

Editorials

Cabinet and Temptations

Cabinet members tonight will hear possibly the most important issue to come before them this year: a resolution on the University's military program which was unanimously approved Tuesday night by the Liberal Arts Student Council.

The resolution proposes:

•That the University Senate reject a report of its Committee on Educational Affairs which would require a 2-year course in civil defense and military science for all men and women students.

•That compulsory Reserve Officers Training Corps be abolished.

•That a 1-semester civil defense course be included in the men's and women's required physical education program.

Cabinet will be facing two great temptations tonight.

The first is the temptation to accept the Senate committee's report as inevitable. We are willing to bet Cabinet will be told it will "not get to first base" with a resolution condemning the committee's report and asking an end to compulsory ROTC and that such a recommendation might jeopardize future Cabinet action dependent upon administrative approval.

This is pure hogwash! Wilmer E. Kenworthy, assistant to the President, has assured student organizations in writing that the Board of Trustees will consider any proposal brought to it by Cabinet on its own merits. Such assurance hardly suggests administration reaction to future Cabinet proposals.

Cabinet has the obligation to express student opinion, not to bow to the wishes of the administration.

The second temptation is procrastination.

Cabinet may be asked to refer endorsement of the Liberal Arts Council resolution to a committee for study. Such action would be disastrous.

If students are to speak up against the Senate committee, they must do so now, before the committee's recommendations proceed further toward translation into action or gain further credence.

The committee saw fit to present its proposals in a 1 1/2-page report, which supposedly represented two years of study on its part. We see no reason for student government to withhold comment until the committee decides it wants to release details.

Cabinet has a clear and inescapable duty to the students: To wholeheartedly endorse the Liberal Arts Student Council's resolution tonight.

Too Little About Too Much

The "Bookworm" (William L. Werner, professor of American literature) writes in his column published by a rival newspaper:

"Certainly this (new) comprehensive course of five arts through five different periods (Arts I) is an attractive offering. With the President of Penn State an engineer and the Dean of the Graduate School a physicist, we hope that a similar omnibus course can be arranged for the sciences, so that students may get a solid and basic knowledge of the hard sciences—as well as the arts—by the end of their freshman year."

President Eric A. Walker is on a general education kick. Quite a few other people around here seem to be on the same kick these days.

This is good. We will be the first to admit that engineers should have a background in the arts and that liberal artists should have a background in the sciences.

However, the University must guard that these 3-credit omnibus courses don't become too general, with students learning too little about too much.

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Interpretation

Men of Today: Awfully Smart, Not Very Wise

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

The United States is busily reminding Russia there is a difference between a rocket that can launch a satellite somewhere in space and planes which are gassed-up and bombed up ready to pinpoint targets in nonstop flights around the globe.

Ready are the huge jets which can circle the globe nonstop, with the aid of tanker-planes which can meet them 8000 miles from their own home bases. Those are for massive retaliation.

Ready are the so-called light bombers, able to enter "brush wars" 8000 nonstop miles away in 17 hours.

Ready are the atomic stockpiles.

The American secretary of commerce tells the business community it must support a "less butter and more guns" federal budget.

"The Soviet Union's sensational exploits in satellites have posed the most serious challenge of this tension-wracked age," he says.

NATO is worried about Russia's big submarine fleet, and her extensive effort to develop an ocean-going surface fleet at a time when the rest of the world pays little attention to surface fleets. The Soviet fleet is already reported to be larger than Britain's and second only to the United States.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain hope to arrange, through NATO, a great centralized military science effort.

The physical means of the world are being mobilized for war.

In a tiny enclave on Manhattan Island, owned by 82 nations, delegates to the United Nations are still talking about disarmament.

The great powers which came to stalemate on the subject in London last summer are being urged to try again. Russia said she wouldn't talk any more in a meeting where she was outnumbered 4-1. She asked the 82 nations to form a disarmament committee-of-the-whole.

The Western powers carried their point that this would produce nothing but chaos.

The negotiations seemed dead.

But now the West has agreed to enlarge the subcommittee which met at London to include at least one more Communist country and some neutrals—how many being still indefinite.

Russia is expected to compromise and come back to the conference table.

There, while the planes remain bomb-laden, while the rockets and their launching sites are being built, man will demonstrate again that while he is awfully smart, he is not yet very wise.

