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Policy Encourages Political Activity

Since we are now in the midst of an election year, the statement of College policy in respect to student political organizations should serve to clear up doubts in the minds of those who have been interested in establishing active groups on campus.

Until the College policy was explained by Prof. R. Wallace Brewster Wednesday, chairman of the Senate committee on student welfare, there was some question as to whether the College would look upon student political groups with favor. The statement by Brewster leaves little question of the complete freedom student political organizations enjoy on the Penn State campus.

Under the policy outlined by Brewster, campus political groups will be allowed the use of College facilities so long as they represent legal political parties. The College, in an effort to keep from being accused of favoring one group or another, will not charter any of the groups.

In a further attempt to stay clear of political bias, the College will allow these groups to hold meetings of their membership on campus. If, however, they invite speakers and the meetings are open to the public, the meetings will have to be of a non-partisan nature. That is, all major parties must be represented in such open meetings. This rule is also intended to keep the College free from being accused of partisan activity.

The policy in effect gives students what amounts to a free hand to go ahead with legitimate political activity.

All that remains is for students interested in forming political groups to take advantage of this policy. To date, there are several embryo political groups on campus. We know of efforts to start a Young Democrats' organization, and of another move to find an Eisenhower group on campus.

Activity by either of these two groups or by another we have not yet heard about will surely stimulate students of other political beliefs to rally to the support of their favorites. All of this, we think, will improve the atmosphere of Penn State as an educational institution.

Although some colleges and universities make it their policy not to have any political activity on campus, we feel that such an approach is neither healthy nor in the tradition of an educational institution.

Political activity by students will not only provide a healthy background with which college students will enter into the community upon graduation, but it will also give students an opportunity to hear the merits of the political contenders for their votes. As a result, students stand to profit from campus political activity.

With the ground cleared for student political groups, we hope that students will be quick to take advantage of the opportunity. Penn State will be a healthier place with a little political activity to stimulate the blood and move the mind.

IFC Backs Plan

The decision of the Interfraternity Council to go along with the College's plan for alleviating the parking problem is a vote of confidence in a long-range plan designed to provide as much parking space on campus as is possible.

The backing of the IFC is noteworthy in that fraternity men probably stand to lose more than any other group under the provisions of the plan. As it now stands, the plan will bar virtually all student driving on campus for those who live within the borough limits of State College. This includes all fraternities.

If it is found, however, that there is excess parking space available, the line will be moved closer to campus, thus allowing men living in some of the outlying houses to drive on campus.

The IFC's move is not so much a vote of confidence in a plan which eliminates student driving on campus as it is a vote of confidence in the College's promise to work toward the day when additional parking space will make it possible for students to once again park on campus.

Ike vs. Kefauver, Jolly, 'By Golly'

Although we doubt that the claim can be made that the New Hampshire presidential primaries indicate a trend, we think they do show that the professional politicians are going to have a rough year.

While the victory of Dwight Eisenhower in the Republican primary was not too much of a surprise, the same cannot be said for the surprising showing of Estes Kefauver. A political unknown until his exposure of the American underworld, the coonskin-clad Senator will give the pols win the Democratic Party one run run for their money before it is all over. The New Hampshire results proved that.

There is something catching in the Senator's personality and in his record. He has defied the political bosses in his own state of Tennessee and been successful, and he is now attempting to do the same on the national level. If he does nothing else, Estes Kefauver should prove that there is still room for the political mugwump in the United States.

The same fascination Kefauver has for the man in the street can be traced to the popular sentiment for Eisenhower, if indeed there is not more of this element in the General's success than there is in the Senator's. Without having said one word in his behalf other than that he would accept the nomination if given to him, Eisenhower has become a threat for the Republican nod.

To date, the General has relied strictly on his personality to gain favor with the voter. He has also said that he will not come back to the United States to campaign for the nomination. We doubt that the General will stick to this promise, and we doubt that it would be the sound thing to do, from both his point of view and from the point of view of the voters.

It is hard to see how Eisenhower can beat out Robert Taft unless he does campaign against the Ohio Senator. And we doubt if it is a sound practice to nominate a man for the Presidency who has not expounded his views for public consumption. If the General will accept the nomination if given to him, we think he owes the people the right to hear what he stands for.

We hope Eisenhower does come home to campaign, for if he does we may see an Eisenhower-Kefauver battle in the fall. And to use a favorite expression of the General, that would be jolly, "by golly."

