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## Appointments: Beware the Red Tape

All-University Cabinet tonight will hear the third reading of a small, but rather important, proposed amendment to its constitution.

The amendment would require the All-University president to announce cabinet appointments at two consecutive meetings one week apart before appointments would go into effect. The amendment is designed to give cabinet members a chance to look into appointments before they are final.

Reasoning behind the proposed amendment is good, but there is still some question as to whether the amendment is necessary. Few, if any, cabinet members would really look into appointments. Actually, only a few appointments are of much significance.

The amendment would hinder the All-University president in his appointive capacity. Cabinet is required to meet only every other week. Thus, it is possible some appointments under the proposal would be delayed a full month before they could be official. This could kill the operation of some committees.

Some plan, it seems, may be desirable for more important appointments. But the present proposal seems to have little merit. A better amendment, perhaps, would require the double approval of the more important appointments. These would include chairmanships of Student

Encampment, Religion in Life, All-University elections committee, and other such groups. Certainly, the All-University president must know far in advance when these appointments will be made.

One fault with the present appointment procedure is cabinet's lack of information on what appointments are forthcoming. No announcement is ever made on what committee appointments are pending. Cabinet members could provide many logical suggestions for appointments. Too often, appointments go to the same few students. If cabinet knew what appointments were in the offing, some new and much needed talent might be uncovered.

Cabinet might be wise in redrawing the proposed amendment to include only committee chairmen. Thus, cabinet would have time to reflect upon chairmen of important committees, but minor appointments would not be considered.

Any proposal to restrict the executive's appointive power has the taint of mistrust of the executive. Mistrust of the executive, however, is not the idea here. The idea is to give cabinet time to reflect on important appointments. In providing time for that reflection, however, cabinet must not burden itself or its executive in a mess of red tape.

## III. Elections Committee: Organization

(The last of three editorials on relations between the All-University elections committee and campus politics.)

Permanent registration is not a panacea for all ills that plague campus political parties. Other steps are necessary to make campus politics succeed.

With persons permanently registered as party members, the party can function between elections rather than just before them. It is important for a party to start to rebuild for the next election as soon as one election has been completed. The party should be the faithful opposition or the cautious leader of all ideas proposed during the year. A continuing party organization would then be a full-time activity if a student dutifully fulfilled his party assignment.

Superstructure of such an organization would be the steering committee. Composition of this committee would be determined by party members. Such an organization could include intra-party offices with floor leaders, and area committees. These officers would be responsible to the steering committee, not to the clique chairman, as is now the case. Officers would be continually active.

The decision as to specific organization—whether the party would operate through clique or convention—and the position and power of a clique chairman or party director, would come from the party itself. Election of party officers would be under party control. A closed primary election could be used to select candidates for public office, eliminating or subordinating the

clique or convention.

The elections committee would intervene in party matters only in the absence of internal party leadership. Conditions under which the committee could intervene could be listed in the elections code.

Moreover, the party could control officials at the polling places in both primary and general elections. These officials could be selected in a primary election to prevent a group within the party from obtaining power by making appointments to these posts.

The elections code should be made permanent. While changes may be made in it from time to time by All-University Cabinet, an overall policy for conducting elections should be maintained. A permanent party organization cannot be established if the code, under which parties operate, is changed every semester. The elections committee should be responsible to the parties, as well as cabinet, for the adoption and change of the code.

Elections at the University have lacked necessary appeal to the general student body. Elections can be improved. The elections committee, when it presents the spring elections code to All-University Cabinet tonight should change its duties to that of an umpire. It should present, for adoption by cabinet, a permanent registration system which would make the political parties stronger. This would be one of the best ways to infuse new and stronger blood in student government, and help the entire student government system achieve its goal of a better Penn State.

—Phil Austin

## Gazette ...

- Tonight DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy Building
- NEWMAN CLUB LECTURE, 7:30 p.m., 106 Willard
- NEWS AND VIEWS, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics
- OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
- POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Home Economics Living Center

### INFIRMARY

Audrey Arbuckle, Howard Cook, Robert Dougherty, William Duff, George Ettenger, Charles Jenner, Howard McKee, John Miller, Richard Miller, Nevin Rupp, Charles Stone, Richard Tussey, Stanley Ulsh, Alfred Wittenmaier, Earl Wollaston, Thomas Woolaway.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The following camps will interview prospective counselors. Students may sign up at the Student Employment office: Hiram House Camp (Cleveland, O.) on March 5-6; Herald Tribune Fresh Air Camp on March 12; Abington YMCA Day Camp (Abington, Pa.) on March 16; Camp Menatoma on March 17-18; Lillian Taylor Camp on March 23; Camp Onawandah (Girl Scouts) on March 26; Clear Pool Camp, Carmel, N.Y., on April 1; Camp Kiwanis (Lebanon YMCA) on April 2; and Camp Conrad Weiser (Reading, Pa., YMCA) on April 7.

