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Who's Who on Cabinet

Along with the change to spring has come almost a complete changeover of campus leaders. All-University Cabinet will soon have 25 new members to replace the old.

Looking back over the year we find that there are seven members of Cabinet who deserve special commendation for their contributions to the group. These seven are Robert Bahrenburg, All-University president; Leonard Richards, All-University secretary-treasurer; Daniel Land, Interfraternity Council president; Lash Howes, Association of Independent Men president; Joseph Eberly, Chemistry and Physics Student Council president; Joseph Hartnett, senior class president; and Susan Hill, Home Economics Student Council president.

Bahrenburg, in addition to his minimum duties of conducting meetings, addressing groups, representing the University and generally seeing that student activities run smoothly, has attempted to spread discussion throughout the Cabinet meetings rather than having it confined to a few individuals. He has kept well informed on issues to be discussed at the meetings and, in one instance, acted upon his own convictions and vetoed a Cabinet decision. He has fulfilled his duty of acting as go-between for Cabinet and the administration.

Richards has kept himself well informed and has read the agenda before meetings. He has worked hard throughout the year on the Cabinet files and in attempting to get agendas out early. He has spoken frequently at Cabinet meetings—almost always showing a good background knowledge of the topic under discussion.

Land has been a leading critic of many Cabinet motions. Often he has been right and always he has been well informed. He has frequently been a discussion leader and has often brought important points that might otherwise have been missed to the attention of Cabinet members. He has been criticized for his fire and temper, but we feel that he should not be criticized too heavily since this puts him far above many of the members who were not well enough informed to feel any emotion.

Both Howes and Land were instrumental in keeping Cabinet from falling into pitfalls by

accepting an idea without inspecting it fully. Howes is well known for his excellent speeches, but he is also deserving of credit for his constant contributions on almost every subject. His clear thinking, good background knowledge on most issues and his good judgement have been an asset to Cabinet meetings.

Eberly deserves credit for his knowledge of parliamentary procedure and his critical and analytical mind. Eberly never jumped to conclusions and kept Cabinet from making this mistake several times. His background reading and "facts on hand" were perhaps the best on Cabinet this year. Eberly's ability to pull out the important points of a discussion often saved Cabinet time. He contributed frequently and knew what he was talking about when he did.

Hartnett has been invaluable to Cabinet this past year because of his ability to find important problems for Cabinet to handle. He has not only brought new problems to Cabinet, but he has also brought forth a new line of attack on several existing problems. Hartnett is an example of a Cabinet member who is faced with a problem he knows nothing about so he does his own research and finds out most of what there is to know on the subject. By the middle of the year Hartnett was one of the best informed members of the group and was able to contribute on almost every subject which was brought up. He, more than most Cabinet members, brought problems that really concerned the average student to the meetings.

Miss Hill deserves credit for her contributions to Cabinet meetings which were both constant and intelligent. Her vast background in various activities gave her an excellent knowledge on most subjects which came up at the meetings. Miss Hill was well prepared for each meeting—she had read the agenda and made sure that she understood what was coming up for discussion.

These seven members of Cabinet stood out as leaders. We hope next year's group will be able to boast of this many, or more, students who deserve special mention for their service. —Sue Conklin

Safety Valve

Our Educated Military

TO THE EDITOR: I was amazed to find that among the many people on this campus we have not only a person who is well-versed in politics, but also an expert on the mentality of our armed forces. I should very much like to know from whence such vast quantities of boundless knowledge are derived. Surely, not from experience, for to be so experienced in such a variety of fields would require one to be as old as time itself, and I'm sure our glorious writer of such impressive articles is not.

I assume that the author of the article, "Don't Lower the Voting Age," being experienced in the field of the military, is well qualified to voice such an opinion. Perhaps a short excursion into the field of truth and fact would reveal some "amazing" things.

First of all, granted that we have in our armed forces some men who are not the smartest people in the world, but I think you will find that what they lack in formal education they make up for in mechanical skills. Just as our society is dependent upon both skilled and unskilled workers, so must our army depend upon those with high mechanical aptitudes as well as four years of college.

"The army tends to train men to take orders without question." This is a statement of undeniable truth, but how can anyone twist it and come out with the same reasoning as the author of this article. Such a misconception can only be the result of lack of facts or warped thinking.

The training is of this nature, but not to discourage free thinking. Perhaps it would be well to inform the author that before such a result is obtained they must first be instilled with an unquestionable confidence in their leaders, so there will be no need for question. This can be done only with extreme effort both in peacetime and actual combat.

