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Get Into Politics Ahead of the 'Pols'

The political season is on.

It began in All-College Cabinet one week ago and is just now beginning to pick up steam. The State Party will get the ball rolling toward the April 22-23 All-College elections tomorrow night with the election of clique officers.

Now is the time to get into politics if you are interested in getting in at all. Penn State campus politics—like politics on the state and national level—are run from the inside. It is the pols—the "professional" politicians—who run the show.

But unlike the state or national scene, Penn State does offer the opportunity for the professionally untrained to become a pol quickly. About all it takes is interest and a little intelligence.

Campus politics need a little of both—interest and intelligence. Too often politicians have been motivated more by selfish interest than by interest in making Penn State a better place to go to college by making student government more effective. Too often the politicians have not been especially intelligent.

Too often the politicians with selfish interests and low caliber thinking power have been able to be pols—and gain control of the party machinery—simply because there was nobody around to oppose them.

Why are we interested in better politics? Simply because good student government stems from good politics. If campus politics are to serve their purpose, they must develop the leaders who will become the student government leaders, whether they win or lose an election.

If, however, the selfishly motivated get control of the political machinery, the chances are the selection of the best candidates will become a secondary consideration. The choice of candidates will often be based on personal friendships, deals, and chicanery.

Now is the time for those interested in politics to make their move, for if the pols get control of the party machinery they will control the party from now till elections. Elections are still two months off, but the biggest decisions will be made in the next few weeks when control of the parties is decided.

Benton Doesn't Hide In McCarthy Attack

Democratic Senator William Benton is not a McCarthy fan. Like McCarthy, he is entitled to Senatorial immunity, that valuable, if abused, institution which prevents libel prosecution for anything uttered on the Senate floor. Unlike the Wisconsin senator, however, Benton comes out from behind his immunity when he has something to say about an enemy.

When Benton said point blank Saturday that McCarthy "has deliberately and repeatedly borne false witness, and practiced calculated deceit and falsehood against the United States Senate and the United States people," he did so, not on the floor of the Senate, but in an address to the alumni of the City College of New York.

Benton went into more detail still, in his non-immune address. He said McCarthy is attempting to "overthrow by intimidation" the freedoms of speech and of the press. And he added, let us hope prophetically, "He will not find the press as soft a touch as the State department."

Benton charged—still without any immunity—that McCarthy "has now added blackmail" to the deceit and falsehood mentioned above.

Those are harsh words, libelous if proven false. Calculated deceit and falsehood. False witness. Blackmail. They are far harsher words than McCarthy has ever used off the Senate floor, though a great deal milder than the Wisconsin senator's utterances from under the cloak of Senatorial immunity.

Benton seems to be taking the attitude, "Go ahead. Sue me." So go ahead, Senator McCarthy. Sue him.

—Ron Bonn

Will Religion Week Meet Your Needs?

Religion-in-Life Week, the local observance of National Brotherhood Week, begins tonight. During the next week a series of discussions, addresses, worship services, radio programs, and a dramatic presentation will provide an opportunity for students to explore the relevance of religion to life in general and their own lives in particular.

The theme of this year's RILW is "This Meets Your Need." What need can such a program meet?

In the first place, RILW offers each student an opportunity to find out exactly what he does believe or if he believes anything. It gives him an opportunity to question eminent men in the field of religion and to obtain detailed answers to his questions. Students are encouraged to participate in firesides, in panel discussions, or in classroom discussions, to air their queries and doubts before the "experts," who will try to supply the answers.

In the second place, the RILW program has been especially designed this year so that inquiring students may broaden their understanding of other faiths and other ways of worshiping God. Certainly misunderstanding is one of the greatest contributors to world unrest today, and religious misunderstanding has been a source of trouble since time began.

The worship services, to be held at 12:30 p.m. each day in the Little Theater, are especially designed to show different methods of worship. The visiting leaders will answer questions about beliefs.

If students will take this opportunity to acquire a greater understanding of their own faiths and the faiths of others, then the program will be a success. It will not be a success because many sit in on the fireside discussions or because Schwab Auditorium is packed on Thursday night. It will only be a success if those who participate in the program are truly students—studying the facts presented and trying to understand those things with which they disagree.