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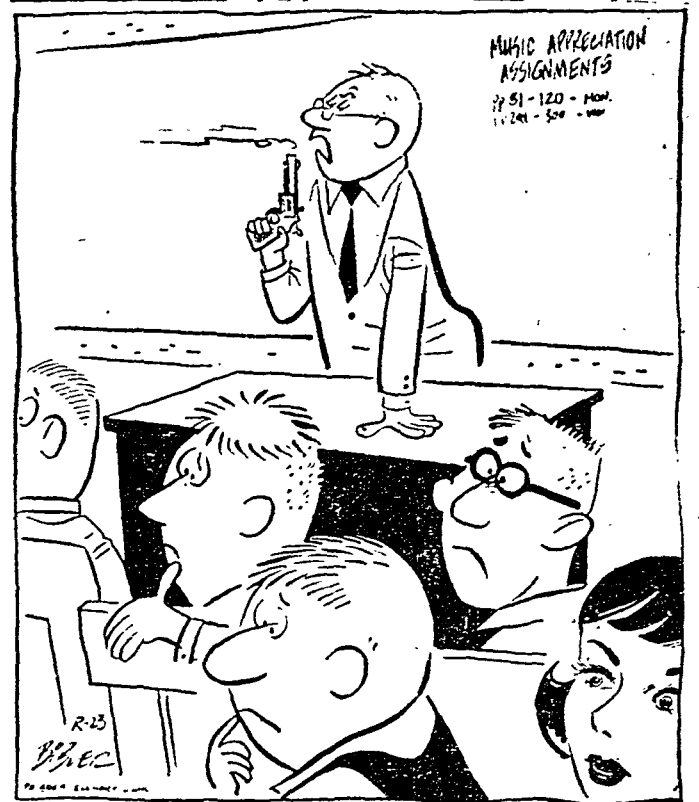
- TODAY American Rocket Society, 7 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering. Froth Advertising Staff, 7 p.m., in Hetzel Union Office. Froth Art Staff and candidates, 7 p.m., Hetzel Union. Hillel Advanced Hebrew Class, 9 p.m., at foundation. Hillel Basic Judaism lecture, 7 p.m., at foundation. Hillel Comparative Religion lecture, 8 p.m., at foundation. Newman Club Discussion Group on Apologetics, 7 p.m., 101 Program Center. Newman Club Fraternity and Sorority Committee, 7 p.m., 114 Hetzel Union. Newman Club Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center. Psychology Club, 7:30 p.m., Psychology Laboratory. Seniors in College of Engineering, LaVie pictures, Pen State Photo Shop. Sigma Alpha Eta, 7 p.m., Simmons Lounge. Young Democrats, 7 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union. Young Republicans, 7 p.m., 215 Hetzel Union.

- TONIGHT ON WDFM 8:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: Contemporary Concepts; 7:50 State News and National Sports; 8:00: Guest D-J; 8:30: Showcase; 9:00: News, Local, National and World; 9:15: Special Events; 10:00: News; 10:05: Chamber Concert; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

WSGA Representatives To Meet With Mueller

The Women's Student Government Association housing representatives will meet with Otto E. Mueller, director of housing, at 4:15 p.m. today in 109 Old Main. They will discuss suggestions brought to the representatives from the students.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Now—I hope that will be the LAST we hear about Mr. Lawrence Welk and Mr. Guy Lombardo."

What's One More Vice President? By Ed Dubbs

The University seems to have quite a few vice presidents these days.

Shortly before Milton S. Eisenhower went to Johns Hopkins University, you will remember, Dr. Eric A. Walker was named vice president of the University. He was the second man to hold the title in 100 years.

Now we have five, at our last count (last week).

There's Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs; C. S. Wyand, vice president for development; Dr. Michael A. Farrell, vice president for research; Dr. Ossian R. MacKenzie, vice president for business affairs, and McKay Donkin, vice president for finance.

As you can see, each of the vice presidents has a special area which concerns him: finances, academic affairs, development, etc.

There's a rumor that the sixth vice president will be in charge of military affairs!

Undoubtedly encouraged and inspired by the trend toward specialization, a friend of ours has come up with a suggestion for campus ROTC units.

He feels that the ROTC units are missing a good bet in not developing their own specialists to the fullest.

For instance, engineers could build bridges for muddy common hours. Art majors could work on camouflages for common hours. And majors in turf grass management could repair the lawns after common hours.

Isn't it disgusting when someone confuses Penn State with Penn? This happens too often. But there's a chance that the

situation may become worse. In the future Penn State may be confused not only with Penn but with the Pennsylvania Military College!

Safety Valve Red Cross Lauds Drive Cooperation

TO THE EDITOR: The State College Chapter of the American Red Cross wishes to thank you and your staff for the splendid publicity given our Bloodmobile Unit on its visit to the Hetzel Union Building, November 6-7.

Although we did not receive our quota of 600 pints, we are pleased with what we did get and attribute a great deal of success to your newspaper.

As you know, with the recent wave of respiratory type illnesses our supply of blood at the Johnstown Regional Bloodcenter was almost exhausted. Our contribution will go a long way in filling the needs of the Bloodcenter.

Again let us say thank you. —Loren D. Tukey Blood Program Chairman

Young Republicans to Meet Regular and prospective members of the Young Republican Club will meet at 7 tonight in 215 HUB.

