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Frosh Cars: Restrictions Not Eliminations

Tonight All-University Cabinet will again consider a proposal that all freshman students be forbidden the privilege of bringing cars to the University. This proposal was presented a week ago to Cabinet by the hastily established Traffic Committee.

Robert Hess, chairman of the three man committee, contends removing these cars would open up much needed parking space and help eliminate rush hour traffic snarls.

All these facts and ideas are theoretically correct, but we feel they are too stringent. We urge they be modified to limit the underclassmen's traffic rights but not eliminate them. We ask that a park-at-your-own-risk area be established on the extreme fringe of campus and that frosh not be allowed to drive or park on main campus from Monday morning until Saturday noon when classes are in session.

Penn State is not so located that it can tell students they cannot bring a car when for many that is the most convenient and inexpensive way of traveling to this place off plane and

train routes. Freshmen's cars, as all students, form an indispensable link between the University and the outside world.

There seems to be the impression, due to the haste of the move, that the administration is planning such a setup, and it would look better if it came from the student government. We would like to point out freshmen are still going to bring cars with them and leave them with their friends living downtown or in fraternities.

Some say the elimination of freshmen's cars, which is done at many other schools, would result in better averages. We feel, however, these few cars are no more distracting than the new Hetzel Union Building.

We feel freshmen have the right as well as the privilege to bring cars to campus and we feel the situation is unique at Penn State. Of course, we can say, as did one prominent University official, "If students are not willing to forego the use of a car, then as far as I am concerned let them go some place else."

This problem should be handled by limitation, not elimination.

'Hearing Board' Proposal Has Pitfalls

The recommendation that student-faculty-administrative boards be set up in the colleges, to be presented to All-University Cabinet tonight, has definite possibilities and will most likely be accepted by the group.

The report itself calls for recommendations to be made to the college councils and deans, and the Faculty Senate that such "hearing boards" be set up. Whether or not these boards ever get set up is of course a different matter.

The report to be given to Cabinet has some sound reasoning behind it. It points out students' needs to express opinions on the "academic treatment" they receive from professors. At the same time it recognizes professors' rights as the sole determinants of value of students' performances.

Apparently, the general idea of the recommendations is to have professors and students get together on some common ground so that professors' judgments will be tempered by student opinions.

From this, it seems inevitable that a maximum of complaints reaching the hearing boards would concern grades which students felt were unjust.

At this point, we recognize a major pitfall of the recommendations.

Professors whose grading policies could be influenced by others' opinions will be just as easily reached through appeals to them personally from the students concerned.

Professors whose grading policies have proved in past years to be consistently resistant to "appeals" will probably be equally unimpressed by a hearing board.

It must be remembered that professors employ a variety of grading policies—for example, while one might consider a final grade as an accumulation of grades achieved on projects throughout the course, another might very well be grading weekly projects consistently low and considering the final grade a symbol of how much a student has learned from these "shaking-ups."

These various policies cannot be condemned by students. The instructor, by virtue of the fact that he is the instructor, is by far in a better position to judge the total effectiveness of his policies than the individual student.

While this situation shows the need for establishing common ground and understanding between faculty and students, it also shows how easily the purpose of the recommendations could be defeated.

For this reason we suggest that Cabinet, before endorsing the report, prepare some convincing evidence that its terms could be met effectively and take steps to eliminate its weaknesses. —Peggy McClain

AA Election: Void

All women students at the University may vote for officers in the Athletic Association, an organization whose constitution calls for election of officers by the ballots of men students only.

This deplorable situation came about when the automatic voting machines were set so, no matter what other combination of voting keys were unlocked, the keys for the AA officers were always unlocked. The members of the Elections Committee and the employees of the voting machine company erred in setting up the keys.

It is too late to stop what has happened today, but the only logical course now open would be to void this election and arrange another by paper ballots. All the candidates should certainly protest the election if the Elections Committee does not on its own accord ask for a new balloting.

