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The Compensation Case: Not Worth Trying

When, last spring, All-University Cabinet approved a new constitution providing for a Supreme Court no one was quite sure how the court should or would operate.

One year later, no one is still quite sure. But, for the second time in its existence, the Supreme Court, composed of the senior members of Tribunal and Judicial, has a case facing it. How it reacts is important, for it will be setting precedents.

The question before the court is compensations, one of the few Cabinet issues which annually awakens widespread interest among students at large.

Rudolph Lutter, 1955 Lion party candidate for All-University President, asked the Supreme Court on Tuesday night to test the constitutionality of the compensations approved by Cabinet last Thursday.

This action brings two questions before the court: Shall it hear the case? And if it decides to do so, shall it declare compensations unconstitutional on the grounds Lutter has proposed?

We think the court would be wise to answer both these questions negatively.

Since the constitution provides no procedure for deciding how matters should come before the Supreme Court, the court itself must decide whether it will take this case.

Some may argue that if the court refuses to hear the charge it will be making an arbitrary decision which would, if followed in the future, offer no channel for appeals against unconstitutional Cabinet decisions. This, they may argue, would undermine the very purpose of the court.

We feel otherwise. If the court decides to take the case, it will be opening the way for anyone who objects to a decision of Cabinet to bring the matter before the court. This would be possible because the grounds of Lutter's

complaint are totally ambiguous. Cabinet's decision, he claims, violates the "spirit" of the constitution and contradicts its preamble which gives Cabinet power to "promote the welfare of the student body and the University as a whole . . ."

Chaos would result if the Supreme Court had to decide whether a piece of legislation passed by Cabinet fails to promote welfare every time someone objected to the legislation.

At a prior session, Cabinet voted against studying the question of eliminating final exams for eighth semester seniors. Was this against the welfare of the student body? Should the court try every decision which is unpopular with someone?

The Supreme Court will be acting with sense if it decides not to hear Lutter's case against compensations. The compensations decision is made. The charge that the decision is unconstitutional because compensations do not "promote the welfare of the student body" is too flimsy to be taken seriously.

—The Editor

Watched Pot: Boil

Behind locked doors where the smoke smokes thick, things are stewing.

Penn State's student politicians are stirring up some tasty issues for the voters to munch on come March 21 and 22, the dates of the All-University elections.

These "treats" will be submitted to the Elections Committee for approval Wednesday. We hope that there will be more for the voters to sink their teeth into than in the past.

Too often political platforms devised by the parties have given off a tantalizing aroma, only to prove on closer inspection to be something less than nourishing to the student body.

The resulting bad taste left in the mouths of the voters perhaps explains to a degree the general lack of interest in student government. An appetizing menu this spring could do much to correct past inadequacies.

Student government undoubtedly needs some food for thought. Tonight's meager All-University Cabinet agenda attests to that fact.

Political platforms can serve up the needed ingredients for an improved student government for next year.

But too often platforms have been merely meaningless vote-catchers with no chance to be put into effect. It is time the political cooks remedied the students' indigestion.

We await a savory offering.

—Mike Miller

Gazette

Today
CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy
HILLEL HOUR, WMAJ, 7:30 p.m.
NEWMAN CLUB, Discussion, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB TV, 8 p.m., Student Center
NEWS AND VIEWS Staff and Candidates, 6:45 p.m., 14
Home Economics
PRE-VETERINARY CLUB, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 8 p.m., 204 Barrows
RABBI'S BIBLE COURSE, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation

University Hospital
Shirley Anselmo, Rosemary Bass, Thomas Binford, James Goodwin, Hernan Gordan, Mary Herben, Howard Jacobs, Vincent Lukack, Meredith Miller, Sidney Nodland, John Patane, Raymond Pattios, Raymond Sands, Joan Schmidt, William Simon, Janice Summers, and Robert E. McKenzie.

A Cross Burns as Segregation Issue Seeths

By The Associated Press
Alabama held the focal points yesterday in the South's troubled and seething problem of segregation.

At Birmingham, a federal judge called before him the first and so far the only Negro ever admitted to the University of Alabama. The Negro student, Autherine Lucy, was driven from the school's classrooms by a mob on Feb. 6. She immediately appealed for a court order to force university officials to readmit her.

At Montgomery, beset by a Negro boycott of city buses, a pro-white group voiced its approval of indictment of boycott leaders and at the same time criticized Gov. James E. Folsom for what it called incompetency "during these grave and grievous times."

New Orleans found itself at grips anew with the issues of integration. Last night a cross 10 feet high was set ablaze near a statue of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. Its flames near the downtown business district brightened a sign which read: "Keep our kids safe from the

black plague."

In New York City, the leaders for a movement for a day of prayer March 28 in support of Montgomery's bus boycott said their campaign was for prayer only—and not for a work stoppage as well, as they had planned earlier.

Called with Miss Lucy for a hearing before U.S. Dist. Judge H. Hobart Grooms were officials of the University of Alabama who had suspended the 26-year-old Birmingham woman from the campus "for her own safety."

Miss Lucy wants to return to her classes at once. She also wants a room in one of the school's dormitories and permission to use dining facilities at the school.

Speculation from some sources followed the line that if the Negro coed tries to resume her studies at the University, she again will be confronted by a riotous reaction.