West Dorm Litter

There is absolutely no excuse for the garbage and refuse which is being thrown from the windows of the West Dorms into the courtyard in that area. Besides being childish, the refuse constitutes a definite health threat.

On the recent warm days, several first floor residents had to close their windows because of the stench arising from the litter close to the buildings.

Since trash is collected every morning in the West Dorms, it is unnecessary, as well as thoughtless, to deposit trash in the courtyard. If the residents themselves don't take care of the area, no one else will. Let's have some common courtesy in the West Dorms.

—Moylan Mills

Gazette . . .

Friday, March 14
INTER COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 204 Willard Hall, 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 16
BRIDGE LESSONS, TUB, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17
ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT 4-3, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.

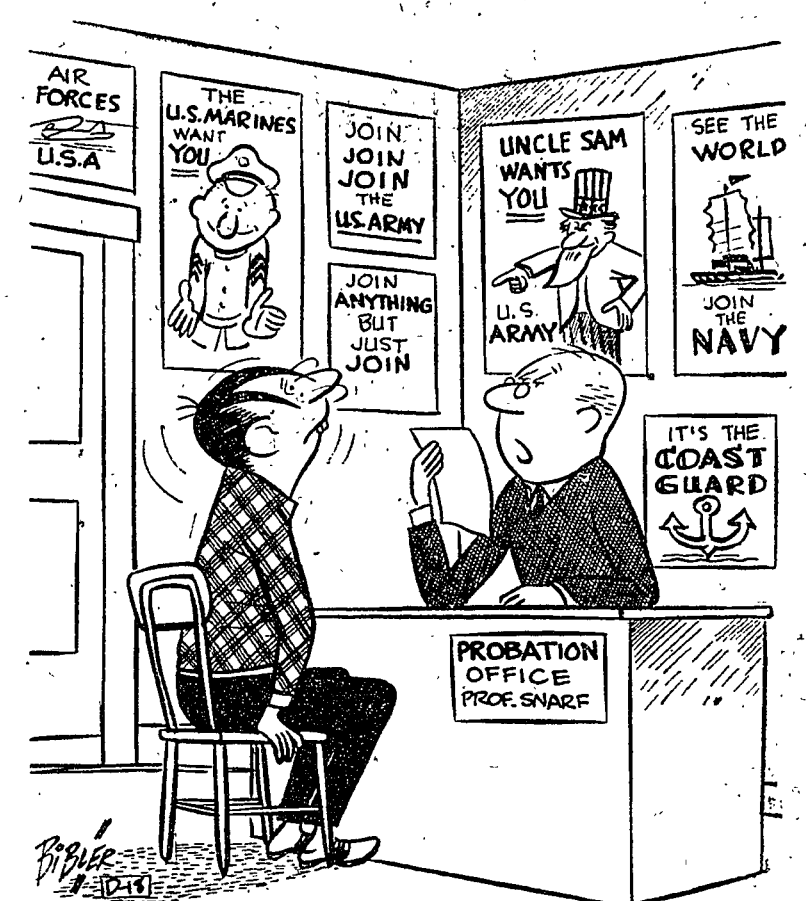
INTER COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, Dr. Ferguson, speaker, 313 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
William Albert, Marcia Brantz, Elva Burgess, Patricia Colgan, Paul Crofford, David Farrow, Douglas Frey, Jerry Fritz, Theodore Gracia, Dorn Howlett, Lucy Joiner, Leonard Kilmer, Ann Lofquist, Robert Mann, Donald Matlack, Bruce Nelson, Hudson Samson, John Stoudt, Peter Urka, Robert Wolf.

AT THE MOVIES
CATHAUM: Bend of the River 2:13, 4:06, 5:59, 7:52, 9:45
STATE: I Want You 2:11, 4:03, 5:55, 7:47, 9:39
NITTANY: Too Young To Kiss 6:25, 8:19, 10:15.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
American Smelting and Refining Co. will interview June graduates in Metal and Min.E. Monday, March 24.
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in Commerce Monday, March 24.
Corning Glass Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., Ch.E., E.E., I.E., and Cer. Monday, March 24. They will interview Chem. and Phys. graduates at all levels.
Curtiss Wright Corp. (Propeller Division) will interview June graduates in Aero.E., M.E., and E.E. Wednesday, March 19.
Dr. Paul E. Williams will interview June graduates in Metal, M.E., E.E., C.E., Fuel Tech., C&F, A&L, Chem., Pre-Med., Zoo., Sci. and M.S. or B.S. candidates with experience in Bact. Monday, March 24.
Rohm and Haas Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Chem. and Phys. Monday, March 24.
United Aircraft Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E. and Aero.E. Monday, March 24.
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in A&L and C&F interested in either sales or claims work on Tuesday, March 25.
Phillips Petroleum Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., E.E., P.N.G. and Metal Saturday, March 15.
S. S. Kresge Co. will interview June graduates in A&L, C&F and any other fields interested in management, Tuesday, March 25.
Westinghouse Electric Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Ch.E., Metal, Cer. and Phys. Tuesday, March 25. They will also interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., Metal, and Phys. and Ph.D. candidates in Phys.Chem.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"What are we going to do with you, Worthal? This report shows you're flunking half your courses."



