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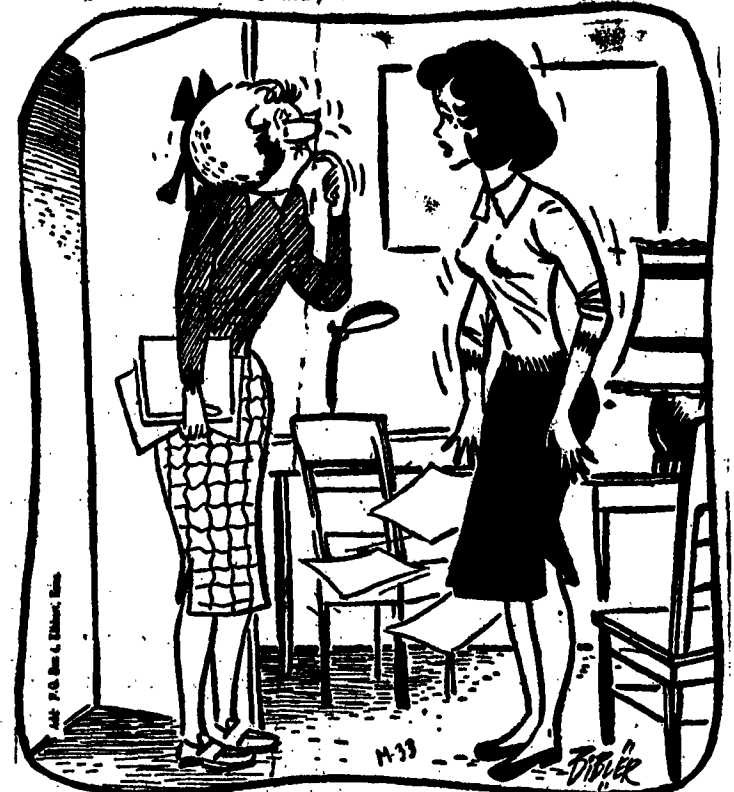
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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I helped him with his homework—Didn't know he was a dental student."

The Case for Downtown Housing

Why doesn't somebody do something about downtown housing?

This is like a lot of questions that are asked more often than they are answered because their critics far outnumbered their champions.

A little knowledge is usually a dangerous thing but a lot of it on housing is almost an insuperable handicap. It is impossible for an informed person to give easy answers to the hard questions on poor conditions.

Because the University does not own sufficient dormitory facilities, over three thousand men have to find rooms in town.

Because the Borough of State College does not have sufficient funds to support a full-time fire department it has to depend on volunteer help.

And because students are some of the most prolific critics in the world they complain about where they live.

Why doesn't somebody do something about downtown housing? The question is complex—so is the answer.

First of all, something is being done. Already this semester the fire marshal, who is a part-time employee, in cooperation with the volun-

teer firemen has made plans to conduct team block inspections of multiple housing units.

This means that about six men will go into houses that have rooms for rent to check to see that no fire regulations are violated. If violations are found the owners will be notified and advised either to make sufficient repairs to bring the dwelling up to standard safe condition or stop renting it.

Landlords who have been violating fire regulations will do well to heed the inspectors' warnings. Either they are unaware or don't care. But if a fire occurs in a living unit that is in violation of fire regulations the owner may be held legally and financially liable for injury or loss of life.

Even this is an over-simplified account of the difficulties that present themselves upon investigation of town housing and fire hazards.

Before improvements will be started, inspections must be made, and before inspections can be made, volunteers must be organized.

This has not been meant to excuse poor housing conditions—rather to explain why they exist. We do not mean to tolerate procrastination—rather we hope to encourage correction. —Jackie Hudgins

Governing Group or Fraternity Farce?

The Interfraternity Council, as an active governing body and voice of the fraternities at the University, is a farce.

It is a farce because the great majority of proposals or ideas presented to IFC do not come from the IFC representatives. Instead, these ideas come from the executive committee of IFC, composed of the council officers and adviser.

In most instances, these motions are presented by the IFC president, or by an IFC representative who has been asked to do so by the executive committee.

