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## Take a Look-See at Cabinet

Tonight for the first time since last spring 25 students will gather around a large table in 203 Hetzel Union. This gathering will mark the formal beginning of another year for the University's Student Government Association.

The campus' highest legislative body, All-University Cabinet, will make its 1956 debut tonight at its usual job—working for the students.

Tonight the major item on the Cabinet agenda is the proposed half-holiday for the opening football game with the University of Pennsylvania. Who, exactly, proposed the half-holiday is slightly in doubt but the idea of having one a year has grown up during recent years and it is at the point now where students are expecting the administration to provide them with at least one official respite from that thorn in the side of all Friday night party-goers—namely, Saturday classes.

This is without doubt something of vital import to students and is a good example of what student government can concretely accomplish for the student body as a whole.

Now, no guarantees can be given as to what tonight's discussion of the half-holiday will lead to. There is something more than a rumor circulating that the outlook is bright. However, Cabinet will air the matter and make a recommendation to the Council of Administration. Then, the entire matter is in the hands of the administration.

However, you can rest assured that Cabinet will have done right by the students' wishes.

Now this particular example of Cabinet at work is an easy one by which we can point directly to the good Cabinet does.

The half-holiday and issues like it will not be coming up every week, however, and at times students will wonder what is going on up in 203 Hetzel Union every Thursday night.

They will grumble and gripe and begin to doubt the IQ's of their duly elected student representatives. We admit that at times we too have thoughts of a similar nature. Some issues which have come before past Cabinets have gotten tangled up badly due to various reasons.

This kind of thing, when carried to great heights of parliamentary procedure and brilliant oratory, are the things which tend to get above from that non-entity the "average student." This is what causes the discontent and remarks like, "Cabinet should be abolished because they don't care a hoot for the students' welfare but are all wrapped up in their own small group."

These things are easy to say. However, in general they are grossly unfair. Cabinet honestly wants to consider student problems and wants to arrive at solutions which will best benefit the students and the University. (These two entities, meaning the students and the University, are at various times considered direct opposites and the same thing.)

If students during the coming year feel themselves slipping into a state of disgust with All-University Cabinet we strongly suggest they pay a visit to 203 Hetzel Union some Thursday night and observe first-hand what is exactly going on.

In every issue of the Collegian which carries a story about an upcoming Cabinet meeting there is a small reminder to the student body that all Cabinet meetings are open to the public. In the past, students have been not only reminded of this fact, they have been urged to attend a meeting of Cabinet. Students are welcome there. Perhaps the average student will consider himself out of place but this is the wrong idea right off. Officially Cabinet is the students' legislative group and no matter what happens the students should feel free to attend Cabinet meetings.

For this and various other reasons students have always ignored these reminders by and large.

If gripes and discontent are to continue on the part of the student body concerning Cabinet action let these gripes come from students who have observed Cabinet at work for two or three weeks and have honestly found them to be at fault.

These students, we believe, will be few and far between.

—Mike Moyle

## All Students Should Take Entrance Tests

Students entering the University should be required to take entrance examinations before being admitted.

Not only should a student be of good standing in his high school graduating class but he should also be required to show that he can perform well on entrance examinations. The entrance examinations should be weighed heavily in considering student's applications.

With more students applying for admission each year, and private schools taking a smaller percentage of those applying, it will be necessary for the University to be more selective when accepting students.

It would seem undesirable to cut down further on out of state students as they tend to give the student body more diversity and a more rounded education.

Those opposed to entrance examinations say that as a land grant University we cannot require that students from Pennsylvania take the test. They propose, instead, that we eventually accept only students in the upper fifth of their high school graduating class.

It is more uniform, however, to give all students applying at the University the same test and so compare the quality of all students. This cannot be done with high school records as each school has different standards.

It would be more fair and just to all applicants at the University to make each one take entrance examinations and consider these in conjunction with high school standing.

We hope the University will give this suggestion from the workshop on academic policies at Student Encampment serious consideration.

—Sue Conklin

## Safety Valve

### Advice to Seniors

(To All Senior Students:) In the past years the senior class advisory board has dealt exclusively with senior class affairs and since these affairs are their prime concern the board has performed its duties well.

Because it is the only means of communication between the senior class and its officers, I feel that membership on this board should be open to all those seniors who are sincerely interested not only in senior class transactions but also pertinent University business. I feel sure that the board will also be dealing with problems this year that are of great concern to all students at the University.

Because of these problems, I would appreciate it very much if only those seniors who are interested in making the 1956-57 Senior class advisory board "a working board," would apply at the Hetzel Union desk this week.

