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Cabinet Appointments Must By-Pass CPIC

Thursday night Earl Seely, All-University president, will be forced to make appointments to two committees which will be illegal according to the letter of the law. However, next year's student government demands these appointments be made now so work can be done this spring.

Specifically, the two committees to be named and approved by All-University Cabinet are the Student Encampment Committee and the Joint Student Committee on Town Affairs. Both have pressing work to do before the semester is completed.

Although necessary, the action will be illegal because it conflicts with the regulations of the Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee formed in October, 1954. This stipulates a committee composed of the nine student council presidents will interview applicants for membership on Cabinet appointive committees, excluding chairmen.

Seely must by-pass this, however, because he needs the committees—and the machinery of CPIC, while thorough, is very slow and it would take upwards to a month to have the committees selected by the group.

According to the bill which established CPIC, one-week's notice must be given before the date of interviews, during which time interested students may apply to be interviewed. The reviewing committee must then conduct its screening and have its recommendations ready at least one week prior to the time the appointments are to be made.

This means the interviewing process can take a minimum of two weeks, but it is impossible to run the program with 100 per cent efficiency. A rapid job takes at least three weeks, and the

normal time required is a month. Also, CPIC usually tries to give more than just the one-week stipulated notice so all that are interested may have the opportunity of applying.

Blame for this necessity of stepping outside the law can not all be blamed on CPIC. Part of the blame must go to the failure to appoint committee chairmen early in the year so they could be working on their committee set-ups and projects before the last month. This is particularly apparent in the case of the encampment chairman who not only has to get a committee functioning, but interview students who wish to attend encampment.

It should also be noted this is not the first time Cabinet has been asked to ignore the rules and appoint students who had not been interviewed. It was done in the case of the hastily formed Traffic Committee, due to pressure from the administration to investigate traffic problems before next year's freshman booklets went to press.

Because of these occasional emergencies, it might be reasonable to keep on file a group of proven student workers who are willing to serve on any committee. This will eliminate the period required for publicity and have them immediately available for interviewing. They can fill unforeseen or forgotten committee openings at short notice but still have to go through CPIC so the committee will still be able to serve as a check on the All-University president.

While appointments that Seely will propose are essential, they can be avoided. By not avoiding these happenings we are weakening CPIC, a group which with improvement can see that appointments are equally available to all students.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Someone has been spreading it around that I'm going steady with Carl . . . This makes the third fraternity pin I've had to give back this week."

The Final

Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

HIND-SIGHT DEFEATS FORE-SIGHT—

As one editor of the Daily Collegian prepares to turn over his key to his successor, he is inclined to become very sentimental. Actually, it may be more the feeling that the sheet will fold without him.

Instead of a swan song, which is the usual fare, of a very drippy type, we thought it might be better to wander through the nearly four years we have spent in the shadow of Old Main. We want to see what we have gained beside the booming average which will not get us into a graduate school to study history.

Speaking of this frustration, we want to inform you readers that this summer we are going to make our home on an arctic iceberg with the weather bureau. We doubt the icy blasts from the North Pole will be any worse than the crisp handshake from retired-Woman's Student Government Association President Patricia Ellis after we had mentioned the word "drink" in the story of one of her meetings.

Of old memories, probably the best is the 1952 dormitory raid which we saw and in which all the women's dormitories were raided. The most impressive point was the way the innocent young ladies cooperated in the venture by opening doors and pouring water on counselors and campus patrolmen who attempted to guard entrances.

Then there was the story of the housemother in one of the upperclass dorms who is reported to have gotten so excited she grabbed one of the attackers about the neck and kissed him. All this was offset, however, by the poor publicity which came to the school because of it and by the young ladies who were very short on clothes the next day—and payday more than a half-a-month away.

In our third semester we had the pleasure of covering the other visit of Prexy's brother, the one who plays golf. He arrived on the old Bellefonte Central, which normally hauls only coal and other freight for the University. It had been put into shape to receive the only passenger train in many years.

Both presidents caught some time fishing and some time golfing before the Presidential train returned to Washington with the President flying ahead. Mamie stayed over a day to crown Miss Penn State.

The next fall the big news was the change of the status of the school from college to University. This was completed on Friday, the thirteenth, and it retained its name as a bad luck day by throwing the area into turmoil because now you had a University in State College. Someone slipped up along the

line and the residents of the borough (they slipped the year before, too, and elected a Democratic mayor in this traditionally Republican town) rejected the stirring name of Mt. Nittany. The University had an ace up its sleeve, however, and immediately announced it was now University Park, Pa. Now mail takes a day longer to get to the University than it did before.

Another event, which quickened the hearts of all loyal Penn State Greeks, the same year was the introduction of that species of individual known as "housemother." It was felt by the University administrators that this would inject a very homey influence into the atmosphere of the fraternity houses and would provide someone to darn the poor away-from-homes socks.

No study has ever been made of the actual effect these ladies have had on the University. We find ours is tops in understanding and in trying to be one of the members of our social closet. It is well worth the additional expense of the house bill and the increased mileage on the automobile.

This last year has been topped by the Centennial Year celebration and the prestige of being the Centennial graduating class, you know, the one which almost did not get to graduate. Well, come June 11, we may be singing in the rain on Beaver Field, but we will have celebrated the One-Hundredth.