The executive committee is not supposed to do IFC's thinking, but it is forced to undertake this task because of the lack of interest shown by member fraternities.

The proposals which are brought before IFC are voted upon with little or no debate.

We are not asking that fraternity delegates go around all day thinking of things to bring up before IFC. We are not asking that a motion be debated upon for the mere sake of debate.

However, it would seem that over a period of two months, there would be a multitude of problems and constructive ideas arising which could be brought before IFC. Apparently fraternities at the University do not have one single idea or complaint. It's good to see fraternities in such a happy frame of mind.

It would also seem that the IFC delegates would find something in the motions which

have been brought before IFC which they did not understand or completely agree with. Evidently the delegates understood every facet of practically every proposal presented to IFC thus far.

The composition of the IFC delegates is an even bigger farce. The council constitution states that the president of each house shall attend IFC meetings as the representative of his house.

However, all too many houses send non-office holding members to act as their council representatives. Some houses have even sent pledges to represent the house.

Common sense dictates that a person not holding office in a house can hardly speak for the house. His knowledge of integral fraternity matters is limited. Thus, he would not know how a certain motion might affect his house.

Sending a pledge to a meeting as a delegate is even more ridiculous.

Fraternities vehemently stand up for the right of self-government. But they refuse to take an active part in their own governing body.

Take away IFC and fraternity row would bellow and moan. But these fraternities have yet to prove they can support IFC.

It is up to fraternities to make IFC an active governmental body with full participating membership, instead of a "yes" group for an overloaded executive committee. —Larry Jacobson

Safety Valve...

On the Push Cart Race

TO THE EDITOR: The following are just a few questions that have been brought to our attention concerning the TIM Push Cart Race. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask.

1. Contributions are from one to 10 dollars. It is hoped that those organizations that can afford more than one dollar will donate the larger amount. It is also hoped that the one dollar minimum will allow those individuals who can't afford more, but are interested in the Campus Chest, to enter the race.

2. Town Independent Men are constructing the carts necessary for the race. Individuals and organizations will be required to make their contributions and be at the race only. We are doing all the work.

3. It is suggested that an organization sponsor one person per donation. This person need not be a member of the specific group. For example, a sorority may sponsor an independent male or female, or even a faculty member, if that group desires. The sponsoring organization is the recipient of the trophy and prize money. It is up to the sponsors to do with the money what they wish.

4. The person sponsored will push the cart. The cart is of light weight construction and does not need an extra large football player to push it. The person pushing the cart may be dressed in any costume the group desires to

Gazette...

- Today
- ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Alpha Epsilon Pi
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, 7 p.m., 1 Main Engineering
- DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, (all boards), 6:30 p.m., 303 Willard
- DAILY COLLEGIAN PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF, 8 p.m., Collegian darkroom
- MINERAL INDUSTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:15 p.m., 208 Willard
- MINERAL INDUSTRIES COUNCIL LAVIE PICTURE, 8 p.m., Penn State Photo Shop
- NEWMAN CLUB CHOIR PRACTICE, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
- NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
- NOVENA, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
- NITTANY GROTTTO, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
- PERSHING RIFLES DRILL (active members and pledges), 7 p.m., Armory
- PHILOSOPHY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
- PHI MU ALPHA, 9 p.m., 117 Carnegie
- RIDING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Stock Judging Pavilion
- THETA SIGMA PHI, 6:30 p.m., Chi Omega Suite, Grange
- Tomorrow
- NEWS AND VIEWS CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics
- SQUARE AND FOLK DANCE, 7:45 p.m., HUB ballroom
- University Hospital
- Stephen Behman, Janet Bellen, Edward Bryan, Audrey Jersun, Gilda Koplovitz, Alice Neudorfer, James White, and Frank Wolf.

represent that group. Fancy dress is encouraged, but not necessary, to add color to the event.

5. In case of unpleasant weather the race will be postponed, to the earliest possible date in the future. Any other details will, as mentioned above, be taken up by TIM.

