

Editorial Opinion

Cabinet Books Good Show

Four big campus issues are on the agenda for All-University Cabinet tonight. They are the fraternity-independent rotation system for class and All-University officers, freshman customs, a student insurance plan and, last of all but not least, ROTC and civil defense.

It should be a good show. Curtain time is 9 p.m. in 203 Hetzel Union. Admission is free.

Let's take a look at these issues: Rotation System: The Elections Committee subcommittee studying this problem will make a progress report. The final report is expected in February.

All-University Cabinet should junk the present rotation system. No student should be prohibited from running for a class or All-University office just because his affiliation (fraternity or independent) is "wrong" for that office that year.

Persons against junking the rotation system say it is needed to keep harmony between the two groups. Well, if the present good relationship between the two groups is based solely on rotating offices, it is superficial to say the least.

What's more, setting a minimum number of students of one affiliation who may run on a party ticket would eliminate the possibilities of one party becoming the Indie party and the other the Greek party.

Customs: The Freshman Customs Board wisely asks that "hello days" be dropped from the program. They certainly haven't been too successful.

The board recommends that "Reverse Customs Day" be kept in the program. This, you will remember, is when freshmen enforce customs on upperclass students, and the day went over surprisingly well this year.

Another recommendation calls for the elimination of the "tug-of-war." The reason behind this recommendation, of course, is the unfortunate accident at this year's event. We think the event could remain if the customs board took extra steps to control the crowd.

Student insurance plan: Cabinet will hear a progress report tonight on an evaluation of insurance plans submitted by different companies. A recommendation, however, will not be presented until after Christmas.

The Larry Sharp incident has shown the need for some kind of a voluntary insurance plan so that in the future students and their families will not be burdened by high medical expenses.

ROTC-CD: We, of course, believe that everyone would benefit more from a voluntary program than from a compulsory program.

The male students would benefit from having more time which could be put to better use elsewhere.

The armed services would benefit by receiving better officers, since the esprit d'corp would be far greater under a voluntary program and since the quality of the instruction could unquestionably be improved if the program had only students who really wanted to be officers.

And we do not see where a voluntary program will significantly decrease the number of officers the services receive from Penn State. In fact, it has been proved by the University of Minnesota that more officers can be turned out under a voluntary program than under a compulsory one.

The Saturday Review, in its December 14 issue, says American universities can serve "the nation best not only by giving increased attention to the need for scientific knowledge but to the need for knowledge about the world itself."

We'd much sooner see a required program in international understanding than in ROTC-CD, for we think this is a greater service for the University to perform than teaching its male student how to drill and carry a rifle.

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Safety Valve

Crowded Dining Bothers Coeds

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the letter printed in the paper of Dec. 17, we would like to add our sympathy. There are (or will be) approximately 800-1000 girls in the women's dorm area next semester.

We have been told that, because the cafeteria is not completed, the girls there will have to eat in other dormitories. Half of the area has been doing this all semester, and we can

The Daily Collegian welcomes letters from its readers on topics of public interest. Letters should be brief and to the point and all are subject to editing for space requirements and good taste. All letters must be signed by the writers, and the withholding from publication the names of writers, when requested, will be left to the discretion of the editors.

add, do not care for it in the least. If the rest of us that move to this area (four sororities, the women from Thompson, independents and transfers) it will certainly add to the problem which is already present in the serving of meals.

The letter of Dec. 18 tells of the problem in Atherton. Many of us will be assigned to eat there in the spring semester. If they cannot handle the 500 which live there now, how can they successfully take care of 200-300 more women?

Is it possible for there to be some arrangement for the students who are to live in the area to pay the university for their room only? In this instance, the women would use the kitchens provided in the dorm or go to restaurants in town for their meals.

It would certainly be more economical and quicker for the students involved, and also facilitate the problem for those already eating in the dorms. If this is not feasible, and explained as such, is it possible to extend the hours of the meals presently served?

Please tell us what can be done, or at least give us the definite facts.

—Signed by 10 coeds

(Editor's Note: We are attempting to dig up the answers and will report them as soon as possible.)

