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New Advisory Committee: Commendable

A step forward in effective student government was taken this week when sophomore class president Sam Wolcott set up a sophomore student advisory committee.

This is, to our knowledge, the first such committee established on our campus in recent history. It is an initiative well taken and offering great potentiality.

The committee is, essentially, like cabinets appointed by national Presidents. It was started by Wolcott chiefly as a personal aid in helping him keep in the closest contact possible with the opinions and problems of sophomores.

Committee members were selected according to Wolcott's knowledge or familiarity with their ability to serve in such a capacity or on recommendation of other students. According to Wolcott, the present list of members will be subject to any changes necessary during this or next semester.

The committee will prove a distinct advantage to the class president. As he himself pointed out, he is relatively new on campus (having come here last February) and could not possibly know the qualifications of every member of the class. In the same light, no single officer can be certain of the opinions of each member of the group he represents unless he establishes some media of communication with these members.

It is commonly accepted that in a university

the size of Penn State, personal contact between group officers and members is often foregone because of the time element involved. Such procedure is understandable, but Wolcott has shown that it is not the only answer to the situation.

Wolcott's answer to the problem—establishing the committee—can function quite effectively. According to Wolcott's plan, he will meet with the group to discuss such matters as the sophomore class dance and other class activities and issues coming before All-University Cabinet. Selection was made in such a way that almost every living unit occupied by sophomores will be represented by a committee member. The few areas not yet covered, chiefly in the Nittany-Pollock area, will be represented as soon as qualified students from there have been selected, Wolcott said.

By his action, the class president has shown a fine interest in his position and the welfare of the class. He has taken a long needed step in combating indifference toward class activities by attempting to overcome the impersonal aspect involved in groups with large memberships.

Campus leaders should keep an eye on Wolcott's new committee. If successful, as we expect it will be, many officers would do well to follow the example being set.

—Peggy McClain

On Fraternity Policy

The United States Supreme Court recently refused to review a decision given by a special New York court that said the state university could bar national fraternities and sororities. It said no federal issues were involved and that the original contentions of the Greek groups had been settled in earlier court decisions.

So, the 1953 ban on national social groups imposed by the trustees of New York State University stands. In addition to barring the national affiliations, the move required the elimination of "artificial criteria" in the selection of members. This point was aimed at ending racial and religious bars by social organizations.

The fraternities and sororities affected contended the ban deprived them of civil rights, encroached on their freedom of assembly, and denied them equal protection of laws. Unsuccessful, the 21,000 students affected now have until 1958 to sever the national ties of their groups.

Before we go farther, let us say that we do not feel qualified to comment on the New York ban on national fraternities and sororities although we think national ties are quite important. Also, we certainly are not in favor of discriminatory practices involving race and religion. We do feel, however, that the Empire State trustees were aiming too high when they attempted to dictate how a group of individuals will evaluate another.

Happily, here in the United States we have not reached the place where it is possible to control the workings of man's mind by law. The elimination of a written rule will not cause men to stop choosing as they please. They will follow selective rules, written or not, since their agreement with it is indicated by their prior willingness to join the group employing the rule.

Assuming the point of the last paragraph is known by those in New York state too, we find only one other reason for the move. These men and the institutions they act for want to be able to point to the record and say they have no discrimination in their schools. What appears on paper will not be so in practice, but who will know the difference?

Also, if memory serves us, the National Interfraternity Council several years ago started a move to end formal discrimination in the constitutions of its member fraternities. This seems to have made part of the New York action useless unless it was trying to end the ill in practice, too.

Men's minds can not be controlled, and discrimination in men's minds can only be eliminated by years of education, not by force. We feel the above mentioned trustees have bitten off a big bite.

On NSA Talk

Students who have been asking for concrete information about benefits of National Student Association membership will have a chance to hear such facts for themselves tomorrow afternoon. The National vice president in charge of national affairs of NSA will "explain, defend and give reasons why" the University should keep and support its membership in the organization.

The talk will be given to All-University Cabinet tomorrow at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house and the meeting is open to all students.

Those who have not been convinced by student promotion of NSA and are concerned with or interested in the factors involved in keeping membership in the group, are urged to attend the meeting tomorrow and ask as many questions as they feel necessary to clarify the situation.

