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## Student Discount Job: Messed Up

It has come to our attention that the story in the Wednesday's Daily Collegian concerning the possibility of obtaining a student discount from State College merchants was incorrectly reported.

The story said, "Most of the merchants feel that their periodic sales on merchandise eliminate the need for a student discount."

Complaints from merchants and investigation turned up the fact that far from all the downtown merchants were contacted on the issue. We are sure all the merchants had opinions on it which they would have been glad to express.

The whole idea was begun by the National Student Association committee about three weeks ago. The committee sent out letters to merchants explaining the discount plan and its merits.

The story in The Daily Collegian on Feb. 9 stated, "Members of the committee will then notify the merchants personally to find out their response."

Wednesday's story was based on information received from Jacob Timbers, head of the NSA committee on student affairs. Timbers told a Daily Collegian reporter that the merchants voiced adverse opinions to the proposed student discount plan.

When the story appeared in the paper, the Collegian began getting complaints from some merchants who seemed not to know anything about being contacted and naturally resented the story's inference that practically every merchant in State College had voted down the plan.

Naturally Timbers was contacted and then the fun began. He first said that only three stores had been contacted personally. Later he recollected that two more had been contacted by members of his committee. This is a grand total of five stores.

Timbers also admitted that he had difficulty in getting his committee together to work on the plan.

It now is beginning to appear that a huge misunderstanding came about between Timbers and the Collegian reporter. This resulted in giving

everyone a false impression about the views of downtown merchants on the student discount plan.

This we regret deeply. But from the interview with Timbers we were led to believe that "most of the merchants opposed the plan." Now Timbers defends with the statement that he meant to say, "most of the merchants CONTACTED, opposed the plan."

This brings us down to brass tacks on the entire issue. The committee has had almost three weeks to ask the merchants their views. We consider this plenty of time to get a good idea of how the merchants felt. (A good idea being more than five merchants.) If the committee, for some reason, needed more time to get this information why, then, did they release anything for publication this week? Why didn't they wait until the job was done?

We will admit we may have misinterpreted Timbers' statements on the matter. "Most of the stores," and "most of the stores contacted" are two very similar statements. They have meanings which are a world apart, however. It is very easy to insert a word.

But the fact remains that the committee only contacted five stores at the most. If this is doing a job, things are coming to a bad end. There can be no doubt that this committee has botched their noble undertaking from beginning to end. Also we resent the intent of the committee chairman to make this newspaper the scapegoat for his own failings.

This report was obviously intended to be part of the NSA report to All-University Cabinet. We would guess it was to be known as just another way NSA is working for the student welfare right here on campus. It was to be timed with NSA's annual fight for existence.

It is indeed unfortunate for those dyed-in-the-wool NSA supporters that this bit of gross inefficiency had to mar their record for the year.

And we still haven't heard whether or not the merchants like the discount plan.

—The Editor

## Who's Who in the News?

Who's Who in the News? That's what we would like to know.

Among those not in the news at Penn State are the All-University president, vice president and secretary-treasurer; the Interfraternity Council president; the Association of Independent Men president; the Chemistry and Physics Student Council president; the College of Business Administration Student Council president; the Physical Education and Recreation Student Council president; and The Daily Collegian editor, managing editor, city editor and copy editors.

Among those in the news was one student who had one activity—Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity and co-sponsor of the booklet with Theta Sigma Phi, women's professional journalism fraternity. The reason for this student's entrance into the news limelight at the University is that all members of the co-sponsoring organizations are automatically given invitations to be entered in Who's Who in the News at Penn State.

The student leaders mentioned who were not entered were almost certainly given invitations and turned them down. One reason might be that they were not willing to pay the \$2.50 when they knew that a profit was made on the booklet. We grant that the profit is not great, but still it should be stated in the invitation, and it is not. Another possible reason that they refused to accept the invitation is that many students who are listed have activities which do not put

them in the "news" at the University.

If the invitations were sent to a more select group then probably many more would accept. As it stands now it is only a somewhat dubious honor to be listed in the booklet.

