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## Gambling, Groping, Guessing Game: Grr!

When, at the beginning of each semester, the student delves into the hidden mysteries of his 27-cent timetable, he plays the unwilling role of gambler, guesser, and groper-in-the-dark.

He gambles that the professors listed for the courses and the sections are the pros who will teach the course.

He guesses when no professor at all is listed. And he gropes in the hope that he won't be submerged in the semi-darkness of video education too often.

But all too often, it's all in vain. And, in vain, the student is left with three questions:

1. Why aren't the professors who will teach the courses listed in many—too many—cases?

Certainly most educators will agree that the teaching abilities of professors differ. Certainly, one would think, educators would agree that the student should enjoy the right to select the professor from whom he feels he can get the most.

This right is a cornerstone of academic freedom, a freedom which, history shows, originated with and for students. In many courses, the professor makes the course worth taking. When no professor is listed, the student has to guess.

For multi-section courses, Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer explains, departments do not know how many registrants to expect. Hence, they do not know, at the time timetables go to press, how many or which professors will be utilized.

But how about advanced courses? Couldn't this information be made available during the registration period?

2. Why, in some cases in which the professor is listed in the timetable, does a different professor turn up in class at its first meeting?

Sometimes, Mr. Watkins explains, fewer students register for a course than was anticipated. So some professors are relieved of that course and assigned to a more heavily scheduled one.

But how then explain the professor who glibly declares: "Well, Professor Snarf and I decided to switch sections"?

3. Why can't courses offered by television be so listed in the timetables?

Some students object strongly to having to get their lectures remotely, from a flickering screen. They shouldn't have to take them. Some students prefer television. They should be able to schedule it. Some students who strongly object find themselves with two or three television courses—six or nine hours of screen staring each week. They've had it.

We realize the television experiment is essential because Penn State is short staffed and short spaced. But to subject the student who doesn't like television to six hours a week of it is to engage in an experiment in torture.

In vain, the student asks these three questions. We hope they will soon be answered in a serious vein. April 9 to 16 is Academic Freedom Week.

—The Editor

## Safety Valve

### Cabinet Laughs First, Who Laughs Last?

TO THE EDITOR: At the last Cabinet meeting its members hit an all time low in student representation. A Cabinet member proposed the establishment of a Student Opinion Committee which would permit students to express their ideas, suggestions, and opinions that concern them.

By defeating this proposal Cabinet is saying in effect that the ideas, suggestions, and opinions of students are not worth hearing.

Although not a member of Cabinet, I defended this motion because it can only result in the better interests of the students. However Cabinet didn't think so.

All during my defense some members of Cabinet concerning themselves with laughter, extemporaneous remarks, and general disrespect, implying that I had no business being there.

Perhaps this falls in line with the defeat of the motion. Cabinet members show little concern for what "outsiders" have to say.

—Harry Martini

TO THE EDITOR: At several Cabinet meetings of the present Cabinet, members have expressed disrespect for students who are not Cabinet members, and who spoke at Cabinet meetings.

Laughing at, scorning, and showing contempt for the "man on the Mall" and his opinion add incentive for the "man on the Mall" to laugh at, scorn, and disrespect Cabinet.

Cabinet members are no better than the next man and should not view outsiders as "odd balls" or "three dollar bills". I believe these remarks apply to each and every member, without exception, at one meeting or another.

If the shoe fits, wear it.

—Bruce J. Lieske

### Who Is 'We'?

TO THE EDITOR: Miss Jacqueline Hudgins' letter concerning the issue of exempting graduating seniors from final exams represents one of the finest pieces of obstinacy that I've read in this column.

Miss Hudgins writes, "In a writing course where ability is determined by development of skill a two-hour examination is no measure of the student's comprehension . . ." Being of liberal mind, I hesitate to think that she infers by the above statement that a writing course requires development of skill while many other courses do not.

I'm sure many professors will be somewhat shocked to learn that they have been teaching courses requiring no skill.

Throughout her article she refers to "we." For example, "We don't like finals either and we suggest that they be thrown out along with eight o'clocks, Saturday classes . . ." I saw only one signature to the article, but am very much interested in learning what mysterious group she represents . . .

•Letter cut

—Curtis R. Seyler

EDITOR'S NOTE: In signed newspaper editorials and columns it is traditional that the writer may use either the pronoun "we" or "I", according to his preference, when stating opinion.

