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## Council Fee Plan Still Not Needed

All-College Cabinet tonight will consider a 25-cent per semester fee consolidation plan which, if approved, will raise student fees about \$2400 a year. This fee plan should not be passed.

The fee plan was given first approval last week by cabinet after presentation from Interscholar Council Board. The ISCB presented the plan to answer a College request for equalized and consolidated fees which may be collected easily at registration. There is no objection to the College's request.

The fee consolidation is necessary because the Agriculture and Home Economics Student Councils assess their students special fees. The other six schools have no such fees. To equalize this difference, ISCB has presented its plan.

The main objection here is that in attempting to consolidate fees, ISCB has produced a plan which would cost the students about \$1200 a semester. At present, the two special assessments total \$1242.25 a semester. The new fee plan would raise \$2474.75 a semester, or a \$1232.50 increase. This increase is unnecessary.

The ISCB has taken it upon itself to inject into the College's request another motive: to raise about \$1200 each semester for student council use. The ISCB plan, therefore, is not merely a consolidation plan, but a fee raise plan. The College did not ask ISCB to raise fees, and neither have the students.

If the ISCB wanted to equalize and consolidate fees, which is what the College requested, it could have proposed a 12.5 cent fee consolidation. Such a plan would raise almost the same amount of money now needed by the Agriculture and Home Economics student councils. ISCB admits it is attempting to raise extra money for council use.

The individual student councils do not need this additional money. One council has honestly asked not to receive it. Two councils have asked modifications in the plan. It was not until Tuesday night, almost a week after cabinet's first approval, that the Chemistry-Physics and Education student councils approved the fee plan.

Three remaining councils said they can use additional money from the fee plan. These same councils admit, however, they have not previously asked for more funds. It is obvious that any student council will gladly find a use for money cabinet wants to give it. Anyone can find a use for more money. But if those same councils actually need the money, why haven't they ever asked for it? It is a poor policy to pass a fee and then decide how to use the money.

It has been continually contended the councils need additional money that would result from this fee plan. If the councils feel they deserve more money, they should make an open request to cabinet for that money in their own right and seek an outright fee increase.

Instead, ISCB in seeking a fee increase has incorporated it with a consolidation request, and wrongly so. If ISCB feels its member councils need funds, then ISCB should not attempt to slide them through on a fee consolidation request. Fee consolidation and fee raise should be considered separately.

It must again be emphasized: if All-College Cabinet passes this fee plan tonight, it will be doing the student body a great injustice.  
—Dave Jones

## Fee Plan Can Mean Better Government

The fee proposal which will come before All-College Cabinet tonight for a second, and final, vote has been kicked around a great deal recently. Much of the discussion on the present plan has been confused, and has overlooked certain points.

One of the chief bones of contention is that the councils do not need the money for which they are asking. This is true in one, and perhaps two, councils, but the very fact that the rest have asked for the fee indicates otherwise. No one wants a fee passed just for the fun of it, and school council presidents and the members of their councils in particular share this view, as they are perhaps closer to the students than anyone else on cabinet.

The view is held that if the councils needed this money they should have asked for it before. Actually, this has been done. Last year, the council asked for additional funds from the in-

terclass budget. An increase of \$500 was granted. This amount has proved during the year to be insufficient. The Interscholar Council Board had anticipated asking for another increase this year, but when it started working on the problem, found that no more funds could be obtained in this manner.

Now, a council at the beginning of the year in most cases cannot know definitely that it will need and can use more funds than it has on hand to provide for a better program. Some schools, however, like the Phys Ed school can tell in advance. This year the Phys Ed school got approximately \$44 a semester from the interclass budget. No kind of effective program can be carried on with this amount.

What, then, is the answer? The school councils had to find another manner in which to raise their money. No doubt some of them considered asking cabinet for a raise in fees. This became unnecessary, however, when the fee consolidation plan was evolved.

It has been charged that the ISCB is merely using its plan for a 25 cent school council fee for all students as a means to solve the problem of consolidation. It has been charged that the fee plan is merely an easy way to extort an additional quarter from unsuspecting students. These charges have no basis in fact, nor are they fair to student councils which are trying their best to become more effective and thus be of more value to the students.

A raise in fees is always protested by some as a matter of course, regardless of the purpose to which the money will be put. We do not urge that all fees be blindly accepted, but we do urge that some common sense be used before tearing out at honest efforts aimed at a better Penn State.

The majority of the school councils, not just their presidents, feel that additional funds can be used effectively. It is for this reason that All-College Cabinet must pass this fee plan tonight, or else be guilty of undermining its own strength by cutting down the effectiveness of an important segment of student government—the school council.

## Last Chance...

Today, as you will be hearing on the loud speaker all day, will be your last chance to vote in the All-College elections.

Yesterday, a good number of students voted, and the voting machine operation ran smoothly. With hopes of getting a record number of voters out, the All-College elections committee has made every effort to see that the elections continue to run smoothly.

It is hoped that interest in student government at Penn State will induce thousands more to go to the Old Main lounge today and vote. Whether or not you have the interest, it must be remembered that the persons who will be elected will determine important student policy and issues during the coming academic year.

