

Editorials

The Issue Lingers On

All-University Cabinet last night again tabled the ROTC discussion. It will be taken up again next week. And a committee will study the issue this week to come up with still more facts.

Cabinet tabled the discussion after four hours of debate because it felt it did not have enough facts.

However, although Cabinet did not have as many facts as the majority of the body would have like, it did have a considerable amount of information. And much of it was well documented.

Although no decision was reached, Cabinet, for the most part, demonstrated good preparation, healthy thinking and intelligent debate.

We think Cabinet made a rather good showing (it could have been a lot better if more members would have participated in the debate) for the some 200 persons, mostly students, in the audience.

So the issue lingers on. A final vote may be in the making for next week. And no matter how the final vote goes, student government will be the winner if Cabinet tackles the issue as competently as it did last night.

Hostesses and Congestion

Mealtimes at Simmons dining hall have become less of a battle and more of a social occasion. This major achievement is the result of the determination of the hostesses to quell the near-riots which were occurring in the lunch and dinner lines.

When food service announced that it had neither the authority nor the facilities to cope with the mobs which stormed the dining hall doors at each meal-time, the hostesses undertook the task. After organizing the crowd into a double line, they worked in shifts to prevent line-hopping and to maintain order.

Patrolling was necessary for only a few days. Soon the women themselves began lining up and enforcing a no-line-hopping policy.

The situation arose this fall with the opening of the new residence halls for women. Since the dining hall which will eventually service them will not be completed until the fall of '58, the coeds are eating all meals in Simmons and McElwain. The overflow of hungry students created the chaotic conditions.

The solution adopted by the Simmons hostesses has proved extremely practical. It should be initiated in both McElwain and Atherton Halls.

McElwain is now as congested as Simmons was, and could benefit immediately from such a step. Atherton may face the same situation next semester. Some 400 coeds will then be moved from Thompson Hall to the new residence halls.

Undoubtedly part of these women will be served in Atherton. Immediate enforcement of orderly lines might well prevent an unfortunate situation from arising.

Hostesses other than those in Simmons Hall should adopt this solution, for it would do much toward lengthening short tempers and soothing jangled nerves at mealtimes.

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Great men gain doubly when they make foes their friends.—Edward Bulwer Lytton

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We reproach people for talking about themselves; but it is the subject they treat best.—Anatole France

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Safety Valve

More Support For Insurance

TO THE EDITOR: The current move in the student body to establish a fund to aid Larry Sharp is a fine idea. A question in my mind is who is responsible for the financial straits in which Larry Sharp now finds himself?

Legally the University is not at fault. But Dave Beck is not legally wrong in the Teamster Union scandals. There is a higher responsibility in our society than the merely legal—a moral responsibility. Morally, the University is responsible for aiding Larry Sharp.

Obviously, between theory and practice, there is a gap. The University does not have funds to aid Larry Sharp. But why does it not have insurance to cover such cases? Such events are destined to happen again in a community of this size. Sports accidents, laboratory explosions, field trip accidents—are all possible and do happen.

I suggest, then, that the University undertake a truly fine present for all the future "Larrys" in the form of adequate insurance coverage as part of the University budget.

If the wealthy decided not to give to charity because they were immune to poverty, they would be dodging social responsibility.

—Lawrence D. Ramsport Graduate Student

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Letters to Walker Urged on Vacation

TO THE EDITOR: Lately I have not noticed any active campaigning for the one and one half day extension of Christmas vacation. I believe that if a sufficient number of students strongly support this movement, the administration will yield.

... if only one fourth of the enrolled students were to write the President's office, the 3000 letters... would make a rather large pile.

—Robert G. Thornley, '61

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LA Group Sets ROTC Check

The Liberal Arts Student Council has established a standing "watchdog" committee on ROTC. The committee will keep the council informed of developments outside the council and will continue to promote the council's stand on the ROTC question. According to a motion approved unanimously at Tuesday's meeting, the committee will remain in existence until settlement of the issue and will make monthly reports to council.