## Gazette

Today  
DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 2 p.m., 108 Willard  
LAVIE SENIOR BOARD, 5:30 p.m., 412 Old Main  
Tomorrow  
EMERSON SOCIETY SUPPER, 5:30 p.m., Hetzel Union Terrace room  
IDEAS OF GOOD & EVIL IN GREAT LITERATURE LECTURE, 8 p.m., Hillcl Foundation  
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION, 3 p.m., Hillcl Foundation  
VESPER, 8:30 p.m., Lutheran Student Association

Monday  
ALPHA PHI OMEGA SMOKER, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Gamma Rho  
CHIMES, 12:30 p.m., Walnut Lounge, McElwain  
INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 7 p.m., 108 Willard  
University Hospital  
Paul Brann, Anna Crimbling, Catherine Hoika, Michael Kubica, Robert McKee, George MacCubbin, Leroy Miller, Glenn Rees, Mary Royer, Charles Schooley, Karl Schwenzler, Michael Shapiro, Jakob Stekol, Ronald Strong, Dale Weller, James Wyatt, Larry Miller, Roger Roberts, and Bernard Actman.

### Employment to Be Topic Of Address by Leetch

George N. Leetch, director of the University Placement Service, will address the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 105 Osmond. He will speak on the subject of summer employment in the fields of chemistry.

### Chimes to Meet Monday

Chimes, junior women's hat society, will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Walnut Lounge of McElwain.

### LaVie Senior Board to Meet

The senior board of LaVie will meet at 6:30 today in 412 Old Main.

### Froth Circulation Staff Will Meet Tuesday

The Froth circulation staff will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hetzel Union assembly hall to discuss Froth sales.

Promotions within the staff will be announced, according to Bob Gellman, co-circulation director.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Th" Signa Phi Nothings aren't pledging 't same caliber of boys they used to."

### Look Who's on Assignment

## Together

By JACKIE HUDGINS & RON WALKER

What's all this about AIM Board of Governors wanting to start a "Community Living Plan?" The way we hear it, they're interested in having men and women students live together in the residence halls to be built in coming years. Not a bad idea at all, men; but it'll never work.

Why? Let's face it, something like this is just a little too radical for even this campus, but in case you're still serious about the whole thing, here's how you better go after it:

First, it would help if you let All-University Cabinet in on the matter. You can leave IFC out if you want, but please, not Cabinet. Also, you could strengthen your position somewhat if the Deans of Men and Women were let in on it, and particularly, if they approved. When All-University Cabinet appoints one of its many committees to thrash out the difficulties, make sure you have a couple of AIM'ers to help out.

Next, we're assuming that Cabinet will pass the matter with no heated debate, because most of them are men anyway, and you know how they'll go for something like this. Now all you have to do is sneak it past the Administration and you have it made.

Here then, is our plan: put the women on the first floor, the men on the second, and so on. After a while, the thing'll be accepted with no fuss at all. But you better watch out for any freshman you get in there. They're fresh out of high school and'll try anything "just for kicks." Next thing you know, they'll be wanting mixed roommates, and we're sure your original plan never called for that. At least, we think we're sure.

After due consultation, though, we find several loopholes in your plan. First of all, are the women to have the same hours as the men? Or will the men have to be in at 11 each night? You'd better think this one over pretty good, because a lot of guys wouldn't exactly go for that.

We are also presuming in your plan that everyone would eat together too. Not a bad idea, because maybe that'd make the women take their own trays back for a change. Or maybe the other way around. Maybe even the men would have waiters for a change.

OK, AIM, go to work. Better set up some sort of quota system though, or you'll have a lot of town independents on your back. Let us know how you make out.

### ICG to Meet Monday

The Intercollegiate Conference on Government will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in 108 Willard. The group will debate platform planks for the March 10 Model National Political Convention.

### Council Sets Up Food System

A permanent representative system with the Food Service will be coordinated through Freshman Council, Women's Student Government Association subsidiary. Freshman Council elected representatives from each freshman dormitory.

These representatives will select a chairman who will negotiate with the dieticians on food problems and the possibility of tours through the kitchens.

The freshman foods representatives will work as a separate group because women living in Thompson have different food problems.

Freshman Council is continuing to make plans for the Freshman Tea, which will be held on March 11 in Atherton lounge. Committees have been set up and invitations will be sent out to University women.

Council representatives were asked to remind freshman women to check their activities cards in the dean of women's office to see if they are up to date. These are the cards to which Cwens refer when it is selecting members.

### APHIO Will Sponsor Spring Smoker Monday

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will hold its Spring rushing smoker at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Alpha Gamma Rho.

Membership requirements include previous scouting experience, a 2.0 All-University average, and a desire to be of service on campus.

William Moorhead, executive scouting adviser, will speak.

### This Weekend On WDFM

7:25	Sign On
7:30	Hubzapoppin'
8:00	Musical Marathon
9:00	Hi-Fi Open House
10:30	Sign Off
Sunday	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Third Program
10:30	Sign Off
Monday	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Music My Friend
8:15	As You Believe
8:30	Showcase
9:00	Man On the Mall
9:15	News
9:30	Symphonic Notebook
10:30	Sign Off