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Cabinet Demonstrates an Unhealthy Attitude

The newly-named All-University Cabinet Thursday night unwisely tabled several recommendations on town housing. It seems the reason cabinet tabled the motion was its desire to escape an issue. The issue must not, and cannot, be escaped.

The town housing recommendations were presented by an independent senior who lives in town. Although cabinet did not get around to finding out about it, the recommendations were supported by the executive committee of Town Council and a representative of the Association of Independent Men.

The recommendations urged, in general, a study of town housing for students, with suggestions for improving those conditions. The recommendations were drastic. Certainly, they could not have been adopted on the spot by cabinet. And certainly, no one really expected cabinet to adopt them on the spot.

Many cabinet members did not seem to know what the recommendations were about when presented. Several cabinet members did not pay attention in order to find out. And some cabinet members did not seem to care. This is an unhealthy position for Penn State's highest official student government body.

Opposition to the recommendations arose from the floor. But the opposition itself suggested a committee be set up to study the situation. Cabinet moved the recommendations to the table so fast that no chance was given to move formation of such a committee.

This was an outright attempt on the part of cabinet to escape the issue. When what appeared to be an unpleasant situation developed, cabinet put away the issue by tabling it. Cabinet must learn to face issues.

There is no reason why cabinet could not have moved to set up a committee to study the situation. True, as things now stand, establishment of a committee may be delayed only one week. Yet the discouraging thing is that cabinet was much more concerned with side-tracking than facing the situation.

Establishment of a student committee in this area seems warranted. That committee should first determine if a housing problem exists. If there is a problem, the committee then must seek ways to solve it. These ways would logically be worked out with faculty and administrative personnel who hold a direct interest in such matters.

It is refreshing to know there are students interested enough to bring before cabinet what they believe to be a bad situation. Cabinet must at least have the interest to hear these students out, and see if their beliefs are founded.

By tabling this issue, cabinet has shown an unhealthy attitude not becoming to such a group. Of course, a committee will be set up in the future. But the attitude demonstrated here is the important thing. Cabinet has unwisely put off until tomorrow what it does not have the courage to face today.

McCarthy and Stevens: The Capital Mess

The gravity of the McCarthy-Stevens feud now raging in Washington is outweighed by the absurd fuss being made, and the dire consequences the affair is likely to have, throughout the capital.

Swinging like a pendulum between a position of appeasement of the junior senator from Wisconsin and an opposite stand of backing Secretary of the Army Stevens, the President has only clouded issues and helped to lower the general morale of Army officers in Washington. From present indications, it is doubtful that morale will ever fully recover.

The issue arose when Brig. Gen. Ralph Zwicker, commandant at Camp Kilmer, N.J., was called before McCarthy's one-man investigating committee. Zwicker complained to Stevens, who protested against the "humiliating treatment" of the general. McCarthy had said Zwicker should be removed from any command, and was not fit to wear an Army uniform.

Stevens then issued a statement directing

Army personnel not to appear before McCarthy's committee, but volunteering to appear himself.

It would seem Stevens had the President's backing when he originally issued his statement, and it is difficult to understand the reasons behind his reported accord with McCarthy Wednesday, which seemed to be a complete reversal of his former position.

That the armed services are responsible to the executive for their conduct is obvious enough—except to the junior senator from Wisconsin. That any U.S. citizen—let alone Army personnel—should be neither browbeaten or humiliated by Congressional committees also seems obvious enough—except to that same senator.

The difficulty, however, is in remembering to keep our temper when we hear "McCarthyism," and realize how much real damage that senator is doing—and may intend to do.

—Len Goodman

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I somehow managed to ignore his advances last semester."

Lower Voting Age May Raise Interest

By RUTH C. SILVA

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(Another in a series of articles by University faculty members.)

We who can vote think we should also let you vote. But you seem to think we are wrong. At least, that is what the pollsters say. Gallup reports that only 31 per cent of us oldsters oppose the 18-year old vote. But a recent Scholastic magazine poll indicates that 57 per cent of last year's high school seniors did not think the 18-year old vote was such a good idea. Thus, it seems I need to convert you rather than the old moss backs.

