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Politics Remains Unclean with Mudslinging

A movement for the reform of campus politics has hit the University and apparently is having a snowballing effect on portions of the student body.

There are some persons who are not convinced that campus politics has degenerated to the point that a reformation is necessary. These persons claim that the political picture is no more smudged than it has ever been, but that the more distasteful aspects have been brought into the open in recent months.

If one assumes, however, that politics do need "cleaning up," keeping in mind that past practices should not be an excuse for overlooking present conditions, the problem comes to lie in the methods by which political housecleaning may be done.

Obviously little good was accomplished by the rally held Thursday night to clean up politics.

Although a few ideas and suggestions for improvement of existing situations were presented, the tone of the meeting rose to such a high emotional peak that logical and rational thinking was impossible.

Mud-slinging, defamation of personal character, and harm to both political parties were the only significant results.

Meetings of this type, although they may give indignant persons a chance to "let off steam," are negative rather than positive in their accomplishments.

A possible solution to the problem would be an investigation of campus politics to determine whether, and to what extent, improvement is needed.

If a committee were set up to determine

specifically what unfair and unjustifiable practices exist, then it might be possible to propose fair and feasible alterations in the political setup.

A committee organized for this purpose should consist of a cross-section of students: representatives from both parties, impartial students without party affiliations, and student government representatives who could add information concerning the effect of politics upon campus government as a whole.

A really intensive and extensive probe into all aspects of campus politics would be necessary. The handling of politics in other colleges and universities comparable in size to Penn State might also be valuable.

After facts and valid information had been acquired, discussed, and evaluated, a report of the committee's findings should be laid before the student body.

If the committee, through its work, developed ideas for the improvement of present conditions, they might submit recommendations. If, however, more than one feasible solution were proposed, the committee should submit all the proposals to the students, and not be forced to agree upon one recommendation.

This may be an idealistic and unworkable approach to the problem, but it would certainly be a step in the direction of using "clean" and "above-board" methods to correct what have been termed "dirty" and "underhanded" practices.

Certainly no one should deem such a plan impractical until it was proved to be such.

—Tammie Bloom

AIM Reorganization Proposals Are Logical

The proposals for the reorganization of the Association of Independent Men as presented Wednesday night represent logical steps to improve AIM.

An entirely new constitution with a general assembly replacing the Board of Governors is not the panacea for AIM's troubles. The trouble Town Council experienced in forming a council

shows how impossible the reorganization would have been. Then, they had trouble getting 20 members. They would not have been able to obtain additional members for the general assembly plan.

An enlargement of the executive committee to include presidents of the four councils will give AIM the broader scope desired, without making the legislative body too cumbersome.

Establishment of permanent committees would also aid in doing the work of the board. These committees now function on a year-to-year basis. Chairmen can begin in the spring to organize their programs for fall. This would help AIM get off to a good start in the fall.

The most controversial of the supposed amendments is the one concerning the appointment of members of the AIM Judicial Board of Review in the spring. Under the present system, two members for each dormitory area are selected for the board by the area president. The board chairman is appointed by the AIM president with approval of the board of governors.

Originally the proposal was that all members of the Judicial board would be given at-large appointments in the spring. In other words, any independent man could qualify to judge dormitory cases. The board of governors changed the proposal to read four at-large members and one member from each area, appointed in the fall.

A further recommendation was for the chairman of the judicial board to be a sixth semester student at the time of his appointment.

However, the recommendation to change the chairman to a sixth semester student is all that is necessary. Board members should still be selected two from each living area rather than by the proposed method.

One cannot be certain a student will be in the same dormitory area in the fall as he was the previous spring. It is not wise to depend on students who previously lived in dormitories to know in following years how things are being done in the dormitories. Conditions in the dormitories constantly change. Students living in the dormitories can better judge the conditions that exist within.

The changes, with the exception of qualifications for membership on the Judicial board, represent a logical way to improve the Association of Independent Men. They should be adopted.

—Phil Austin

Safety Valve...

