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The Word Which Prevails

At Cabinet's Sunday night re-evaluation meeting an age-old but still very interesting topic was brought up by Joseph Hartnett, Senior Class president.

It was that of the spiking of student projects by the administration. Perhaps "spiking" is not the correct word for the administration's action. Maybe it should only be called "standing in the way." However, to those hopefuls who were all ready to go to the Penn game, "spiking" describes the situation perfectly.

However, perhaps one of Cabinet's faults, as Hartnett suggested, is that they don't realize that the administration has the final say on anything really big that it might want to do... for the students.

Cabinet is criticized very often by the average student who maintains that he isn't interested in student government and such affairs because this student maintains that the Cabinet fools around with trifles.

Well, it is true that when Cabinet tries to tackle something which will definitely benefit the students—this is usually some extremely popular crusade—the administration prevails and unfortunately the prevailing opinion often is contrary to that of Cabinet.

Hartnett suggested that Cabinet might possibly take the administration's position into consideration when they undertake a project. This suggestion was offered as one way Cabinet might become more effective. This suggestion might carry more weight than meets the eye.

The administration's point of view was solidly set before Cabinet took action on the Penn half-holiday recommendation. Yet Cabinet hopefully charged right in to the aid of the students and made a great big official-sounding recommendation to the administration. This was done at a meeting which was attended by members of the administration.

The representatives of the administration did nothing in the way of counseling Cabinet against

"loo-rash" action. Thus when the students got a flat refusal on the half-holiday—long a tradition at Penn State—Cabinet looked like a spanked child.

The point is further illustrated when you consider the Christmas holiday extension. With all too-vivid memories of the football weekend setback in mind Cabinet set out to really accomplish something the students would appreciate.

This job they did with efficiency and thoroughness but the results of the entire Cabinet argument never reached the point where they could have done the most good.

The administration, realizing they went too far in cutting the Christmas vacation down, relented a little and gave the students an extra half-day. This destroyed a great deal of the effectiveness of Cabinet's argument which All-University President Robert Bahrenburg was to take into the Senate meeting.

Of course, the administration had a very valid reason for cutting down the Christmas vacation and wanting to keep it cut down: they needed more time to process grades between semesters. Yet they knew that to refuse the students' requests would be folly because the safety factor was looming quite strong in the minds of everyone.

Thus, the half-day extension which proved that the administration also had a "heart." However, it also proved that, really, the move was nicely made. It took the wind out of a very effective argument Cabinet had compiled, while at the same time making the best out of a bad situation which was being to look as if it were going to have nasty repercussions.

Thus, at times Cabinet is up against a rough situation when it comes to getting concrete tasks done. We must remember that Cabinet is made up of students. The administration doesn't willfully try to foil student plans. Yet... —The Editor

Safety Valve

WSGA Is Trying

TO THE EDITOR: Just a short reply to Miss Conklin's editorial of Nov. 27 concerning WSGA. I appreciate Miss Conklin's interest in WSGA Senate and what we are trying to do. Yes, I said what we are trying to do. WSGA has been working very hard this year to—just as Miss Conklin said in her editorial—"enforce its own regulations in a forthright and effective manner."

Perhaps it would help to know that one of the main points of business on our agenda for this week's meeting is a report by Marilyn Seltzer concerning the progress of the Student En-

forcement Committee. This committee has been working since last year and is making remarkable progress.

I would like to point out that Miss Conklin is not alone in her feelings toward WSGA's present system and that WSGA itself realized the difficulty and is doing all it can as fast as possible to give the women students what they want.

Again, thank you for your interest. We welcome the suggestions and opinions of all students. Our meetings are open, so come up and tell us how you feel. WSGA meets at 6:30 every Wednesday night in 212 Hetzel Union.

—Daisy Zimmerman
President, WSGA

West Halls' Famine

TO THE EDITOR: If you are hungry late at night in the West Halls you may do one of the following. 1. Go out into the hall and get a drink of water; 2. Buy a candy bar in Waring Lounge and get a drink of water; 3. Walk downtown and get some food; 4. Call up Sally's or Home Delivery and get nourished.

For purposes of my argument we will assume that most of us resort to the last choice. Now then, why should we be forced to pay \$1.30 for a pizza? Why should the snack bar be kept open

later for the students when they can merely walk downtown or wait a half hour for the pizza?

Notice what happened when some fraternities recently boycotted a downtown establishment? Coupons, giveaways, "cut rates" to fraternities, and 25-cent pizzas resulted. Not even a Coke machine is offered the student who is up until 3 a.m. studying for a blue book, least of all coffee, ice cream, or sandwich-vending machines.

Let's try and get some action on this subject!

