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On Its Own

Association of Independent Men is born. But what a puny, scrawny, anemic creature it is!

In searching for reasons for an overall down-town participation of less than five per cent, we wondered if Collegian could have been negligent in its reporting, or if the All-College AIM committee might have failed.

A check of Collegian files reveals that seven stories and two editorials have been written to explain, interpret and promote AIM. The committee designated wards, posted maps in two prominent spots, and mailed post cards to every downtown independent whose address they had.

What more could have been done? Perhaps the Collegian publicity was slanted the wrong way, by too much emphasis on the "gripe-correcting" activities, and neglecting the organization's social and athletic benefits.

Personally contacting every man to inform him of AIM's program, an obviously impossible task for such a small committee, probably would have yielded a more respectable representation at the ward polling places.

Now AIM will become whatever its members, that is all independent men, make it. In about a week, the Council will have had its organizational meeting, and will have elected its officers. Then it will be on its own.

Much work at the grass roots level remains to be done. No committee or editor could ever accomplish what the independent men must do for themselves. An intensive, personal campaign is required to acquaint all independent men fully with all aspects of AIM.

Those elected as ward representatives have been given a great responsibility; they have also received a great opportunity. Upon their efforts and devotion rests the future of AIM and of independent students.

Next week lists of ward memberships will be mailed to each representative. By enlisting the support of interested friends, the representative should have each of his "constituents" personally contacted, for the purpose of explaining AIM, arousing interest and stimulating participation.

Emphasis should be placed upon the social and athletic possibilities inherent in the embryonic organization. Mixers can be arranged, and teams can be entered into competition in practically any sport. An all-College dance, sponsored by AIM and Leonides, its independent women's counterpart, is in the offing.

Although this editorial has specifically dealt with the downtown segment of AIM, it applies equally to campus dorms, where the problem of non-interest has not been so acute, and to Windcrest trailers.

Each unit of AIM can become whatever it desires in a social sense, if its members are willing to work for a desirable goal—better social, athletic, governmental and scholastic opportunities for independent men.

Out of the Bag

Students are not quite as out-of-this-world as our cartoonist above would have us believe.

This showed up on campus recently in the political poll conducted by the Daily Collegian. It is showing up on other campuses all over the nation in other similar polls.

Students seem to be predicting the results of the coming election along the same lines as most political analysts. At least if they're hiding their heads in bags, the bag seem to be the same ones used by the most astute observers of the American political scene.

Of course many students might be ignorant of the real workings of politics on local, state and national scales. They may not know of ward-heeling, patronage, intimidation, and ballot-box stuffing.

But neither do most people outside of universities.

Many students on the contrary are probably better informed as to the real facts of political life than are their non-scholastic brethren. History and political science are required of most college students these days. And if Mr. Burck would investigate some of the college level courses in these subjects he would find that they are not all pure, unrelated, rosy tinted theoretical.

In answer to Mr. Burck's drawn question—yes, the college student today can see—and in as many cases as possible, is taking advantage of his sight to vote, to organize, and perhaps eventually to accomplish his aims.

—Elliot Shapiro.

