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AIM Flareup Fantastic Scheme

The statement by Richard Klingensmith last night that he had been approached to run as part of a bloc in the recent Association of Independent Men elections throws new light on a muddled situation.

Originally Klingensmith had denied that he had been approached by what was charged to be a Lion party clique. Under the AIM constitution, political party influence in the organization is forbidden.

Why Klingensmith's statement carries so much weight is this: Klingensmith has been active in State party circles for some time now. Now then, if he is a State party man, how can it be charged that a Lion party clique was exerting political influence on the elections? It simply cannot.

Both Weston Tomlinson and Joseph Galati have charged that Klingensmith was asked to become a member of a bloc. But Klingensmith is a State party man, so that bloc could not be a partisan political bloc. The Tomlinson-Galati charges have fallen under their own weight.

It is a fact of life that on the Penn State campus every election has its blocs. It seems that the natural thing to do in an election—be it AIM or the most inconsequential honorary—is to get together with a group of people and push a slate of candidates.

It would appear that this is exactly what happened in the AIM elections—although even this contention is denied.

Galati has charged, and the Collegian prints elsewhere in its columns today the "evidence" that he says can prove his charges of political party influence in the elections. We fail to see how this so-called "evidence" can prove anything except that both Galati and Tomlinson have made rather serious charges that they will not be able to back up.

It would seem that Galati and Tomlinson have been hasty and irresponsible. By now they are probably hoping that that charge will be the most serious one leveled against them.

Unfortunately, it is not. Rather than being irresponsible, informed sources in West Dorm government are convinced that Galati and Tomlinson have been engaged in a fantastic plot to discredit and undermine AIM—with the hope of convincing West Dorm Council to secede from AIM and secure its own seat on All-College Cabinet.

That the West Dorm Council will have nothing to do with the wild scheme was demonstrated Wednesday when the council refused to go along with Galati's proposal for an investigation of the elections.

Although Galati and Tomlinson do not have the backing of the council, there is good reason to believe that the plot is supported and was even initiated by a group of resident advisers in the area.

At this point, it seems to us that rather than investigate supposed political influence in its elections, AIM could do better to investigate the influence of some of the West Dorm advisers in this scheme.

Advisers are in the West Dorms to advise, not to meddle in student government affairs. Let them do the job they are being paid for.

Safety Valve—

Don't Knock Froth

TO THE EDITOR:
 The editorial comment in the Collegian for May 15 entitled "Froth Is Out . . . So What?" seemed to be a very small and trifling effort, all too typical of the unconstructive, querulous attitude found in some quarters on campus.

I hold no brief for Froth, but if you can't boost your friends in their efforts, why knock them? At least the students don't have to finance Froth as they do the Collegian.

—Frank Huttlinger

Ed. Note—Who says they're our friends?

Inkling Is New Type Magazine

Today the first issue of the College's new literary magazine, the Inkling, will be available to the students, faculty, and administration.

This magazine is the first one of its kind in that it attempts to bring the reader good writing in an attractive format.

Rather than conform entirely with the accepted form that literary magazines often take, the editors of the Inkling have endeavored to improve the book by providing illustrations with the stories as well as photographs of personalities.

One of the Inkling's largest deviations from the general run of literary magazines is the inclusion of advertising as a source of revenue.

Although it is not generally considered good taste to us commercial advertisers as a source of financial support, the Inkling was forced, through a lack of interested backers, to sell a limited amount of advertising.

It is only through the support of some student organizations, private contributors and the sale of advertising that the publication has been made possible.

The final product is an outlet for the creative writing ability of the students, faculty, and administration.

The Inkling, saddled with a heavy debt inherited from a former feature magazine, thwarted by skepticism in some circles, and antagonism in others, has overcome these obstacles to give the College a badly needed literary magazine.

Such a project merits the support of the entire College; not only students, but faculty and administration as well.

Frosh Eligibility Aids AA Budget

Yesterday's announcement by the Eastern College Athletic Conference making freshmen eligible for varsity competition comes at a time when many colleges—including Penn State—are facing anticipated drop in enrollment and with it a drop in income.

With freshmen eligible for varsity competition, it will not be necessary to field, equip, and maintain freshmen squads. From the viewpoint of the coaches, it would be preferable to have freshmen competition. Freshmen competition enables a greater number of athletes to participate and makes it possible for the coaches to groom an athlete for the big varsity test.

Unfortunately, however, the expected drop in enrollment makes such a broad athletic program impossible. Enrollment at Penn State may drop to as low as 8000 undergraduates in the Fall. That will be a decrease of over 2000. Since a good bit of the income for athletics comes from Athletic Association fees, the drop in enrollment will cut a sizable chunk of cash from the AA treasury.

It is an open secret that five varsity sports will be discontinued during the next scholastic year. Further, expenditures in the remaining sports must be cut. Freshmen sports would have accounted for a large part of a smaller athletic budget. Under these circumstances the action of the ECAC provides an easy way out of a difficult situation.

Gazette . . .

