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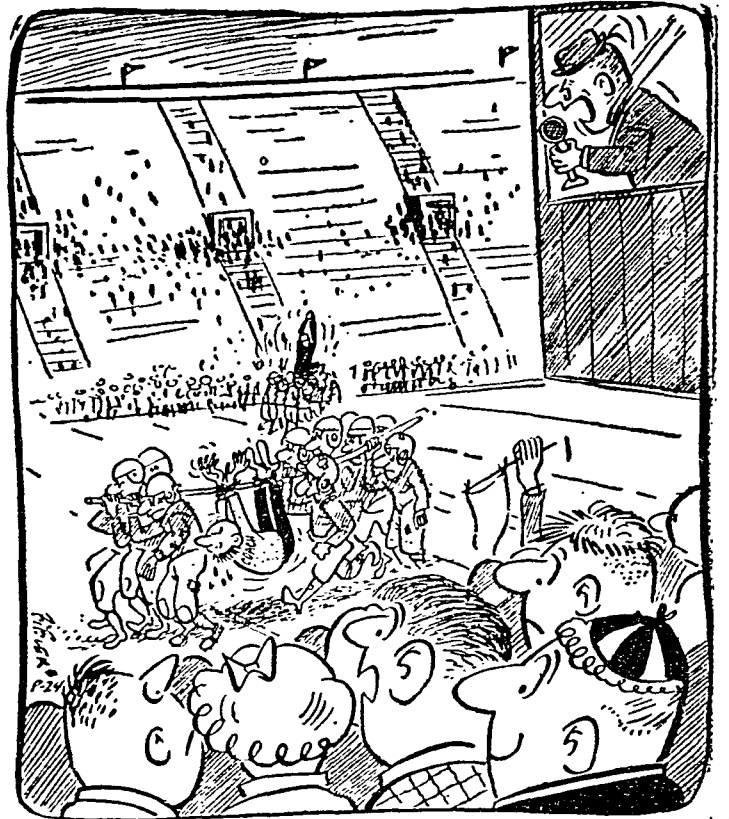
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Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"An' now th' losing coach comes off th' field on th' shoulders of ..."

Political Parties On the Way Out?

At last it's been brought to the floor of Cabinet!

Something many people have thought about, wondered about and even said (in an offhand manner) has at last been put forth as a concrete resolution before the supreme student governing body, All-University Cabinet.

We've seen many suggestions on the subject. One says let's revise them. Another echoes let's revise them radically (even). Someone else says let's give them more power. Then some say let's take some power away from them.

But at last it has come right out into the open. Someone has said what others have wanted to say for quite some time: Let's do away with political parties completely!

This recommendation made to Cabinet Thursday night by Rosetta Kearney, Leonides president, took most people aback. It was quite stunning to say the least. It was made even more shocking because of the fact that various other ways to make political parties and elections more effective (or something) were being bandied around. Then out of a clear, blue sky Miss Kearney asks that they consider doing away with these objects of much debate (and at times, disgust and scorn).

One might think that these student leaders would adopt this suggestion and save all the trouble of thinking of new ways to make political parties more effective. However, they did not seem to be hysterically happy with it.

Since it was merely a suggestion, it passed and will now go along with the rest of the recommendations to the Elections Committee and the clique chairmen for consideration.

Now, it seems that this suggestion stands little chance of ever being followed this year. There are at least two students on campus who are not in favor of it. They are, of course, the clique chairmen of either party. We feel quite sure there are others, too, but these two would yell loudest and longest if political parties went out the window.

Miss Kearney gave several reasons for wanting to junk Campus and Lion. One was that they never do anything between fall elections and the following spring elections. To this we can only say that we aren't sure what else there is for them to do. However, there must be something.

Another reason was that very few students are interested in them. However, it has been

said, and often, that very few students are interested in Cabinet (possible subject for the pollsters?) but no one has suggested that we do away with Cabinet (yet).

Miss Kearney also stated her view that political parties appeal mostly to the fraternities for the vote. On the front of it, this seems like a stupid move, doesn't it? There are more independents than fraternity men. Perhaps the clique chairmen figure it would be easier to contact and try to persuade 2500 men rather than 6000 men. If the parties are guilty of this kind of "smart" politics, then perhaps Miss Kearney has something.

Seriously, not many people feel we have seen the last of political parties. We seriously doubt that Thomas Hollander or Byron LaVan (for all you "uninformed" students these are the clique chairmen of the political parties—we'll let you match the personality with the party) are losing much sleep over the whole proposal.