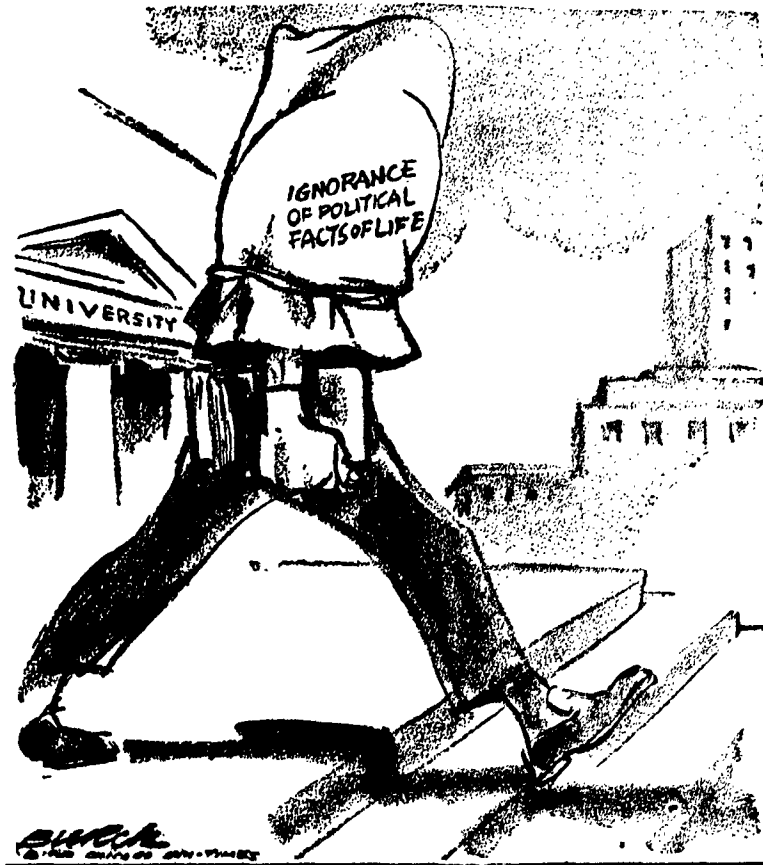
Edit Briefs

The Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia University's excellent student newspaper, editorially castigates Penn State students for booing, jeering and rudeness to the Mountaineer players.

Although we agree that unsportsmanlike playing should not be followed by unsportsmanlike "cheering," it is difficult to prevent a keyed-up crowd from venting its disapproval when one of its favorites is the victim of foul play.

One of the most ironical events of the year was the failure of the president of one of the leading independent men's organizations to show up for the election of his ward's Association of Independent Men representatives. A fraternity man has been knocking himself out all semester trying to organize the independent group.

Oh, say can he see?



Another Man's Poison

By Arni Gerion

The other evening as I was cleaning the Collegian office after an editorial candidate meeting, the phone rang. It was our pheline newsman Phineas T. Glockenspiel.

"Hi, P.T.," I grudgingly said into the phone. "Where have you been and what's wrong now?"

He cleared his throat and began, "Well, it was like this. A few weeks ago I dropped over to Shapiro's residence to talk over a few matters of Collegian policy. He wasn't around, though, and no one knew where he was. I was just shooting the breeze with a friendly mouse who lived in the house, when from out of the ceiling came Shapiro, boards, plaster, wallpaper and Shapiro."

I was a little confused by this statement because though Shapiro is everywhere, I never heard of him coming out of walls or ceilings. "What really happened?" I asked. "That's the truth," he said. "That character had been up in the attic looking for something superversive when the whole works and your managing editor came down. The next thing I knew he was sitting on the desk talking to us and picking plaster out of his ears."

"Look Phineas," I said, "that's all very well, but what has that got to do with your long absence?" (not that I missed him—polite formality.) He explained, "When the plaster came down a piece conked me on the head and, well, Doc Griess etc."

I wanted to get rid of him as I had a lot of sweeping to do. "Phineas," I said, "Hallowe'en is coming. Why don't you pick up a nice witch and take a ride! Get lost in a fraternity house. I hear the upstairs of the houses have been quite empty lately, so you won't have much trouble."

He came back at me with the verbal onslaught of, "Arni, take your mask off, the costume parade won't begin till tonight. You're bound to take a prize even if it's a ride in Juba's wagon."

"Alright, Phin," I said, "we're about even now. Goodbye and don't get into any mischief." "Hey wait! Speaking of mischief I've got some good ideas for the Daily Collegian," he purred into the phone.

"Nothing doing, you animated inkblot," I replied. "You've got no scruples at all. You'll make me play tricks with the loves of my life. You're the kind of guy that would cross my path just before a blue-book. Not that I'm supersti-

rious, but I just don't like to be crossed," I shouted. "That cat was getting me angry! 'Now take it easy Arni,' he purred. 'Just because nothing is sacred with me, you don't have to carry on that way.' 'I'm so mad I could spit. Don't give me any more of that Boyer purr, you flea circus. . . . I hung up on what sounded like a barrel of wet cats."

AIM Elections

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of the electorate participated in the elections.

"We wish to get the council organized and then let them decide whether to have the elections re-run," he added.

Results of the tri-dorm elections which were run all Tuesday night were also made available. At the second elections, ordered because only 15 percent of the eligible voters turned out for the first ones, almost 50 percent of the dormitory men cast ballots.

