



Is \$1.25 Over-pay

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be a rapid turnover as new employees came in after the \$1.25 an hour, and experienced people left because of the lower ceiling wage."

The owner's opinion reflected a widespread sentiment among campus businessmen. "The work most student employees do isn't worth more than a dollar an hour," one said. "When they're worth more, they get more. But giving a fellow \$1.25 to check coats or wash dishes looks like charity to me."

Even some of the employees were sheepish about the proposed raise, although all were strongly in favor of it.

"I'm all for it," one MRHA dishwasher confided. "But they'll never give it. They can find lots of people to run dishes through hot water for \$1 an hour."

"I suppose it's the coming thing," one manager confided. "If SCOPE doesn't do it, the Kennedy Administration will. But I still think merit has a place in wage scales. Maybe I'm old fashioned."

SCOPE, of course, points out that the objectors to the wage raise have every reason to object to it — it's going to cost them money. And they suggest that most businessmen have very little sympathy with letting the student make more money, but a great deal of enthusiasm for tempting him into spending more of it.

But the overall campus opinion seemed to be based squarely on lines of self-interest: those who would have to pay were against it, and those who would make more were for it.

One — predictably — beginners were still dropping glasses on the floor.

Businessmen Declare \$1.25 is Over-Paying

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Campus restaurant owners--usually among the first to be hit by a proposed wage raise--have adopted an unusual attitude toward SCOPE's proposed \$1.25 minimum wage.

"I'm not necessarily against \$1.25 an hour," one said. "I just frankly don't think a student is worth that much."

"When they come in here, they don't know anything, and they have to be trained. Chances are they'll break enough glasses the first week to balance out a day's pay.

"And, at first, they are slow and forgetful, give wrong change, put mustard instead of ketchup on every other hamburger, and slip on the wet floor."

The proprietor — owner of one of the campus' most popular hang-outs — picked up a wage sheet from his desk, looked it over, and chuckled.

"Nope, the way I look at it they should be paying me to begin with. But I start them at \$1 an hour, and I'm philosophical about it.

"On the other hand, an experienced employee is worth money to me. He doesn't make mistakes and he works fast. I'll give him more money an hour, because he's worth it.

"Now . . . if I have to start at \$1.25 an hour, I'll have to adjust my higher wages to make up for it. The results, I'm afraid, would
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