the end is in sight.

Much to the amazement of just about everyone, the new centralized registration set-up was a huge success. Its smoothness was even a surprise to those who were sure it would work.

Of course, there were flaws, but these should be remedied by next spring. For one thing, the absence of many advisers prevented some students from getting to Rec Hall when they were scheduled, and despite notes from department heads and school deans, these students were not permitted to register until Saturday. In many cases the students were not in the least at fault, yet they had to suffer for it. In other cases, however, the students merely ignored repeated warnings to see their advisers early and to get to Rec Hall on time.

The problem of closed sections is one that seems to creep up in any registration plan, and the new one is no exception. Serious trouble along this line, however, didn't develop until Friday afternoon when sophomores and freshmen were registering. As these students have plenty of time in the future to schedule the particular courses that were closed, the problem was not so great.

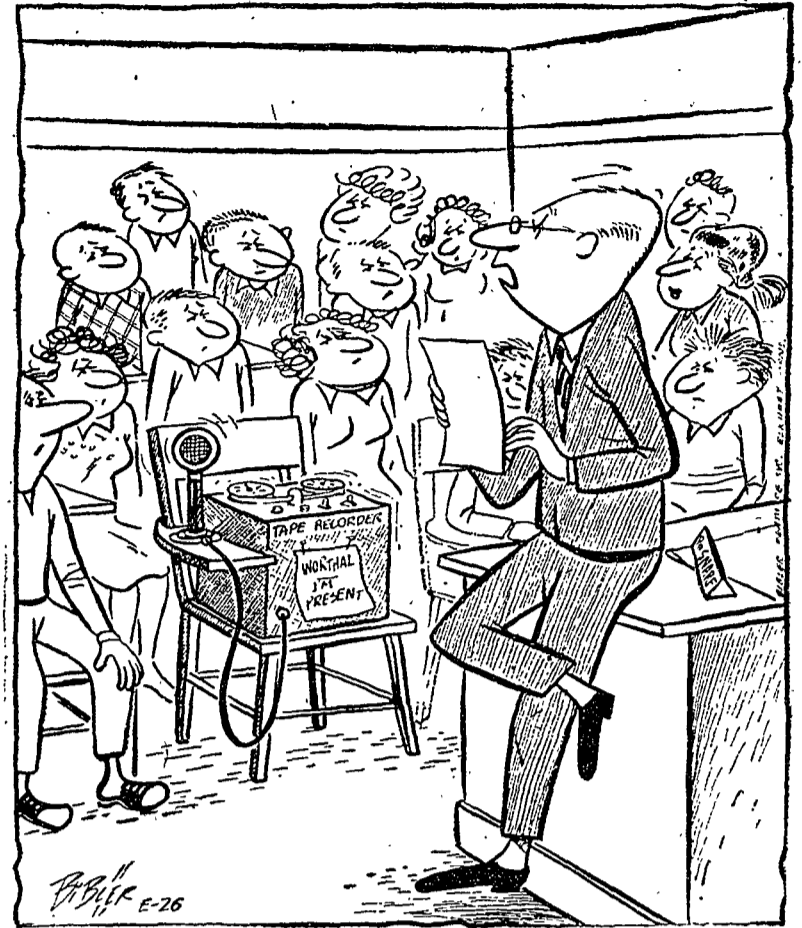
For the seniors who registered on Saturday, however, the picture was somewhat blacker, and it is this part of the registration procedure that will need the greatest amount of attention before next spring.

On the whole, we think it can be safely said that the new "painless" registration was a big hit with the majority of students. With a little more work, it should please everyone.

Don't join too many gangs. Join few if any. Join the United States and join the family—but not much in between unless a college.

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained —Garfield.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"First let me say that I appreciate the fact that most of you manage to make this 8 o'clock class."

## 16,000 Meals Served Daily in Dormitories

With the necessity of serving between 16,000 and 18,000 meals daily to College dormitory residents, the food service department must rely on mechanization and organization to give students the best buy for their money.

The center of the organization is the Food Stores Building, a food processing and storage building, where the butchering and freezing of all meats and the baking of pies, cakes, and breads is carried on.

The quantities of food produced here and served to students amount, over a period of time, to enormous proportions. For instance, if all the slices of bread used in a school year were placed end to end, the bread would reach from Cleveland, O., to Louisville, Ky. If breakfast rolls were placed in the same manner, the line would reach from here to Altoona.

### Bake 1000-2000 Loaves

The hot cereals used in a school year would fill two gasoline tank trucks, and if the pats of butter used each year were laid side by side they would cover a slice of bread two and a half miles square.

Between 1000 and 2000 loaves of bread are made each night in the bakery, wrapped, and sent to

the dormitory units early each morning. Baked goods are made each day and sent to the units about two hours before each meal.

A 12-quart dough mixer, a bread molder, and pie crust roller are just a few of the machines which speed up production. In fact, three men can turn out 700 pies in one morning. The bakery is equipped with two electrically-driven ovens with shelves which rotate to insure even baking.

### Store Food Scientifically

In the butcher shop carcasses are broken down into wholesale cuts and quick-frozen. Electric meat saws, a cube steak machine, electric food choppers, and a food shaping machine speed up the work of the three butchers.

All perishable foods are kept at scientifically regulated temperatures. Bags of sugar, potato chips, and salt are stored in a special dehumidified room to keep them dry, and separate refrigerated rooms are provided for butter, cheese, eggs, dried fruits and nuts.

Incidentally, 93 score butter is used in the dormitories. Oleomargarine is used only for cooking.

The experimental kitchen is an important feature of the foods building. Foods are tested and new recipes devised in the kitchen, which is furnished with equipment duplicating that used in the dorm kitchens.

### Advise Eating Breakfast

The food service department employs a staff of 250 plus a large number of students for part-time work. Between eight and ten meals per minute are served over the 15 counters in the six dining units. In addition to producing food, the department tries to make meal hours pleasant.

The department feels that it is most important that students get up for breakfast. This is the meal which is most important if the student is to work to the best of his ability.

Prior to the war, all food was produced in the individual dormitory kitchens. The greatly increased enrollment, resulting from the return of veterans and natural expansion, prompted officials to reorganize food services on the campus. The new centralized system seems to be the answer.

## Gazette...

Tuesday, September 16

ANDROCLES, Phi Sigma Delta, 7 p.m.

BLUE KEY, Beta Theta Pi, 9 p.m.

COLLEGIAN advertising staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGIAN circulation staff, Collegian Office, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN classified staff, Collegian Office, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN promotion staff, Collegian Office, 7 p.m.

NEW MAN CLUB, business meeting and movie, "This is Penn State," 121 Sparks, 7:15.

PENN STATE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION cabinet, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Thomas McGrotty, Anthony Petroy.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: What Price Glory 1:20, 3:21, 5:22, 7:23, 9:36

STATE: Carrie 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30

NITTANY: Encore 6:15, 7:58, 9:31.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The following positions are open for male students: Presser, Licensed Barber, Clerking (involves 20 to 25 hours per week), Soda Dispensers for 9 to 12 a.m., Library Messenger (every day 9 to 11 a.m. or 10 to 12 a.m.).

Women students may apply for work as Waitresses and Housework (five days per week from 9:30 to 12 a.m.).