Election of treasurer and corresponding secretary were postponed until the next meeting because of lack of a two-thirds quorum.

It was suggested that the council invite Dean Ben Euwema and Assistant Dean Richard C. Maloney of the LA College to the next meeting to express their opinions on the ROTC question.

Gazette

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Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
"Climax and Architecture" lecture by Jeffrey Ellis Aronin, 8 p.m., Mineral Science Auditorium
Hillel Advanced Hebrew, 9 p.m., Foundation
Hillel Basic Judaism Lecture, 7 p.m., Foundation
Hillel Comparative Religion Lecture, 8 p.m., Foundation
Liberal Arts Seniors, LaVie Pictures, Penn State Photo Shop, December 5-10
News and Views, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Ec
Penn State Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Psychology Club, 7:30 p.m., 312 Sparks
WRA Presidents Meeting, 4 p.m., WRA Room, White Hall
JOB INTERVIEWS
Sinclair Pipeline Co: Dec 18 BS, MS, PhD in ME, EE, Eng, IE, CE
Moby Chemical Co: Dec 18 BS, MS, PhD in Chem, ChE, ME
General Telephone Co. of Pa: Dec 18 BS, MS, PhD in BusAd, Acctg, EE, ME, Math, Phys
Lee C. Moore Corp: Dec 18 BS, MS in CE, ME
John J. Nesbitt, Inc: Dec 18 BS, MS, PhD in ArchE, ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME, EngSci

Tonight on WDFM

- 6:45: Sign on and News: 7:00: Contemporary Concepts: 7:50 State News and National Sports: 8:00: Guest DJ: 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.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"So I gave him back his ole fraternity pin."

Here's One Hobby Which Pays Off

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—The usual hobby, whether it's golf or hi-fi or fishing or power sawing, may be fun, but it's almost invariably expensive.

So it's nice to run into a man like Christopher Altier who now does for pay what he once did for fun.

Now before hurrying out to copy Altier, a sobering question: Are you sure you want to spend about every waking moment blowing glass to make ornamental birds?

Well, Altier would and does. He figures only a couple of dozen ornamental glass blowers remain in the whole country. But progress—as we laughingly term that which has brought us to the shape we are in—also has brought a demand for those trained in one of the oldest arts.

"There's a great need now," Altier said, "for those who can blow glass for scientific instruments."

Altier was born in Italy—the Venetians were splendid glass blowers—where a grandfather practiced the craft. But Chris' father fetched the youngster to America, and all he knows about glass blowing he has learned here.

Chris got a job with a telephone equipment company in Oak Park, Ill., as a pencil pusher. But his real life came after work, down in the basement fooling around with glass.

Fortunately, the local PTA decided to put on a fair, and, looking for likely suckers, asked him if he would put on a demonstration.

Would he? Why, it was like asking a hungry pig if he would care for a snack. In no time at all Altier was in great demand on the amateur circuit and so serious about his fun that he was studying glass blowing under C. C.

Van Hesperen at the University of Chicago.

Finally a representative of the company who was trying to think up a way to dramatize a new glass-lined water heater saw Altier perform, and so here he is today, a happy man of 52, making birds and getting in occasional plugs for his firm.

Altier talks as he blows, and when he gets off a bad joke, he explains he has just returned from Iowa. "Oh, that Iowa corn," he will say.

Now you might think a man would tire of this routine, making birds at the rate of 200 a week as he moves from city to city. Does he still like to do it? "I don't like to do it," Altier said. "I love to do it."

And it must be true. After a hard day of blowing, each night he goes out to a hospital or an orphanage for an extra show. "It sure beats staying around the hotel," he said. "In fact, it's a lot of fun."

When a young expectant couple is in the audience, Altier may create a stork for them.

"I always say, 'I had two girls, and my daughter had a girl, so if it turns out to be a boy, remember the name is Christopher'."

The glass blower laughed heartily. "Oh, that Iowa corn," he said.

Inn Reservations to Begin

The Nittany Lion Inn will accept reservations for January commencement beginning at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