The program was designed to meet your need—your need to understand your beliefs and those of others. Will you see that it does?

—LaVonne Althouse

Safety Valve—

Customs May Be Fine, But College Needs More

TO THE EDITOR: At the beginning of each semester, a great deal of attention is given to the success or failure of freshman customs. It would appear from casual observation that it is necessary to force incoming students to be loyal to the College by means of a program of learning cheers, wearing silly clothes, and observing a ritual which is soon forgotten.

Loyalty is a splendid achievement in any group, but like love, it has to grow spontaneously—it cannot be forced upon the individual. There is little reason to believe that most students are not loyal to Penn State. However, the loyalty that grows during the College years undoubtedly is based on pleasant associations, friendships, activities and interesting work to a much larger degree than any loyalty which customs may foster.

I am not condemning the idea of customs entirely. It probably has its place in college life as well as other activities. It would seem, however, that a program designed to absorb the newcomers into our organization as quickly as possible might be more effective. Individuals usually respond to a new social environment more quickly if they are given an opportunity to meet friends with common interests, and encouraged to work into groups where their talents will be useful and appreciated. Some students are socially active, and adjust rapidly to college life, but many others are shy about putting their best foot forward, and need a lot of encouragement.

The present system of campus activity accomplishes a considerable amount of good, but any system can be greatly improved.

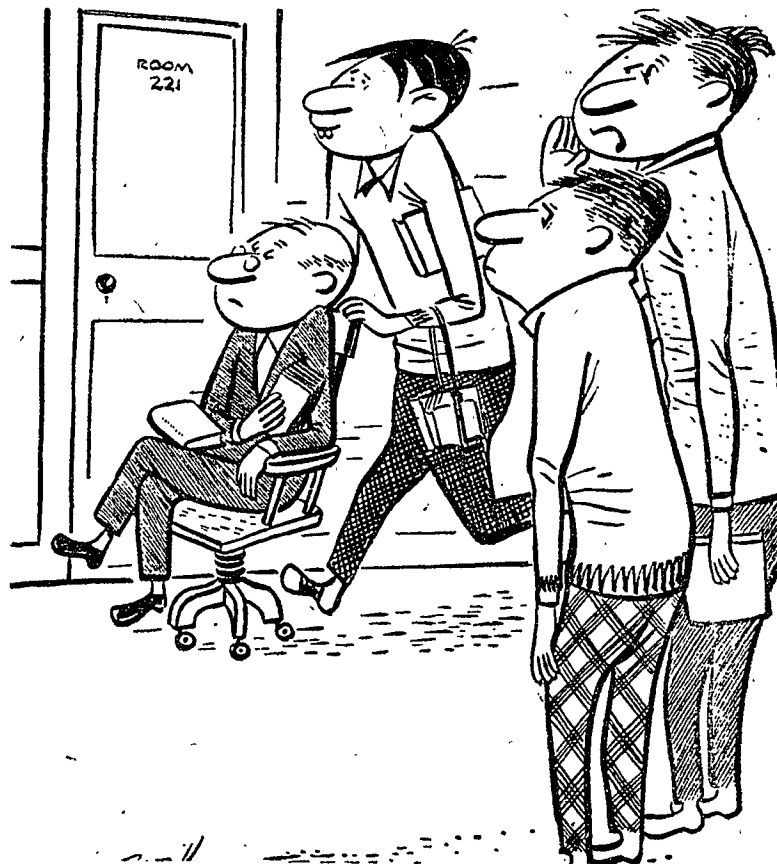
Perhaps an All-College organization could be created which would see to it that each new student was approached in a personal way the first few days on campus, and an attempt made to welcome him and to find out his interests. Individual clubs and activity groups might set up committees which would see that new students were approached and invited to become active in their organizations. A big brother-sister system could be organized whereby upperclassmen would help freshmen through the rigors of registration, and other confusions which result in making the initial adjustment to campus life.

More mixers and parties might be held at the beginning to insure that more persons were thrown together in an informal atmosphere where all types of social recreation were afforded. The present mixers which depend on dancing are usually so crowded that not much is accomplished.

