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## GSA Should Grant Infirmary Funds

Students like to complain. At Penn State the brunt of the complaints is borne by the food service, the borough of State College, the faculty, and the College Health Service.

A good many of these complaints are valid, others are ill-founded.

In reviewing the facts concerning the health service we find that there is little wrong that a new \$1,000,000 wing for the infirmary will not cure.

The present infirmary was constructed in 1929 when there were but little more than 4000 students on campus. According to Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the health service, the facilities were not adequate when the building was completed in 1929.

If that was the case, then the present facilities are woefully inadequate for a student body of almost 11,000, or virtually three times the enrollment of 1929.

Plans for two new wings to the infirmary have been lying on the desk of Dr. Glenn for more than a year. Unfortunately, however, the \$1,000,000 needed to make those plans a reality has not been lying on Dr. Glenn's desk along with the blueprints.

The money has not been forthcoming because the legislature has been unable to justify an appropriation for the infirmary, on the grounds that the building is not for "educational purposes." It is for this reason that such projects as the West Dorms, and Simmons and McElwain Halls have had to be financed by the College on long term loans.

The fallacy in this theory is that a college located in a site such as Centre County must be a virtually complete community in itself. To use hyperbole, the state could have constructed classroom buildings and told the students to go pitch tents for living quarters.

With the nearest hospital some 10 miles away, some minimum of medical facilities for the College is an absolute necessity. Since it is impossible, however, to receive funds from the state via the appropriation route, an effort is being made to get them from the General State Authority, which is empowered under the public laws to make additions and improvements on land grant colleges.

There is little doubt of the need for the two new infirmary wings; the growth of the College since the construction of the building is evidence enough of that. A further illustration of the need for additional bed space was evidenced in the recent widespread attack of upper respiratory infection.

Normally, Dr. Glenn explained recently, students are admitted to the infirmary with a temperature of 100, but, he went on to point out, because of the crowded conditions and the limited bed space the infirmary could only admit those with a temperature of 102. The others were sent home and told to stay in bed.

When the time comes that students who should be in the infirmary are turned away because of the lack of bed space, the time has arrived for the infirmary to be enlarged.

Penn State, like Topsy, has just grown; in many cases it has become just too big for its shoes. The ever-increasing demand for higher education has made it necessary for the College to expand its enrollment and some aspects of its physical plant in order to meet this increased demand.

In some cases, however, the growth in enrollment has simply run away from the growth in physical facilities. The infirmary is just such a case. For that reason additions to the infirmary should be high up on the list of projects for the immediate future.

## Cut Study Should Cover Wide Ground

Now that the College Senate has tabled a proposal which would have added one credit to the graduation requirements of students cutting classes within the 48 hour period before and after a vacation, we think the next step should be a complete overhaul of the regulations governing class attendance.

The proposal tabled at Thursday's Senate meeting was aimed at only one phase of the cutting problem, and the aim was not too accurate at that.

Scholastically, we believe it is unwise to tamper with the academic requirements of an institution in order to enforce regulations. In enforcement, the plan would have been weak, as past experience illustrates. When a similar plan was attempted several years ago—with the punishment of a \$5 fine—so many students were being granted vacation extension permits that the system collapsed under its own weight.

Many faculty members are of the opinion that cutting has become a major problem, with the problem being accentuated just before and after vacation periods. One solution which might handle the cutting problem at large and the vacation problem in particular would be to set a definite limit on cuts, beyond which a student would flunk, and counting as double cuts those made within 48 or 24 hours just before or after a vacation.

Under this plan students with 2 or better averages might be extended unlimited cuts. Such a provision might encourage students to strive for higher grades during their first two years, and provide an incentive for the maintenance of a 2 average in the junior and senior years.

If we understand the Senate proposal of Thursday correctly, such a general study of the cutting problem will be undertaken by that body. Students harassed by conflicting and confusing regulations from one department and school to another will welcome any kind of fair, uniform regulation which will apply to the entire College.

## Safety Valve

### Collegian Accused of Making 'Whoopie' with Upton Close

TO THE EDITOR: Another bride, another groom, another pleasant honeymoon; and likewise, it seems of late that our own Daily Collegian's idea of making whoopie or news, is: editorial, another ambiguous statement.

