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## Political Pie: Cabinet Missed Biting It

A request from the students of the University of Alaska that Penn State students through All-University Cabinet consider the statehood for Alaska issue brought little enthusiasm Thursday night.

The letter requested the Penn State student body to endorse statehood through letters to Congressmen. It listed other schools in the United States which already have taken this action.

Although Cabinet voted 17-7 against discussing the issue, James Stratton, president of the Mineral Industries Student Council, voiced opposition to discussion even before the Cabinet agenda was adopted.

Stratton said that the issue "was outside the realm of student government" and "would turn Cabinet into a comedy."

Thomas Hollander, senior class president, defended the recommendation and called Cabinet "a sounding board for student opinion." He said students "lack intellectual interest in outside matters" and that student groups "should be stimulated by discussions such as this one."

Although controversial, statehood for Alaska is not a complex issue. We hate to think that student leaders at a large University are so

narrow in their knowledge and interest in national affairs.

As far as turning Cabinet into a comedy, we believe it might work the other way. Many students are apathetic to student government because what is "contained in the realm" is of little interest to them.

If Cabinet thought it did not have the time, or that students were disinterested, the recommendation should have been referred to a National Student Association committee.

One of the purposes of NSA as a national group is to serve as a political sounding board. When membership in NSA was turned down March 7, it was partly because students could not visualize student government's role to be political.

Cabinet had the chance Thursday night to put NSA to work. NSA could have sought student opinion and presented a report to Cabinet. Then Cabinet could have decided whether it wanted to support Alaskan statehood.

Simply because the University is isolated here in the Nittany Valley doesn't mean student government should concentrate solely on campus affairs.

Cabinet missed a potential opportunity Thursday night to take a bite of NSA political pie. —Judy Harkison

## Studying to Death

Republicans are going to study Leader's educational program. This is what they say. But the truth is they are going to study it to death.

Instead of facing the issue head on, the GOP moved yesterday to have the Joint State Government Commission conduct a thorough study of higher education problems and report back to the Legislature by January 1, 1959.

This is studying something to death—something which has been studied by educators all over the country. This is not to mention that the program Leader has proposed was determined after a year's study by a special commission on higher education!

The Governor's proposals—for award of 5000 state scholarships a year, for an educational loan fund, and for a program of state aid to encourage local school districts to establish junior colleges—is a forward-looking means of meeting today's crisis in higher education in the state. It would be financed by a one-cent-a-bottle tax on soft drinks.

Leader's program has drawn the praise of President Eric A. Walker, who wired the Governor: "Heartily endorse your proposal . . . Few men in the state are better aware of this crisis in higher education than is Walker."

Said Dr. Charles M. Long, head of the University's Department of Education in a personal message to Leader: "Your comprehensive program for increasing post high school educational opportunities is a step in the right direction."

The program was studied for a year before Leader proposed it. The crisis is here. The time is now right for action.

—The Editor

## Testing H-Bombs

An experienced United Nations observer believes that in two or three years the H-bomb powers will agree to stop all nuclear tests.

The reason, he says, is the pressure for such an agreement building up in Japan, India, Norway and West Germany and even in the atomic countries themselves. The observer preferred to remain anonymous.

One can say that the observer is optimistic, but the only way of disproving him, of course, is waiting three years. We hope he's right and can see trends even in the United States since Adlai E. Stevenson brought H-bomb tests into the campaign as an issue.

Americans seem more aware today of the possible dangers from testing than they did back in October.

Scientists disagree over whether there really are radiation dangers from the tests. An authoritative answer—if there is one—to this question is to be given in a final report to the UN General Assembly. The report is due July 1, 1958 from its 15-nation Scientific Committee on Radiation Effects.

In a way, we hope the report shows radiation from the tests to be dangerous. For it seems that this is the only way to obtain public support for banning nuclear tests—if people are shown their health is at stake.

The world cannot continue producing bigger and bigger bombs. The free world against the Communist world. The lid some day will blow off.

The first step at banning nuclear weapons—and putting nuclear power to peaceful use—is banning tests. And the sooner it is done, the better.