Support Praised For Jam Session

TO THE EDITOR: Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Alpha Mu wish to express their sincere appreciation for the support given by the students and townspeople in attendance at the Sunday jam session for the Larry Sharp Fund.

It was the cooperation of those attending the benefit, the town merchants and their contributions, the HUB and Food Service personnel and their volunteered services and The Daily Collegian and its publicity that aided the success of our activity.

Special thanks should be extended to the orchestras of Jerry Fridy, Bob Leroy and Don Smaltz whose services were donated to the Sharp fund.

—Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Alpha Mu

Gazette

TODAY
All Campus Carol Sing, 8 p.m., steps of Old Main.
Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel.
LA Research Luncheon, noon, dining room "A," HUB, speaker.
Newman Club part V, Family, USA, 7 p.m., 121 Sparks.
Newman Club Discussion Group, Apologetics, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center.
Newman Club Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Student Center.
News & Views, no meeting.
Phi Epsilon Phi, 7:30 p.m., 218 Buckhout, speaker.
Physics-Math Colloquium, 3:10 p.m., 316 Sparks.
Seniors, LA, MI, Phys-Ed, Friday last day for LaVie pictures.
Vesper Service Jewish Hanukkah, 4:30 p.m., Chapel.
Wesley Foundation Advent Service, 7:15 a.m.
Wesley Foundation Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
Wesley Foundation All-University Carol Sing, 7 p.m., Old Main.
Wesley Foundation Party, 8:45 p.m., after carol sing.
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Larry Bogatz, Myron C. Boice, Robert Bookman, Maryanne Dawson, William Dawson, Ralph Eickelbeck, Edward Erickson, Stanley Gryczuk, Jerry Hamaker, Suzanne Harburger, Lawrence Kennedy, Joseph Kesinger, Joseph Mastilak, Norman Lockman, Lynne Oberman, Alice Pastorius, Shirley Pittman, Alan Sexton, Janet Siegel, Mary Spencer, Anthony Straka, Kurt Strovink, Stanley Turel, John S. Williams and John Yaag.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"OK, OK, Henley—other students have had to face required ROTC, too, ya know!"

Shop Talk

Collegian Publisher Studying Problems

Collegian Inc., publisher of The Daily Collegian, are discussing the possibilities of printing more copies daily and increasing the size of the paper.

It's still in the talking stage, but that's better than nothing.

At the present, we print an average of about 6500 copies daily. We know it should be more. Collegian Inc. knows it should be more. But the big problem is where to get the money.

We'd like to see 8000 or 9000 copies printed daily, but newspapers are printed) is expensive.

This newspaper, day by day, is finding it more difficult to get into the paper all the news that comes into its office.

A larger paper daily would definitely enable us to do some things we want to: give more state, national and international news (we can now give little more than a condensation of the front page of The New York Times), add another sports page for national sports news, add a society page for the coeds, print a crossword puzzle, and increase the space we have to run pictures and local news stories and features.

Every student now pays \$1.10 a semester in fees for Collegian. (There are about 75 papers a semester.) However, this does not begin to pay the costs of printing this newspaper.

Several members of Collegian Inc., composed of students and faculty and staff members, would also like to see us add a Monday morning edition. This, too means more money from somewhere.

It will take a lot of study before these recommendations are put into effect, but we're glad

to see the board talking about them.

A letter—unsigned—has come into our office asking just who is "Peanuts."

We'll let Charles M. Schulz, creator of the Peanuts comic strip, answer this:

"Why, peanuts are the grandest people in the world. Your children are peanuts, and so are mine; there are delightful, loveable, funny, irresistible youngsters, and entirely unpredictable."

Mr. and Mrs. Schulz have four peanuts, the oldest one aged 5. —The Editor

Prof to Present Paper At Conference in India

Dr. Norman Davids, professor of engineering mechanics, has been invited to attend the Third National Congress of Applied Mechanics at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India, on Dec. 24, 25 and 26.

He will present a paper on "Penetration Waves in Plates."

TONIGHT ON WDFM

6:45: 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.

