

In a Huddle



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PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE is demonstrated by Young Republican Benjamin Sinclair and Robert Kurtz, left, and Young Democrats Lois Hummel and William Appleton, right. The young politicians debated the Eisenhower economic program last night. Lee Corter, assistant professor of political science, center, was on hand to insure domestic peace and tranquility.

Cabinet to Hear Report on NSA

All-University Cabinet will hear a report tonight from Robert Dennis, president of the Association of Independent Men, stating that it is not feasible at this time to invite the National Student Association to hold its Eighth National Congress on campus.

Dennis gave several reasons why he thinks it is not possible to have the convention at the University. He said that NSA re-

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2. United Nations trip—Mildred McCowan

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1. NSA report—Robert Dennis

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Adjournment

Students may attend the meeting of All-University Cabinet at 8:30 tonight in the board room of the second floor lounge in Old Main. The meeting time has been changed from 8 p.m. Thursdays, when Cabinet ordinarily meets.

requested a 24-hour-a-day office or secretarial service. It also requested that the meal service rate be based on two instead of three meals and that fees for using buildings overtime be reduced.

Dennis said the University is not able to grant these requests.

He gave a personal reason for not inviting the NSA to hold their congress here. "I do not feel," he said, "that the student government and student body are sufficiently enthusiastic about having the convention here." He explained that if the University is going to invite the congress, it must be prepared to do it properly. He said that it is not worth doing half-heartedly. Dennis said he hopes that it will be possible sometime in the future to invite the congress to meet here.

Winners of WD Contest Announced

Winners of the annual Christmas window decorating contest sponsored by the West Dormitory Council were announced by Jerome Shaheen, contest chairman, at a meeting of the council Monday night.

First prize of \$15 was awarded to the fourth floor in Hamilton Hall for their unit project, which included seven windows.

A \$10 second prize went to Roger Levin, first semester petroleum and natural gas engineering student.

In addition, there were five prizes of \$5 each awarded to Donna Mannella, first semester education major; Helen Crawford, first semester home economics major; Demetrius Mozeliak, first semester electrical engineering major; Alvin Barth, first semester chemical engineering major; and to the second floor McKee Hall for their group project.

The council received word from the Housing department in reply to the council's request for additional laundry facilities and for first aid kits. In a letter to the council, Otto E. Mueller, director of housing, stated that the installation of more washers would overload the electrical apparatus now in use at the university. Distribution of first aid kits to dormitory units will be withheld until it is decided who will pay for them.

A mixed dinner sponsored by the council's social committee will be held in Hamilton Hall with coeds from Thompson Hall tomorrow.

In other discussion the council representatives agreed that they, as dormitory unit presidents, should assume more responsibility for keeping order in the dining halls.

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Sorority Housing Plans Considered

By ROG BEIDLER

A committee-of-three, appointed by the women's fraternity counselors, is considering plans and ideas for the possibility of constructing sorority houses, a University official said yesterday.

The official emphasized that plans are in a stage of preliminary discussion and that there has been no report or plans submitted to University officials or trustees.

The committee met last night to discuss plans and information they have obtained.

A survey was taken by the committee on the costs of construction and maintenance of sorority houses at other schools and was turned over to the University, Mrs. Edith Anderson, a member of the committee, said yesterday. The report was returned to the group, she said, and will be used in the committee's final report.

Studies Conducted

The University also has conducted studies on the matter, the University official revealed, and these findings have been turned over to the committee for further study.

The next logical step, the spokesman stated, would be for sororities and the committee to make a formal request to University officials and trustees. It would then become a matter of official consideration, he said.

Mrs. Anderson said the committee gathered its survey information from the University of Indiana, Southern Methodist University, University of Maryland, and Hanover College. She said it gathered information on the costs of construction and maintenance of sorority houses, and looked for ideas that could be put into use at the University.

Mrs. Anderson said the committee would work with women's fraternity counselors on the report and then make its recommendations.

Committee Members

Members of the committee are Mrs. Robert G. Bernreuter, chairman; Mrs. Anderson, secretary in the Division of Intermediate Registration; and Mrs. George L. Leffler, adviser to Panhellenic Council.

The committee grew out of a statement by President Milton S. Eisenhower at a meeting of women's fraternity counselors last spring that he would endorse a plan to build sorority houses in a quadrangle form at the University as a future housing program.

He said nothing will be done about the plan until the studies designed to estimate the size of the campus population were completed. He said it is expected the studies will predict a large increase in enrollment, especially of women students. In that event, he said, new women's dorms will have to be built.

Under the plan endorsed by the President, sororities might be quartered in a row house arrangement of buildings constructed in a quadrangle and containing a number of sorority units.

