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Council Heads Need No Compensation

All-College Cabinet tonight will consider compensating nine student council presidents \$15 a year as its annual budget comes up for final cabinet approval. The budget was tabled by cabinet last week so members could secure opinion from their constituents as to whether council presidents should be compensated.

According to their own statements, student council presidents need not be compensated. Six of eight council presidents contacted by the Daily Collegian said they feel compensation is not necessary. If the presidents themselves do not wish compensation, there is no need for cabinet to push it upon them.

This does not necessarily mean that students should not be compensated for their activities. This is an entirely different question. Council presidents may well deserve compensation, judged on the basis upon which other student government compensation is placed. But if council presidents themselves do not think compensation desirable, they need not get it.

Most council presidents said they feel they hold their offices as an honor and prefer to pursue their duties for the betterment of

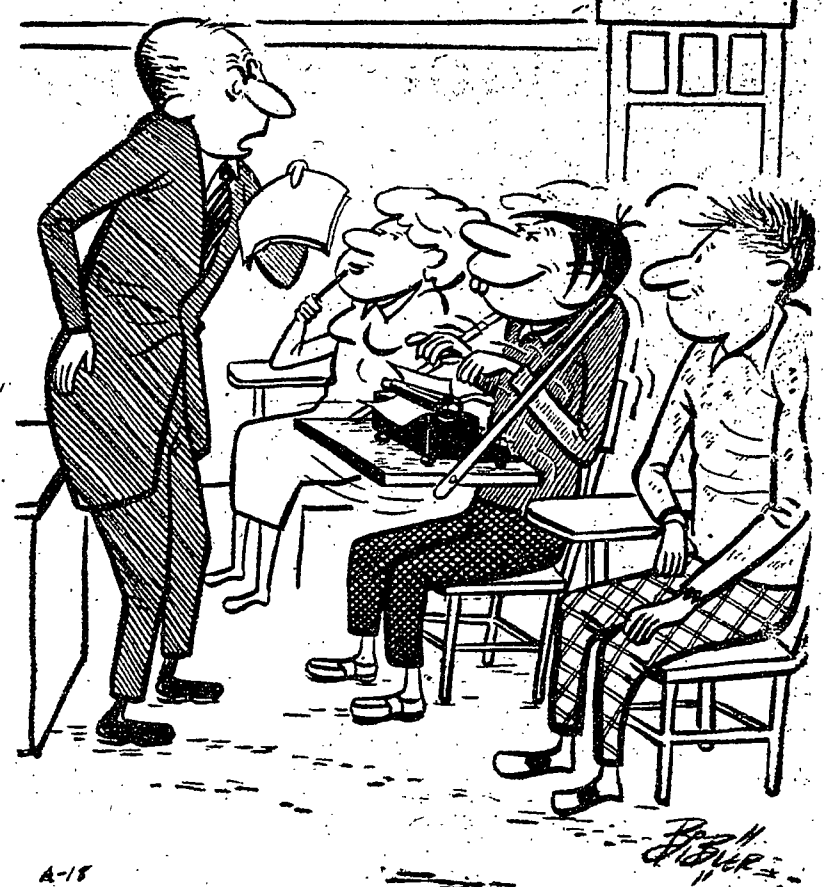
student government, without compensation. Education Student Council has backed the compensation proposal. Another council president said he favors compensation if others in student government are compensated.

The compensation provided in the budget is not intended as payment for handling the job. It is merely a token remuneration for time and work put into a job. There is a principle involved in the compensation question, however. That is whether or not compensation should be necessary for a student taking part in activities of his own volition.

The \$135 now earmarked for student council president compensation, plus \$10 set aside for Interscholastic Council Board chairman, can be put to good use elsewhere in All-College Cabinet's budget. If nothing else, it can be used as a surplus, since the budget as now set up balances exactly.

Next year's student government budget calls for \$1550 in compensation. Many students evidently do not realize their student officers are being compensated. If they did, voting in campus elections would climb mightily.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



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"Can't you type your lecture notes after class?"

III. Cheating Action Should Be Equalized

(This is the third in a series of five editorials designed to outline and explain the proposals for a Supreme Court in Penn State's judicial system.)

The matter of a fair hearing for the student in a judicial action extends also to the realm of the faculty. The chief instance when faculty enter the judicial problem is in the matter of cheating in examinations—something which may again be a major problem within a few weeks.

Although deans, professors, and instructors have received specific instructions from the President's office that any case of cheating is to be turned over to the disciplinary subcommittee of the College Senate committee on student affairs, this does not happen in many cases. Some professors feel penalties of the disciplinary committee are too strict, others that they are not strict enough. It is these professors, and sometimes even deans, who prefer to handle the cases personally.

Once again it is easy to spot inconsistent penalties which may reflect badly on the College. In one case, a student may merely get a warning. If so, he is lucky. But what of the student who is given a zip in the course, or the one who is given a bar two? Are these fair punishments when another student, whose case might be almost identical, is expelled for the remainder of the semester?