Clarifies Committee Stand

TO THE EDITOR: Yesterday's Daily Collegian contained an article concerning Thursday night's All-University elections committee meeting and the reaction of Lion party leaders to the decision made by the elections committee on the plank about fraternity dating. This letter is to clarify the reasoning behind the elections committee decision, omitted in yesterday's article.

The reasons for the elections committee decision:

1. This plank was construed to be a mere vote-seeking appeal. This type of appeal... is not to improve student government as a whole, but to get votes.

2. The men who created the plank were little aware of the existing problems.

3. It was felt by the committee that making an issue out of Interfraternity Council problems would hinder the steps IFC is itself taking.

4. The IFC has never been involved in campus politics, is proud of that fact, and desires to continue divorced from political issues.

Provisions of the elections code and powers of the elections committee are authorized by All-University Cabinet. If Lion party chooses to violate the code, it will be penalized accordingly.

Chairman, elections committee
—Edwin Kohn

Upholds Sinclair Conduct

TO THE EDITOR: ... I feel sorry that (Watson Leese) as a pseudo-politician has failed to grasp just what Ben Sinclair has attempted, and rather successfully I must admit, accomplished. (Goslin refers to a letter in Wednesday's Daily Collegian in which Leese called Sinclair "dictatorial.")

He alone has had the fortitude to stand against groups which would run Penn State politics like a huge chess game. In doing this he hasn't had the time to explain all the details to the uninformed and to pacify injured egos. He is a politician and as such has built a machine which is dictatorial only if you fail to realize what politics are, and how you must operate to win!

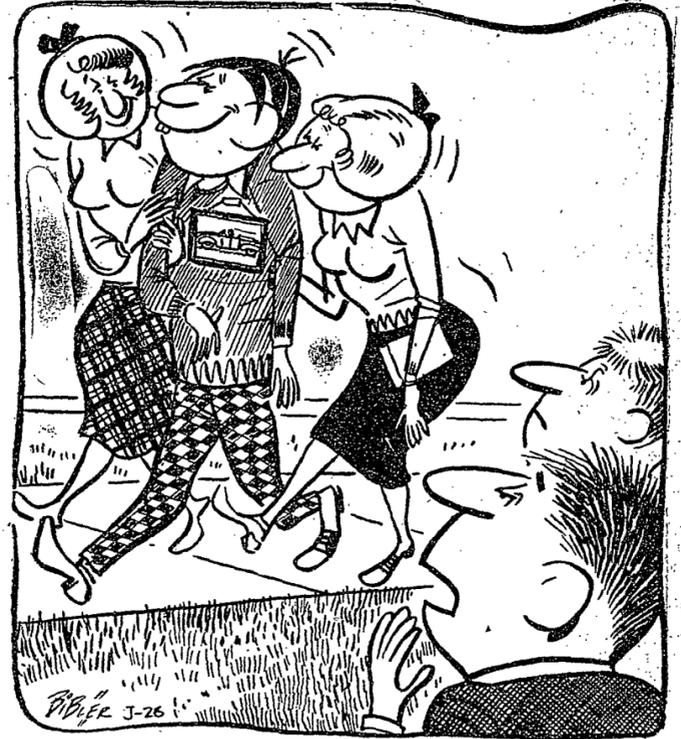
Now—that partiality which was supposedly displayed Sunday night: the chairman of an organization merely guides its intent and interprets its wishes. As for opposing the elections committee, the results of the secret ballot as counted by Alpha Phi Omega indicate the intent of the group to oppose the committee. Until absolute clarification of the issue by the committee, Sinclair was following the wish of the group—dictatorially, of course, because the group opinion was contrary to (Leese's).

Parliamentary procedure offers protection to the minority... and the "oppressed." Perhaps (Leese) should refresh (his) memory of Mr. Robert and his rules!

—Lewis N. Goslin

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"He threw our fraternity pin away—he says the picture of his convertible is doing more for him."