Political parties are somewhat of an institution at Penn State. However, it must be remembered that another age-old institution we have here is Freshman customs. Freshman customs at one time lasted for the greater part of the academic year. Now they last a week. Perhaps the time is not so far away when there will be "Freshman Customs Day."

Likewise, the day may be not so far away when there will be no political parties and the elections will be run by the Elections Committee (another suggestion of Miss Kearney).

The Elections Committee is a generally unbiased competent group that knows, presumably, all there is to know about elections. It is quite conceivable that they could handle practically all aspects of elections. Some people, closely affiliated with political parties say they do that very thing right now.

We would not like to see this happen. Despite past performances of political parties (and they have not all been bad) and only looking to general democratic principles we think students should be able to have their own political parties which bring out realistic platforms and which set up a good competitive political rivalry here. This has been lacking in the recent past.

We leave the students and especially the clique chairmen with one reminder: "Enjoy yourselves during the fall elections; it may be later than you think."

—The Editor

Is There a Doctor In the House?

This year's "How To Look Silly" contest is fast becoming a one-team race and All-University Cabinet is running away from the field.

Week after week, the highest legislative body in student government does its utmost to resemble the northernmost end of a donkey running south.

Irritated by the lackadaisical attitude of the majority of Cabinet's members, All-University President Robert Bahrenburg told the members Thursday night they should do more talking and take a bigger interest in Cabinet's business, rather than do nothing more than sit on the hard, wooden chairs in 203 Hetzel Union.

We digress a minute to express the opinion that Bahrenburg is a very intelligent and interested All-University president. Unfortunately, he is saddled with the exact opposite qualities in most Cabinet members.

Coinciding with Bahrenburg's not-to-gentle prod Thursday night, was another idea by the depressed president. He sprinkled the six or seven interested members among the great majority of "unthinkers" in hopes of breathing life into the dead wood.

The results of this plan must have been exceedingly exasperating to the president. For Cabinet had no sooner started discussing the first matter of business for the night, then its members started assuming that "Northernmost" look.

The discussion centered about a proposal that Cabinet offer a room and board scholarship to a foreign student so he could spend an academic year of study at the University. The University in turn would pay for the student's tuition and fees.

The proposal clearly explained that the for-

eign student would be a "student leader". The purpose of the plan was to offer the opportunity to foreign students to see how American university student governments work, then report back to his native school where leadership "is at a premium."

Here are some of the better questions Cabinet members asked:

Judith Hance, president of Education Student Council: "Would he be eligible for an elected student position such as junior class president?" (If the student is going to be at the University one year, then how can he run for offices whose terms overlap from one year to the next, Miss Hance?)

Samuel Moyer, freshman class president: "Do we have a choice of a boy or girl?" (Does a student leader's sex really matter, Mr. Moyer?)

Dion Weissend, Athletic Association president: "Isn't this charity? Why don't we give a scholarship to a foreign student already on campus?" (If you had been listening, Mr. Weissend, you would have known that the purpose of the idea is to get a foreign student leader who could take the information back to his student organization. Rare is the foreign student on campus who is in student government at his native university. More than likely, he is here for four years, and won't report anything back to his country about student government.)

And on and on went the ridiculous questions. This type of discussion is not rare. It happens at every Cabinet meeting. Looking at Cabinet, we don't think it would be wise to bring a foreign student leader here.

He would only find that student leaders here are also "at a premium."

—Larry Jacobson

Borough Airport Good Idea

The Borough's authorization for the building of a modern all-weather, 24-hour-a-day airport is indeed a wise and long-awaited decision.

With the hundreds of foreign and out-of-state students, such a convenience will greatly aid in their transportation problems.

The closest airport—in Philipsburg—is far enough away to deter students from flying home. The only way to get to Philipsburg is by taxi.

The growth of the University is drawing more national, state and even foreign speakers to our campus. Of this we are proud, but when we realize the difficult way some of them travel in getting here we feel deficient.

If the University decides to go along with the Borough and Bellefonte in building the proposed all-weather airport, it will have the advantage of using the airport's facilities for research and aid in many of its curriculums.

However, if the University does not assist in the new project, the "far-traveling" students

will still have the advantage of near-by air transportation.

While on the subject of transportation, in and out of State College, the need of a railroad station nearer to the University than Lewis-town may be the next proposal.

We won't say that it's more needed than an airport, because the latter has two potential uses—transportation and curriculum study—but a train also would help the students. This would eliminate having to take a bus or car, or hitchhike the 30 miles to Lewis-town—and, most of all, it would be less expensive.

The increasing enrollment at the University and a lack of adequate transportation facilities will soon inevitably require a more complete transportation service in and out of State College.

