

Editorial Opinion

Payment Needed?

Nittany Council voted Wednesday night to pay its executive officers—a unique distinction on campus. Distinct as it may be, there is no value in or reason for paying officers to do a job for which they were elected and a responsibility they accepted when they took their positions.

A total of \$165 will be divided among the executive committee—the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, and two representatives to the AIM Board of Governors. The compensations amount to over \$23 per man per year.

The freshman class president, which surely has a larger responsibility than a Nittany Council officer, only receives a \$15 'scholarship' for the year. The sophomore class president receives \$25 under the Student Government Association yearly budget.

The payment of council officers, especially in the residence hall units, can and will start a dangerous precedent. It will only lead to added expenditures for the council and added expense for the entire student body.

The Council also voted to pay each residence hall president \$10 in compensation. This is in addition to the social fee each unit receives from the council each semester. Treasuries will be drained in no time if each dormitory president on campus is paid \$10 for a service which the individual obligated himself to do — without pay — by accepting the presidency.

Nittany Council needs to take another objective look at its payment plan and its overall effect upon the campus.

SPIRIT Plus

This afternoon the Nittany Lions will take on the Mountaineers of West Virginia and fight to maintain their unblemished record.

Besides having a top-notch team, Penn State has had excellent spirit behind the team and this no doubt has left a great imprint on the team's morale.

Students should be congratulated on this spirit for it is a commendable trait in any University. Pep rallies have been a huge success, participation in cheers at the games can also be totaled up to spell SPIRIT.

Congratulations!

Another successful Mardi Gras passed by the way last night. Hat's off to Scrolls, senior women's hat society, who sponsored the event, and to all the coed groups who contributed both time and effort.

The booths were well constructed and showed much ingenuity upon the part of the sponsors.

The crowd of 8000 to 10,000 mingled through Recreation Hall and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the affair.

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Letters

Senior Hits Nittany Council Compensations

TO THE EDITOR: Regarding the Nittany Council's vote to pay compensation to the executive council and dorm presidents:

I would imagine that the Nittany Council's action to provide monetary remuneration to itself has certain merits, but I would like to question some possible unfavorable aspects.

1. Since the other area councils (TIM, North Halls, West Halls) cannot afford to follow suit, would this not promote discord among people who do the same type of job . . . yet only ONE gets paid?

2. This action could not be viewed as providing a salary (since the pay is so small for a year's service) for the council members, and if it is a gratuity, isn't it unusual for people to tip themselves?

3. A minor point, but since the Nittany Area is the only area that receives income from "recreational" machines (for the purpose of improving the area), might not the University cancel this benefit if the funds are used for a minority group's gain?

I realize, of course, that there are reasons for the action that are not known to the average student; but though I am a past Nittany dorm president, and also was once president of the Nittany Council, I cannot find any reasons that would warrant this compensation.

Granted that it is nice for the council members, but how will it improve the area?

—Charles Blunt, '60

Chairman Acknowledges Workshop Speakers

TO THE EDITOR: This letter will serve to publicly acknowledge the efforts of many faculty members and administrators who participated in the speakers program of the IFC Workshops.

Reports indicate that this was another instance in which faculty-student ties were strengthened by the desire of faculty and administrators to give unselfishly of their talents to benefit Penn State's fraternity population.

—Martin Leshner, Chairman, Speakers Program, IFC Workshops

Gazette

TODAY: Alumni College, 2-3:30 p.m., HUB assembly room; Autumn Ball, 9 p.m.-midnight, HUB ballroom; Hills Service, 10 a.m.; Student Movies, 7 and 9 p.m., HUB assembly room.

TOMORROW: AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB; Alpha Kappa Psi (pledge test), 7-9 p.m., 214-15 HUB; Campus Party Steering Committee, 8-5 p.m., 212 HUB; Chess Club, 2-5 p.m., HUB cardroom; Collegian Workshop (sophomore and junior boarders), 1-15 p.m., Collegian office; Emerson Society, 6:30-10 p.m., 216 HUB; Grad Student Bridge, 7-10 p.m., 212-213 HUB; Jr. Class Adv. Board, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 217 HUB; Newman Club, 7-8 p.m., 218 HUB; Sigma Delta Chi, 4:30 p.m., Nittany Lion Inn; Swedenborgian Service, 10:30-noon, 212 HUB; SGA Committee on Center Integration, 5-8 p.m., 218 HUB; United Student Fellowship, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 218 HUB; USF, 8:30 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ.

MONDAY: Amateur Club and Station W3YA, 7 p.m., 219 EE; APHO, 7-9 p.m., 212-13 HUB; Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1:15 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m., 218 HUB; Industrial Education Society, 7 p.m., Pi Kappa Phi; Leonides, 8:45-9 p.m., 203 HUB; Model Railroad Club, 7-8:30 p.m., 214 HUB; SGA Cabinet, 8-10 p.m., 217 HUB; University Party, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 217 HUB.

HOSPITAL: Patients in the University Hospital yesterday were: Carole Baker, Daniel Dixon, Reuben Dvorsky, Stanley Foster, Richard Garner, Brenda Gugliotta, Earl Harbaugh, Arlene Herman, Sheldon Katz, Roger Lewis, Kristen Ries, Joseph Rohrbaugh, Roy Shook, Robert Wilken and John Zerbe.