—Robert H. P. Cole
TIM President

Philosophy Club to Meet

J. Mitchell Morse, instructor in English literature, will speak on "Orthodox Religious Views of Evil" at a meeting of the Philosophy Club at 7:30 tonight in 217 Hetzel Union.

An open discussion of the subject will follow.

Law Dean to Speak

Students interested in enrolling in law school may attend a meeting of Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-law honorary society, at 7:30 tonight in 203 Willard Hall. Dean Charles Taintor of the University of Pittsburgh law school, will speak.

Chem-Phys Council to Meet

The Chemistry and Physics Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 214 Hetzel Union.

WSGA Senate to Meet

Women's Student Government Association Senate will meet at 8:30 tonight in 218 Hetzel Union.

Interpreting the News

U.S. Competes In Aid to Asia

By J. M. Roberts

Associated Press News Analyst

One of the questions foreign policy makers will have to answer soon, political year or no political year, is how the United States can get the initiative in the new type of warfare for which Russia laid the groundwork with her late lamented "cooperation" campaign.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles hit close to the problem but not the answer yesterday when he pointed out that if the United States tried to match every offer of economic aid made by Russia to Asia the Soviets could, without expense to themselves, jockey this country into ruinous expenditures.

Not often have students of the East-West conflict been as united in their estimates as they are since the failure of the Geneva conference. They believe Russia is set for a long-range campaign of economic and political infiltration along the line of the Communist arms deal and offer of economic aid to Egypt.

Some, including state department experts, think the United States will have to shift its emphasis accordingly. Many believe the United States should take the initiative instead of letting Russia make the gestures while the United States eventually foots the bills, as promises to be the case in the construction of a big dam for Egypt.

This would include a careful study of what can be afforded out of the rapidly increasing national income, against the background of possible losses to Russia which cannot be afforded on any grounds.

Hardly any of the students believe the Washington administration, however hard-pressed to balance the budget and offer tax reductions before next summer's campaign, will be able to continue its policy of reducing the foreign aid program.

The question now is not one of reduction, but how much it will have to be increased. So far, Russia has given no sign that her new emphasis on peaceful infiltration of Asia is to be accompanied by any significant relaxation of the military preparedness with which she backs up her diplomatic program. Until there is some such sign, there can be little hope of military savings sufficient to balance the economic aid program.

In some fashion, too, the United States must manage to make it clear that the economic aid program, whatever form it takes, is not merely an effort to buy allies for a future war, or to block Russian domination of newly emerging countries merely by substitut-

ing American domination. If a sensible, not-too-straining aid program can be worked out, designed to give underdeveloped peoples time to work out their own political systems to fit their own cultures, with general world welfare as the obvious objective, then the United States will have a chance of winning this new war.

LaVie Group Pictures To Be Taken Tonight

Group pictures of thirteen organizations will be taken for LaVie tonight at the Penn State Photo Shop.

The organizations and times the groups should report are: Women's Debate, 6:30; Women's Student Government Association Senate, 6:40; WSGA House of Representatives, 6:50; Women's Judicial, 7; junior and senior boards of Froth, 7:10; Panhellenic Council, 7:20; junior and senior boards of The Daily Collegian, 7:30; Engineering Student Council, 7:40; Men's Debate, 7:50; Mineral Industries Student Council, 8; Home Economics Student Council, 8:10; Liberal Arts Student Council, 8:20; Business Administration Student Council, 8:30.

Seniors in the Colleges of Engineering and Architecture and Education must return proofs to the Penn State Photo Shop by 5 p.m. tomorrow. Students not returning proofs by that time will have their picture chosen by the LaVie staff.

MI Council Will Meet

The Mineral Industries Council will appoint two new council members at a meeting at 7:15 tonight in 209 Willard.

The council will also discuss spring open house plans, the constitution revision, and the charter of The Prospector, the Mineral Industries student newsletter, according to Edwin Tocker, president.

Tonight on WDFM

Time	Program
7:16	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Marquee Memories
8:00	Behind the Lectern
9:00	BBC Weekly
9:15	News
9:30	Virtuosos
10:30	Sign Off