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## Lion's Paw Attackers: Frustration Cases?

Hot Penn State weather seems to have a counterpart in recent hot-headed attacks on a formerly unpublicized group of men—Lion's Paw. Much has been said for and against the methods of this group; this commentary has nothing to say on that score. What it does have to say concerns the methods of these attacks on "Paw."

Psychologists call a state of need or desire-thwarting, "frustration." One way of reacting to frustration is direct aggression—a three-year old will attack the playmate who takes his teddy bear from him. Adults have a subtler way of adjusting to this thwarting—a student who loses a club presidency will later criticize policies of the same club.

Frustration may be one explanation of the recent emotionalized and personalized debate over Lion's Paw activities. Those who want recognition often feel they are gaining it when they tear down everything around them to make themselves look good by comparison.

Constructive criticism is a valuable force in a democratic society. But criticism relying for its effectiveness on a picture of an abused popular leader is not objective, and cannot be evaluated by society in an objective light. And criticism hitting its target with darts composed

solely of emotionalized, high-voltage cliches does not hit the bull's eye of constructive criticism either.

What is at stake in this issue is not merely the reputation of one organization; it is the reputation of intelligent, factual debate opposed to an emotional brawl in words. Who will win—those who thunder loudly and say nothing, or those who speak softly with wisdom?

To invoke the figure of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and compare him and his methods to these hot-blooded critics would be repeating methods of both critics and "Paw" members. Suffice it to warn both parties that they can't fall back on Senatorial immunity.

T. S. Eliot comments on many aspects of life and life's creatures in his widely-acclaimed play, "The Cocktail Party."

Eliot has this to say to those who sacrifice peace of mind to the struggle for recognition: "Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm—but the harm does not interest them

Or they do not see it, or they justify it because they are absorbed in the endless struggle

To think well of themselves."

—Gay Snodgrass

## Safety Valve on Lion's Paw Controversy Proposes Symposium

TO THE EDITOR: About a week ago Richard Kirschner charged that Lion's Paw has caused dissension on All-University Cabinet. Since that time regular charges have been made in the Daily Collegian ranging from Lion's Paw members "talking back" to their fathers (Peggy McClain) to "mudslinging" (John Lyon).

On the surface, all of these accusations appear to be justified by the barrage of evidence produced plus the failure of Lion's Paw members to exonerate themselves. Instead, they are quite satisfied to hide behind vague, meaningless retorts and a cloak of secrecy.

However well satisfied they are with this sort of defense—and "defense" is the word—I doubt if the student body is satisfied. (Gerald Maurey has stated that "Lion's Paw needs no defense," but events during the past week have certainly proven otherwise.

Perhaps a better line of defense is Time, for the longer that this issue is permitted to glide along over the heads of most of the students, the more tiring and senseless it will become. Summer recess is upon us, and a summer can prove very taxing to the memory.

... We cannot expect the new members of Lion's Paw to answer for the actions of the old members who are all soon to graduate, but I do not believe it would be asking too much of them, in the light of present happenings, to enlighten the student body as to their objectives for the coming year. We deserve some tangible assurance that Lion's Paw will openly strive for their aim—"perpetuating and bettering Penn State."

Since nothing further can be done with this issue this semester, I propose a challenge to Lion's Paw... I propose that a symposium be established for Student Encampment—independent of any committee already established—for the purpose of (1) discussing all issues that have arisen concerning Lion's Paw during the past week and (2) attempting to establish a friendlier, more workable relationship between Lion's Paw and the student body.

This symposium should contain a representation of Lion's Paw members and an equal representation of other students chosen by someone completely unaffiliated with Lion's Paw—the editor of Collegian, perhaps. The results of this symposium should be recorded, accepted by the members, and presented in the Daily Collegian early in September.

The students are clamoring to know what is going on, and they deserve to know what is going on... Now is the time for Lion's Paw to "show its Stuff!"—if it has any.

—Gordon A. Pogal  
Lion Party Clique chairman

## Disputes Gibbs' Claim

TO THE EDITOR: Yesterday when Chuck Gibbs presented certain facts to the Collegian he stated that I gave a letter of resignation to John Lyon concerning my candidacy for All-University president.

This letter never existed. It was never written. He also stated Ken White contacted me in order to persuade me to run again. Ken White did not at any time ever contact me in this respect. I believe that at least these two of his eleven facts need correcting.

—Lewis Wade

## Gazette...

Today  
CHECKER CLUB, 8 p.m., Temporary Union Building  
PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main  
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Meal jobs available this semester and next fall.

## Stands on Past Record

TO THE EDITOR: Due to the fact that I have recently received a considerable amount of criticism from certain people on campus I feel that it is necessary for me to make a statement to the Collegian.

I want to make it clear that I am not answering the charges of certain warped individuals because I do not feel their personal qualities and past actions justify an answer. However I want it made clear that I am making this statement for the benefit of those students I have worked with in activities during my four years at Penn State and who are my friends.

Anything that I have done in politics or activities was the result of a belief that that particular line of action was the proper line of action and I have no regrets that I took part in them. If I had it to do over again I would do the same thing as before.

As far as I am concerned the attacks are not too worrisome. Anyone who plays the political game must be prepared to accept such things from those in the other corner.

