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## Cabinet: Take a Look in the Mirror . . .

A re-distribution of All-University Cabinet membership was recommended by a Student Encampment workshop in order to equalize the amount of representatives per student.

It is now possible for many students to be represented by six and even seven Cabinet members for many groups are overlapping.

The proposed system would add a seat for Town Independent Men and subtract four seats—the Athletic Association, Women's Recreation Association, Board of Dramatics and Forensics, and The Daily Collegian.

In the proposed plan of the workshop each student would be represented in the following 3-fold manner:

- University-wide affiliation—All-University student officers and class officers.
- College affiliation—student councils.
- Living unit affiliation—for men, Association of Independent Men, TIM and Interfraternity Council; for women, Women's Student Government Association, Panhellenic Council and Leonides.

The addition of a seat for TIM is perhaps the most radical change. Cabinet membership for TIM will undoubtedly come up this year since it was proposed last year. No action was taken because there was no request for it. It was just suggested.

TIM is a growing organization. It is a part of AIM, yet AIM represents a large number of students—over 7000 men.

There is an unwritten law that says TIM more or less represents the town independents and AIM the campus independents.

TIM, since it is a young organization, is not strong. But in it are several energetic workers who want to make it strong.

One way to do this is to be heard—not only through the pages of the newspaper but also through the student government directly.

It would do Cabinet no harm to give TIM a second thought and to thoroughly evaluate its membership list.

Seats should be distributed so that the groups included are directly connected with student government. And then the list should end.

For instance, it is not necessary for the editor of The Daily Collegian to sit on Cabinet. The editor of a city newspaper does not sit on the City Council. His job is to print and comment on the news; not make it.

This recommendation, with many others, will be studied by Cabinet sometime during the year. It is a good one, and should be treated realistically and objectively.

—Judy Harkison  
Ed Dubbs

## . . . And Also Into the Future

President Eric A. Walker, in speaking frankly on community living and housing, leaves little doubt that the University is thinking in terms of 1962.

Student government should take note of this and begin thinking into the future.

Many times the students go to the administration with ideas and expect them to put into effect immediately, only to find they were even two to six years late.

An example of this community living. Some students had hopes of keeping coeds in Thompson Hall, and we must admit we would like to see coeds stay in Thompson Hall.

But the policy on Thompson Hall was developed back in the late forties. It was built as a men's dormitory. Community living should have been advanced while plans for the West Halls were being made.

But last year was the first year since we've been here that some good work on community living was done by student government. Meanwhile, construction work began on the new coed residence halls along College Avenue. Now they are almost finished.

Meanwhile, too, contracts were let for the new men's living units on Park Avenue.

Once a policy has been made, it is extremely difficult to change it. This is especially true in building residence halls, for much time and money is spent in planning before the first bit of ground is broken.

Therefore, policy changes on residence halls mean loss of both time and money. And the University can afford neither.

Right now, as the President said, the University is thinking in terms of 1962 for residence halls. This includes the type to be built and the locations of the new living units. All these decisions—and any policy on community living, if there is to be one—must be made within the next six or eight months for the residence halls which may open in fall of 1962.

Although we hate to see community living go out the window at Penn State, here is a lesson for student government.

Student government, if it is to be effective as possible, must begin thinking into the future, for thinking in the present is often too late.

—The Editor

## V. The Winner Names the Age

(In the last installment of novelist Lillian Smith's June commencement speech at Atlanta University, Miss Smith said there were three types of mobs, and although they are similar, they act differently. Today she describes mobs.)

Let's begin with the least dangerous: mob number one. This is the mob on the street, usually dressed in ordinary clothes. It may be in pillowcase and sheet. This is the mob that dynamites a church or a home; that burns the cross; that drives by in a car, fires a shot at someone, and drives on; that writes anonymous letters, makes anonymous phone calls, threatens and sometimes kills. This mob is made up of the delinquents and criminals of a community who are too cowardly to do this kind of thing until the community gives them a green light.

But mob number two is, in my opinion, far more dangerous—because it holds more power and prestige. We might call it the mob in the gray flannel suit. Certainly many of its members are chairmen of boards of big business; others are trustees of school, church, hospital; some are directors of banks or presidents of insurance companies; others are professional men. In the South, members of mob number two often belong to the White Citizens Council.

Do these men go out on the street and blow up a church with dynamite? No. They have a better way: they destroy the church from the inside with their cynicism, their hate, their panic, and their pressures. Do they shoot a man down? No, they destroy his reputation, instead. This mob's strength lies in the fact that it hires people and sells goods. And its members use this strength to hurt those who deviate from their beliefs.