Thursday, May 17

CIRCLE AND SQUARE, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE organization, Hugh Beaver Room, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT council, 304 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.

PSCA BIBLE STUDY, 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.
 WRA OUTING, 2 White Hall, 7 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

United States Steel will interview students for summer work if enough are interested. Interested students should leave their name in 112 Old Main before Thursday, May 17.

Claster, Lock Haven, Pa. will interview June graduates in C.E. Monday, May 21.

Fire Association of Philadelphia will interview June graduates in C&F and A&L Wednesday, May 23.

Pennsylvania Water and Power Company representative, Mr. Robert Neyer, will be on campus through Thursday, May 17. He will be glad to discuss the power industry and types of opportunities with any students in M.E., E.E., or C.E. He may be reached at the hydraulics Lab. or at the Nittany Lion Inn.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Positions for men and women in local snack bars, restaurants, diners and fraternities; now and during summer; both cash and meal arrangements.

Ten to twelve men to work on college farms afternoons beginning at 1 p.m.; transportation provided; 85c per hour.

Student with truck to distribute Sunday papers for Student News Agency; cash remuneration.

Summer position as office worker at "Y" camp, York, Pa. for women with typing, simple bookkeeping skill and driver's license; season June 22 to August 5.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

David Bain, John Citron, Jane Curry, Carolyn De Hart, Isabelle Diefenderfer, Eugene Finkelstein, Ruth Fry, Thomas Huntley, Carl Kirsch, Donald Parks, Donald Powers, William Schumacher, Marjorie Smulyan, Walter Supina, Charles Wagner.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



Interpreting The News

U.S. Unprepared For Showdown

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
 AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

General Omar Bradley and Bernard Baruch have touched simultaneously on one of the keys to American policy not only in Asia but around the world—the fact that the U.S. is not militarily prepared for a showdown with Russia.

Bradley says so before the Senate Committee, adding that to strike directly at Communist China would "involve us in the wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, and with the wrong enemy."

Baruch says: "Many issues have become involved in the raging controversy over Far Eastern policy. I would not want to seem to be answering or dismissing them. Still, I would like to put forward this one thought of my own. In our present situation, whatever is attempted in behalf of peace must fall short, because of a lack of supporting military strength." In Korea, he added, young men are buying the time for the whole free world to re-arm.

Secretary of Defense Marshall testified to that.

Bears on Statement

It bears upon the statement in this column several days ago that some things have to be borne, some ignominy may have to be endured, the natural American feeling for striking back may have to be restrained by common sense regard for the limits of ability.

General MacArthur testified, in the hot blood of a soldier who chafes under political restrictions, that he could win the Korean-Chinese war through less-limited operations. General Marshall said the risk of an all-out war involvement was too great. Bradley says

we haven't got the stuff yet. Baruch agrees. Kenneth C. Royall, former secretary of the Army, who at first agreed with MacArthur, now says he has changed his mind.

Bear In Mind

One thing that needs to be borne in mind in evaluating all of the arguments about Korea is that the various leaders are applying themselves to conditions of the moment. It is not impossible that as time goes on, trends are revealed and American strength grows, things may be done which it would be wrong to attempt now. MacArthur may yet see his ideas applied under a different set of circumstances.

Says Baruch: "Many of the issues—and choices—raised by the controversy would solve themselves if more of America's strength were mobilized. Until we have mobilized, few if any of the issues which have been raised can really be solved."

Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson seemed to be thinking about that, too. He referred to the "foolishness" going on up on Capitol Hill. He suggested it was music to Russian ears, but told 1000 military contractors: "What you are doing is not."

Safety Valve—

Charges Reasoning Error

TO THE EDITOR: Re the article in the May 16 edition of the Collegian on "Limited War" by Mr. Kolasinski, may I make one main observation?

A great error in reasoning is quite apparent in the article and centers around Mr. Kolasinski's reminder of the thousand-a-week casualty rate being borne by America alone in the Korean war.

The suggestion implied here is that this high rate cannot presumably continue ad infinitum, ". . . therefore the funnel through which China pours its armies must be choked at its Manchurian outlet." Ergo, extend the war. But, if we are suffering 50,000 casualties annually in a very limited war, how in the hell can it be argued that this rate will be reduced when, by definition, extension will necessarily imply a greater consumption of all sorts of troops everywhere . . .

And then too, what of our 'ally' Chiang Kai-Chek? Perhaps he will find himself in a bit of a difficulty in persuading the Chinese that he is what they need and want, rather than Mao? Perhaps he may call on America, his great friend, for help in the

form say, of five or ten or twenty divisions on the mainland? And going further, if we do invade the mainland, where shall we stop, Mr. Kolasinski? Canton? . . . Peking? . . . Shanghai? . . . Chungking? . . . Hankow?

All these quite plausible suppositions do not all consider the possibility of Russian intervention and the outbreak of the next great mad war. If and when that madman's folly begins, I can assure you Mr. Kolasinski, that you (and undoubtedly countless others) will long for the "good old days" of limited war in Korea when our casualties were a trifling thousand a week.

—William Bensch
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