Approved Activities

The approved activities for tonight include hayrides sponsored by Hickory House and Pi Lambda Phi and a Halloween Party sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Skating Division of the Outing Club has received approval for an overnight cabin party tonight.

World At A Glance

USSR Vetoes Laos Mission

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union yesterday torpedoed diplomatic efforts to put a UN mission in the Asian kingdom of Laos on a permanent basis. Laos has said such a mission would help counter a threat of Communist aggression from neighboring North Viet Nam.

A Soviet press release distributed at the United Nations denounced as unlawful any plans to station UN representatives in Laos permanently. It said the consequences would be "grave to the cause of peace in Southeast Asia and throughout the world."

Western diplomats, including the United States, were uncertain as to their next step. They had been seeking to establish a UN presence either through action by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold or the UN Security Council.

Cuban Government Seals Oil Files

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban government agents entered the offices of American and other foreign oil exploration companies without warning yesterday and sealed their office files, company executives reported.

Squads of four or five men appeared simultaneously at the offices. The Cuban agents represented themselves as officials of the Development Commission, Cuba's ministry of public works.

American company representatives reported they visited the U.S. Embassy for consultations on the move.

Truman Denies Calling Stevenson a 'Loser'

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Harry S. Truman said yesterday he had not pegged Adlai Stevenson as a "loser" for the upcoming Democratic presidential nomination.

At the same time the former president said the Democrats have many candidates and they are "all good."

U.S. Announces Air Base Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States announced yesterday its willingness to close down four strategic air bases and a naval base in the northwest African kingdom of Morocco.

The State Department disclosed that various proposals for arranging the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Morocco have now been presented to the government of King Mohamed V.

These call for removal by stages of the base personnel over a period of years. There are about 8000 to 9000 American officers and men in the country. With their dependents they make a total of around 15,000 Americans stationed there.

Mexico Badly Hurt By Storm, Flood

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico feared last night the death toll may reach 1500 on the hurricane and flood battered Mexican Pacific Coast.

Survivors are being plagued by swarms of scorpions dislodged from nests uncovered by the violent destruction of adobe houses.

Even now the full picture of disaster and the painful aftermath of Tuesday's great blow is incomplete. Each additional detail adds to an appalling panorama of misery.

The stricken area was still isolated except for flights of light planes.

No End to Steel Strike Anticipated by McDonald

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald said yesterday there is no prospect for an early negotiated settlement in the 108-day nation-wide steel strike.

McDonald made the statement in a telegram to Joseph Finnegan, director of the Federal Mediation Service. Finnegan told both union and industry negotiators to meet Monday in Washington if the strike is not settled by then.

Letters

'Frothies' Say They're Funny

TO THE EDITOR: After reading the penetrating, sensitive prose of Dale Peters and Alan Elms in the October issue of Froth (Our Callow Coeds, What Girls Are Made Of), it occurred to us that another publication medium on our campus could utilize such talent.

Wouldn't it be nice if the Collegian could find someone of their calibre to write one of its editorial page columns?

"If you can't write, you can always get on Froth" was a comment that appeared recently in one of your shallow columns. Such a statement seems rather ridiculous to anyone who has read both publications and compared the writing talents displayed therein. Keep trying anyway!

—William Crist, '60  
Karl Bopp, '60  
(Editor's Note: Crist and Bopp are members of the Froth "staff.")

TO THE EDITOR: What better proof of the coed's lack of understanding do we need than the letter from the "disgusted coeds." (Tuesday Collegian)

Froth is a humor magazine, say what you will; if read by anyone possessing the slightest degree of sophistication, it becomes apparent that even the most harsh comments are made with tongue in cheek.

Yes, girls, the Froth writers date coeds and enjoy their company even though they call them "disgusting" in print. And I doubt if Froth will miss its next deadline worrying about the threatened withdrawal of your daddy-sent quarters.

If you don't understand humor, read Fortune or Newsweek. Better still, read your textbooks—they contain cold, hard facts, written by Proper and Polite gentlemen, none of

Reeves Thinks It's Malignant

TO THE EDITOR: It is both surprising and unfortunate that in this, the age of horseless carriages, atomic bombs, and Lydia Pinkham, a university must be partially represented by Froth's malignant grossness.

Froth is neither disgusting nor in any way funny; it is insulting. On Tuesday night "Froth Presents" cluttered the airways with a program so unintelligible as to make one consider transferring to Bellevue.

Froth's latest magazine can lead me to believe only that the Froth staff is cursed by date-less Saturday nights, pimples, and, certainly, unbalanced hormones. How a man, in the strictest sense of the word, could produce such literary tripe with the degree of sincerity with which Froth assailed us last week is far beyond my comprehension.

Being a man, with a man's thoughts and desires, and so accounted not a prude, I am indignant about this slur upon the beauty and normalcy of woman. To me, and I am not alone, a girl is the only perfect and unbounded joy that we, as men, may know. It is too bad that the Froth staff did not die when it was whelped.

—William Reeves

whom would ever dream of suggesting that you are somewhat less than perfect.

—William Crist, '60  
(Editor's Note: Oh, yes, yes, one must be sophisticated to read Froth)