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Are Literary Efforts in Vain?

It seems to be the opinion of many student leaders that one way to inject more culture into the Penn State scene is to have a real good "cultural" literary magazine.

We get this idea from the liberal sprinkling of recommendations in the report of the Encampment workshop on communications and Health Service which refer to this topic.

We are not sure whether or not the people who drafted this report are satisfied with the present campus literary publication—Lantern—but from the suggestions proposed to Cabinet last week we think they must not be.

Literary magazines have come and gone on this campus after varied periods of service. One we can remember from the dim past was Inking. Another, Pivot, a poetry magazine, still manages to publish once or twice a year, with one or two people doing practically the entire job.

These literary publications just don't seem to get going here.

Why is this? Could it be because Penn State students are not interested in the original literary products of their peers. This might account for the lack of support.

Could the lack of participation be attributed to a dearth of writing talent on a campus of 12,000? Surely this can not be true.

The Encampment committee appealed for help in the matter to everyone from Collegian

to the English department (and that's quite a contrast.) Their interest seemed to be in getting students from all nine colleges to contribute to the would-be literary magazine.

In the past the majority of the literary writers here came from the College of the Liberal Arts. The majority of these people being English composition majors or something of the sort.

This has been a sore spot in past years whenever a literary magazine was trying to gain an established spot along with Froth among the reading habits of the student body. There just didn't seem to be enough students interested in taking the time to write for a literary publication.

So now a campaign of sorts may be starting to get another literary venture (besides Lantern) going again. Perhaps an appeal will be made (this time more vigorously, maybe) for students to support a literary magazine.

If and when this happens, we would strongly urge any students who have any inclination at all toward literary expression to go out for this magazine. Even if you don't join the staff you might submit articles for publication.

This is a way to get culture to Penn State. A small way, perhaps, but it is a step in the right direction. Community Concert has improved over last year. Maybe there's hope for a literary magazine, too.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

Fault-Finders Blasted

TO THE EDITOR: It has long been an established fact that one of the easiest things to do is to find fault; a harder task is an attempt to correct these faults.

In Saturday's Collegian the Editor commented on a recommendation made by a member of All-University Cabinet that political parties be abolished from the scene of student government here at Penn State. This recommendation, like so many other recommendations concerning political parties, shows a lack of foresight and little interest in student government.

My reasons for saying this are simple. First of all, without a system similar to our present two-party setup we would virtually eliminate our democratic principle of free choice and opportunity. Miss Kearney suggests that we leave the job up to the Elections Committee. Can we expect a committee of nine to capably select 30 candidates a year? Would not such a procedure bring about the greatest spoils system we have ever seen at Penn State? As we know it now approximately 700 people each semester have the final word in the selection of these candidates, and everyone has the opportunity to be nominated in either of the two parties. Why, Miss Kearney, do you suggest that a committee of nine replace a group of 700?

Secondly, if political parties are felt to be so lacking, the solution certainly isn't one of abolishment. We have already noted that without these organizations student government would lose one of its most effective ties with the student body. The solution to this problem requires that the people finding fault come down off their pedestals, roll up their sleeves, and pitch in to help correct it. This is the test of a person really interested in student government; anyone can find fault. If you have a good suggestion concerning political parties their respective clique chairmen will be more than glad to listen to you.

It is my humble suggestion as we approach another election period that we all go into the fight with a little bit of faith. Maybe if we all get behind our political parties we will someday see a student government that we all dream of, but we will never see this reality if all we can do is criticize one another.

—Jack McMeekin

Ed. Note: McMeekin, a senior in business administration, is a former clique chairman and co-founder of Campus Party.

Bad Attitude at Cabinet?

TO THE EDITOR: There has recently grown up among members of All-University Cabinet an attitude which seems to me both alarming and invalid. This is the attitude that student govern-

Lion's Den Action

We were pleased yesterday to learn that members of the administration have their eyes and ears open to student opinion.

The closing hour for the Lion's Den in the Hetzel Union Building were changed from 10:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for Friday and Saturday nights. When the department of Food Service changed the hours from the original 11:30 p.m. there was student opposition from some quarters such as the Association of Independent Men. This opposition was brought forth at a meeting last week. Already the administration has acted upon it.

