

Cabinet Leads Student Body

All-University Cabinet is the highest student governing body on the University campus.

At its meeting, held usually each Thursday night, the 24 top campus office holders meet to discuss campus problems, decide what should be done, and approve committee appointments to carry out their decisions.

The 24 cabinet members represent all segments of University life. The three top men on cabinet are the All-University president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. This year Jesse Arnelle, John Speer, and Robert Homan fill these posts. These men were elected last spring by the students in a voting turnout that broke all records.

In addition to the officers, the presidents of the nine college student councils have cabinet posts to represent the interests of the students of their particular college in relation to the University students as a whole.

The campus "Greeks" and "Independents" have their voice on cabinet too, through the presidents of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Association of Independent Men, and Leonides, association of independent women.

The presidents of the Athletic Association and the Women's Recreation Association speak for the athletic interests of the students, and the president of the Women's Student Government Association presents the coeds' views.

The four class presidents hold cabinet posts, as do the chairman of the Board of Publications and the president of the Dramatics and Forensics Council.

To give cabinet accurate information on which to base its decisions and then enable it to put decisions into effect, approximately 160 students are appointed to All-University committees each year.

Cabinet appoints the members of Tribunal, men's judicial body, and Traffic Court, the group responsible for campus parking and driving regulations enforcement. Other committees appointed include the elections, foods, Junior Prom and Senior Ball, Campus Chest, and many, many others.

The importance of cabinet is soon understood when students realize that cabinet is responsible for spending \$12,000, collected from student fees annually.

Cabinet allocates this money to various campus organizations, including the classes, and provides "scholarships" or compensations to some student officers and committees.

In addition to spending money, cabinet also has the power to increase student fee assessments. Recent examples of this power were a new 25-cent a semester fee for the operation of campus radio station WDFM and a 25-cent per semester fee to be allocated to the college student councils.

Cabinet meetings are open to the public and students are allowed to express their opinions on vital issues when a matter is brought up for debate. While cabinet members alone have the right to vote on any matter, and each student is represented indirectly through one or several students on cabinet, each student is free to take a direct part in student government by voicing his opinions before cabinet.

Band Practice Begins Monday

The Penn State Marching Blue Band, under the direction of James W. Dunlop, associate professor of music, will begin practice at 7 p.m. Monday in 117 Carnegie.

The band will make its first appearance at the pep rally at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in front of Recreation Hall. It will perform between halves of the first home game with Virginia on October 9. The Blue Band will appear at all home football games, pep rallies, and at the Pitt and Penn games.

Final auditions for both the marching and concert bands will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Any student may try out for the concert band. The marching band is open only to men. Interested students may sign up for auditions today in 109 Carnegie.

Tarpley Named Head Of EE Department

Harold I. Tarpley, professor of electrical engineering, has been named acting head of the department for the period August 1, 1954 to April 30, 1955.

Dr. Vernon M. Albers has been promoted from assistant director of the Ordinance Research Laboratory to Chief Scientist of the laboratory.

Cabinet Belongs To NSA Group

More than 300 institutions, Penn State among them, are affiliated with the National Student Association, national organization of student governments.

The NSA is a confederation of student governments, which represents college student bodies through their own elected representatives.

The aims and purposes of NSA, as outlined in the constitution, pledge NSA to maintain academic freedom, stimulate and improve democratic student governments, to develop better educational standards, promote student welfare, promote international understanding, guarantee to all people equal rights and possibilities for education, and foster the recognition of the rights and responsibilities of students to the school, the community, and God, and to preserve the interests and integrity of the government and constitution of the United States of America.

The organization was founded by 25 American students who had been delegates to the 1946 meeting of the World Student Congress in Prague, Czechoslovakia. At this time, there was no national student group in the United States. These students called a conference of delegates from 300 colleges and 25 student organizations to consider the formation of such

Top Scholars Recognized By 4 Societies

Four Greek-letter honorary societies have chapters at the University to honor students outstanding in scholarship and character.

Second semester freshmen of all curriculums are honored by Phi Eta Sigma (men) and Alpha Lambda Delta (women), national freshman scholastic honorary societies. Both groups are represented on Honor Society Council, which admits only those societies exercising specified, rigid standards.

Phi Eta Sigma requires a 2.5 All-University average or better after the first semester. Alpha Lambda Delta also requires a 2.5 All-University average for the first semester.

Upperclassmen who have outstanding scholarship are honored by Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor societies.

Membership into Phi Beta Kappa is by vote of faculty members of the society. Senior and junior liberal arts students who have been on campus at least two years and have attained a 2.5 average or better are eligible. Graduate students are also eligible.

Phi Kappa Phi is open to undergraduates who are in the top eighth of their class. Students of all curriculums are eligible and membership is made on the basis of outstanding scholarship and good character.

Outing Club to Meet

The Penn State Outing Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 121 Sparks. New members are invited. The club's first hike will be at 2 p.m. September 26.

Math's Over There



—Photo by Walker
PUZZLED in Rec Hall during registration Wednesday is Frannie Cox, who receives assistance from Al Jordan at the information booth. Also assisting, on the right, are Sylvia Fish, left, and Martha Heim. Registration will end this afternoon for approximately 11,600 students.

Senate Decides Academic Policy

As students have their legislative body in All-University Cabinet, so the faculty has its legislative body in the University Senate.

The basic job of the Senate is to legislate on educational policy, a matter that sooner or later affects every student.

Some of the questions handled by Senate are courses of study and curriculums, admission requirements, graduation requirements, approval of candidates for degrees, awarding of scholarships and honors, and regulations affecting students.

The Senate operates like many other legislative bodies, in that it carries on its business through the committee system. Proposals are sent to one of the various committees; where they are studied before they are presented to Senate.

The standing committees are admissions, athletics, student affairs, educational policy, academic standards, courses of study, military instruction, committees, rules, and scholarships and awards.

The standing committees recommend legislation and make a report to Senate at the end of each academic year summarizing their activities. Each committee may also have subcommittees to help in carrying on work.

Senate meets the first Thursday of each month. President Milton S. Eisenhower is chairman and C. O. Williams, dean of admissions, serves as secretary.

In addition, the Senate is composed of eight faculty representatives elected from each of the colleges, the dean of each college, administrative officials, the director of extension for each college, the assistant dean of each college if he is in charge of resident instruction, the head of each department of resident instruction, the head of each military unit, direc-

tor of summer sessions, and the University examiner.

Of the eight faculty representatives from each college, four are elected one year and four the next, so that the terms are staggered. Each representative is elected for a term of two years.

Other Senate members include the dean of men and the dean of women, director of the University Health Service, the librarian, the comptroller, the provost, the director of extension, and the director of student affairs.

Since there is no judicial body on campus to interpret Senate legislation, Article II, Section 2 of the Senate constitution states that Senate shall interpret its own legislation.

Section 3 of the same article states that, "In case of question of jurisdiction, the power of decision shall rest with the President of the University."

Tannehill Elected Alumni Fund Head

Ray S. Tannehill, Bryn Mawr, has been elected general chairman of the 1955 Penn State Alumni Fund, John T. Ryan Jr., Pittsburgh, president of the Penn State Alumni Association, has announced.

Tannehill had served as vice-chairman of the fund since it was inaugurated in 1952 and early this year was named chairman of the 1954 fund following the death of the general chairman, John M. Spangler, McConnellsburg.

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