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On Cabinet and the Student Body

New Penn State students will soon find, if they don't know it already, that most student proposals must pass through All-College Cabinet before they may go into effect. New students will also find that they, and old students, don't take much interest in what cabinet is or does.

That is unfortunate if for no other reason than this: cabinet spends \$12,000 annually in student fees. Most students do not realize that. If they did, interest in cabinet affairs would probably soar.

Cabinet will convene at 8 tonight for the first time this year. Seating space in 201 Old Main, cabinet's chamber, is limited. It is usually filled with students there to give reports, plus a few interested administrators.

Tonight cabinet will consider the first of several proposals coming out of the 1953 Student Encampment. Some proposals will have only indirect influence upon the student body, through student government.

Many proposals coming out of the encamp-

ment, however, will have direct importance to the student body. A proposal for wearing coats and ties for some dormitory meals may be heard. Proposals for revision of traffic and parking penalties may be presented. A decision may be made on Penn State's membership in the National Student Association.

Cabinet is willing to hear a student voice his opinion at any meeting, but few students avail themselves of the chance. They prefer to criticize the College and cabinet, and are not willing to attend a meeting where they may get all or most of the facts.

It is wasted effort to bemoan the lack of interest in cabinet action. Someday, perhaps in the far off future, students may become interested enough in cabinet at least to force it into a larger room. This would be a start.

Until students take a deeper interest in their own affairs, cabinet will have difficulty in measuring student sentiment. As a result, true student desires will often not be met.

Kinsey Report: Let's Face It

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's latest book was published last week with much less of a hub-bub than reports of its contents earlier this summer. Kinsey's book, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Female," was published Sept. 14. The hub-bub was precipitated because the study told us some things we didn't want to hear.

The world is still here and American morals are much the same this week as they were the week before the Kinsey report came out. The book was the culmination of a 15-year study of 5940 white females, published about six years after Kinsey told us about the American male.

Kinsey's findings showed most American women do not live up to American moral standards. These standards, he suggests, are not natural. Kinsey says the human is natural, his actions conflict with the moral code, and thus the code must be unnatural.

One reaction to the Kinsey report was that it is not factual, and that it will lead the nation's women to moral degeneration. Kinsey protected his report by admitting the faults and saying he is only reporting facts, not advising. And although Kinsey's word will not be the last, his report, factual or not, is the closest thing to fact we know.

Many newspapers unrealistically ignored the report. Ministers said it is dangerous and one even suggested it be restricted to teachers and marriage guidance experts. Such restriction would only negatively popularize the book.

We are living in an age of unparalleled frankness. Young people want to know about sex and sex relations, and they deserve to know the facts and learn them in the proper way. Hiding what little we know, refusing to acknowledge what is fact, is not the way to better education.

Kinsey returns profits of his books into more research and does not benefit materially from them. He works only as a scientific reporter. If what he reports is repulsive, it is not his fault, but rather the fault of those he reports about. If he finds humans do not abide by their own moral standards, he is not advocating removal of those standards. But when standards and actions do not coincide, some alteration must be made.

Kinsey has suggested the human moral code

is unnatural. This, however, does not mean the code is wrong. If the code were natural, humans would likely behave as animals. It is necessary to have a moral code to raise the level of those actions.

Reaction to the Kinsey report has been somewhat immature. We must be able to face the facts. Kinsey himself admits the facts may be distorted, but until someone comes up with something better, there is not much reason not to believe them. Any distortion was not intentional.

We cannot hide from what Kinsey found. If we do not like what he found, we can change it. And no person can actually use Kinsey's findings as an excuse to be immoral.

The reaction to Kinsey by some people reminds us of the little girl who was embarrassed when she read a book on penguins. "I learned lots about penguins," she said, "but I didn't want to learn so much."

Gazette . . .

- Today
- ANDROCLES HAT SOCIETY MIXER, after pep rally, Pi Kappa Alpha.
- CHAPEL CHOIR rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., 117 Carnegie.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main.
- COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF meeting, 6:30 p.m., Business office.
- LAVIE CANDIDATES meeting, 8 p.m., 405 Old Main.
- NEWS AND VIEWS staff and candidates, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics.
- WRA SWIMMING CLUB, beginners, 6:45 p.m., advanced, 7:30 p.m., White Hall pool.
- WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall.
- WRA OUTING CLUB, 6:30 p.m., playroom, White Hall.
- YOUNG REPUBLICANS MIXER, 7:30 p.m., State College Hotel.
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Two custodians to work from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- One breadslicer and wrapper from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

Coats and Ties in Dining Halls:

Pro . . .

The requirements for men living in College dormitories to wear coats and ties to be admitted to noon meal Sunday is a constructive one, and should be accepted by dormitory men as a requirement which will benefit them greatly as they continue their College careers.

For students who have already incorporated such a habit into their living pattern, this requirement is not a burden. However, for those who resent an improvement in their living habits, such a change is dastardly. "Why should the College run my life for me?" may be the retort of some.

However, these students simply show, through analysis of this remark, that they lack any idea of how the College is trying to aid them personally.

Some feel a system of required coats and ties is applicable to the West Dormitory area, but not to the Nittany-Pollock dining hall. While many men living in the East Dorms area rile at the condition of the "mess hall," the requirement should not be prohibitive. In fact, coats and ties can provide a pleasant change of atmosphere while men eat their meals. Although the hall is unattractive, the requirement for men to wear the additional clothing does not lose merit.