Regarding the editorial, "More Care Needed in Forum Choices," I, again, fail to see the logic of your statements.

You would not have it that we should "ban" Close from the campus, but that we "should have banned" Close in the beginning. You would seek to "protect" this abstract campus freedom of expression at the present time, but would not consider it of enough importance to be protected when choosing a prospective speaker and a man who would possibly present a "controversial opinion," to say the least.

I can see no credit reflected on the committee that settled the issue. The fact remains, which the Daily Collegian so promiscuously circumvents, that Close, undesirable as a forum speaker in his bigotry and hate-mongering, did not deserve a forum then, and does not deserve one now.

No matter what kind of a precedent such action might set, the "banning" of Close from the campus is still the only rightful solution. The conflagration of the six million during the last war proves beyond a doubt that we cannot, and must not, tolerate bigotry and hate-mongering as simple statements of opinion.

Again: freedom of speech is not an absolute right.

—Leonard Goodman

## Party Constitution Answers

### Mills on Reforms Question

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Moylan Mills, in his editorial "Party Moves Good if Made in Faith," asks "are the reforms merely a superficial appeal to the voters, a mere outward sham, or are the changes sincerely contemplated and wholeheartedly desired by the politicians in both parties?" The answer to this question cannot be given here for the State Party, but the Lion Party, in adopting its constitution, is making a permanent statement of ideals which is binding upon itself. The constitution is not considered as an experiment to dabble with nor as a "superficial appeal to the voters."

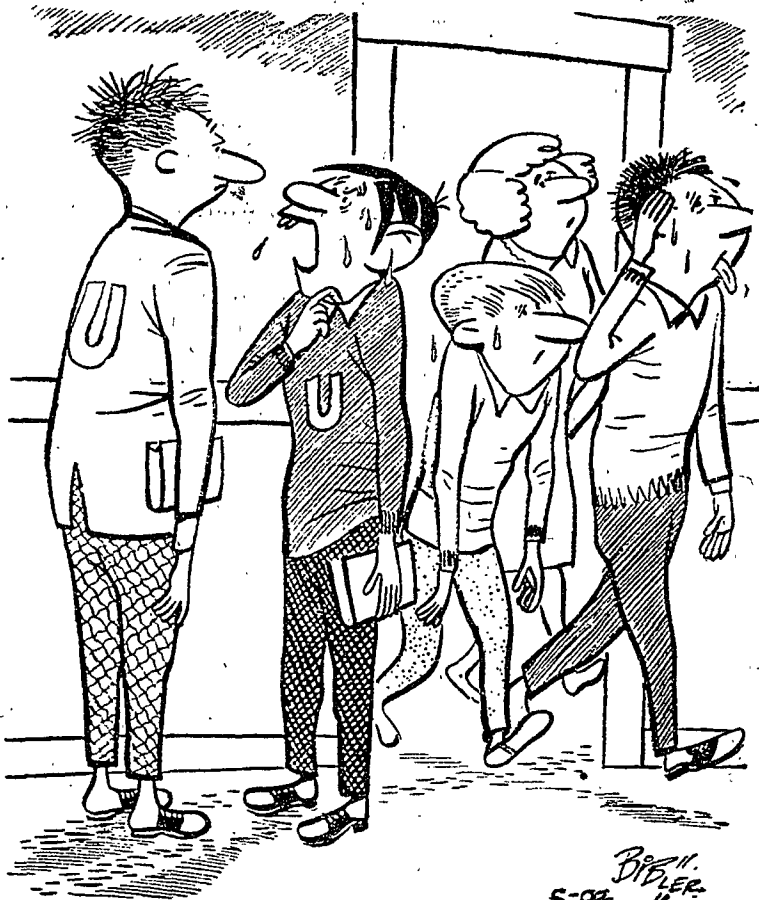
When the Lion Party was reorganized this fall, the strength of the party was built on a political idealism, a sincere desire for the betterment of the student's situation at Penn State, and an idea of campus politics completely antithetical to the bargaining and pay-offs which had previously been so common. The constitution would never have been written and proposed, much less adopted, were this not the will of the students interested in the Lion Party.

The constitution serves as a guarantee of the good faith of those at present associated with the Lion Party. But the "minimum of back room smoke" which Mr. Mills hopes for, can only be maintained by an active interest on the part of many, not a few.