Lemyre, Kidd Give Leadership Talk

By PEGGY McCLAIN

All-University Cabinet is the only student legislative body on campus and as such acts as liaison between students and the administration, Richard Lemyre, All-University president, told approximately 35 members of the leadership training program Wednesday night.

Lemyre and Thomas Kidd, sixth semester education major, were joint speakers for the third meeting of the program, sponsored by cabinet. The topic of the lecture was "Student Government Organizations at Penn State."

Because it would be impossible to contact students individually about University affairs, Lemyre said, University student business is carried on through cabinet. Lemyre termed the amount of authority held by cabinet "as much as students can handle."

Presenting a general outline of the duties of the All-University president in connection with cabinet, Lemyre pointed out his responsibility to keep tabs on the 45 standing cabinet committees, to appoint committee members with recommendations and approval of cabinet, and to sit on such committees as the Student Union Board, Senate Committee on Student Affairs, Athletic Advisory Board, and Alumni Executive Board.

All-University president, Lemyre said, must keep track of routine scheduled activities, such as Interfraternity Council Ball, to be sure that they actually occur. He must also "keep an eye" on new problems, such as the recent controversy over fraternity house-mothers, and possibly establish a committee to handle the problem, Lemyre added.

Questions from the floor were chiefly about the status and organization of Men's Student Government Association, the organization, purpose, and functions of the student encampment, and the status held by the National Student Association on cabinet.

Following Lemyre's discussion, Kidd outlined briefly the University judiciary, bureaucracy, and finances. The Senate subcommittee on disciplinary action is the highest court of appeal for disciplinary cases at the University, Kidd said, with Tribunal immediately under it.

Kidd termed the set-up of student government as a bureaucracy. The majority of student government work is carried on by the 45 committees, he said, such as the customs board, Orientation Week committee, Spring Week committee, and Campus Chest.

Riebel to Speak

L. Jeanne Riebel, assistant professor of home management and home equipment, will discuss "Kitchen Tools That Do the Job" during the Home Economics Spring Weekend, April 9 and 10.

Ridgway Praises Stevens

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, approaching a showdown fight with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), got a pat on the back today from the Army's chief of staff, who called him a high-principled public official.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, addressing the National Press Club, said the Army is proud of its secretary and the country will share that pride when the full story of unfolding events becomes known.

Next week McCarthy's Senate Investigation subcommittee is expected to open an extraordinary hearing to determine whether the senator or the secretary is right in the multitude of charges and countercharges they have hurled at each other.

Stevens himself, in a speech prepared for delivery in Charleston, S.C., today, remarked "It is deplorable that the Army... and especially its senior officers, should too often be the target for irresponsible criticism." Neither Stevens nor Ridgway mentioned McCarthy's name.

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

Tonight	
7:25	Sign on
7:30	BBC-Music of the People
8:00	Jazz Moods
8:30	Paris Star Time
9:00	Light-Classical Takebox
10:30	Sign off
Tomorrow	
3:00	Blue Band Concert
7:30	Masterworks from France
8:00	Third Program
9:30	Music
10:30	Sign off
Monday	
7:25	Sign on
7:30	Sportlight
7:45	Serenade in Blue
8:00	Top Drawer
8:15	Hamburger Stand
9:00	Just Out
9:15	News
9:30	Symphony Hall
10:30	Sign off

Gazette...

Sunday
NEWMAN CLUB COMMUNION BREAKFAST, after 9:30 Mass, Lady of Victory Church

Monday
INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 7 p.m., 108 Willard

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TWO DIVISIONS OF ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY will visit the campus on March 31 to interview graduating seniors in CE, EE, and ME, Chem, and Acc., and PhD candidates in physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954. Arrangements for interviews should be made by March 25 in 112 Old Main.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY (technical) will visit the campus on March 31 to interview graduating seniors in Arch, E, CE, EE, IE, and ME. Arrangements for interviews should be made by March 25 in 112 Old Main.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC COMPANY will visit the campus on March 31 to interview graduating seniors in EE and ME. Arrangements for interviews should be made by March 25 in 112 Old Main.