They are the ones who fire the teacher who speaks up; who fire the young minister who bows to God instead of to White Supremacy; they are the ones who refuse the bank loan to the Negro who works for his civil rights and

refuse the loan to the white man who tries to help the Negro secure his civil rights. They are the men who refuse to sell to those whose opinions they don't like; who refuse to insure some of those they don't like. They put the pressure on.

Mob number two also gives its protection to mob number one. Without that protection mob number one would be in jail. It is obvious that mob number two has enormous power. But this power is given it by mob number three.

Let us look at mob number three. It is difficult to do so because it is invisible. This mob lives inside men's minds. It behaves rather like the mob on the street but you may not hear a sound. Mob number three burns a cross before a man's conscience, dynamites his reason, threatens his sense of security, sends anonymous phone calls to old memories, old fears that are sleeping in peace. This kind of thing leaves a man anxious, and hating, and sometimes wanting to hurt something—he doesn't know what or why. We can't here, go into the deep reasons for mob thinking. But it comes to a religion when an idol is worshipped instead of God—and when men give up civilization's germinal beliefs.

It is this mob thinking that pushes mob number one out on the streets. It is this mob thinking that condones mob number two's vicious boycott and pressures and leaves its members still thinking of themselves as good men. For every violent act committed, every threat and effort at boycott and intimidation, every hate word said, there are thousands of minds thinking mob thoughts.

Enough to paralyze the police force, the courts, the judges, the juries, and all law enforcement machinery. Enough, also, completely to paralyze public opinion—and sometimes even enough to paralyze the Christian church.

(In the next installment, Miss Smith gets to "the crux of the matter.")

## Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Hey Coach, what's this I hear about a 'winning prospect' you found for us this season?"

### Interpreting the News

## Couldn't Imagine It, Now He's Doing It

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

Two months ago President Dwight D. Eisenhower said:

"I can't imagine any set of circumstances that would ever induce me to send federal troops into a federal court and into any area to enforce the orders of a federal court because I believe that the common sense of America will never require it."

He doesn't have to imagine it now. He faces as hard a fact of life as he ever did when he threw divisions against divisions in war.

Sworn to uphold the Constitution which can be interpreted by no higher authority than the Supreme Court, it was inevitable that Eisenhower, as would any President, would meet the test of his oath.

The law of the United States is the beacon by which her people set her course. If it be allowed to fall into disuse and disrepute, none can foresee the consequences.

The President hopes that the great prestige of the office, the presence of force in being rather than in action, will put a check-rein on emotion.

There will be debates for years as to whether he should have put the enforcement problem in the hands of the military. Americans distrust intervention by the military in their affairs.

They do, however, have faith in the ennobling effect of the presidential office. They will expect their general to become the tactical as well as strategical leader, in order that they can be sure

that every action will be weighed against the standards of wisdom, of compassion, and an understanding of the hearts of men.

## 'Ham' Operators May Join W3YA

Students, faculty members or University employees who hold an amateur radio operator's license of any class are eligible to join W3YA-A3YA, the University's amateur radio station.

Applicants have been asked to send a letter at once to Gilbert L. Crossley, assistant professor of electrical engineering.

The letter should contain the operator's experience, amateur station call letters, grade of amateur license and any other pertinent facts.

Amateur operators who are not interested in joining the station staff have been invited to meet the other amateurs at the station.

## Hort Club to Show Slides

The Horticulture Club will present a program of slides at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 109 Tyson. Freshmen may attend.



## Gazette

**Today**  
 ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium  
 CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks  
 FROTH EDITORIAL STAFF Candidates, 7 p.m., Froth office  
 LION PARTY Campaign Committee, 7 p.m., 202 Willard  
 MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Theta Xi  
 NEU HAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, 7:30 p.m., 1 White Building  
 NITANY GROTTO, 7 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering  
 OUTING CLUB, Cabin and Trails Division, 7 p.m., 317 Willard  
 PENN STATE PLAYERS, advertising crew, 6:30 p.m.,

**Schwab Auditorium**  
**Tomorrow**  
 INSTITUTE OF THE AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES, 7 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering  
 OUTING CLUB, Field and Stream Division, 7 p.m., 317 Willard  
**TONIGHT ON WDFM**  
 6:45 Sign on and News; 7:00 Telephone Bandstand; 7:50 State News and National Sports; 8:00 Jazz Panorama; 9:00 Local, National & World News; 9:15 At Your Service; 9:30 Music of the People; 10:00 News; 10:05 Virtuoso; 11:30 News and Sign-off.