The booklet is now only serving part of its purpose. It is not a true index of students who are leaders and in the news. We suggest that the two journalism societies make an effort to raise the quality of the book before it becomes obsolete and no longer exists.

The booklet serves a function in publicizing to home town newspapers the students who are campus leaders at the University. We know that many of the hometown newspapers use the booklet as a guide and write articles about the students in it who are from that town. It would be more effective for this purpose if the students in it were all deserving of mention.

The University dropped its membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities because it turned out to be a money-making organization which would not release any information on what was done with the money.

We know that Sigma Delta Chi does not misuse the money that it makes on Who's Who, but we do feel that it should be more forthright and say that some of the money is profit and that not all of it is needed to cover costs.

Next year we would like to see all leaders and not unheard of names in Who's Who in the News at Penn State.

—Sue Conklin

## Gazette

University Hospital  
John Andrews, Lisa Antomak, Richard Ball, William Carew, Jane Cannon, William Davidson, Lillian Fischer, Kenneth Follweiler, Maxine Gratt, George Hawk, Frank Hocking, Jean Holcombe, Nilda Lopez, Amalendu Majumdar, Thomas Mascaro, James Riley, Barbara Runyan, John Sapper, Carolyn Sklar, Ira Storer, Evelyn Tomasko, Jo Ann Vetrosky, Linda Weiner, Samuel Weiner, Judith Weiss, Keith Wingard.

## Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"OK, you 'pledges'—it's time for bed!"

### 'Round the Rim

## Cabinet—A Comedy of Errors

By BECKY ZAHM

It's the funniest show on earth. If some enterprising soul would back it on TV it would jump to the top of the Trendex ratings in no time flat. "I Love Lucy" would be as tearjerking as "Hamlet" by comparison.

Yes, it's the All-University Cabinet presented every Thursday night in 203 Hetzel Union. The show (misnamed a meeting) boasts an all-star cast of select Penn State students in the roles of clowns. Unfortunately, a few instances, of poor casting crept in as there are a few sensible souls trying to preserve some remnants of decorum, but the clowns always win.

Perhaps, no one laughs as much as the members of the cast themselves. With the absence of the Cabinet advisers and All-University President Robert Bahrenburg brought forth wholesale mayhem at last night's show—making it perhaps the best production to date.

As in any review we'll try to present some comments from the audience on this show:

"They need more mixed up." (Given during Cabinet's discussion of handing out the delayed NSA material at a Cabinet mixer this weekend.)

"Have an open meeting? They'd have the nerve to let anyone see them?" (Given during cabinet's discussion of holding an open meeting in 121 Sparks for the student body.)

"Did someone say that Ringling Brother, Barnum and Bailey closed down last summer because they couldn't find any clowns?" (Given as a reaction to the show in general.)

Actually, it's not very funny under the surface. The wise remarks, the lack of respect for anyone who ventures to speak in

a recognized fashion, the disregard of procedure, the goofing off and general lack of dignity are completely out of order.

They moan about making student government more effective. Well, it would be tremendously more effective if Cabinet gave a general effect of adult dignity and intelligence instead of one of being a partial band of blooming idiots.

Cabinet has vacillated from good to poor all year and last night it hit low for this term. It was reminded of this last fall. I think it needs another reminder.

### Prof Elected to Office By Engineering Group

Elmer C. Queer, director and professor of engineering research, has been elected first vice president of the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers.

The society is a national engineering group dedicated to the advancement of professional knowledge through basic and fundamental research.

### Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
6:50	Sign On
7:00	News
7:00	Contemporary Concepts
7:55	Sports
8:00	Hubzapoppin
8:30	Just For Two
9:00	News
9:15	Just For Two (cont)
9:30	The Keyboard
10:00	Light Classical Jukebox
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off

**Next Week is the Last!**  
**Pick up Your Money or Books at UBA**  
**Monday, March 4 and Friday, March 8**  
**1:30—4:00**  
**Last 2 days!!**