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## Encampment Report: Repetitious, Weak

All-University Cabinet tonight will complete a circle such as those often trod by hopelessly lost wanderers when it acts on a second report and set of recommendations concerning student encampment.

At a previous Cabinet meeting, the group heard and passed a report and the recommendations presented by Robert Smoot, chairman of the student encampment evaluation committee. Tonight it will be presented a report and recommendations by Allan Schneirov, chairman of the 1954 student encampment.

First, Cabinet time is too valuable to spend on repetitious reports. If two agencies were collecting material during the sessions at Mont Alto with the intention of reporting to Cabinet, they should have combined their results into one comprehensive work. Judging from the content of both, this could have been done.

Second, and worse than the needless rehash of facts and recommendations, is the possibility that the two reports will be conflicting causing distress and more delay. Mr. Schneirov said that in preparing his recommendations he attempted to have them coincide with Mr. Smoot's previous ones and added that in case of conflict he thought acceptance of the later report would cause the voiding of the earlier recommendations.

Mr. Smoot when contacted concerning his report said he felt his original recommendations, if they conflict with Mr. Schneirov's, will not be voided but that the latter's will, Robert Homan, All-University secretary-treasurer, said he felt Mr. Schneirov's recommendations, if passed, would be accepted in place of the earlier ones.

This is not meant to make these men look foolish. It is to illustrate the confusion that

easily arises from two reports given on the same material. We do not find too many differences between the two sets of recommendations since most of the points deal with different areas. Yet, considering some factors are not mentioned in the second report, the question of voiding by omission rises in relation to the first.

Also, Mr. Schneirov, in attempting not to conflict with Mr. Smoot, has made his recommendations very weak. They are vague and far from being understandable. They hinge on such words as "should" and "if the schedule," the latter referring to Mr. Smoot's prior report which, incidentally, is not included with the new one.

Probably the weakest recommendations, and the one referring to the subject that caused the most discontent at the 1954 encampment, deals with the selection of participants. In September the cry was raised that those asked to go had been chosen too hurriedly and without consulting enough student leaders and members of the faculty and administration.

Both reports call for a committee consisting of four students, two from the faculty, and two from the administration. Mr. Smoot's report says they should choose 80 per cent of the participants by position and 20 per cent by their answers to the question, "Why do you think you should go to student encampment?" Mr. Schneirov merely says the committee should begin choosing positions for invitations.

This illustrates the weakness of the report Cabinet will receive tonight and the problems that will result because it is a duplication of a previous report. Cabinet must stop receiving reports just for the sake of receiving reports and must stop acting on two sets of recommendations covering the same subject. Thus reports will be strengthened and made meaningful.

## Arthur Cloetingh

For 35 years, the dramatics department and the name of Arthur Charles Cloetingh have been inseparable. The physical association was broken Friday by Mr. Cloetingh's death. But the ideals and theories which he has given to the dramatics department and the University will remain a vital part of the campus for many decades.

Perhaps one of the greatest contributions Mr. Cloetingh made to the University was his role in founding the Penn State Players and his support and guidance of this group. It will be with deep emotions that these students especially continue the program that their late counselor has established for them.

With equal sympathy the entire University pays tribute to Mr. Cloetingh.

—Peggy McClain

## Gazette...

AG ENGINEERING CLUB, 7 p.m., 105 Ag. Eng.  
DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy  
FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor Rec Hall  
NITTANY GROTTO, 7:30 p.m., 119 Mineral Industries  
PENN STATE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m.,  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
PENN STATE RADIO GUILD, 7:30 p.m., 312 Sparks  
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Psychology Laboratory  
SLOVAC CLUB, 7:45 p.m., Home Ec Living Center  
WINTER SPORTS DIVISION OF PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 110 Electrical Engineering

## MacRae Recognition

A brave and honest stand has at long last won public recognition.

It took courage when, in August, 1952, Wendell S. MacRae, publications production manager in the department of public information, stood by his personal beliefs and refused to sign the loyalty oath required of state employees by the 1951 Pechan Act.

Mr. MacRae didn't believe that at the whim of the General Assembly he should be required to declare his loyalty to America. He termed the oath requirement a "useless gesture" and pointed to his Marine Oath and his service in the Marines as evidence enough of his loyalty.

This was not enough. He was discharged from his job at the University. Mr. MacRae stood by his convictions until, eventually, his name was cleared, the Board of Trustees declared him "completely loyal," and he was reinstated.

The American Civil Liberties Union recently saw fit to publicly congratulate Mr. MacRae for demonstrating "belief in the principles of freedom and equality in education."