Folsom has said, however, that he will see to it that order is maintained. He said yesterday that he didn't expect any trouble at the school.

"I expect the good old laws of common sense to prevail," he said.

In approving the indictment of the Montgomery boycott leaders, the pro-white organization said it was against a bi-racial commission designed to end racial disputes outside the pattern of Alabama's stringent segregation laws.

Folsom recommended such a commission Monday when he issued a call for a special session of the state Legislature to begin tomorrow.

Members of the group, who formerly called themselves the Central Alabama Citizens Council, changed the name of their organization to the Montgomery County Citizens Council.

The cross burning at New Orleans was the first since the era of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s. It spotlighted the present conflict between lay Roman Catholic leaders and church officials, who have said they plan to integrate white and Negro pupils in parochial schools, perhaps before the year is out.

Ed Council to Sponsor Coffee Hours in March

Education Student Council will sponsor coffee hours, from 4 to 5 p.m. on March 13 and 19, Katherine Dickson, chairman, has announced.

The coffee hours will be held in honor of freshmen and senior dean's list students. Faculty members are being invited to attend the coffee hours, which will be held in a banquet room of the Hetzel Union Building.

UBA Sets Tomorrow For Refund Deadline

Tomorrow is the deadline for students who want to obtain books and refunds from the Used Book Agency.

The agency will remain open from 1 to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Dairy Science Club

The Dairy Science Club will meet at 7 tonight in 117 Dairy.

21,000 Skaters Used Ice Rink This Season

Over 21,000 skaters used the University ice rink during the season which ended Saturday, according to Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the College of Physical Education and Athletics.

McCoy said the rink was closed several days earlier than had been planned. Weather conditions forced the close, which was originally planned for today.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Better just smile and say 'hello.'"

Quips and Quotes

By RON LEIK

It appears that automation—still a cuss word among union men—has partially arrived.

The other day while sitting in a barber shop we heard a machinist tell about the special training he had just completed to operate some new equipment.

"They're inventing machines so fast," he said, "you have to go to school three months out of the year to work the other nine."

Until last week, we had only heard talk but no action about the customs of Leap Year. Then this letter from three girls at Bucknell University came our way:

Dear Sir:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we three Maidens (their capital) have somehow gotten out of circulation on these Blessed Three Hundred Acres, and we are in search of new fields of endeavor. A boon we beg of thee. We are interested in making the acquaintances of three young men of your campus.

We are not beautiful, but we are not particularly homely, either. It suffices to say that we are strong, healthy, and have all our teeth. We are intellectually bent and have mastered all the necessary social graces. We would appreciate stimulating correspondence and fellowship with three men of similar caliber and qualification.

Respectfully,
Betsy, Mae, and Pearl
P.S. We are stately Juniors.

For you men who want to try your luck, their address is: Box W-340, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.
And may Aphrodite be kind to you.

NOTE: Since this is not a love-lorn column, we will print no more letters from any pea-picking boon beggars.

Definition of a Pedestrian—a man with two cars, a wife, and a son.

Old Joke Dept.

An English Lit. major borrowed a telephone book from the library. Every two weeks he'd bring it back for renewal. Finally, the librarian asked him how he liked the book.

"The plot runs pretty thin," he replied, "but the cast is tremendous."

Heard from a circle of party goers at a dull, weekend affair: "Let's join hands and try to contact the living."

Facts for Fraternal Fellows:

A Knox (Ill.) College student was arrested for drinking on the day before he was to celebrate his 21st birthday.

He protested vigorously, saying it wasn't illegal because a person is 21 the day before his birthday.

Police officers checked and discovered, to their chagrin, that he was right. According to common

law, a person born Jan. 1 becomes one year old the following Dec. 31. On Jan. 1, he is already starting his next year.

A fast way to get a youthful figure is to ask a woman her age.

A young mother was having trouble with her six-year-old son who, like his father, would rather sleep in Sunday morning than go to church. One day after returning from an early service with his mother, he asked his father:

"Dad, did you go to Sunday school every week when you were little?"

"Sure, son," was the reply. "See, Mom, I told you going to Sunday school wouldn't get me anywhere."

Lantern Writers To Meet Tonight

Students interested in working on the literary staff of the Lantern will meet at 7 tonight in 103 Willard. Positions are open for critics, writers, artists, and general workers.

Writers may submit stories and poems tonight to be considered for the spring issue.

The following promotions were announced yesterday by Jacqueline Hudgins, editor; Robert Nurrock, business manager; Stanley Lindenberg, circulation manager; Robert Steele, publicity manager; and Helen Rife, exchange editor.

Warnings Being Sent To Traffic Violators

Letters are being sent by the dean of men's office to students who have not paid parking and traffic fines in a general crackdown on such offenders, according to Dean of Men Frank J. Simes.

The letters warn offenders that unless they report to the office tomorrow they will not be allowed to continue their work at the University.

WDFM Librarian Post Open

Candidates for music and record librarian for station WDFM will meet at 8 tonight in 307 Sparks.

Tonight on WDFM

Time	Program	Host
7:15	News	Sign On
7:20	Sports	Sign On
7:25	Starlight Review	Just On
7:30	Just On	William Edgerly
8:00	William Edgerly	Sign On
9:00	News	Sign On
9:15	News	Sign On
9:30	News	Sign On
10:30	News	Sign On