So, take the time—and take advantage of your last chance to vote.

—Mimi Ungar

## Safety Valve— Cites Unfair Action

TO THE EDITOR: In this week's meeting of the Liberal Arts Student Council, nominations for president of the yet-unformed Business School Council were held. This president is to be selected from present members of the Liberal Arts Student Council who will be in the Business school next semester. Only members of the Liberal Arts Council will be voting.

For a school that believes so much in the democratic way, this seems to be a very undemocratic action. Granted, the members of the LA Council are experienced in operation of such an organization. But this experience could be used in an advisory and temporary capacity instead of a method of attaining an undeserved position. The members of this new council should have the power to choose their own president.

In only a few weeks, the students will elect members of the Business Council. Why should the president of this organization be picked for them? Although the LA Council will have no more power than the Business School Council, it has taken it upon itself to choose the president for this younger group. This is neither fair to the members of the Business School nor to the council that will be elected in only a few weeks.  
—Name withheld

## Gazette...

April 23, 1953

AIR FORCE HONOR GUARD, 7 p.m., Armory, class B uniform.

ALPHA KAPPA PSI, 7 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi.

AMERICAN SLAVONIC ORGANIZATION, 7:30 p.m., 102 Willard.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering.

FENCING CLUB, 7 p.m., Rec Hall.

FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.

NEWMAN CLUB LECTURE DISCUSSION, postponed.

PENN STATE HELLENIC SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., TUB.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Asbury Arlington Hotel, New Jersey, will interview women, April 24.

Boy to work on farm for room and board.

Boys wanted for waiters and dishwashers.

Camp Nokomis, New York, will interview men and women April 23.

Students' wives for evening counter work.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



—Well, one word led to another and then I foolishly said, Professor Snarf, if your ideas are so red hot why ain't YOU out after one of those \$25,000 a year jobs instead of teaching school?"

## —Sealing Wax and Cabbages—

By ROBERT LANDIS

This being a last column and all, I guess I should say something appropriate. For instance, I could predict a brilliant future for dear old State, but I won't. I could make a last appeal for improvement on the many wrongs with student, faculty, and administration, but it would only bounce off ears of stone.

I could, you know, recall the glory that was State, if there is such a thing as glory. I could break down and cry. I could predict the dimmest of futures for the incoming senior board. But that would be silly. Every board has been the best ever, as any member of any board will tell you.

The past four years have been of mixed emotions and my experiences about the same as any others. I was sorry to see bars taken out of the fraternities because I don't think drinking is an evil. I was sorry to see irresponsibility shown on the part of students who partook of panty raids. I was glad to see the College stand up against the American Legion at one instance and reinstate Wendell S. MacRae in another.

Fraternities at Christmas time made me proud and during a hell week ashamed. At times they show that they can live up to their ideals by supporting an orphaned child in a foreign country and at other times show their hypocrisy in their many discriminatory clauses.

You can be proud of the Independents at times and quite disgusted with them when they destroy property or act like slob.

Students have much to be proud and much to be ashamed of. I can't help but wonder how some things will come out. I wonder if any of the AIM governing bodies will ever stop changing constitutions everytime a problem comes up. I wonder if All-College election totals will ever rise above 50 per cent. I wonder if the Lion will ever roar or the Obelisk fall.

The weather at Penn State is not the worst in the world. I realize this is a controversial stand, in view of recent snow storms. But isn't weather everywhere all the time? I suppose the sun always shines in your home town!

To tie things up in a neat ball, there was a lot that I never got around to doing. For instance, I have had a secret passion to attend a body mechanics class and do a column on it. Then I wanted to take a hardy blast at the school along lines of what a liberal education here should be and isn't. There are a lot of things, but the time has run out.

Two girls will be cleaning up the mess I have made—Lorraine

Gladus (librarian) and Gus Vollmer (exchange editor). I would like to express my deepest sympathies to them.

In closing, I guess I should tell those who don't already know, where I got the title for this column. The title is a quotation from Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass." Tweedledum and Tweedledee, two characters in the book, asked Alice (of Alice in Wonderland fame) if she would like to hear a poem. She wasn't interested in hearing one but they insisted. The title of it was "The Walrus and the Carpenter."

"The time has come," the Walrus said,

To talk of many things:

Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax

Of Cabbages—and kings—

And why the sea is boiling hot—

And whether pigs have wings."

## Nittany Dorms Given 17 Acres As Rec Area

Approximately 17 acres east of Nittany Dormitories have been designated by the College as a recreational area, according to Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

This area, which is now being filled with dirt from the Student Union Building excavation, will be devoted to intramural sports and to a new freshman baseball team practice diamond. Moving the freshman team to this new location will alleviate the cramped conditions that exist in Beaver Field during spring football practice, McCoy said.

In addition to this new diamond, which will be constructed in the northeast corner, there will be two new touch football fields and ten to 12 new softball diamonds to be used for intramural competition and weekend recreational activities.

Indications are favorable that this project will be finished in time for intramurals next fall, McCoy said.