A Bonn Mot

By RON BONN

We took pictures of babies this week.

There is no way to convey the true significance of that simple declarative. Perhaps a straight narrative style may put over some of the atmosphere of it.

When it developed that we had to take pictures of babies, for reasons too fantastic to be credible, we contacted a young lady we

know who has connections for that sort of thing. She, in turn, made a number of cryptic phone calls and, at length, handed us an address. "There," she said, "you will find a baby."

The address proved to be that of an apartment house on the west side of town. To all appearances it was quite a normal apartment house. There was nothing, outside of a few anonymous cracks in the brick, to indicate that it housed a population with a birthrate India might be proud of.

We went to the apartment indicated. A young lady, with that perpetually harried expression common among mothers of small children, greeted us. "We understand you have a baby for us," we said, rather foolishly.

"Yes. What size baby did you want?"

"Oh about 22 by 15 or so."

"Wait a minute. STEPHEN!"

A small child appeared, crying.

"Will this do?" the lady asked.

"Do you have something a bit smaller?"

"Certainly. JOSEPH!"

A smaller addition of Stephen, complete with wails, arrived. We looked distressed.

"Still too big?" the lady asked. "Well, I'm out of them, but perhaps . . ." She forced her way through Stephen and Joseph to the telephone. A muffled conversation ensued.

About a minute later there was a frightening hoof-like pounding in the hall and a knock on the door. A lady entered, trailing William, Henry, and George. The apartment was beginning to look like a growth chart. The lower end of the chart, however, was still incomplete. We looked in mute, guilty appeal to the lady of the house. "Wait a minute," she said.

A third lady arrived, in an interesting condition. "We didn't

mean quite that young. . . ." we began, when we noticed that she was transporting a suspiciously active bundle. Unwrapped, it proved to contain a really capital baby, the prince of all babies, and precisely the sort of baby we needed. Ah, we thought. Now all we have to do is take its picture.

We could not have been more wrong.

First of all, it remained to pacify Stephen, Joseph, William, Henry, and George, who had arrived in definite anticipation of having their pictures taken, and were prepared to fight it out on that front all winter. Finally we pulled the old flash-the-light-and-click-the-but-i-on-but-don't-put-film-in-the-camera dodge, and they were satisfied.

There remained to photograph the baby. It is a remarkable thing that, if you wish to photograph a baby smiling, you cannot approach within three yards before he decides that you plan his dismemberment or worse, and dissolves in tears. On the other hand, should you desire a crying baby, he will gurgle with glee at the theft of his toys, hideous faces, moderate pinches, and even desperation-swats on the head.

In either event, the mother is implacably against you. If the child cries, you are generating a death ray from your camera. If it fails to cry, you are a savage for trying to make the poor dear thing unhappy. If, as in this case, there is a circle of three mothers and five small children intent on your every move, you will feel, within five minutes, stripped of all honor, achievement, and basic human status. There remains only to disembowel yourself ceremoniously with a broken flashbulb.

Like we said, we took pictures of babies this week.

Gazette . . .

J. C. Penny Co. will interview non-technical June graduates interested in retailing Thursday, March 27.

Koppers Co., Chemical Division will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., and Chem. Wednesday, March 26. They will also interview Juniors in M.E. and Ch.E.

Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp. will in-

terview June graduates in C&F, L.A., and Cer. Thursday, March 27.

Standard Oil of Indiana will interview June graduates in M.E. and C.E. Wednesday, March 26.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Married couple without children for local summer employment.

Woman with dictaphone experience for part-time employment.

Camp Conrad Weiser, Wernersville, Pa. will interview male counselors March 19 from 9 to 12 noon at the Student Employment Office, 112 Old Main.