William Prosser and Clayton Wilson from Jordan hall, Edward Arnsby and Bernard Linn, Irvin hall, and James McCallum and Phillip Barker, Watts hall; were named AIM representatives from the tri-dorms.

Still to be named to the council are six men from Winderest. The manner of selecting the Winderest delegates will be left to the Winderest council.

Names of independent men living in each representative's ward will be mailed to the newly-elected council members sometime next week, Little said.

First meeting of the AIM council will probably be held next week. One of the council's first problems will be to decide how representatives to the six wards which did not have elections will be named.

To meet the housing problem of married veterans, 305 trailers were brought to the campus on a rental basis by the Federal Public Housing Authority and set up in a colony which the students named Winderest. The Federal Government financed the trans-

Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the safety valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

Challenge

TO THE EDITOR: It is time that the "Daily Collegian" realizes that its function is not advertising, but reporting student activities. You cannot truthfully deny that many items of student interest have been ignored or deleted in favor of business ads. The paper is a college bulletin, not a commercial enterprise, and the students are charged fees for its support, therefore are entitled to news of the College.

Wednesday's "Collegian," by actual measurement of available printing space, was 45.4% advertising, not including the classified ads. This is a daily occurrence. Each day, almost one complete page is devoted to tobacco ads; I'm sure you could get two or three pages from the liquor companies also, or must you make a pretense of ethics?

Who, among intelligent people, would listen to a radio program that was as much commercial as entertainment? Unfortunately, it's not as easy to avoid paying for the Collegian as it is to snap off the radio.

Many times you have run editorials criticizing the student body for neglecting to support some cause, yet that failure is due to the Collegian itself, who has neglected its duty to inform. Let's get student news and accurate news in the Collegian or quit taking our money under false pretenses.

I challenge you to print this letter as an admission of the rotten paper you publish.

—Durwood B. Hatch.

• We admit only that we realize the partial truth of Mr. Hatch's allegations. However, our business manager assures us that 40% advertising, exclusive of classifieds, is necessary to provide a safe margin of operation.

Liquor ads are, of course, against Collegian policy. The ad staff will continue to exert its efforts to increase the amount of advertising, with the goal of publishing more eight-page issues (paper supply permitting) and consequently more news.

COLLEGIAN GAZETTE

Brief notices of meetings and other events must be submitted to The Daily Collegian office in Carnegie Hall by 3 p.m. of the day before the issue in which it is desired to appear.

- Sunday, October 31
 - FORENSIC COUNCIL, 409 Old Main, 2 p.m.
 - PLAYERS, Little Theatre, 3 p.m.
- Monday, November 1
 - SOCIOLOGY CLUB, 401 Old Main, 8 p.m.
 - CORE, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
 - SIGMA DELTA CHI, 114 CH, 7 p.m.

College Hospital
Admitted Thursday: Shirley Lane.
Admitted Friday: Siegmund Kniew and Leonard Bletz.
Discharged Friday: Clarence Gorinski, Joanne Schlosser, Audrey Eppley and David Evans.

College Placement
Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main at once

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., November 1 to 5, seventh and eighth semester men from Chemistry, Chem Eng, ME and Mining Eng.

Proctor and Gamble Co., November 2 and 3, eighth semester men from ME, EE, IE, Chem Eng, Chem, and Commercial Chemistry.

Brown Instrument Co., November 9 and 10, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., November 8 and 9, eighth semester men from ME, IE, EE, CE, Metallurgy and Chem Eng.

Calco Chemical Division of American Cyanamid, November 3, eighth semester men from Chem and Chem Eng.

Sylvania Electric Co., November 8, eighth semester men from EE, ME, Chem Eng, Chem, and Ceramics.

Armstrong Cork Co., November 11, 12 and 13, seventh semester men in IE, ME. Seventh and eighth semester men in Chemistry, Chem Eng, and Physics.

Bell System, November 9, 10 and 11, eighth semester men from EE, ME and IE. B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. men in EE and Physics.

At the Movies
CATHAUM—Sat. and Mon., Southern Yankee.
STATE—Sat. and Mon., Walk a Crooked Mile.
NITTANY—Sat., Nighttime in Nevada; Mon., Fanny.

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