Most advocates of the 18-year old vote have come to the right conclusion, but for the wrong reason. Perhaps that is why we have not convinced you. It is said: "If a man is old enough to fight, he is old enough to vote." The President of the United States reasoned in this fashion during the 1952 campaign.

I submit this is a specious argument. It assumes the qualities required for voting and fighting are identical. If they are, then men over 26, conscientious objectors, the physically handicapped, and women should be disfranchised, because they are unsuited for combat service.

The voting-fighting thesis would be slightly more sensible if it were revised as follows: "Since our laws impose various civic responsibilities on youth, democracy requires that we give youth a voice in determining what those responsibilities shall be."

A better reason for reducing the voting age is that such a change is likely to make real inroads on voter apathy in the United States.

The mandatory teaching of history, economics, and civics in our high schools should make a majority of our people better informed about public questions, and more interested in civic affairs, between the ages of 18 and 21 than at any other age in life. Thus, the 18-year vote would add people to the electorate at an age when more of them are likely to have the greatest interest in politics.

You might say that our high school courses in problems of democracy fail to create this interest in government. This is doubtless true in many cases, precisely because we do not have a lower voting age. The real value of civic training comes from its association with civic responsibility. If the student has no immediate prospect of voting, his study of history, economics, and civics will lack meaning and effectiveness. While experience in student government is desirable, it is not enough.

Giving the ballot to the citizen soon after he leaves high school would not only increase his civic

interest but would help to maintain it.

Today, when the average citizen leaves school, he is forced to wait at least three years before casting his first ballot. During this period, he develops non-voting habits and becomes absorbed in earning a living. Any enthusiasm or interest in government he may have acquired in school cools off during these three years. In most cases, it cools to the point that he does not even register to vote.

Perhaps you will say the schools cannot prepare our people for citizenship by the age of 18. My answer is that very few people between 18 and 21 have an opportunity to learn more about democratic ideals in our schools. For more than 80 per cent complete their formal education before the age of 18.

Finally, the alleged idealism of youth would seem to be a good reason for lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. While idealism is not an unmixed blessing in politics, yet Philadelphia politics would indicate the idealism of youth would be an asset to our political life.

Dean Weston's Return Is Expected Next Week

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, may return to her job next week, Mrs. Cordelia Hibbs, assistant to the dean, said yesterday.

Dean Weston is still recuperating at her home in Carnegie, Pa. following an operation.

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

Table with columns for Day (Today, Sunday, Monday) and Time slots (7:25, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30). It lists various radio programs such as 'Music of the People (BBC)', 'Jazz Moods', 'Designed for Dancing', 'Light Classical Jukebox', 'Masterworks from France', 'The Third Program (Every Man)', 'BBC, Beethoven Program', 'Spotlight', 'Serenade in Blue', 'Top Drawer', 'Hamburger Stand', 'Campus News', and 'Symphony Hall'.

Gazette . . .