—Joseph Hartnett  
Senior Class President

## Gazette

- AIM Judicial, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
- COLLEGIAN Classified Ad Staff Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Office
- CPA Art Staff and Candidate, 6:45 p.m., CPA Office in HUB
- DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 117 Dairy Bldg.
- IPC Workshop Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 108 Willard
- BILLET Services for Feast of Tabernacles, 10:00 a.m., Hill
- LUTHERAN Vespers, 4:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
- PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 8:00 p.m., 214-15 HUB
- THETA SIGMA PHI, 8:30 p.m., Alpha Chi Omega suite
- WDFM Promotion and Publicity Staff, 7:30 p.m., 307 Sparks

## Let's Obey Law

The Interfraternity Council has passed a ban on freshmen minors' drinking in fraternity houses. The question of the necessity of this ruling or the object—"to put more teeth into University and state regulations governing minors' drinking" is not of primary concern now.

Enforcement of the freshmen ban on drinking is now a major problem of the fraternity men. Effective enforcement can not be achieved by the action of the Interfraternity Council Board of Control alone.

All fraternities concerned in this ruling must insure its strict enforcement. This involves more than the vocal consent of the fraternity presidents to go along with the new measure. It will necessarily involve the conscious assistance of every fraternity man in the houses where drinking is permitted.

The move has been made by the Interfraternity Council. The majority vote to adopt the drinking ban must now be converted into complete support in enforcement.

Any future occurrence of freshman minors drinking in fraternities with resultant misconduct will be greatly magnified. There is no longer a question, "Who is responsible for the actions of freshmen who have been to fraternities?" The fraternities now have a new responsibility.

Therefore, without strict adherence to the letter of this new law, the inadequacy of the fraternity men to resolve their own problems will be in glaring evidence.

—Joe Boehret

WELCOMING PARTY for Campus 4-H Club Members, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver

University Hospital  
Niels Buessem, John Ehmann, David Ferraro, Frank Hocking, Elizabeth Prough, Dennis Rose, Russell Shultz, Carolyn Stambaugh, John Urban, Judson Vowburg, Donald Yoffe, and Ronald Faria.

## Little Man on Campus by Bibler



### Interpreting the News

## State Department Views Past Policies

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The State Department, considering a piecemeal approach to new disarmament discussions with Russia, is harking back to one of its broad general policies in the early days of the cold war.

After a few conferences which failed utterly to reconcile the Soviet approach to postwar problems with Western principles, efforts were made to find specific points on which accords might be reached. This was one in the hope that a few small successes might help produce greater trust and lead to a gradually increasing field of accord.

This policy was pursued for a while despite the obvious dangers to the West if it began to rely on Soviet commitments.

There was more fencing than handshaking, because of the very nature of the Communist expansion program. Repeated failures hardened the belief that there was no use trying to do business with the Kremlin—that it would never agree to anything except something detrimental to the West.

The same thing has proved true ever since, in disarmament as well as other fields.

Emanations from both sides, however, indicate that disarmament discussions, barely kept alive since the London conference by exchanges between Eisenhower and Bulganin, are to become more active now.

Bulganin's latest letter to the President was something less than a reply to proposals. Eisenhower had indicated strongly that he was just about through with the futile exchanges. Bulganin obviously is trying to keep a foot in the door to negotiations, though without offering any real signs of compromise.

Red China has joined the chorus with a statement that she is ready for what she calls "additional" reductions in her armed forces—Russia and China both stress manpower rather than actual military strength—provided the West will accept Soviet proposals.

There was some speculation yesterday that the delay in a scheduled meeting of the Red Chinese and American negotiators in Geneva might mean the subject was to be introduced there.

None of the Reds, however, show the slightest sign of accepting the Western view, entertained because of their almost complete display of irresponsibility about keeping commitments already made, that there must be a reliable system of security checks.

The real tragedy in life is not being limited to one talent, but in the failure to use that one talent.

## Sigma Delta Chi, Journ Fraternity Elects Officers

Harry Davis, senior in journalism from Pittsburgh, has been elected president of Sigma Delta Chi, men's national professional journalistic fraternity.

Other officers are vice president, Michael Moyle, senior from Winburne; secretary, Francis Fanucci, senior from Jessup, and treasurer, John Leach, senior from Freeport.

An initiation team from the University undergraduate chapter will conduct the first formal initiation of new members for the Tri-State professional chapter on Wednesday at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Victor Reisel, labor columnist, will address the meeting.

The initiation team includes Vincent Carocci, junior from Scranton; John Lawrence, senior from Philadelphia; Davis and Leach. They will be accompanied by I. W. Cole, director of the school of journalism, and James Markham, professor of journalism and head of the department of news and editing.

## Osborn Appointed Head Of Camping Committee

Dr. Elbert F. Osborn, dean of the College of Mineral Industries, is the chairman of a newly-appointed committee to make an inventory of summer camp facilities and recommend a five-year plan for the development of summer camping areas.

Other members of the committee are Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of Student Affairs; Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the College of Physical Education and Athletics; Dr. William C. Bramble, professor of forestry, head of the department of forest management, and in charge of the School of Forestry; and Lawrence J. Perez, professor of civil engineering.

## WDFM Staff to Meet

The promotion and publicity staff of the campus radio station WDFM will meet at 7:30 tonight in 307 Sparks. Attendance for all members is required, according to Paul H. Nelson, WDFM spokesman.