The policy has been tried one week. After it has been tested one year, a better view of the requirement may be made and proper judgment applied. Until then, coats and ties should continue for the Sunday noon meal. As time goes by, there will be fewer gripes and more understanding if the men can look to the future and not at what their past customs have been.

—Phil Austin

Con . . .

No one would give serious thought to asking a "skid row" inhabitant to wear a tux for dinner, even on Sunday.

While living conditions in Nittany-Pollock are not quite down to "skid row" level, they are still not of a type in which you could expect students to "dress up."

There are East Dorms residents who, at Sunday noon, return from church and change to casual clothing before going to dinner because (1) the atmosphere isn't there or (2) they don't want to get their better clothing spoiled.

Certainly there is some reason for men (and women, too, for that matter) to dress a little better than usual on Sunday, but requiring them to wear coat and tie in the Nittany dining hall is asking a little too much. It would be much more sensible if, instead, the Dean of Men's office would request shirts (dress or sport) and slacks (to eliminate dungarees) be worn on Sunday.

An Army-barracks-type dining hall just doesn't seem to be the place for shirts and suits.

Even more objectionable than requiring these people to wear ties and coats is the method of enforcement: refusal to serve them a meal which has already been paid for. Of course, if refunds were granted to those who did not care to eat in Nittany on Sunday, the idea would probably be greeted with great joy, and these lucky students would most likely wear "coat and tie" to eat somewhere with a Sunday atmosphere.

Certainly any student dressed in decent, clean clothing should be allowed to eat his Sunday meal.

—Bill Jost

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



Short 'Change

By GUS VOLLMER

For the benefit of new students on campus and to the other "old timers" who perhaps skipped over "Short 'Change" before, this is a column of items found in college newspapers throughout the country. These are, in short, items I have "lifted" because I thought they might be of interest to you, the readers.

It seems the hardest fought election battle at Cornell University last spring wasn't fought for any student office. It was for a comic strip. The present comic strip in the Cornell Daily Sun, "Li'l Abner," was running second to "Peanuts." Third choice was "Beetle Bailey," with "Alley Oop," "Steve Canyon," and Bibler following in close succession.

Some letters to the editor read: "Eat Peanuts. We want Li'l Abner."

"Keep Li'l Abner and take out the movie reviews."

"We agree wholeheartedly with your decision to exterminate Li'l Abner. Please replace him with our favorite little friend, Dennis the Menace."

"Votes for Li'l Abner. Our second choice is for that great American hero Mickey Spillane."

Denver University has lost for the second time its court battle against the Colorado State Supreme Court's decision that one of its injured football players should get workmen's compensation.

The University of Colorado Daily gloated, however. The Supreme Court decision does not mean that athletics at Denver University are professionalized. Professional athletes are paid to win.

A psychology professor at the University of Minnesota is reported to have told his class: "The human ear is sensitive to frequencies for 20 to 20,000 vibrations per second. Some animals can hear vibrations even higher than this. That is the basis for the silent dog whistles which some of you may have heard," he said.

Under the title "The Baby Shoes of Democracy" the student magazine of the Free University of Berlin gives a pair of baby shoes to the member of the German parliament judged responsible for the year's worst oratory.

This year the contest was a two-way draw, and a shoe apiece went back to the winners. One sent his shoe back to the magazine, but the other wanted to know how he could earn the entire pair.

Northwestern students are all in a furor over a recent ruling of the Associated Women Students, banning Bermuda shorts from university buildings. Bermuda shorts end just one inch above the knee. Pedal pushers,

which are still legal, end just below the knee.

"It's not a question of knees alone," Mrs. Claudine Mason, counselor to women, said. "The girls merely wanted to have costuming which shows a little more formality."

A columnist at the University of Colorado gave his number one prize for absentmindedness to a professor who gave his Tuesday-Thursday course a lecture meant for his Monday-Wednesday-Friday course.

His second prize? To students who never noticed the difference, of course.

The Georgia Tech Technique claims touring a dance floor will convince one a lot of women are trying to see who can get the most out of an evening gown.

They say at Mississippi State College that there isn't much difference in freshmen from year to year. You can tell a freshman girl right away because she says "Stop," and you can tell a freshman boy just as easily because he does.

Here at Penn State, have you noticed, that all the freshmen are wearing new shoes and freshman women carry purses?

Here's a story from the UCLA Daily Bruin:

"Blondes battle brunettes in touch football from 3 to 5 p.m. today on the athletic field when the "Powder Puff Bowl" gets underway.

"Halftime activities will be presented by members of Trolls, upper division women's disorganization, and by the redheads, who will be organized by Anne Magly, home economics senior.

"Officials for the game are Ted Narleski, Cappy Smith, and Hal Mitchell, members of the varsity football team.

"Coach for the blondes is Ernie Stockert, and Donn Moomaw instructs the brunettes.

"Cheerleaders Bud Zukow and Jerry Lewis are to lead an organized rooting section composed of redheads, naturally as well as other spectators.

"Make-up boys will be provided.

"Girls on the teams report at 3 p.m. on the playing field to Dee Rodriguez, captain of the blondes, or Ruth Reifer, brunette captain.

"The uniform for the blondes is pink blouse and denim pedal-pushers. Brunettes wear white blouses and blue pedal-pushers.

"Members of both teams will wear tennis shoes."