- NEWMAN CLUB BUSINESS MEETING, 8:15 p.m., 405 Old Main.
Monday
ALPHA PHI OMEGA, Brothers' meeting, 7 p.m., 12 Sparks.
ALPHA PHI OMEGA, Pledges' meeting, 7 p.m., 3 Sparks.
INTER-COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 7 p.m., 108 Willard.
NEWMAN CLUB BASKETBALL GAME, 9 p.m., Wesley Foundation.
PLACEMENT SERVICE
EQUITABLE GAS SYSTEM will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., G&M, Chem., Phys., CE, EE, ChE, Mng. E, ME, IE, & PNGE on March 12.
CALIF. TEXAS OIL CO. LTD. will interview graduating seniors in Acctg. & Geology; M.S. candidates in Geology who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Geology, expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, on Mar. 12.
RELIANCE ELECTRIC & ENGINEERING CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, ME, and IE on March 12.
GULF RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CO. will visit the campus on March 11 & 12 to interview graduating seniors in Chem., Science, Acctg., ChE, ME, PNG; M.S. candidates in Chem., ChE, & ME who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Organic Chem expecting to receive degrees in 1954.
OWENS-CORNING FIBERGLASS CORP. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Econ., Finance, Marketing, LMR, A&L, Advertising, Ceramics, Metal, Min. Prep., Ed., Chem., Phys., Arch E., Chem Eng., CE, EE, IE, ME, on March 11 and 12.
MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO. will interview graduating seniors in Chem., Comm. Chem., Chem E, EE and ME on March 11.
PROVIDENT MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Liberal Arts, Ed., and Psy. for sales on March 11.
PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT will interview graduating seniors in Metal, on March 2.
SHELL OIL CO. (Production department, mngf., & Shell Chemical Corp.) will visit the campus on March 11 & 12 to interview graduating seniors in Chem., ChE, EE, ME, Mining and Petroleum and Natural Gas Eng.; M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Mining & Petroleum and Natural Gas Eng. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954.
SOCO-VACUUM CORP. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, ME, Bus. Adm., and L&A; M.S. candidates in ChE who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in ChE expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; also Jr. or advanced degree candidates in ChE for summer work, on March 8.
GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO. (3 div.) will interview graduating seniors in Aero. E, CE, IE, ME, Chem., and Phys.; M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, on March 8.

- THE BURROWES CORP. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., and Acctg. for sales and service work on March 8.
BABCOCK & WILCOX will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Ceramics, Metal, Chem., Fuel Tech., Engr. Phys., ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME on March 8.
AMERICAN MACHINE AND FOUNDRY CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE & ME on March 8.
KURT SALMON ASSOCIATES INC. will interview graduating seniors in IE, and M.S. candidates in IE who have completed at least one semester, on March 5.
KOPPERS CO. will interview graduating seniors in Chem., and ChE; and M.S. candidates in ChE who have completed at least one semester, on March 5.
CONTAINER CORP. OF AMERICA will interview graduating seniors in ME & IE, on March 5.
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF RETAILING will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Acctg., Eco., Finance, Insurance & Real Estate, Marketing, Secretarial Science, Trade & Transportation, Education, Psychology, Home Ec. (women), A & L, Advertising, L.M.R., languages, and Math, on March 5.
I.T.E. CIRCUIT BREAKER will interview graduating seniors in EE on March 5.
PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE on March 5.
AMERICAN VISCOSSE will interview graduating seniors in Chem., ChE, IE, ME on Mar. 4 & 5.
ESSO STANDARD OIL CO. (Louisiana Div.) will interview graduating seniors in Metal, Chem., P.N.G., ChE, ME, EE, CE, & IE; M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester, and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; interviews also for a few outstanding juniors in the above fields for summer work on Mar. 4 & 5.
NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION (Columbus) will interview graduating seniors in Aero. E, ME, & EE; CE & Arch E. for aircraft design work, and Jr. Aeronautical Engr. for summer work on Mar. 4.
PROCTOR AND GAMBLE (Comptroller's Div.) will interview graduating seniors in Acctg., Finance, and Bus. Adm. on Mar. 4.
CINCINNATI MILLING MACHINE CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME and IE and a few Metal, and EE on Mar. 4.
ARMSTRONG CORK CO. will interview graduating seniors in Journalism, Bus. Adm., Eco., Liberal Arts, Chem. (organic preferred) and Physics, Arch E, ChE, CE, IE, M&E on Mar. 9 and 10.
PROCTOR & GAMBLE CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME, Chem., and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 9 and 10.
SYLVANIA ELECTRIC CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, ME, IE, ChE, Ceramics, Metal, Chem., Phys.; M.S. candidates in EE, ME, ChE, Ceramics, Metal, Chem., and Ph.D. candidates in EE, Metal, Chem., and Phys. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, on March 5.
THE TEXAS CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, EE, ME, and PNG on March 8.
CURTISS-WRIGHT CORP. (Propeller & Electronics Div.) will interview graduating seniors in Metal, Aero E, EE & ME on March 10.
MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE, EE & ME, Chem on March 10 and 11.
TRUSCON STEEL DIV. will interview graduating seniors in Arch. Eng. and CE on March 10.