Recently we heard of another case where we feel unfair treatment was given. It happened here in one of the schools notorious for its ill will toward those caught cheating in an examination. In this case, a student who had copied from the man next to him was caught and given a bar two for the course. The catch came when the student who had been copied from was

also given a bar two on the grounds that one who gives information is as guilty as one who receives it, and that someone had to be made an example of.

Now idealistically speaking this is perhaps true, although there are degrees of guilt which must be considered. In this case, however, the student copied from was "three-ing" the course at the time, and apparently was too busy working on the examination to be aware that he was being copied from. This made no difference to the dean of the school.

Actually, under the rules of the College, the dean's action was illegal. All cases of academic dishonesty are to be handled by the Senate disciplinary committee. Any student penalized by his professor or dean can, with full backing of the President's office, take his case to this committee. Unfortunately, few students are aware of this situation. Such action on the part of a few of them, however, would considerably cut down the number of cases in which professors and deans usurp the power of penalty. It is not a wise move to openly disobey rules set down by the President of the College.

The solution to this problem is not an easy one. To a great extent it must depend on the willingness of professors, department heads, and deans of schools to cooperate. However, the establishment of a judicial public relations group to explain procedure and organization to these people would be a step toward obtaining better understanding and cooperation on their part. Increased administrative pressure would also be necessary to make the plan work properly.

—Dave Pellnitz
Retiring Editor

Interpreting the News

Oil Land Dispute Is Not Ended

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
AP News Analyst

You haven't heard the last of the tidelands oil dispute by a long shot.

The Senate has passed the bill vesting ownership in the states and only a few technicalities between Senate and House versions remain before the bill goes to a sympathetic President for signature—in contrast to two vetoes by President Truman.

For California, Louisiana and Texas, the third time was the charm.

Senate passage, however, came after weeks of bitter fighting, with the Democrats building up a record on which to make the subject a campaign issue next year.

The bill is a part of the Eisenhower "states rights" program. It is a part of a general design to reverse the trend, so strong during 20 years of Democratic control, to centralize everything in Washington.

It had the support of a broad section of legal opinion, too, including the American Bar Association, although the Supreme Court has ruled that the tidelands are a part of the heritage of all the people, and not just those of a few states.

It dissolves a latent threat to municipal and state control of numerous port installations and the like.

Opponents made a strong point, however, of the precedent established. They pointed out that it might very well produce a demand from the states for title to public lands within their borders, traditionally held by the federal government. Vast areas throughout the West still fall in this category, approaching half the area of one or two of the less populated states. The lands contain vast explored and unexplored natural resources, probably including oil and uranium.

This subject of state vs. federal control of natural resources goes back a long way. Court battles over the federal assertion of con-

trol over navigable streams have stretched out almost interminably over the years. Only the interstate character of many such streams and the connection of water transport with national defense has saved the federal rights time after time.

Even if political repercussions were not to continue for a long time, the congressional action seems certain to produce a long court fight. The Supreme Court has always upheld federal title. It said the change could be made by legislation—but has held previous legislation unconstitutional. With this record of support opponents show no signs of giving up on the new bill.

Arts Exhibition To End Sunday

The Combined Arts Exhibit in the second floor lounge of Old Main will continue until Sunday.

The exhibit is part of the annual Combined Arts festival, which brings together work of the students in architecture, landscape horticulture, drama, dance, art education, fine arts, speech, music, and visual education.

Other exhibits are being held in the Schlow Gallery on S. Atherton street, foyer of the Pattee Library, Home Economics building, fourth floor Main Engineering, and the west wing of Temporary Classroom Building.

Froth Circulation Staff

Froth circulation staff members and candidates will meet at 7:30 tonight in 2 Carnegie.

Gazette...

May 7, 1953

AMERICAN SLAVONIC ORGANIZATION, 7:30 p.m., Green lounge, Atherton Hall.

DEMOLAY CLUB, 7 p.m., 214 Willard.

FRENCH CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 20 Sparks.

FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 7:30 p.m., 2 Carnegie.

MARKETING CLUB, 4 p.m., 305 Sparks.

NITTANY GROTTO, election of officers, 7 p.m., 316 Frear Lab.

YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., TUB.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

John Bell, Rosetta Berger, Florence Cooke, Ariana Dickson, John Epler, John Hershey, Kenneth Hohe, John Johnson, Chris Karidis, Benjamin Kreider, Lee Kummer, Paul Makowski, Edward Mantick, Nancy Schade, Abing Sorriatmadja and Raymond Talipski.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Tuscarora in the Poconos, will interview men and women May 8.

Men wanted for waiters.

Men wanted for garden and lawn work, house cleaning and odd jobs.

Hat Societies' Banquet

A banquet sponsored by Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous, senior men's hat societies, will be held 6:30 p.m. May 18 at the Boalsburg firehouse.

Hellenic Society Elections

The College Hellenic Society will meet at 7:30 tonight in the Temporary Union Building, to nominate and elect officers for the coming school year.

Ski Club Elects Officers

The Penn's Valley Ski Club recently has elected Richard Wahl, president; Dolores McHugh, vice-president; Oila Horton, secretary; and Madeleine Reilly, treasurer.

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