•Letter Cut

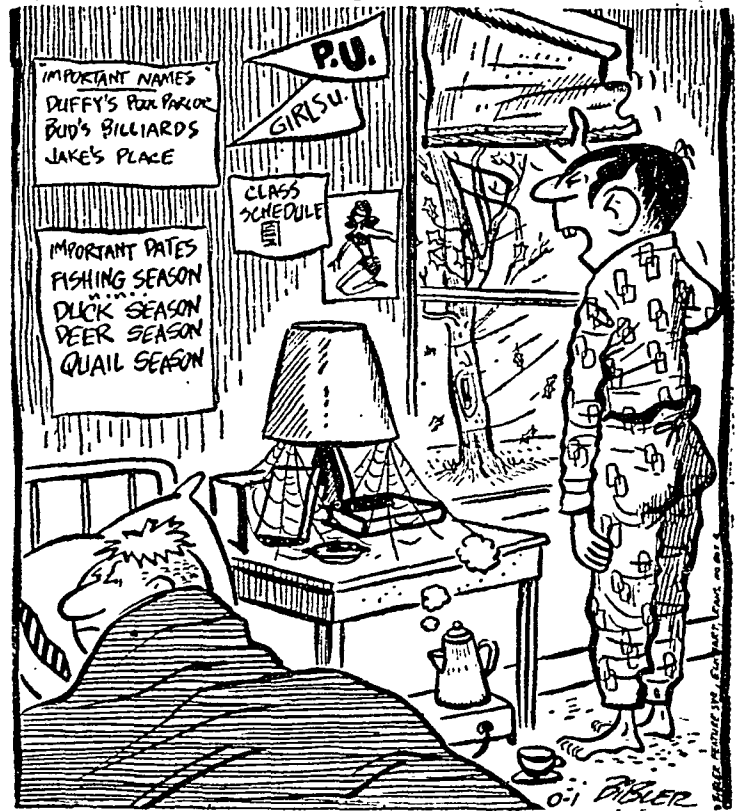
—Ronald Thomas

Gazette

Today
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 142 Willard
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
PENN STATE BRIDGE CLUB, 6:30-7:30 p.m., HUB card-room
PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 203 Willard

RESEARCH AND RECORDS STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Office
University Hospital
Barbara Allbeck, Gary Bankes, Hampton Byram, Edward Caye, Roland Dauber, Carolyn Dawson, Harold Johnson, William Meckling, Richard Moon, Dean Moyer, Hiram Nettles, Robert Phillips, James Rhodes, Mary Serro, Charles Skopic.

Little Man on Campus by Biblei



"Nuthin to do on a lousy day like this—whadda ya say we go to class?"

From Here By Ed Dubbs

'Satchmo' Diet and Velma

"Satchmo" handed out several dozen copies of his personal diet, "Lose Weight the 'Satchmo' Way," during intermission at his Sunday concert in Recreation Hall.

In case you're interested—and I'm certainly not—here are its high points:

It consists of Swiss Kriss, a herbal laxative; Bisma Rex, "it cuts gas"; and fresh orange juice, "it's delicious, softens fat."

You take Swiss Kriss, which contains such ingredients as dried leaves of senna and licorice root, at bedtime. "Your first dose will be real heavy, in order to start blasting away, and get the ball rolling. After you get over your surprises and what-knots, you'll be very happy."

For breakfast he recommends "a large glass of orange juice and black coffee or tea, etc. . . ." ("Satchmo" doesn't say what "etc." should include, but you better watch out for it!)

At lunchtime, he recommends that "you eat whatever you want . . . as much as you want . . . just have slices of tomatoes with lemon juice over it . . . mmm, it's good."

"In fact, you may choose any salad that you like . . . just see that you have some kind, any kind. Coffee, tea, or, etc." (Again, you better watch out for that "etc.")

"Twenty minutes later, take a tablespoon of Bisma Rex. Stir it in a glass of water . . . stir it real good . . . and drink it right down. Chase it with a half glass of water."

If you get hungry between meals, Louis recommends drinking a glass of orange juice, "two glasses if you should desire."

For supper time, "you can eat from soup to nuts . . . eat as much as you want to. Please see that you have, at least, either sliced tomatoes (with lemon juice) or your favorite salad. All kinds of greens are good for

the stomach. So . . . eat to your satisfaction.

"Of course, the less you eat is in your favor . . . hmm?? Twenty minutes later, after you have eaten your supper, take a tablespoon of Bisma Rex . . . in a glass of water. Don't eat before bedtime."

"Satchmo" said he lost about 100 pounds by this diet. His plump songstress Velma Middleton said she lost only 22 pounds.

Velma apparently didn't watch out for that "etc." It can get you everytime!

The way Velma hopped around on stage, we felt something was going to pop any minute.

Velma says she shimmies and dances "to keep in shape."

College students, "Satchmo" said, "are the best cats in the world."

Velma's just like any other woman (at least in one way!). She had everything and anything in her suitcases and couldn't find anything.

Tonight on WDFM

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6:55	Sign On
7:00	Special Events
7:30	News
8:00	Face to Face
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9:00	Marque Memories
9:30	Language of Love
9:45	News-Romance Language
10:00	This World of Music
11:00	Sign Off

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