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Cabinet: Why Bid for Foreign Students?

All-University Cabinet should not bid \$700 for a foreign student

The scholarship which was proposed by Barbara Hendel, National Student Association regional chairman, amounts to exactly this:

Miss Hendel said the University would be able to gain new ideas on student government from such a foreign student, and at the same time would be able to impart our ideas to the foreign student. All of this is to be done in one year according to the idealistic NSA program.

According to her proposal, all Cabinet would have to do is offer a \$700 scholarship to take care of room and board for one year, and Wilmer E. Kenworthy, on behalf of the University, will also give a scholarship amounting to \$580 for this student's fees and tuition.

According to Miss Hendel the University would positively get the foreign student if we send an application along with the two scholarships. This, she stated, is because our student government is one of the best in the country.

If our student government is so excellent, then why doesn't NSA automatically send one of the 15 students to the University? We think it is unnecessary for Cabinet to bid along with other schools to work out some means of teaching a foreign student our system of student government in one year. We doubt very much if Cabinet will be able to obtain any information that it would find either valuable or practical.

The idea resembles that of asking a foreign monarch to give us ideas on how to run the United States Government. In the first place, a foreign student cannot hope to be so adjusted and natural to U.S. custom and social life within one year that he could contribute extensively to any phase of it. The training program that NSA has set up for these students will not even touch on the wealth of knowledge that would be necessary for him to take an effective part in student government and activities.

It was mentioned that these students speak excellent English. This is fine, but does not guarantee or indicate in any way that they will have any knowledge of American life.

In the second place, it is improbable that the foreign student will have much knowledge, if any, of student government at all. In most other countries the academic stress is so extreme, that little time is devoted to such activities as stu-

dent government. The advanced form of student government we have would only confuse and baffle a stranger for the first year. In addition his would be so primitive in comparison to ours as to give him no opportunity to contribute at all to any American student government.

Therefore, we contend that it is impractical to think that a foreign exchange student would contribute to the University's student government or activity system.

The foreign student who would attend the University for one year through scholarships given by the University, Cabinet, and NSA would probably gain a great deal for himself in knowledge of American culture as well as some conception of our student government system. The former would do his country a great deal of good, but the second would be of limited value. Yes, it would also help him to understand America, however, it would probably be of little use as far as instituting these ideas in his own country. Most foreign school systems do not allow time for a student government set up that would even resemble ours.

If Cabinet desires to educate foreign students in our system of student government, it would be far more practical to take the foreign students already attending the University.

We have pointed out that the 15 students who will receive these NSA scholarships are student leaders in their own country. We have also pointed out the fact that they are student leaders will most likely be of little value to them as far as understanding the American system.

Therefore, would it not be more advantageous for Cabinet to give private tutoring lessons in student government to the foreign students already attending the University. These students have already become familiar with American culture patterns and would not cost Cabinet or the University any money.

We do not propose this but merely suggest it as a better method than that suggested at Cabinet last night. This student would be able to contribute just as fully to his home country.

Cabinet could find many uses for \$700, and one of the best is not for a foreign student.

We hope the Interclass Finance Board will see the wisdom of this argument, and that Cabinet will also see through the proposal next week. —Sue Conklin

Supreme Court Gets a Reprieve

Supreme Court, an Encampment idea which came to life for a year, came to the brink of extinction last night on the floor of Cabinet.

The actual vote will be taken Oct. 16 when the wholesale re-organization of the student government constitution comes up.

Supreme Court, in its first year of existence was a loosely-organized, generally uninformed, but unbiased group. On the only three times it met, it looked like a group which had been pushed into a situation against its will.

From the beginning even to the most casual observer, the 1955 edition of the Supreme Court was unfit for the job. It had been saddled with this task by some idealist at Encampment who thought that Cabinet would be taking too much upon itself if it were to judge and interpret its own legislation.

Supreme Court is composed of the senior members of Judicial and Tribunal (two groups who last year handled their respective jobs very well). The members of the Court were persons used to handling cases of discipline and not matters of student government such as compensations and elections.

Apparently the only reason for naming these people to sit on last year's court was that they were considered the closest thing on campus to being judges. This being due to the fact that they sat in judgment of student involved in discipline cases.

As it turned out Supreme Court was led by the hand last year because it, like everyone else, was unaware of the intent of the Encampment committee which established it.

The absence of a definite system of appeal and the absence of other concrete procedures showed that last year Supreme Court was

thrown into the campus political scene with near-complete abandon.

It was stated by chairman Jim Musser that the Encampment committee on Regulations and Controls was almost unanimously in favor of junking the court; but attempts were made last night to keep it anyhow.

The theme of these tearing-folk is that Cabinet should not have the power to interpret its own legislation. As a matter of fact Cabinet was warned along these lines by one of its advisors, Ross Lehman.

However, if only two questions a year on the student constitution will come up, as in the past, then we believe that no kind of judiciary body, whether or not it be a Supreme Court, is needed.

Last year there was only a need for a ruling on the constitution twice. We feel that Cabinet could make these rulings themselves.