This week the Borough has taken the first step in combating this inadequacy. We recognize with favor its move.

—Lil Junas

'Round the Rim

A Fable— Apologies to Aesop

By BECKY ZAHM

Once upon a time in the heart of deepest, darkest Africa there lived a thriving community of animals. The community had a quite well-organized social structure and every animal in some way took part in community affairs.

The cheerful little monkeys were in charge of cultural aspects and they worked diligently to present dramatic pre-

sentations, concerts and art exhibitions. The entire jungle community appreciated the results of their efforts and the monkeys enjoyed much prestige among their fellow animals.

The tough-skinned lumbering elephants served a two-fold capacity for the junglefolk. They were in charge of both community construction and intra-jungle transportation. Daily they labored to keep the jungle habitat in order and to clear jungle trails for the other animals. They spoke very little, but did their work quite competently. For this they were much esteemed by their fellow-animals.

The alert shrewd cheetahs were all members of the Omega Cheetah Police Patrol. Daily they patrolled the community to maintain law and order within the realm. They also sponsored the Cheetah Charity Ball which was the social event of jungle society. Needless to say, the cheetahs had a prominent position in their community.

Another group in the jungle which performed a very important function was the parrots. They ran Parrot Press Incorporated which put out The Daily Jungle Journal. Also in the publications field a jungle humor magazine "Sloth" was published occasionally by a family of immigrant sloths from South America. These groups, along with all the other animals who helped with the jungle communications were respected highly by their fellow-animals.

There were many other groups too numerous to mention who greatly contributed to and aided community life. Each group appreciated and acknowledged the contributions of the others.

However, there was one group which had great difficulty in performing the job which had been cut out for it to do. This group was composed of the lions who served as lords of the jungle and were in charge of jungle government.

This council of lords spent hour after hour debating the problem of making jungle government more effective. They also were vastly alarmed that so few of the junglefolk participated in jungle government and also that the jungle inhabitants were not more aware of the position and prestige

of jungle government. They did not realize that all the other groups in the jungle were not actively in jungle government because these groups devoted all of their time in doing their own jobs and doing them well.

For example, the monkeys received much attention and interest in their cultural aspects projects because they were done well. There was 'standing room only' at their musical production of "My Fair Monkey," and the applause at the end roared through the jungle.

All the other jungle groups received the same reward for their labors—except the lions. And for all we know they may still be arguing for hours on "How to Make Jungle Government More Effective."

The Moral—Good Work Is Its Own Best Publicity Agent.

WSGA Lists Frosh Schedule For Screening

The Women's Student Government Association will begin committee screening at 12:30 p.m. today in 203 Hetzel Union.

Two freshmen will be screened at each designated time. Sophomores will be screened at a later date.

Marilyn Crowell, Barbara Hodge, 12:30; Rozanne Freidlander, Susana Gourley, 12:35; LaVorne Kraynek, Serena Rashid, 12:40; Marion Takosky, Shirley Myers, 12:45; Marcia Griffin, Janet McHugh, 12:50; Joan Bransdorf, Eleanor Foerst, 12:55.

Anne Bickel, Barbara Stewart, 1:00; Judith Sapper, Helen E. Jones, 1:05; Kathryn Groves, Barbara Krzynowek, 1:10; Josephine Rider, Winifred Grab, 1:15; Nancy Chonoski, Maryanne Dawson, 1:20; Susan Borchers, Linda Hartman, 1:25; Sheila Miller, Harriet Ruff, 1:30; Karin Guidner, Barbara Stohr, 1:35. Gladys Eroh, Louise Potkonaki, 1:40; Jean Wilson, Carole Berrier, 1:45; Barbara Jacques, Janet Thompson, 1:50; Alice George, Carolyn Rush, 1:55; Patricia Yeger, Mary Lou Becker, 2:00.

Susan Sunderland, Margaret Maxwell, 2:05; Maren Mack, Suzanne Keener, 2:10; Susan Graham, Georgann Boll, 2:15; Judith Klank, Elizabeth Blythe, 2:20; Judith Zimmerman, Jessie Janjarian, 2:25; Judith Schindehette, Diane Morrocco, 2:30; Barbara Beamer, Nancy Bollenbacher, 2:35; Dorothea Harma, Marilyn Roberts, 2:40; Wendy Moran, Mary Alice Wolfe, 2:45; Elizabeth Canter, Carol Wilson, 2:50; Kay Donald, Betty Mae Thomas, 2:55; Garnet Glover, Marcia Frederico, 3:00; Barbara Martino, 3:10.