### PLACEMENT SERVICE

SQUARE D CO. will interview graduating seniors in IE, ME, & EE on March 17 & 18. THE TEXAS CO. will visit the campus on March 8 to interview graduating seniors in ME, ChE, Chem, & CE; M.S. candidates in ME & ChE and Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degree in 1954. THREE DIVISIONS OF CONTINENTAL OIL CO. will interview graduating seniors in Chem., ChE, ME, IE, & PNG; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 17. BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM (Bell Telephone Co. of Penna., Bell Telephone Lab., Western Electric, and Sandia Corp.) will visit the campus on March 17, 18, & 19 to interview candidates in Phys., ChE, ME, CE, & ChE; and M.S. candidates in Chem., EE & ME who have completed at least one semester. MALLINGKRODT CHEMICAL WORKS will also interview M.S. candidates in Chem., ChE, EE, & ME who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on March 10 & 11.

## On Town Housing

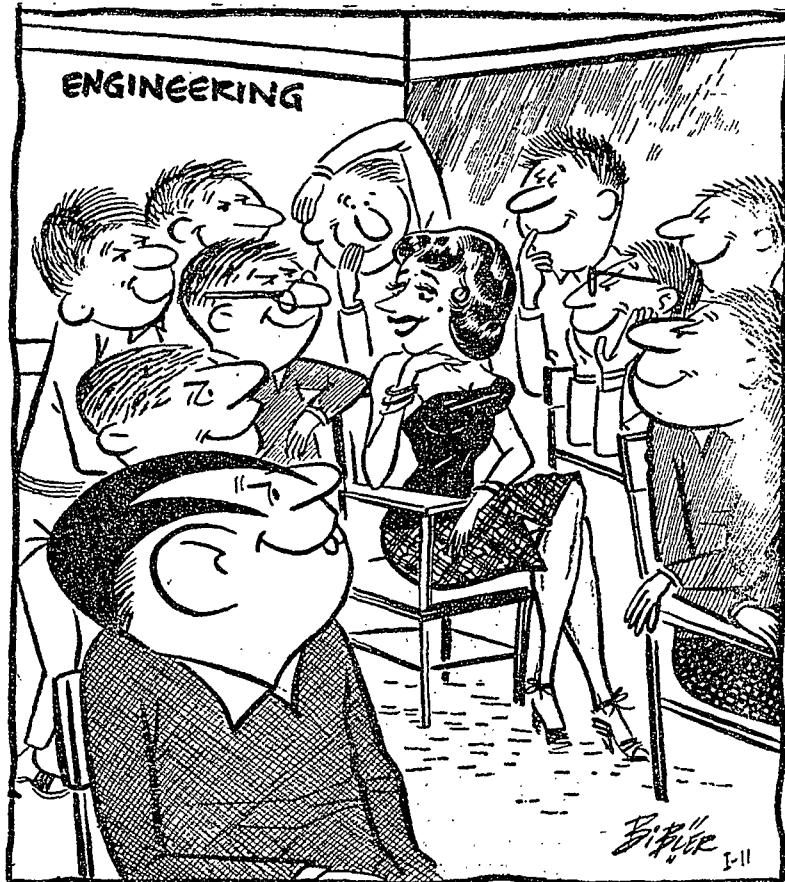
All-University Cabinet tonight will have the opportunity to remove several recommendations on town housing from the table and put them into committee for action. This is something cabinet must do to avoid further criticism, especially from town independents, for side-stepping touchy issues.

Cabinet last week curbed several drastic recommendations on town housing without a proposal to create a committee to study those recommendations. Most cabinet members by now realize those proposals must be sent to committee if any action is ever to be forthcoming.

- LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Bus. Mngt., Econ., Insurance & Real Estate, Marketing, Ed., A&L, Journalism, and Languages on March 16.
- STANDARD OIL OF OHIO will interview graduating seniors in ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME on March 16.
- CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON will interview graduating seniors in CE on March 16.
- INTERNATIONAL NICKEL CO. will interview graduating seniors in Metallurgy on March 16.
- AMERICAN BRAKE SHOE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Mngt., Finance, ChE, IE, ME, EE, & Metal on March 16.
- ROME AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER will interview graduating seniors in physics (non-nuclear) and EE (interested in electronics work) on March 10.
- PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS will interview graduating seniors in ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME on March 15.
- PAUL E. WILLIAMS, Ph.D. will visit the campus on March 16 to interview graduating seniors in Med. Tech., Zoology & Entomology, Bus. Mngt., Econ., Marketing, A&L, Pre-Med., Health Ed., Physical Ed., & Recreation for the following companies: Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. & General Fireproofing Co.
- BOEING AIRPLANE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Aero. E, CE, EE, & ME; M.S. candidates in Aero. E, CE, EE, ME, Math., & Phys. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on March 16 and 17.
- LEHIGH PORTLAND CEMENT will interview graduating seniors in L.A. and Bus. Ad. interested in sales on March 12.
- EASTERN STATES FARMERS' EXCHANGE will interview seniors interested in possible employment on March 9, 10, & 11.
- PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE & ME on March 15.
- PITTSBURGH CONSOLIDATION COAL will interview graduating seniors in Chem., Fuel Tech., & ChE; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 15.
- RELIANCE ELECTRIC & ENGINEERING CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, ME, and IE on March 12.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I don't know why I take this class with ALL boys—I just don't know the first thing about trains."

## Interpreting the News

# Puerto Rican Shots Do Needless Harm

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

As long as people seek martyrdom for a cause they are going to attract attention, even though the cause be a hallucination.

No matter how often the true Puerto Rican story is told, no matter how strongly Puerto Rican leaders protest that the attack in Congress was made by isolated fanatics who represent no important section of Puerto Rican opinion, no matter how repeated Puerto Rican elections are cited to show what the United States has done for Puerto Rico what the Puerto Ricans want, the shots are going to be heard around the world for a long time.

Vast numbers of submerged peoples everywhere are going to believe, with the help of the Communist propaganda machine, that people who go to such extremes are motivated by patriotism and hatred of colonialism. They will not believe even a handful of such people can be worked to such a pitch by mere hallucinations.

The imaginary Puerto Rican problem now promises to take prominence in Communist propaganda alongside the real problem of racial relations in the United States. And if you don't know this is a real problem in American relations with a large part of the world, you only need to talk for a short time to men of seeming intelligence from such places as India, Burma, Java, or Africa, men who say they are non-Communist.

The Puerto Rican Nationalists are not classified as a Communist group, although the district in which they live in New York sometimes casts a heavy Communist vote, and they are supported by the Communists in the general Red scheme for making trouble. Actually, the Nationalists are a tiny hangover fringe from the long-gone days when Puerto Rican independence was a burning question.

They are led by a man who has been medically diagnosed as suffering from hallucinations.

They feed on such discontent as may be found on an island whose resources are insufficient to support a population which has grown rapidly, primarily because of American health and sanitation measures.

For that part of Puerto Rican opinion which does favor complete disassociation from the United States, in spite of recently-granted complete legislative autonomy as a commonwealth, there is a sane Independence party 20 times larger than the Nationalists, yet still not very large. It eschews radicalism.

There is no value in discussing here the benefits to Puerto Rico

of her remaining ties with the United States. Americans know it, and Puerto Ricans have expressed themselves on it in free elections.

But the lunatic fringe of Puerto Ricans has now done the United States great harm without doing themselves or their country any good.

## Commies Laugh At Capitol Shooting

By EDDY GILMORE

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP)—Soviet Communist officials must be still laughing at the shooting that took place in Washington's House of Representatives. They laugh at grim things that happen to other people.

To attend a session of the Supreme Soviet I had to have a special ticket issued by the security police, through the press department.

A colonel carefully examined my ticket. He held it to the light. He turned it over several times, with I handed over my press card. This had a photograph of me and the information that I was an accredited foreign correspondent. The colonel looked at the date of expiration. Then he looked at me again. I had a mustache but the picture showed me with none. After explaining the situation they inspected my typewriter.

I was then shooed to a special cloak stand and handed over my coat.

Leaving the building was almost as difficult as getting inside. The same scrutiny of documents and my face and figure. When I reached the Kremlin gate the colonel approached.

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