No, dear author, it is not done to discourage

Beware of Phony Rings

TO THE EDITOR: Since there has been a great deal of misunderstanding recently about Penn State class rings, I would like to clarify the situation a little by explaining the history of our present standardized class ring.

In March 1950 the Class Ring Committee, composed of four seniors and three administrative representatives established a standard ring for the Pennsylvania State University (then College) at the request of the student body for an official, permanent and symbolic sign of recognition. Because of the standardization of the design, the class ring serves as a ready means of recognition of a Penn State graduate.

The companies that met with the strict re-

quirements established by the Class Ring Committee are Balfour, Heuf-Jones, Dieges & Clust and College Seal & Crest. The representatives of these companies were asked to sell the class rings only to those students of sixth semester standing or better.

I highly advise that we, the students of Penn State, cooperate with the committee's recommendations in order to assure ourselves of a standard means of recognition. Any information about these class rings which you may have received through the mail has not been approved or recognized by the ring committee and I would suggest that it be discarded.

—Joseph Hartnett
President, Senior Class

And what about our leaders in society and government who were successful as a lowly GI or swabbie? Throw them out. They don't have the intelligence to be leaders.

Do you know something, Miss Author? There are a lot of 18-year-olds who never got the chance to vote and never will. They lost their chance protecting the right of freedom of speech and opinion for you. Believe me, you are certainly taking full advantage of this right.

Miss Author, if you are so dissatisfied with this country and the way it is being run—evidently you are, judging by the derogatory remarks made by your column on certain political issues—I have a wonderful suggestion to make: pack your bags and wonderful thoughts of degradation, and catch the first plane or boat out of this country. Surely, if you are so unhappy with the state of affairs here it shouldn't be much of a problem.

—Bill Townsend

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What happens where industry cuts across state lines will be interesting to watch.

There is one silver lining for the outside world beyond the knowledge that one day the Soviet system is going to blow up because of its own pressures.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Eddie! Eddie boy! —ya jus' set a record! Where are ya Eddie?"

Interpreting the News

Russia Welching On Loan Payments

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Nikita Khrushchev says the capitalist countries will not understand the freezing of interest and payments on Russia's great national loan because they don't understand the heart of the Russian people.

It isn't necessary to understand the heart of the Russian people to understand that Russia's brand of so-called communism isn't working and won't work.

For years Russia has been forcing her people to buy government bonds at the rate of about one-twelfth of their pay. Some interest has been paid. Now that the bonds are maturing in large lumps, the government is welching, and giving up the system.

It is freezing the whole thing for a quarter of a century, with the odds that no more payments will ever be made. Thus the loans turn out to have been merely a tax, which means that people who have depended upon the income for retirement will not have it.

In the meantime, the government gets a vast, interest-free fund for its own purposes.

Since Russian money doesn't mean anything in terms of other currencies, the amount involved is indeterminate. One sure thing, the welching makes it worth less.

For younger people who will have more take-home pay—unless the government devises new means of taking it away from them—it's not bad. Older people have considerable sums tied up.

This latest example of the exigencies to which Russian-type communism must resort in order to keep going comes directly on the heels of another major gyration in the Soviet system.

Its monolithic structure of centralized industrial operation having displayed numerous weaknesses, a new system of regional controls is being devised.

This means that industrial organization will be handled within the states, another arbitrary error.

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The industrial reorganization

is a monumental task. It would not have been attempted if Russia planned an early war. That has nothing to do with what may happen when she thinks her industrial development—regardless of the troubles through which it goes now—will be sufficient to support a war against the West.

Election News Said Impartial

Pennsylvania's daily newspapers gave their readers impartial news coverage of the 1956 presidential campaign, according to a study made by the School of Journalism.

Advantages for both sides were shown by the analysis of a sample of 24 dailies made by Dr. James W. Markham, professor of journalism, and Dr. Guido H. Stempel III, instructor in journalism.

The Republicans received more space and better headline display while the Democrats received better coverage of issues.

From the three basic measures used in the study—amount of space, frequency of campaign issues mentioned and headline display—there was no evidence that the newspapers gave preferred treatment to the candidate they supported.

The most one-sided aspect of content was pictures, which were two-to-one Republican.

University Given Grant

The Gulf Research and Development Co. has given a grant-in-aid of \$12,000 to the University for studies in clay mineralogy.

The study is under the direction of Dr. G. W. Brindley, head of the Department of Ceramic Technology.

Tonight on WDFM

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9:15	Just for Two (cont)
9:45	The Keyboard
10:00	Light Classical Jukebox
11:30	News
11:50	Sign Off