—Peggy McClain

Safety Valve— Snack Bar Service

TO THE EDITOR: Service in the West Dorm snack bar during the rush hours is not what it should be. Ill feeling forms between the students and the workers behind the counter because of the poor service.

One possible solution would be to have one worker to tend the hamburger grill. The others would send back their grill orders and would then be free to take other orders while this one was being made up. We think this would eliminate the usual crowded confusion that you see around the grill.

Another possible solution would be for someone to count the approximate number of burgers sold during rush hours and then have another person begin to heat a somewhat smaller amount of burgers before the crowd comes to the snack bar. This also would help to speed up service.

The purpose of this letter isn't to "slam" Food Service but to let them know that we feel there is a problem and to present our solution of this problem.

—John Thalimer
Peter DeCuzzi

MI Council and NSA

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to correct the misinterpretation (error made in the Daily Collegian) of action taken on NSA at the meeting of the Mineral Industries Student Council Wednesday evening. We of the student council are very anxious that our actions and viewpoints on this question be correctly presented to the student body.

The motion made concerning NSA, which originated with me, was made so that our president could present our views to the students through cabinet. This motion stated exactly is, "In view of the fact that the student council does approve the activities of NSA to the present date, we are in favor of continuing the \$600 appropriation which they now receive. We do not favor the granting of additional funds to NSA until such time as they present conclusive proof of actions which are of concrete benefit to the entire student body of the Pennsylvania State University."

—Lyle Barnard
MI Student Council

On Communism--

TO THE EDITOR: I deeply resent the insinuations that fellow student Jack Williams made in yesterday's Daily Collegian. Williams would lead us to believe only such diehard conservatives, to use a mild term, as George Sokolsky, William F. Buckley, and Senator Joseph McCarthy are capable of distinguishing communist propaganda from academic freedom. . . . May I remind Jack Williams of one obvious fact both he and his idols have overlooked; you do not fight a small brush fire by creating a forest fire to swallow it up. I see no necessity to bring in a Bolshevik type spy system into this University under the name of Students for America or any other supposedly super-patriotic guise. . . .

The only way to protect our basic American rights is to allow the freest and fullest interplay of ideas, not to set up super-patriotic spy organizations.

—Byron Fielding

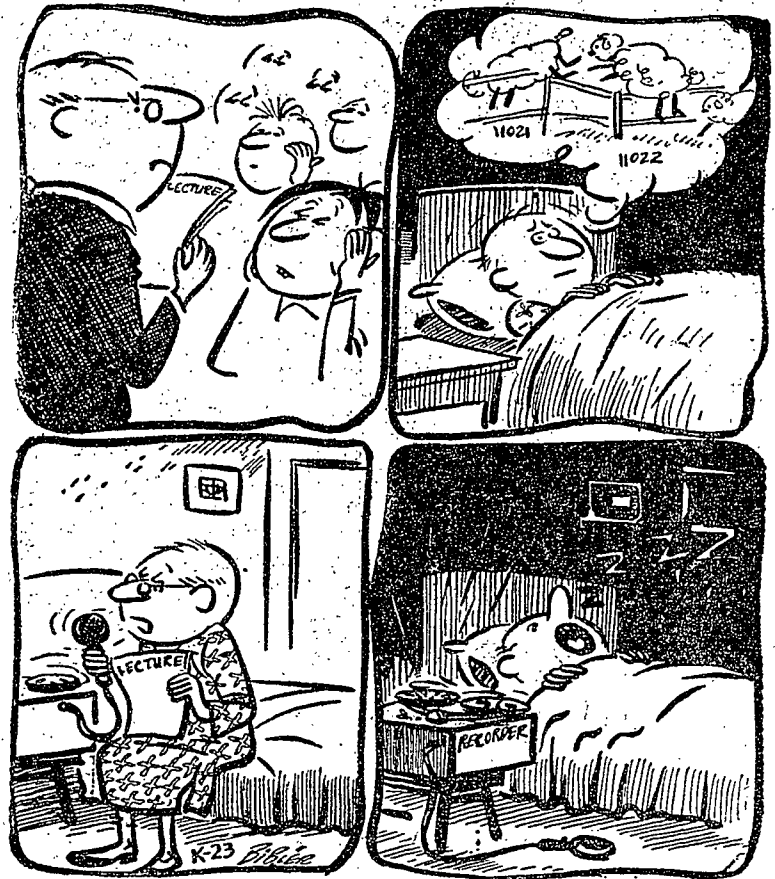
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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Fignewtons and Sourgrapes