Prof Testifies At Trial Of Youth

Dr. Mary L. Willard, professor of chemistry, appeared in Centre County Court yesterday to testify at the murder trial of two youths who have been charged with killing Michael J. Simcisko, a miner who was found slain near Clarence in September.

Dr. Willard explained tests she had run on pumpkin ball shells which another witness, Tom Rogers, had testified were taken from his cabin near Simcisko's the night of the killing.

Two youths, John Salvanish and Leonard Chambers of Clarence are on trial at Bellefonte for the killing of Simcisko. Judge Ivan B. Walker began his charge to the jury at 4:10 p.m. yesterday after defense attorney Musser Gettig and District Attorney Attorney John Miller had made their final arguments to the jury of eight men and four women.

In her testimony, Dr. Willard said the pumpkin ball found in the body and the wadding from the shell were similar to another 12-gauge that Rogers had provided for her investigation.

Dr. Willard also said she found blood on a 41-inch club which the youths said in a written confession they struck Simcisko with after shooting him. Dr. Willard said there was a great smattering of blood on the club, but she declined to say that it was human blood.

Engineer Features 2 Student Articles

The Penn State Engineer, on sale today, will contain two special features by students.

Research on Taconite will be explained in an article by Ellis Donsky, seventh semester geology and mineralogy major. There is also an article, "Nuclear Energy," by Robert Shamu, seventh semester electrical engineering major.

Meredith Miller, third semester education major, is the "Engineer girl of the month."

The magazine will be on sale at the Corner Room and at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

UMT Tentative Plans Revised

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The administration's long-awaited military training program is designed to give young men a good deal of choice in when and how they will serve, officials said today.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson is scheduled to give details next Friday of the proposed manpower plan, to be submitted to the next Congress.

Some aspects of the frequently revised program came into the open at the Pentagon today, however, after President Eisenhower's meeting at the White House with congressional leaders.

The plan, it was learned, will include a considerably watered-down version of previous Universal Military Training proposals. If approved by Congress it would

be universal in the sense that all qualified young men could look forward to some form of military training or actual military duty. Unlike previous schemes, however, youths approaching 18 would be given considerable choice in deciding whether to "volunteer" to take about six months of military training, or to wait until they are drafted for the minimum 24 months of regular military service.

Wilson has said previously the short-term training program would take in about 100,000 young men annually. Although the short-term trainees would thus escape the draft under normal circumstances, there would be these drawbacks:

1. They would be paid only \$30 a month, while the lowest rank of drafted soldier now gets \$78

with an automatic raise to \$83.20 after four months.

2. The short term trainee would not qualify for veteran benefits.

3. The short term man would have his total period of obligated military service in the future extended to nine years. The draftee's obligated service now extends six years beyond his two years of active duty.

loophole in existing reserve service.

Wilson also will seek to plug a vice laws to provide some form of compulsion for most six-month trainees to continue supervised military training in organized reserve units or in the National Guard. Wilson says the easiest way would be to make short-term trainees liable to the draft if they fail to continue active in reserve organizations.

Safe Driving Day Observed Across Nation

Today is Safe Driving Day across the nation.

The purpose of the day, reports the Associated Press, is to make a big reduction in traffic accidents—and, if possible, to eliminate them entirely for a 24-hour period.

According to Amos E. Neyhart, head of the Institute of Public Safety at the University, one-ninth of the annual traffic fatalities occur in December.

Neyhart, a pioneer in driver education, offers these suggestions for safe driving:

1. Adopt a positive, courteous attitude toward other motorists and pedestrians.
2. Dim headlights as a matter of courtesy as well as protection.
3. Obey all traffic rules and regulations.
4. Operate at a safe, reduced speed for conditions—and below the established limit in bad weather.
5. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance.
6. Check and equalize brakes to prevent hazardous skids.
7. Use chains for better traction on ice and snow.
8. Carry a bag of sand or cinders in the car trunk.
9. Open side vents to help minimize windshield fogging.
11. Don't drive if you drink.

Junior Class To Consider Exec Committee

The junior class will consider the establishment of a junior class executive committee at 7:30 tonight in 121 Sparks, John Thalimer, class president, has announced.

A report on the Junior Prom will also be given.

The executive committee will consist of 11 juniors. Thalimer will be chairman. Also on the committee will be the other two class officers.

Included will be one member each from Panhellenic Council and Leonides, two members each from Interfraternity Council and the Association of Independent Men, and two general members. Applicants for the committee will be interviewed by the Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee.

The committee's purpose will be to gain a better idea of class opinion on problems arising within the class.

ONLY 3 MORE Shopping Days 'till Christmas in State College