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## An Amendment Falls — Without a Word

All-University Cabinet Thursday night defeated a constitutional amendment that would have had no profound effect on student government, but may have helped it a little.

The amendment would have made appointments of committee chairmen and compensated committee members subject to cabinet approval at two consecutive meetings, at least one week apart. Under present procedure, cabinet appointments are made official at one meeting.

The unusual aspect of cabinet's treatment of the proposed amendment was its lack of debate on the issue. The amendment was altered to a considerable extent on the floor of cabinet, yet no debate was forthcoming on the proposal, as altered.

On the other hand, perhaps this treatment was not unusual after all. Cabinet this year has characteristically slept while business was being carried on. Little, if anything, constructive has come from cabinet this year. Most of what cabinet has done is merely an extension of the Student Encampment.

One cabinet member spoke against the proposed amendment. No one spoke for it. There was no debate after the proposal was altered on

the floor. Yet nine students voted against the proposal, and 14 for it. There were no abstentions. It is strange 23 students could formulate opinions on the changed amendment without a word of debate.

The proposed amendment would have kept compensated student positions from the hands of a select few students, and major committee appointments would have had a chance for more even distribution among students. Any government—student or otherwise—can use capable new blood. In present appointment procedures, the old blood is getting worn out.

The amendment proposal did not question the wisdom of the All-University president's appointments. It was a question of giving cabinet the right to know something about those to whom its major appointments go. This can cause no harm.

The amendment would not have hampered the president in his duties. To the contrary, it might have given him more substantial reasons on which to base appointments. Now, as in the past, cabinet may find itself handcuffed into approving appointments with which it has quarrel.

## Grass Doesn't Grow, It Survives

Grass doesn't grow on the Penn State campus. It survives. Sometimes. And it isn't green, either. It's a sort of sickly yellow-brown. It doesn't get to be this color through old age. Grass doesn't have a chance to get old at Penn State.

Know why? Because 11,084 students—and a couple of profs, too—save an estimated 7,638.02 seconds a day avoiding paved sidewalks.

They're very nice sidewalks, but they're ignored. Only in moments of extreme emergency—say when a student has ten minutes he must waste or run the risk of getting to class on time—do sidewalks get walked on.

But grass at Penn State is optimistic. It tries hard. Every spring—about this time—the sun shines on it and, when the sun doesn't shine, rain falls. Well, this sort of thing encourages grass.

So it inhales deeply and once again tries to grow. Foolish, foolish grass!

There are other optimists at Penn State. They're in the landscape maintenance and construction department. They try to bolster the lost cause. They try to grow grass. They spread lime in the winter. They spread fertilizer in the early spring. Then, later, they sneak out and spread grass seeds when nobody looks.

But they don't get away with it. Pretty soon the seeds begin to bud. Little tender grasslings pop up. We students spot them. We stomp on them. We trample on them. Not a blade gets away unscathed.

What's all this leading to? Just this: we have the nicest sidewalks east of Salt Lake City. But they would look even nicer if there were a little lawn bordering them. We've seen pictures of the stuff, and we know.

Now, you ask, would we be able to get to classes if we didn't cut across the lawns? That's easy: roller skates.

—Mike Feinsilber

## Gazette...

Tonight

- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main
- COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard
- COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Business Office
- COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie
- FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 202 Willard
- INKLING EDITORIAL STAFF, 8 p.m., 201 Willard
- POLLOCK COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Nittany Dorm 20

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The following camps will interview prospective counselors. Students may sign up at the Student Employment office: Hiram House Camp; 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

- 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, and 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.
- EQUITABLE GAS SYSTEM will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., G&M, Chem., Phys., CE, EE, ChE, Mgr. E, ME, IE, & PNGE on March 12.
- CALIF. TEXAS OIL CO. LDT. 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.
- 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, Cer-

## NCAA Tourney

For the second time in five years—and the third time in Penn State's history—Head Coach Elmer Gross will be leading his basketball team into a NCAA tournament when his Lion cagers face Toledo, Mid-American Conference champions, tonight at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Despite the fact that Penn State is not conceded much of a chance to walk off with tournament honors, the Lions can and will bring back some recognition.