In order that an individual shall be loyal to an institution, he must derive some lasting benefits from that institution. I am sure that if greater effort is put forth to welcome new students in a positive way, not only will students be more loyal to the College, but they will also work harder in fostering the activities of their choosing, thereby strengthening, not only their own social personalities, but Penn State as well.

—Ross Steadman

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Talk about your apple polishers!— He wheels old Prof Snarf down to his office after every class period."

Interpreting the News

Connally Proposal Has Many Points

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

Senator Connally is flying in the face of military as well as diplomatic thinking when he proposes a break in diplomatic relations with Hungary.

The Texas Democrat is attacking the administration for paying the \$120,000 "fine" imposed by Hungary on four American Air Force men forced down there last November, calling it extortion, and demanding that Congress cut off funds for diplomatic representation if the executive department refuses to make a break.

There was speculation in Washington yesterday as to just why Connally introduced his resolution at this time, when the State department already had announced that maintenance relations of with Russia's Central European satellites would be up for discussion at a conference of European representatives in Paris next month.

It was recalled that Connally faces what some political observers have called a real fight for reelection this year, and that it is good politics to remind home constituencies of any national and international standing which a candidate may hold, in an appeal to local pride. If Connally were defeated, Texas could not boast a chairman of the foreign relations committee. And there's considerable anti-administration feeling in Texas too.

With regard to the specific case of the four fliers, first accused of espionage but convicted on lesser charges, the money was paid at the request of the Air Force, whose motive was just to get the men out.

Diplomats agreed on several grounds. There was relief over reduction of the charges and the alternative of fines instead of jail terms. There had been fear that

one of the famous communist "trials" for espionage might bring life terms or even death sentences. That would have created a serious international incident, unless the fines were paid, the fliers might have been hauled up again after their three-month jail terms and under the usual communist third degree, be put through more gyrations for propaganda purposes, as so many prisoners have been. A war crisis could have been provoked, and the U. S. will not be ready for war for a time yet.

With regard to the general matter of maintaining technical relations with countries which make them a farce, the State department is perhaps more willing to consider diplomatic breaks as a form of pressure than it was some time ago. But it hasn't really changed its mind.

The Central Intelligence Agency thinks it has a setup that obviates the need for listening posts, which has been one great argument for maintaining relations. But the Army thinks it can't have too many sources from which warnings of any military movement against Europe might be given.

Connally's move probably involves the growing belief that, eventually, America will have to call the hands of the communist bluffers. But she is bidding her time—buying time—until she assembles the hand that will make the call a success.

Gazette . . .

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
International Business Machines Corp. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Phys., E.E. and M.E. Tuesday, Feb. 26.
Chance Vought Aircraft will interview graduates at all levels in Aero., E., M.E., C.E. and Arch.E. Monday, Feb. 25. They will also interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., Phys. and Math.
Arbogast and Bastian, Inc. will interview June graduates in A.H., I.E., and C&F Monday, Feb. 25.
General Electric Co. will interview June graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Chem., Ch.E. and Metal, Monday, Feb. 25. Both men and women may apply.
Socony Vacuum Oil Co. will interview June graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in M.E. and Ch.E. Monday, Feb. 25.
Eastman Kodak Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., E.E., I.E., Chem., Phys. and C&F Tuesday, Feb. 26.
West Penn Power Co. will interview

June graduates in E.E., M.E., and Home Ec. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview graduates at all levels in Chem. and June graduates only in Ch.E. and M.E. on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

National Tube (Lorain, Ohio Div.) will interview June graduates and juniors in M.E., E.E., and I.E. Wednesday, Feb. 27.
National Tube (Pitt. Plant) will interview June graduates and juniors in M.E., E.E., and I.E. Wednesday, Feb. 27.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Baby sitters for Tuesday morning and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Shell Oil Co. will interview June graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Chem., Ch.E., C.E., E.E., M.E., Geo., Min.Eng. and P.N.G. Monday, Feb. 25.
United States Steel Co. will interview June graduates in Aero.E., Arch.E., C.E., M.E., E.E., I.E., S.E., Cer., Fuel Tech. and Metal. Friday, Feb. 22.

The word "cash" originally meant a box, derived from the old French word "casse."