Campus politics can easily become a significant means through which the individual can express his desires to All-College Cabinet. Politics can be the means through which the College administration will grant more and more power to responsible student government. This will only be done if the students use this newly widened channel for expression of their interests and desires.

—Thomas F. Umholz

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"What a foul dealin', mistrustin', atrocity committin' Prof old Snarf is—This test he gave us was completely different than th' one he gave in yer 10 o'clock class."

## Fundamental Issues

By LEN KOLASINSKI



When the United States unhesitatingly threw in troops to stem the invasion of South Korea by its northern brother, it gave form and substance to a United Nations which until then had been a debaters' convention. The "free world" now possessed the initiative, and the communists were, no doubt, surprised by the move.

That advantage has been lost by the West through the prolonged, indecisive, and oftentimes ridiculous truce talks to end the Korean war. Even the propaganda value of the Korean situation has been squeezed for the last bit of usable material, just like an old tube of toothpaste.

The UN truce negotiators seem to have bent over backward too far in an effort to gain the armistice. Perhaps they are flat on their backs with a war that has become of secondary importance and a truce that seems as obtainable as a nickle beer.

Thus, the UN command asks that patience be shown while its truce team deals with the communists, and the people of the United States and other nations grow impatient, and, what is worse, seem almost indifferent to the half-war across the world. Patience is a virtue that knows no place on the field of battle, and truce talks are a part of the battle.

But what is behind the freeze by the communists? One answer hovers with latent danger over the horizon. Reports indicate that Red China is becoming more active in Indochina and may be bolstering the Viet Minh forces in that area. This may be directly attributable to the slackening activity on the Korean battlefield.

To counteract these pressures

from the north and to reinforce sagging French defenses, the United States is sending war equipment and arms to Indochina. And unofficial sources suggest that the United States may commit some military forces if Red China openly moves into the French territory. How much or in what form this military force would be is not disclosed.

But another commitment of men to fight for foreign lands will not be welcomed by many Americans in or out of government circles. Of greater importance, however, is that an American ground force in Indochina will be one more point of bleeding to sap American strength while the Kremlin continues to build a military striking force and suffers no loss of manpower.

Predicting the outcome of the talks at Panmunjom is no easy task. Contact with the enemy over the conference table has shown his reluctance to accept or compromise agenda items except after days—sometimes weeks—of haggling. Neither will the crystal ball reveal for what purpose the talks are stalled on each and every agenda item. But one thing is sure—the United Nations has lost the initiative in the struggle for that part of Asia.

## Gazette . . .

**Saturday, March 8**  
RELIGION IN LIFE WEEK COMMITTEE, 304 Old Main, 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 9**  
BRIDGE LESSONS, TUB, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 10**  
ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT 4-3, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.

INTER COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 213 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

INKLING PRODUCTION, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7:30 p.m.

PI TAU PI SIGMA, 1 Armory, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
Dixie Cup Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., Chem. and Com. Wednesday, March 19.  
Federal Telecommunications Laboratories, Inc. will interview June graduates in E.E., Ch.E. and Chem. Wednesday, March 9.  
National Carbon Division will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., I.E., E.E., Cer., Phys. and Chem. Wednesday, March 19.

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New Jersey Zinc Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., Min.E., E.E., C.E., Geo. and Metal. Tuesday, March 18. They will also interview 1952 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E. and Metal. and Ph.D. candidates only in Phys. and Chem. Solvay Process Division will interview June graduates in Chem. and Ch.E. Wednesday, March 19.

American Cyanamid Co. will interview June graduates in Ag.Ed., A.H. and Pre-Med. who are over 26 or are veterans and both B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem., Ch.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Wednesday, March 19.

Hagan Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., and Ch.E. Thursday, March 20.

International Harvester Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., E.E. and Metal. Thursday, March 20.

Kurt Salmon Associates, Inc. will interview June graduates in I.E. Wednesday, March 19.

Line Material Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. and E.E. Thursday, March 20.

Parke, Davis and Co. will interview June graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Bact. and Zool. Friday, March 21. They will interview both men and women in Chem. and Ag.Bio.Chem.

Piasecki Helicopter Corp. will interview June graduates in Aero.Eng. and M.E. Wednesday, March 19.