

Editorial Opinion

Foresight, Not Hindsight

Ronald Ross, Cabinet Public Relations Committee chairman, wants a column in The Daily Collegian where Cabinet's action can be explained

In his committee report to Cabinet, Ross asks:

"That Cabinet recommend to the editor of The Daily Collegian and to Collegian Inc. that it be given a column in the paper where a spokesman for Cabinet could explain the reasons for Cabinet's actions."

We ask Mr. Ross to think about what he has said, since he obviously has failed to do so beforehand.

Cabinet's decisions are presumably made after due consideration and discussion by its members. The decision comes in the form of a vote, the vote being based on the evidence produced in Cabinet debate.

The reasons for any Cabinet decision, then, presumably, are all present in the words of participants in the debates.

The Daily Collegian reports Cabinet decisions along with the pro and con arguments presented in debate, and, we feel, adequately.

What would Mr. Ross' column be then? Would it perhaps present Cabinet's real reasons for its decisions? Would he have us believe that Cabinet members' reasons are not really those they present in debate?

Of course he would not.

What, then, would be the purpose of such a column as Mr. Ross proposes?

This newspaper, when it reports Cabinet decisions (and reasons), attempts to present the full substance of the debates, both pro and con.

A column such as Mr. Ross proposes, and especially in the form he proposes, could mean only one thing—presentation of the winning arguments.

Perhaps this wish on the part of Mr. Ross springs from the feeling that Cabinet's decisions are not always quite understandable.

However, Mr. Ross, no amount of explanation will clear up an inexplicable stand.

No, the real solution lies in a sincere and concentrated effort on the part of Cabinet to justify its decisions beforehand—not afterwards.

Referendum's Return

A referendum plan presented to All-University Cabinet's executive committee Sunday is scheduled to reach the floor of Cabinet tonight.

But this new plan is the only one scheduled to be heard tonight, according to the Cabinet agenda. Cabinet still has before it a different referendum proposal presented on March 20 by Daniel Thalimer, a member of the Campus platform committee.

According to the Student Government Association Constitution, any matter presented to Cabinet must be acted upon within 30 days. The previous plan has not been acted upon and the 30-day limit expires before next week's Cabinet meeting.

A third referendum plan was proposed in the platform of the University party, five of whose members won on that platform and now sit on Cabinet.

Is there any reason why all three plans should not be considered at the same time? Or why all three should not be referred to a committee for study?

All-University President Jay Feldstein yesterday said there is a difference of opinion as to whether the Campus party referendum plan must be considered tonight. But is it not the most logical and fair move to consider at one time all the plans set forth?

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One View

Staff Writer Pulls Through Brave Ordeal

By BARBARA GREENWALD Well, I did it; I gave blood. To be truthful, I didn't intend to, but after writing a story on the Red Cross Bloodmobile, I decided that I, too, should join the ranks. And it was fun!

Yet it took courage—the courage of my friends who dragged me to the Hetzel Union cardroom. I had heard many evil tales: it hurts, it takes hours, and my blood isn't needed. All falsehoods!

It was a fast procedure. I joined a line of fellow donors, and at first we had only one thing in common—we were all scared stiff. We crossed and uncrossed our legs, looked around the room, at each other, and around the room again. Before I knew it, the nurses weighed me, took my temperature, gave me a glass of cold orange juice, took my blood pressure and blood count. I was ready!

By this time, I had made some new friends. We chattered away about the weather, our classes, and how brave we were until one by one, we were led trembling behind the ominous green curtain.

The nurse was very reassuring. As she prepared me, she explained that four people need blood desperately every minute of the day. Since there is no substitute for human blood, each donor is helping to save a life. Not only is liquid blood used as a medicine, but whole blood not used within 21 days is processed into blood derivatives which are used in the treatment of certain diseases and to counteract shock.

A feeling of nobleness replaced my fear. I was quickly disappointed. Not only was the process painless, but the nurse tickled me when she swabbed my arm with a cotton-covered stick.

Five minutes later, I was staring at a bottle of dark-red liquid. It was blood! It was mine!

Gazette

- TODAY Accounting field trip, noon, meet at parking lot 23. Cabinet, 7 p.m., 203 Hetzel Union. Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel. Constituent Body of the University's Social Science Research Center, Dr. Harry Albert, program director for Social Science Research in the National Science Foundation, on "The Social Sciences and the Federal Government," 7 p.m., assembly hall of Hetzel Union. Graduate Faculty, Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, on "State Universities: Graduate Education and the National Interest," 4:10 p.m., 121 Sparks. Lecture discussion series, "Modern Prophets and the New Scriptures," 8 p.m., 208 Boucke. Lecture series, Dr. Douglas Bush, professor of English at Harvard University, on "Poetry and the Problem of Belief," 8:30 p.m., 121 Sparks. Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Student Center. Liberal Arts Research luncheon, Dr. Henry A. Finch, professor of philosophy, on "De Senectute of the Twentieth Century," noon, Hetzel Union dining room. Marketing Club, election of officers, 7:30 p.m., Theta Xi. Sigma Xi lecture series—Chemistry and Physics Colloquium, Dr. Homer L. Dodge, scientist, educator, and lecturer on "Soviet Education: A Challenge to America," 8:15 p.m., 119 Osmond. UCA installation banquet, Rev. William Wimer, on "A New Look at Leadership," 6 p.m., United Church of Christ. UCA installation service of worship, 5:10 p.m., Chapel. WUS, 7 to 8 p.m., 217 HUB.