My opposition has repeatedly sent out the cry that either this or that is not good for Penn State politics but seldom have they mentioned whether it is good for Penn State itself. I believe they should reconsider their stand and their past actions from that viewpoint.

In conclusion I state again that I stand by what I have done and have no regrets.

—Donald B. Herbeiri

## Claims Charges False

TO THE EDITOR: The malicious statements made to the Daily Collegian and printed in Thursday's paper by Charles Gibbs concerning me are completely without foundation. During the recent political campaign, I never had delivered to me or did I see this reported letter of resignation from Lew Wade.

Furthermore at no time did I seek to bribe or intimidate Lew Wade. This statement will be supported by Wade, John Lyon, and Rae Delle-Donne, reported by Gibbs as the principals involved. Therefore the charge that I used this letter to bribe Lew Wade or anyone else is ridiculous and a product of the imagination of Gibbs.

Here is an attempt by Gibbs to camouflage the real issue which is namely, what influence does Lion's Paw exert on All-University Cabinet. Whether Lion's Paw does or does not is not my personal concern, but let's not make this controversial "clean up politics" meeting a subterfuge for the real issue which is the power of Lion's Paw.

—Ken White  
Chairman, State Party Board of Advisers

## Prof and Books

Ten University faculty members have published an impressive list of books and magazine articles. Among the list are books written on home-living, industrial arts, philosophy, Pennsylvania-German grammar, the furniture industry, dairy waste, and an analysis of "Black Beauty."

Professors and instructors achieving such publication while immediately engrossed in teaching are to be commended. It is a great enough task devoting a maximum of work hours to the University classroom—it is especially laudable to devote non-payroll hours to the furtherance of research and education.

—Peggy McClain

Gossip is a sort of smoke that comes from the dirty tobacco-pipes of those who diffuse it; it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker.—George Eliot

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Safety Valve

# Lion's Paw Alum Defends Organization

ED. NOTE: Since the recent controversy on Lion's Paw began, the Daily Collegian has been deluged with letters for the Safety Valve. Since it is believed that as much space as possible be given to those who wish to express themselves, the space usually used for a column by a member of the staff is today devoted to a letter from David Pellnitz, Daily Collegian editor during 1952-53.

TO THE EDITOR: As a former undergraduate member of Lion's Paw, I cannot help but feel it is a duty to set a few things straight for the student body at Penn State.

In his attack on Lion's Paw, Richard Kirschner charged that the group created dissension on All-University Cabinet. By dissension, I can find no other meaning than that there are differences of opinion among cabinet members on which cabinet votes... Arguments... are a sign of healthy student government. Certainly no one wants a student government body which passes or defeats all measures without some "dissension."

Furthermore Kirschner suggests that certain questions which come before cabinet are voted on by members who have not obtained their group's opinion on the matter first... No organization represented on cabinet can be consulted on all measures before they are voted on...

... No member of Lion's Paw is required to vote with other members of the group. There have been many instances when one Lion's Paw cabinet member has voted against his "brother" because of honest differences of opinion or because the group he represents has voted that way...

In his recent letter to the editor, David Jones said that Lion's Paw classes its critics as "stupid oafs, crazy idealists, or bitter students."... Most of the leaders of the anti-Paw group are students who are bitter because they were not selected for the group or because of their personal dislike or even hatred for one or more members of the group... Of course there are many men not chosen who continue to respect the group and its aims. From these few bitter men, however, distortions, half-truths, and downright lies are passed on to other students who do not have possession of the facts.

What, then, is Lion's Paw? It is more than a senior honorary society. It is a close-knit group of 12, 14, or 18 men who have worked hard for Penn State. It is a group which creates strong bonds of friendship among its members which continue long after graduation. It is a group which hopes to better the University while it is active on campus and when its members become alumni. And in working

"For a Better Penn State," the student body is not ignored, as has sometimes been charged, for a dissatisfied student body does not lead to a better University.

Certainly campus problems are discussed among its members, just as these same problems are discussed among any group of students who are interested in student and university problems. Lion's Paw, however, attempts to get all the information available on each problem in order to have more intelligent discussion. And, in addition, the varied membership of Lion's Paw makes possible a good cross-section of opinion.

As for Lion's Paw "decisions" as Kirschner calls them, Lion's Paw does not claim to be perfect or omniscient. Nor are these "decisions" forced on anyone. Should Lion's Paw cabinet members decide to make a stand on any issue before cabinet there are many more than enough votes to defeat such a measure if it were truly undesirable.

But let the past speak for itself. Look at the highly respected students who, in the past few years alone, have been members of Lion's Paw and then try truthfully to say that the organization is what those who oppose it say it is.

—David M. Pellnitz  
Collegian Editor, '52-53

## Omega Psi Phi To Turn Inactive

Omega Psi Phi will become inactive at the end of the present semester by its own request, O. Edward Pollock, assistant dean of men for fraternity affairs, said yesterday.

The group decided to become inactive because it contained only three members, Pollock said. The Senate committee on student affairs requires that an organization must have at least 12 members to remain active. The group has been below the minimum for two years, Pollock stated.

## Tonight on WDFM

94.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:30 Marquee Memories  
8:00 Just for Two  
9:00 Friday Nite Dancing Party  
10:30 Sign Off