Afraid this is all, but we will still be watching the goings-on around here; we along with the some-2000 others who will be receiving degrees. Hope you have as much to write about when you turn in your key.

Phys Ed Square Dance

A square dance and mixer, open to all students and faculty of the College of Physical Education and Athletics, will be held tonight from 8 to 11 in the White Hall gymnasium.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Marque Memories
8:00	Behind the Lectern
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	Informally Yours
9:15	News
9:30	This World of Music
10:30	Thought for the Day

Safety Valve—

Why Outstanding?

TO THE EDITOR: Some time ago an organization called the SPCA was set up; well here is a vote for a society to prevent cruelty on the part of hat societies. Many hopeful coeds feel they are eligible for hat societies and are not tapped, never knowing why. When the hat societies tap in the spring, they announce such requirements as scholarship, leadership, service. None of these qualifications are ever defined and interpretations differ.

According to the 1954 LaVie, which to my knowledge is the only source of public information concerning eligibility for hat societies available to students, these hat societies list their requirements as:

Mortar Board, "senior women's hat society which honors 16 outstanding senior women"—last year there were 13 girls tapped and this year there are 25; "members must have a specified scholastic average"—who specifies and what basis is there for such specification; and "service, leadership, and scholarship"—wonderful terms but again, what do they mean?

Scrolls, senior women's, "exceptional work in at least one major activity"—which campus activities are considered as major, who determines what is exceptional work, and do members have to have been in this activity for any length of time? When Scrolls was first being organized, three years in an activity was stated as a requirement; did they follow through with this when tapping?

Chimes, junior women's, "girls are tapped during the spring in their fourth semester"—yet several fifth semester women were tapped last year; "scholarship, activities, and outstanding service"—again these all inclusive terms. Do members have to have a certain number or a diversification in the activities?

Cwens, sophomore women's, "participation in at least two major activities" and a "1.5 scholastic average." If those are the only two requirements, then membership should be automatic. Then, too, no mention of leadership is made, yet polls have been made of the freshmen to find whom they consider their leaders.

There is a chance these statements from the LaVie could be erroneous, but how can a student tell when the hat societies will not make their requirements public knowledge? Many students, after reading these qualifications in the LaVie, wonder why someone was tapped while another was not and why they were not.

Now we, the women students, are seeking clarification of the qualifications for membership in these societies. If they are truly set up to honor the outstanding women in the student body, then the rest of the students have a right to know just what makes these women outstanding.

—Names Withheld

What Does It Mean?

The year's Academic Freedom program started at the University last Wednesday night when a film was shown and a student-faculty discussion was held on the meanings of academic freedom.

Those persons who were at the discussion could not have helped but recognize, in part at least, the significance of academic freedom as such. Discussion delved into the meanings of the phrase and the various aspects it involved.

However, the number present at the discussion was an extremely small representation of the University's enrollment. And this means that in all probability there are many hundreds of students and perhaps some faculty members at Penn State who do not know just what academic freedom means or—more significant—what loss of academic freedom would mean.

Special "weeks" have a tendency to get lost in overloaded civic and college calendars. This fact alone puts the academic freedom program on campus at a disadvantage.

However, nothing concerns all students on campus so much as the quality of education being taught then—and evaluating and maintaining the very highest quality is a cornerstone of academic freedom.

A program on campus focusing on academic freedom serves real purposes.

1. It gives recognition to the importance of academic freedom in all schools—it calls to students' attention the need for broad concepts and tolerant views.

2. It helps persons understand the meaning of academic freedom—a term which can be as misleading and misunderstood as the Constitution's guarantee of free speech.

3. And it helps persons interpret academic freedom according to its history and relate it to modern values during a time of universal crisis.

There is no individual on this campus who escapes the obligation to understand, examine, and evaluate the meanings of academic freedom.

—Peggy McClain

Gazette...

Today

ANGEL FLIGHT, 7 p.m., Armory
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 218 Willard
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 103 Willard
ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE STUDENT COUNCIL, student-faculty mixer, 8 p.m., Dean Walker's home, 777 West Park ave.
HOME EC CLUB, 8 p.m., Mineral Science Auditorium
NEWMAN CLUB, Rosary, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church; Bishop Sheen on T.V., 7 p.m., Student Center
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

William Barker, James Bates, Paine Culp, Thomas Dominy, Larry Gerahman, Michael Luttner, Thomas Misiewicz, James Rose, Sally Sloan, William Stoneman, Margaret Thomas.

HEC Club to Hear Cook

Miss Yvonne L. Cook, instructor in home-community relationships, will speak on "Adult Education" at a Home Economics Club meeting at 8 tonight in the Mineral Science auditorium. Club members may bring guests.

Alumnus Dies at 81

Mr. John Edward Snyder, 81, an 1895 graduate of the University, died in his sleep at his home early Sunday morning. Mr. Snyder, who resided at 118 Derwen road, Bala-Cynwyd, is survived by his wife, a son, a sister, and a brother.

Correction

Students in Atherton Hall who met with the dieticians and Gail Rosenbloom, All-University Food Committee representative, are not members of Women's Student Government Association, but are appointed to act on this committee.

Someone slipped up along the