Job Interviews

- Companies interviewing May 1: Cutler-Hammar: BS in EE for sales engineering work. Leeds & Northrup: BS in ME, EE, Chem E, Metal, IE, Phys, Chem; also jrs. in above fields for summer employment. Rural Electrification Adm.: BS in EE. Talon, Inc.: BS in IE, Metal, Phys, Major; Chem Minor, Eng Sci, ME, Chem E, EE. Worthington Corp.: BS in ME, EE, Chem E, CE interested in selling mechanical equipment.

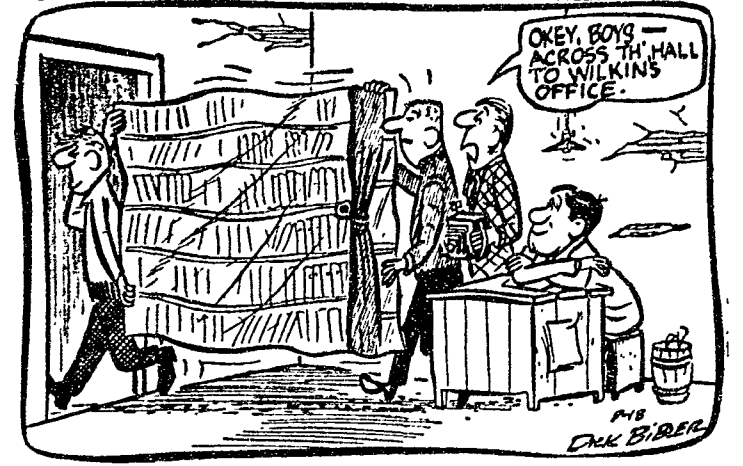
- Companies interviewing May 2: Bureau of Reclamation: BS MS in CE, ME, EE; also Jr in CE for summer employment. The Haloid Co.: BS MS in Phys, EE, ME, Chem E. Rome Cable: BS in EE, ME, Chem E. Whirlpool Corp.: BS MS in Cer, Chem, EE, Eng Sci, ME, Metal, Phys; PhD in Psych; also Jrs. Srs. 1st year grad in above fields for summer employment.

- CAMP INTERVIEWS Camp Wonderland (Pa., men and women), April 18. Camp Pine Forest (Pa., women), April 23. Camp Conrad Weiser (Pa., men), May 2 and 3.

WDFM Programs

Thursday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, Contemporary Concepts; 7:50, State News and National Sports; 8, Guest D-J; 8:30, Showcase; 9, Romance News; 9:15, Finch Lectures or Special Events; 10, News; 10:05, Chamber Concert. *Also carried on WMAJ.

Little Man on Campus by Dick BIBLER



Ode to the 'Paw' - Nothing

By Larry Jacobson During the last year, there has been much said about Lion's Paw, senior men's honor society. But since it is a secret group, practically all you hear is unsubstantiated. Thus, I feel moved to comment on what little is fact about the group: its constitution.

My opinion is that the constitution is a farce—it's laughable, as a matter of fact.

There are three typed pages, consisting of 31 lines. Evidently, the members have as little to say in print as they do privately about their organization.

One entire page consists of the name of the advisor, the number of meetings held, and the membership total. The second page merely states that there shall be no by-laws. The first page contains a general statement of purpose, name of group, membership requirements, officers (there are none), and time and place of meetings (not specified).

Their general purpose is to further the best interests of the University, but this still does not say anything new.

It's rather hard to believe there are no officers (I've only heard of one other example). Evidently, this is an anarchy. And with no by-laws, their meetings must border on sheer chaos... nobody knows who's right.

Now, I ask you, who's fooling who? No officers, no by-laws, and a constitution that

leaves much to be desired when judged with other constitutions. I'd like to see a political party get approved with a constitution like that. Is it any wonder that one grows dubious about this organization? What conclusion can you draw? Why it's simple. The group doesn't do anything, or, "Much Ado About Nothing."

One of today's editorials deals with All-University Cabinet's public relations director Ron Ross and his suggestion that Collegian run a column where Cabinet can explain its actions.

First of all, Cabinet during the year does so little that there wouldn't be much to explain. Collegian has consistently overplayed the importance of Cabinet stories even when Cabinet did little. Many times Cabinet does next to nothing, and still receives unwarranted top billing in the paper.

Then too, I don't see the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives writing explanatory columns in the papers. That may be a poor analogy, but Cabinet always seems to compare itself with our national government.

Finally, to use an analogy of Engineering and Architecture Student Council past president Robert Stroup: no state papers run a column on Cabinet, why should Collegian?