—The Editor

## Gazette

Today  
MAY DAY CEREMONIES, 8:30 p.m., Old Main front lawn.  
MOTHER'S DAY TEA, 2-3 p.m. in lounges of all women's dormitories.  
OPEN HOUSE IN WOMEN'S DORMITORIES, 2-3 p.m.  
Tomorrow  
DRILL TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS, 2 p.m., Old Main front lawn.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT, 3 p.m., Schwab.  
LANTERN CIRCULATION STAFF, candidates and members, 7 p.m., 203 HUB.  
OPEN HOUSE IN WOMEN'S DORMITORIES, 2-4 p.m. University Hospital  
Stanley Burd, Carole Gibson, Harry Klapper, Robert Larson, Roberta Lerch, Barbara McMillan, Virginia Rimer, James Robinson, John Sweeney, Kurt Erman, Janet McHugh.

### Speech Prof to Leave For Australian Post

Dr. Robert T. Oliver, professor and head of the Department of Speech, will leave on May 31 for a three-month appointment in Australia, under the Leaders-Specialists Program of the U.S. Department of State.

In Australia he will work with school authorities of the five Australian states on the development of courses in speech in their secondary schools and colleges.

### Prof to Help Integrate Ed Graduate Program

Dr. Rose Cologne, professor of education, has been named the University's representative for a study aimed at developing an integrated graduate curriculum for professional workers in the field of adult education.

The study is financed by a five-year Kellogg Foundation grant to 18 participating universities, including Michigan, Florida State, Columbia, Chicago and Ohio State.

### Eng Professor Writes Article for Magazine

Chester Linsky, assistant professor of industrial engineering, is the author of a 12-page article in the current issue of "Flow," a magazine for the materials handling field.

The article is entitled "Automation with Off-the-Shelf Components," and deals with methods by which small manufacturers may develop automation.

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## Little Man on Campus by Bibler



### Interpreting the News

## Mideast Salesman Hands Out Samples

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

James P. Richards, the Eisenhower Doctrine ambassador, is enthusiastic on his return from the Middle East where, like many a traveling salesman, he has been handing out samples.

Nobody he saw refused to take something. Because of political conditions, he didn't see three prospective customers—Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

Jordan, however, was getting \$10 million at the time out of another of Uncle Sam's pockets, and Syria and Egypt, believed under Soviet influence, were put in the position of having to ask if they want something.

Richards committed about \$120 million, half for military supplies and half for economic aid, some in loans and some in grants. He didn't make public details about who got just what.

Some liked the samples so well they already were asking for more. For some it was merely an increase in what they had been getting.

Just what the samples will produce in demands for the future remains to be seen. Certainly neither new nor old customers are satiated.

As in many other places, when you go through the Middle East holding out a handful of money you have to be careful not to have the hand snapped up, too.

Optimism about the loyalty of your associates in such a deal can be overdone. A part of the Arab code is to expect and even demand aid from anyone who can give it.

A frequent saying among them is that they will shake hands with the devil if it profits them. They can divorce that from what they really think about him.

There is strong evidence, however, that as Richards reports, there is greater faith in American sincerity now than before last fall's crisis. The demonstration that the United States opposes aggression not only by Russia, but by anyone even including her best friends, has had its effect.

How much the Eisenhower Doctrine can accomplish without including Syria and Egypt

is, however, a major question, since they offer more encouragement to Russia than any of the others.

When the Marshall Plan was offered to all of Europe, Russia refused and barred her satellites from accepting. Everyone thought she had invited a major outcry among the satellites. It undoubtedly contributed to general unrest, but produced no crisis.

Only one thing is sure. The samples distributed by Richards in the Middle East will produce a snowballing demand for more. Godfathers are always subject to continuing expense.

### Roscoe Elected Choir President

Lewis Roscoe, junior in architecture from State College, has been elected president of the 1957-58 Chapel Choir.

The other officers are Roger Seremula, first vice president and head librarian; Elizabeth Savidge, second vice president; Elfrieda Bauer, secretary; William Kling, treasurer; Joan Esslinger, historian; and Roy Miles, Richard Rodgers, Ralph Shields, Lewis Wagman and Howard Wolfley, librarians.

### Grad Student Receives \$2000 Chem Fellowship

Robert Etter, graduate student in chemistry from Chambersburg, has been awarded a \$2000 fellowship by the Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation for the 1957-58 academic year.

Etter, a candidate for a doctor of philosophy degree in organic chemistry, was graduated from Gettysburg College.