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Cabinet: Competent

Why did All-University Cabinet Thursday night dismiss the discrimination issue raised by Byron Fielding without taking an affirmative stand? Why did the group fail to condemn discrimination, existing or not, at Penn State when on previous cases of this sort its membership has continually upheld the American way?

The answer as given by several cabinet members was there was no need for any positive action at Penn State since there had been no proof discrimination actually existed. Therefore, their negative vote on an antidiscrimination measure, while causing surprise at first note, was intended to show such a stand was unnecessary.

None accused Cabinet of being in favor of discrimination, but a few observers thought the disapproval of the resolution and its substitute may have come because Cabinet was afraid to touch the issue. This does not seem likely when one considers the thorough discussion which took place. Also, one must consider the united opinion expressed in the vote which recorded none in the affirmative. The solid negative votes even dominated the undecided abstentions 16 to eight on the substitution motion and 21 to three on the original.

Feeling the action needless at Penn State was using good judgment. There are no overt indications discrimination is active on the campus and no cases of dissatisfaction because of discriminating practices have been registered. Action is not warranted without concrete justification and there is none here. Any positive move might even have been called trouble-making.

How so? Because, in addition to the above statement that no problem exists, steps have been and are now being taken to eliminate the undesirable situation without antagonizing anyone. This is evidenced by the great number of organizations which have removed discrimination clauses from their charters in the last ten years, particularly in the fraternity world. To support this drive, the National Interfraternity Council has gone on record against these clauses.

Referring to the danger of antagonizing someone, is this bad if for a good cause? No, but this is an unusual case. This discrimination exists not only on paper but in the minds of people. Legislating against the practice, regardless of how bad, could only make those who employ it more determined to preserve it out of writing.

Cabinet is to be congratulated for its sound handling of the discrimination question and for dismissing it on grounds that the situation here does not warrant it and that the move might do more harm than good. Intelligent discussion and competent handling of future issues can be the trade-mark of the group.

Five Days Till—

With five days remaining before facing University Senate, Lion and State parties clique chairmen have said that constitutional revisions are about completed. The chairmen have said they will be presented to the State party student representative council and Lion party steering committee tomorrow.

The constitutions must be taken before the University Senate subcommittee on organization and control Thursday and be approved before the parties can be chartered.

We commend the parties for accomplishing the revisions. We also urge the representative council and steering committee to scrutinize the manuscripts and make sure they are of such quality as will be accepted by the subcommittee.

Safety Valve— Our Mistake . . .

TO THE EDITOR: (Regarding the "Happy Birthday" editorial in Tuesday's Daily Collegian) The second sentence inspired this communication . . . "It was 100 years ago, in 1855, that Pennsylvania took advantage of the Morrill Land Grant Act to establish a State educational institution with the aid of federal funds."

The conclusion that, since Penn State is a land grant institution, it must have been founded under the Land Grant Act is logical, but erroneous. The College—in name as well as in program—had graduated its first class of 11 Bachelors of Scientific Agriculture before the Morrill Act was passed and signed—July 2, 1862—and had granted its first Master's degree before the Pennsylvania Legislature accepted the provisions of the Act—April 1, 1863 . . .

Lest the issue next month of the commemorative stamp perpetuate and disseminate the error, may I call attention to the fact that the

On Party Penalties

Both changes suggested to Elections Committee Thursday regarding penalties for political parties which violate the elections code might lessen responsibility within the campus parties.

The proposals are an attempt to avoid penalizing individual candidates for the actions of their party. Under the present code, parties are docked votes regardless of who—candidates or clique officers—violates the rules.

The proposal made by Ernest Famous, Elections Committee chairman, would have monetary fines invoked for code violations. A second proposal, made by Henry Simm, asked for a monetary penalty if a rule was violated by the party, and a vote penalty if violation was by an individual.

The proposals, however, overlook the fact that party members, regardless of office or candidacy, are party members and as such represent their party in any phase of campus political business.

While on the surface, it might seem unfair to penalize an entire party, candidates especially, for the actions of a few, party members necessarily assume a degree of responsibility for the party with which they are affiliated. They know, or should attempt to find out, the former and potential reputation for fair play their sponsoring party has established for itself.

If that reputation is doubtful, then candidates should either expect to assume part responsibility for possible violations or pull out of the party before they become involved.

We are not necessarily opposing the general idea behind either proposal. We are pointing out what seems like fallacious thinking on the part of Mister Famous and Mister Simm, and asking that Elections Committee reconsider the roles party members hold within their parties. —Peggy McClain

We Want Beards!

Beards have become the top controversial issue on campus at the moment—whether or not men students should cultivate them in honor of the Centennial.

The Nittany Grotto says "yes" and Lash Howes, who started the bee buzzing on campus through a letter to the editor Tuesday, says "yes". All that remains now to complete the picture is to draw a final "yes", from the student Centennial Committee.

To this committee we say, "We want beards!" The thought of a campus populated by a mass of Van Dyke's and handlebar mustaches is, agreed, a bit repulsive. As Name Withheld pointed out in a letter to the editor, there are aspects of such a program that might provoke occasional nausea. But, on the other hand, green dinks, name cards, and massive pre-initiation placards (for honorary and professional fraternities) are not the height of dignity either. It's all chalked up to school spirit and embarkment on new adventure.

Beards, as a mass project, would indeed be an excellent way to celebrate the Centennial. It would certainly be a novel means of commemoration and would bring the celebration to the state's—and probably most of the nation's—attention.