However if there will be rulings asked on the constitution on the average of once or twice a week then some group is definitely needed.

One suggestion was made by Harry Martini, Junior class president, who thought that a seven-member group to be chosen by a Senate committee was the answer. However, this suggestion involved choosing sophomores for the committee. Sophomores, we feel would not be generally capable of deciding on matters which would come before a Supreme Court.

So, instead of dying a peaceful death, Supreme Court continues officially in existence for two more weeks. For two weeks Cabinet members will be able to mull over in their minds a little longer the fate of the Supreme Court.

If, in those two weeks someone cannot come up with a good, concrete idea in the line of judiciaries then let's junk Supreme Court or any other group resembling it.

—The Editor

Gazette

Today INTERLANDIA FOLK DANCE, Friday from 7:30-10 p.m., in HUB Ballroom. CAMPUS 4-H CLUB, Monday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., 101 Weaver

University Hospital Edwin Biederman, George Fetterman, Eldred Hitchcock, Charles Hughes, Audrey Jersun, Alease Masenberg, Robert Rose, David Trump.

Peca Elected President Of El Circulo Espanol

Jean Peca, senior in arts and letters from Mahanoy City, has been elected president of El Circulo Espanol, the Spanish Club.

Huan Walker, senior in arts and letters from Philadelphia, was elected vice president, and Phyllis Rubinstein, junior in arts and letters from York, secretary.

Three Faculty Members To Exhibit Paintings

Three painters on the faculty of the School of Fine Arts will exhibit their work at Bicknell University beginning Sunday.

They are Dr. Albert Christ-Janer, director of the School of Fine Arts; Edwin W. Zoller, associate professor of art; and Stuart Frost, instructor in art.

'Dames' to Give Tea For Students' Wives

A tea will be given by the Penn State Dames for the wives of graduate and undergraduate students from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Presbyterian Church.

The Penn State Dames is a social organization composed of the wives of graduate and undergraduate students.

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"What's this I hear about me bein' on probation?"

On Other Campuses

Needles For All

by evie onsa

The Michigan State University, enrollment 18,383, began a program this week which will give students the opportunity to get Salk polio shots.

The University is assuming part of the cost of the program which is open to students on a voluntary basis. Students will pay \$1 each for the three shots. This program is one of

the first of its kind to be offered by a large American university. Radcliffe, Harvard, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have also begun similar programs.

The service is being offered since many students have not been vaccinated and the vaccine is now available to persons of college age.

TEA FOR 600: Nearly every organization on campus at one time or another during the year holds a tea or mixer. This it seems is essential. Whether the purpose of the event is organizational, to honor someone, or just to mix it up, the general attitude concerning teas is, "ugh."

However, most students enjoy themselves after they get there and find the whole affair wasn't as bad as they anticipated.

This was not the case for a student at the University of Kansas. A tea attended by 600 and honoring new housemothers and housefathers was a real grind to him. The student surveyed the long receiving line, quietly slipped his right arm out of his coat sleeve, buttoned his coat and stuck the empty sleeve in his pocket. This man would never make a baby-kissing, hand-shaking politician.

SAFETY FIRST: Aside from being National Newspaper Week this has also been declared EMERGENCIES DON'T WAIT WEEK, by Governor George M. Leader, emphasizing the importance of safety in the home, said that more than 5,000,000 Americans are killed or severely injured in home accidents every year.

Because of the increasing popularity of "do it yourself" projects, the possibilities for accidents increase, he said.

So remember, "don't do it yourself, leave it up to others."

IVY RUIN: Last Saturday after the Penn game a newsboy peddling copies of his paper, was yelling, "Extra, read all about it, the great Penn team made two first downs!" A sports writer for Penn's campus paper expressed the downhearted attitude of all the students: "All in all, it was a pretty dismal afternoon for the Quaker fans, many of whom spent most of their time waiting for the National League baseball scores.

Discouragement was also voiced by the mother of one of Penn's co-captains: "For three

years we've come to watch them play and for three years they haven't won a game."

ITEM from the Michigan State News: "The addition of actual flight training to the AFROTC program is a great step forward. It can only be hoped that the cadets will fly straighter than they march."

Three Speakers Will Address Religious Forum

Three noted religious leaders will speak at the Colloquy of Religion and Learning at 8:15 p.m. each evening from Oct. 14 to 16 in 121 Sparks.

The lecturers are Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, professor of historical theology at Yale University Divinity School; Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., former President of the University of Notre Dame; and Dr. Judah Goldin, dean of studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The forum, sponsored by the Inter-religious Affairs Committee, will be held in connection with the inauguration of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

The purpose of the program is to discuss the role and responsibility of the three major religious faiths at the University.

An informal discussion will follow each lecture during a Coffee Hour in the Memorial Lounge of the Chapel.

Mortar Board to Hold Tea for Swedish Coed

Mortar Board, senior women's hat society, will hold a tea Monday night in honor of Margareta Svardstrom, exchange student from Sweden.

President Eric A. Walker and Mrs. Walker will be among the guests.

The tea will be held from 8 to 9:15 p.m. in McElwain lounge.

Tonight on WDFM

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