The 1942 Penn State team still owns the distinction of first having attracted national attention to this campus by holding Eastern pace-setter, Dartmouth, to a five point margin, and upsetting Illinois in the consolation round.

In 1952 Penn State was an easy mark for Kentucky in the first round of play, but the Lions gave a good account of themselves in dropping a 69-60 decision to North Carolina State in the consolation game. In Jesse Arnette, then a freshman who scored 22 points in each game, Penn State had the leading scorer in the tourney. He was tied for honors with Kentucky's all-American, Cliff Hagan.

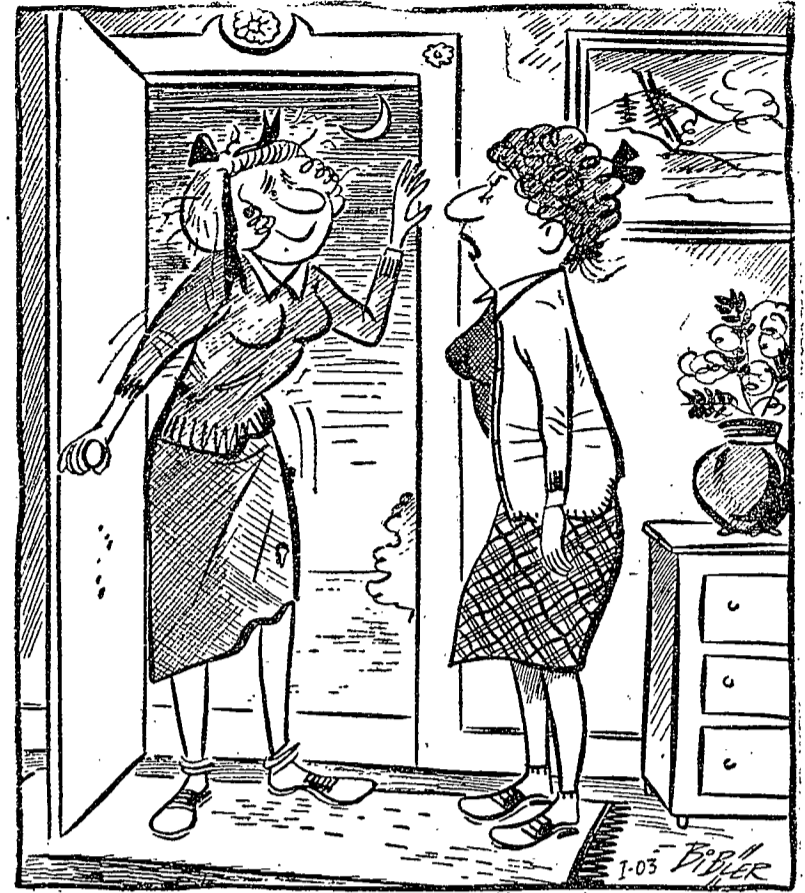
The Lions do not need a win tonight to achieve the recognition they deserve. A good showing would suffice. Nevertheless, it's nice to know that off Penn State's campus, there is someone who believes the Lions have a capable basketball team.

—Sam Procopio  
Sports Editor

- amics, 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.
- 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.
- NATIONAL TUBE DIVISION OF U.S. STEEL (Lorain) will interview graduating seniors in EE, ME, and IE on March 15.
- PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., L.A., and Math. (actuary work); M.S. candidates in Finance who have completed at least one semester on March 15.
- FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATION LABORATORIES will interview graduating seniors in EE and Phys.; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 15.
- PENNSYLVANIA THRESHERMEN'S & FARMERS MUTUAL CASUALTY INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Journalism, L.M.R., Ed., Psy., and A&L on March 15.
- PHILCO CORP. will interview graduating seniors in EE & ME; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 15 & 16.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"My date was polite, considerate, and intellectual—but I'm glad to see that someone had a good time."