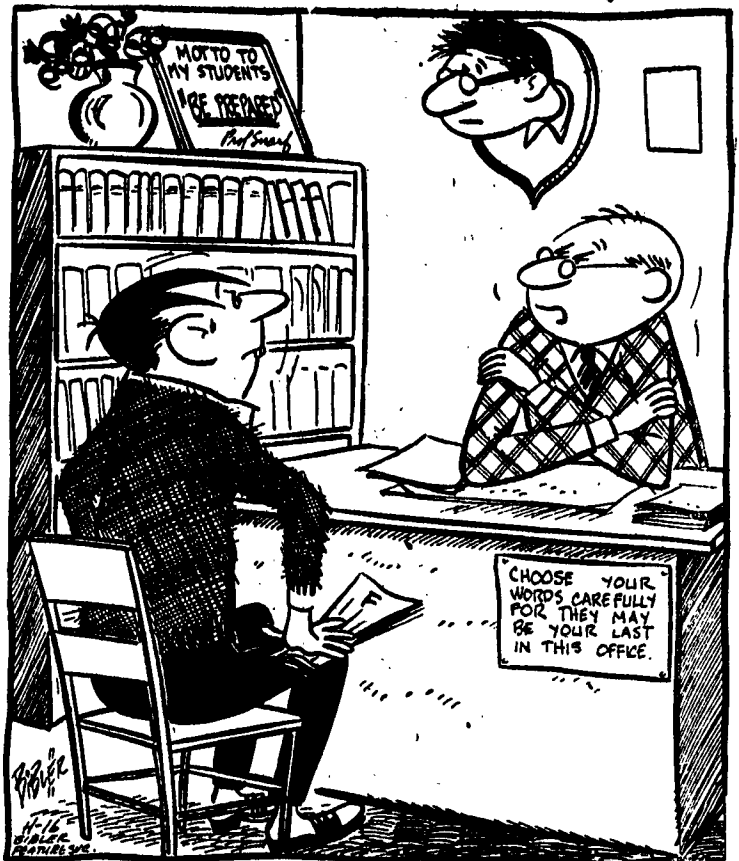
Someone has made a very bad mistake, and all that can be done is to learn a lesson and watch out for a repetition of this foul-up in coming years. Do this, and of course void the results of yesterday's and today's voting and lay plans for a new election.

Gazette...

Today
BX CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., BX in HUB
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, SENIOR BOARD, 6:30 p.m., 11 Carnegie
SCABARD AND BLADE BUSINESS MEETING, 7 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau
WSGA HOUSE, 6:30 p.m., Grange Playroom

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Yes, one other time a student complained about an exam of mine—now what about last Friday's test?"

Murray Discusses GOP Policy Trends

By MARILYNN ZABUSKY

Dr. Robert K. Murray, assistant professor of history, told the members of the Penn State Young Republican Club Tuesday night how the grand old party of Lincoln, with its interest in total human welfare and basic human justice, had deteriorated through the years to a party of "conservatism, negativism, and status quoism."

Dr. Murray, whose topic was "The Philosophy of the Republican Party," said that "republicanism sprang from the strongest possible American traditions—it was Hamiltonian at base with Jeffersonian application and overtones." In short, the Republican Party at its inception was dedicated to formulating a concrete program and solution to the nation's problems of that day, Dr. Murray said.

Dr. Murray felt that the party's recession was due to a lack of effective opposition which might have kept the party on its toes.

He expressed disgust for the McKinleys and William Jennings Bryans who made the Republican Party a party of negativism.

As he proceeded to trace the history of the party, Dr. Murray mentioned such men as Theodore Roosevelt, Wendell Wilkie, Harold Stassen, and Arthur Vandenberg who could have led the party "out of the darkness." However, he said it was shortlived because the leaders of the party lacked Teddy Roosevelt's faith and vision, and the other men did too little too late.

The 1948 election, Dr. Murray said, was an eye-opener. The Republican Party had felt that victory would "fall from heaven," but it became clear at last that negative Republicanism could not win any kind of election.

In summing up the situation of today, Dr. Murray put great hope in President Eisenhower's abilities. He said that the Republican Party must meet the challenge of the "New Day."

"The only way out of major defeat," Dr. Murray said, "is the acceptance of what it is necessary to accept with the addition of something that is ingeniously progressive. Such a Republican does not betray, but lives up to the best in the Republican traditions. He returns to Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt at this point, not to McKinley and Harding."

Eng Council Elects Yingling

George Yingling, sixth semester engineering science major, was elected president of the Engineering and Architecture Student Council Tuesday night.

Yingling succeeds George Kuly-nich, eighth semester mechanical engineering major, who will be graduated in June.

The council decided it will vote on a new constitution at the next meeting.

Barry Mills, editor of the Engineering Newsletter, was commended for his work during the past year, including his fight for safer engineering units.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:25	Sign On
7:30	Adventures in Research
7:45	As You Believe
8:00	Concert Cameos
8:30	Just Out
9:00	U.N. Story
9:15	News
9:30	The Masters' Palette
10:30	Thought for the Day

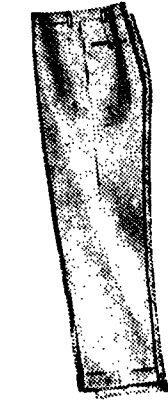
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