As far as the social aspect is concerned (dates, parties, and just being seen in general), they're the men's chins. If they can stand the growth, then who are the females to complain? Campus males have put up with women's haircuts, knee socks, and the like without too much rumpus. Probably a return courtesy is about due.

We ask the student Centennial Committee to take the suggestion of a beard contest under consideration. We also ask it to approve such a contest.

We want beards!

—P. M.

Gazette . . .

Tomorrow
CIRCLE K BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 6:30 p.m., Alpha Chi Sigma

CIRCLE K BUSINESS MEETING, 7 p.m., Alpha Chi Sigma

Monday
PHI MU ALPHA, 9 p.m., 100 Carnegie
ALPHA PHI OMEGA, 7 p.m., 14 Sparks
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Janet Bellen, Thomas Davis, Matthew Friedberg, Margaret Kidda, Heannette Kohl, Joan MacKenzie, Lawrence Mayea, Lois Niederhauser, Harvey Nixon, Eve Parris, Donald Shaw, Donna Jean Smith, John Stalina, Willis Thompson, Jay Tolson, Sandra Weitzman, Bessie Zazanis.

stamp commemorates not the passage of the Morrill Land Grant Act, but the chartering of the two institutions which pioneered the Land Grant ideal.

Letter Cut

—Julia Gregg Brill
Professor of
English Composition

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Little TOO rusty, huh?"

The Paddy-wagon

By PADDY BEAHAN

Discrimination

Although discrimination has been described as no problem at the University, headlines from other college papers have been concerned considerably with this issue.

At UCLA discrimination in housing has resulted in the withdrawal of official recognition of offending living units. However, the living units are apparently all run by private individuals who feel as one housemother stated, "This is a private home . . . no one can tell me what to do."

A group of University of Pennsylvania students have formed "to expose discrimination on the University campus due to race, religion, or ethnic background."

At Ohio State a foreign student revealed in a letter to the editor even some University-approved boarding houses will not accept foreign students because, according to one landlady, "I don't think our American boys can live with foreign students."

Commented the student, "I would like to draw the attention of my American friends that they who are trying to win the world's friendship better understand why some countries are refusing this type of friendship."

Some U. of Connecticut fraternities have severed national ties as the result of vigorous anti-discrimination action. At Dartmouth, Colgate, and Columbia, campus referenda resulted in the establishment of dates after which all organizations practicing discrimination will be abolished from the campus.

Confinement in the Cornell infirmary has been brightened, at least for male students, by the addition of ten coeds who will act as aides to the regular nurses. No days of isolation from the opposite sex for Cornell's ailing men.

Maybe the addition of such a group at the University Hospital would cut down on the student critics . . . maybe.

The Smell at Fred's
Penn Staters can gripe about the weather, the dorm food, the infirmary, and the Daily Collegian, but at least Penn State doesn't have the smell at Fred's.

Fred's is a restaurant on the U. of Connecticut campus, and the smell, er, "unpleasant aroma" from the vicinity of Fred's was the subject of much concern at the school. A poll of students revealed the unanimous opinion something must be done.

The State Department of Health made tests, the University disclaimed any responsibility, and the students continued to eat??? at what one called the "perfume gulch."

Beer, Beer, Beer.
Just to prove to the students that editorials sometimes have a worthy cause, the editor of the Daily Kansan came out in favor of beer in the student union building. His reason: "To promote driving safety and increase the

revenue and value of the Union as a gathering place." Anyway, it was a nice try.

Envy Department
Reasons why reading papers from other colleges can be so discouraging:

At UCLA now, girls are still wearing peasant blouses, cotton skirts, and sandals to school. Also, notice in the Daily Pennsylvania Gazette: "There will be a beer party tonight for men and women of the 1955 Record."

Hard-Up Department
A Classified advertisement in the Stanford Daily reads: Girl with 12½ argyles wants to meet man with size 12½ feet. Write Rose, 822 N. Maryros, Los Angeles.

Rose was one of those unfortunates who didn't learn the first rule of knitting—never start making a guy argyles for Christmas unless you want to be sure you won't be dating him by then.

Prof Presents Paper At Phys-Ed Convention

Dr. Lloyd M. Jones, professor of physical education, attended the annual convention of the College Physical Education Association in New York City in December. He is past president of the association.

Dr. Jones presented a paper, "Some Recent Trends in College Physical Education," and served as discussion leader on the panel "The Guidance of Major Students in Physical Education."

LaVie Junior Board to Meet

The junior board of LaVie will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 405 Old Main.

This Weekend On WDFM

| 11.1 MEGACYCLES | |
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| Tonight | |
| 7:25 | Sign On |
| 7:30 | Sports Roundup |
| 7:35 | Hamburger Stand |
| 8:15 | Prisoner at the Bar "Adelaide Bartlette" |
| 8:45 | Just for Two |
| 9:30 | Hi Fi Open House |
| 10:30 | Thought for the Day |
| Tomorrow | |
| 7:25 | Sign On |
| 7:30 | Third Program "Canterbury Tales—Prologue" |
| 10:30 | Thought for the Day |
| Monday | |
| 7:25 | Sign On |
| 7:30 | Sports Roundup |
| 7:35 | One Nite Stand |
| 8:00 | UN Story |
| 8:30 | Progressions in Rhythm |
| 8:50 | Spotlite on State |
| 9:15 | News |
| 9:30 | Symphony Hall |
| 10:30 | Thought for the Day |