### Excursion 4: Russell-ology

## Walden Sea

By LEN GOODMAN

No doubt no age has better grounds for pessimism than ours. But no age would be wasting as much valuable time if it should take up the cult of pessimism.

What if one were to ask if he were the product of a crazy cell, or that of a divine will, but in asking to expect an answer. To answer "the former" says nothing, while to say "the latter," is open to criticism and diverging opinion.

But is there a need to search for reasons and answers to such questions? Most of the sciences do not seem to think so, and though this does not prove anything, maybe we should agree. Then we could be consoled by both the ignorance of those not realizing such questions exist, and the potential of those attempting to find the answer.

The stock answer of the sciences—especially physics and chemistry—seems to be that after any period of a billion years, or so, chances are the whole cycle would happen again: the evolution of one cell through the evolution of the many-celled.

Who was it that described God as saying, when the world of man had dust away in a cloud of atom dust: "It was a good show—maybe I'll let it run again?"

Yet, the ironic part of the question is that we cannot pinpoint anything very exactly, even though conscious of ourselves and the world about us.

For instance, touch a book, and the sensation is felt in the finger, it seems. Is the mind there?

With regard to the world about us, and even our own substance, how is one to view the news of a physicist who has found the new knowledge of the structure of the atom, confirmed in experiments with the giant cosmotron atom-smashing machine at Brookhaven, N.Y., has outrun the basic physical laws to explain it.

Or, how to view the findings of another physicist who says that a minimum of six dimensions—though "dimension" in this sense loses its common definition—is needed to describe the structure of matter; or, yet another who says the "basic stuff" of matter continually evades all research, and he is unable to define the "basic stuff."

There are certainly no pat answers—I suppose "certainly" is putting it mildly. For me, Bertrand Russell, writing in "Education and the Good Life" in the '20s, phrased at least a partial answer when he advocated a courage for the individual tempered with a sensitiveness.

"What is wanted," he states, "is a combination of self-respect with an impersonal outlook on life. To

begin with self-respect: some men live from within, while others are mere mirrors of what is felt and said by their neighbors. The latter can never have true courage; they must have admiration, and are haunted by the fear of losing it."

"There is one thing more required for the highest courage, and that is what I called just now an impersonal outlook on life... The source of all harm is that the good life has been sought in obedience to a negative imperative, not in broadening and developing natural desires and instincts... But in fact, every interest outside a man's body makes his life to that degree impersonal..."

"Thus the perfection of courage is found in the man of many interests, who feels his ego to be but a small part of the world, not through despising himself, but through valuing much that is not himself... Such courage is positive and instinctive, not negative and repressive."

By far, this is not all that could be said, nor even this his whole argument. But, why deny it: this is a time for greatness!

### Army ROTC Graduates Will Get Commissions

The Department of the Army has announced reserve commissions will be given to Reserve Officers Training Corps graduates in the Class of 1954. No decision has been made as to how the graduates will be called to active duty.

### Collegian Promotions

Fifteen promotions to the junior board circulation staff of the Daily Collegian have been announced by Frank Cressman, circulation manager. They are Janet Easley, Mary Lois Henry, Rosemarie Jackel, Christine Kauffman, Ann Keesly, Nancy Light, Gertrude Malpezzi, Alletta Manbeck, Lillian Melko, Dolores Pennek, Polly Panlehas, Judy Sedor, Dorothy Jean Swope, Peggy Troxell, and John Albrecht.

### Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:25 Sign on
- 7:30 Recorded Review
- 8:00 UN Story
- 8:15 Call Card
- 8:30 Tops in Pops
- 9:15 Campus News
- 9:30 Radio Nederland
- 10:00 Music Hall
- 10:30 Sign off