By WILLIAM PETE

Let us give a brief pause for George E. Sokolsky, Fulton Lewis, Jr., Fulton Lewis, III, and that prominent Rooseveltophobic journalist, Westbrook Pegler who are today crying because of the McCarthy censure.

It is well they should do this. For their reputations as representatives of conservatism or even reaction depended upon McCarthy's escaping that censure. In a way, the senator from Wisconsin is a pain in the neck of honest conservatives, the same as Malenkov and his fellow communists are to honest liberals.

The censoring action has produced varying attitudes. Some have it that the action was not strong enough; that steps should have been taken to eject Senator McCarthy from the Senate.

Others have that the matter was mere publicity; that steps could have been taken against McCarthy without such lowing and neighing, which to some individuals was as sensible as taking your child out on the main street to spank him rather than to the woodshed.

Serious journalists have held that McCarthy really sought to root out Communism, rather than capitalizing on a popular, but valid, panic. Unfortunately, many defenses of McCarthy have been based on a guilt-by-association argument. This is not new. We have seen this happen in America before.

The Communists for their own shallow motives spoke against segregations. American politicians and some students were against segregation, as recently the Supreme Court was. Therefore, as some would have it, all these people including the Justices of the Supreme Court are puppets of Marxism.

McCarthy's following and favoring editorial writers have unfortunately helped this kind of reasoning. Another myth, caused by the McCarthy influence, is the belief in guilt by past affiliation or opinion, regardless of motive at the time. This is an inclusive field. This would even take in George Sokolsky, who is an ideological kindred soul to McCarthy.

Sokolsky, himself, attached ideological significance to the 1917 Revolution, until his disillusionment at the Kremlin political bosses drove him to the opposite pole. It would be foolish to call him a Communist, yet it could happen with McCarthy's reasoning. And the senator doesn't seem interested enough in basic logic to find that out.

Even McCarthy could not escape such a charge, with his broad definition of Communism. He didn't seem to object to Communist votes which grew out of a base attempt to break Robert La-Follette, Jr., when he ran for the Senate the first time in 1946. But why use McCarthyism to fight McCarthy? With this in mind, let us bow out the prickamice and bring in the Koestlers, or perhaps ten-dozen more McCarthys.

Ag Eng Gets Representation On 2 Councils

Students in the department of agriculture engineering will soon be represented on the student councils of two colleges.

Intercollege Council Board voted unanimously Thursday night to have four representatives of the curriculum on the Engineering and Architecture Student Council. Two students already represent the curriculum on Agriculture Council.

Both councils previously had discussed the problem and this week passed it on to ICCB.

Daniel Van Duyn and John Body, both students in agriculture engineering, represented the 64 students in the curriculum at the meeting.

The action by ICCB gives agriculture engineering students representation equal with that of other curriculums represented on the Engineering and Architecture Council.

In other actions, ICCB selected April 22 as the tentative date for the spring open house program. The annual event attracts prospective students to the University so they can learn of educational opportunities offered in the fields in which they are interested.

DuPont Official to Talk At Engineering Seminar

Dr. Yoh-Han Pao, doctor of Philosophy and employee of the DuPont Company, will speak at the Engineering Mechanics Seminar at 4:10 p.m. Monday in 205 Engineering A. His subject will be "The Role of Mechanics in Research on Plastics."

Dr. Pao received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University.

The lecture is open to the public.

Circle K to Meet

The Penn State Circle K Club will hold a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Allencrest Tea Room.

This Weekend On WDFM

Time	Program
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Sports Roundup
7:35	Hamburger Stand
8:15	Prisoner at the Bar
8:45	Just for Two
9:30	Hi-Fi Open House
10:30	Thought for the Day (Sign Off)