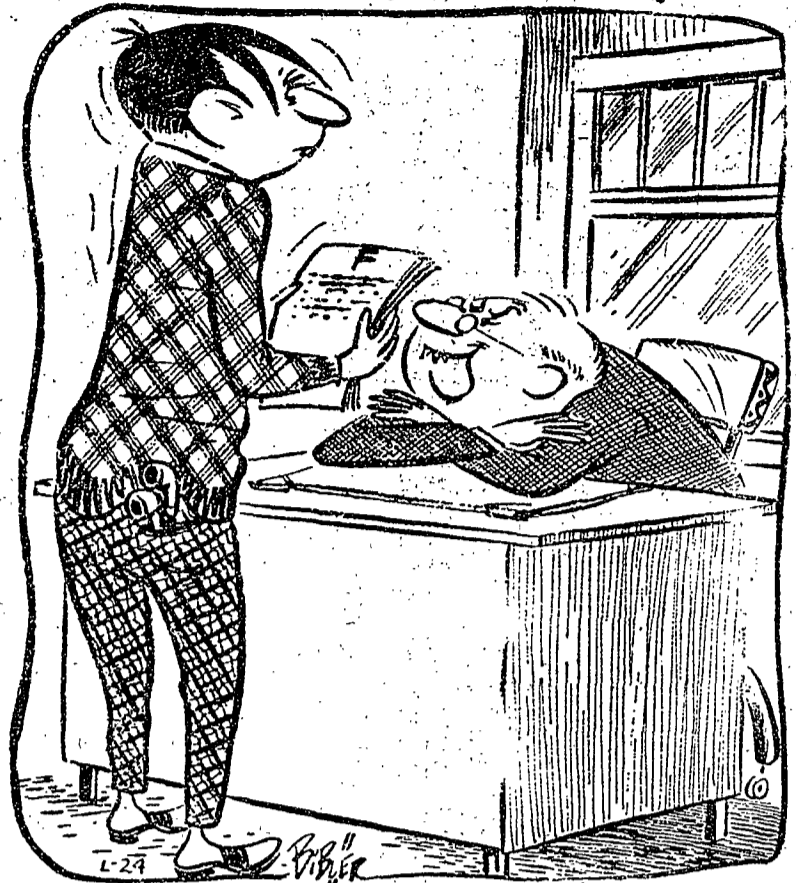
In so doing, the ACLU has capped "the MacRae case" on a healthy note.

—Mike Feinsilber

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Certainly I think it's a good piece of creative work—I thought so in 1951 when I first graded it."

## Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MacDONALD

The prime purpose of newspapers is to publish news, but sometimes old news makes better news than new news.

The Nov. 25 issue of the Daily Collegian of 13 years ago ran a story on the old Penn State Christian Association's annual social inquiry trip to New York City. This weekend the new University

Christian Association is sponsoring a trip to New York City, but this time the purpose is more scholarly. The trip is primarily a study tour of the United Nations. A piece of old news that would make banner headlines today

from the same back issue was a small story stating that written permissions from parents for coeds over 21 to drink could be given to the Women's Student Government Association Judicial Chairman.

It would appear that the coeds' social code has undergone some changes over the years, considering this in the light of the present WSGA rules.

In a different area, deer hunters who cut classes in 1941 might well have bought their venison from a meat market. It seems there was a \$5 cut fine for classes missed after the Thanksgiving vacation. The College Senate did, however, consider a plan to exempt those people who really were going deer hunting and not just extending their vacations.

Students were just as full of life then as now, even if there was a war going on. One of the disciplinary problems of 1942 concerned snowballs concealing horseshoes, potatoes, and coke bottles. Fairmount avenue was

the scene of one particularly long battle which resulted in 95 broken windows at Sigma Phi Sigma and 83 at Sigma Phi Epsilon. Sigma Phi Epsilon won.

The old College was a little more interested in affairs out at the riding stable than it seems to be today. A front page story in February, 1941, explained how the riding club adviser had bought a new hunter. It also gave a short summary of the horse's career.

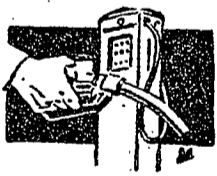
And there have always been the same old stories on politics. Somebody resigns as clique chairman of the Campus party and somebody else is appointed to replace the first somebody until clique elections are fought next month.

News is wonderful. They say there's nothing as old as a day-old newspaper, but when news gets to be ten years old it's new news.

## Tonight on WDFM

81.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:25 Sign On  
7:30 As You Believe  
8:00 Concert Cameos  
8:30 Just Out  
9:00 Guest Star, Gene Antry  
9:15 News  
9:30 Symphonic Notebook  
10:30 Thought for the Day (Sign Off)

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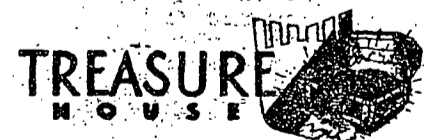
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