By returning the closing hour to 11:30 p.m. for these two nights the department has pleased a great number of students.

We feel the decision was a wise one and respect the cooperative spirit exercised by the administration. We hope that in other cases in the future they will remain as receptive to student opinion as they seemed to be in this instance.

—Sue Conklin

ment is completely divorced from any other form of government or political system and any conclusions drawn from other governmental or political systems are ipso facto invalid.

The most elementary inquiry into government and political thought will show that all governments have or have had common problems and continuing questions. Even the most ill-versed and politically naive upon the briefest examination can readily see that Plato faced fundamentally the same problems as did Rousseau, Locke, Madison, and our contemporary political leaders. Their writing and thoughts are valuable to us because they define issues and present solutions to questions of a continuing nature.

For example, the problem of legislative checks and judicial review are common to all governments. The complete disregard of past lessons and conclusions in these questions including the American experiment, is hardly advisable for any governmental body.

The phrase, "but student government is different," is more of an excuse than it is a considered observation itself. Shallow thinking may be recommended to those Cabinet members whose normative is no thought at all, but hardly recommended in lieu of serious consideration. I feel certain that the American constitution and the political system embodied therein is of value in considering questions of student government structure.

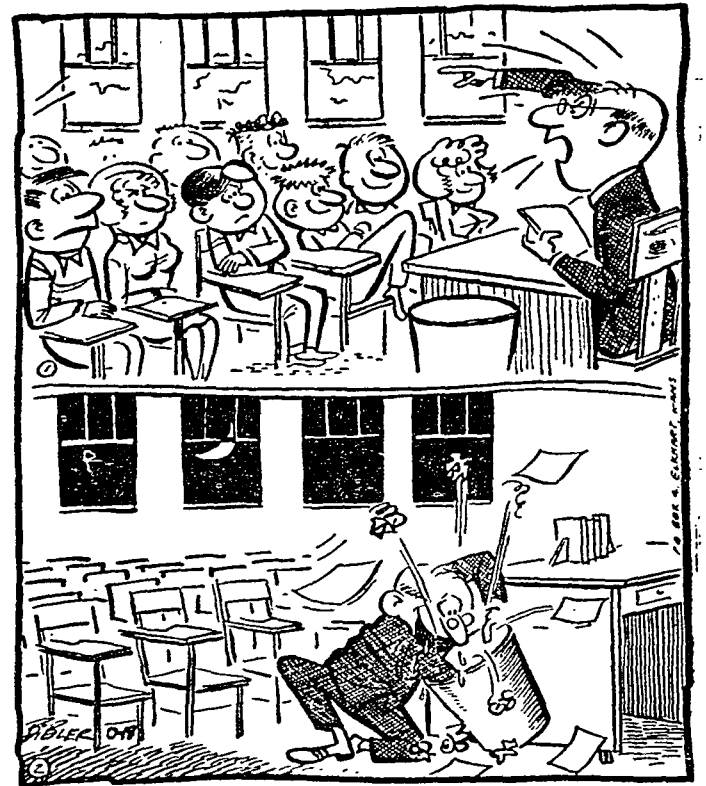
But perhaps I do not possess the enlightenment and sophistication of some Cabinet members who find the study of government irrelevant and unnecessary in view of their own supreme and unlimited knowledge of student affairs.

—Thomas Dye

Gazette

- Tonight**
- CARD SECTION REPRESENTATIVES, 8:15, 233 Sparks
 - ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY (class A uniforms), 7:30, Alpha Chi Rho
 - EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30, 214 HUB
 - BRIDGE CLUB, 6:30-9:30, HUB Cardroom
 - INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 7:30, 108 Willard
 - BLUE KEY, 10 p.m., Phi Epsilon Pi
 - DELTA SIGMA PI BUSINESS MEETING, 7 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi
 - DELTA SIGMA PI RUSHING SMOKER, 8 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi
 - ALL-UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m., 6 Carnegie
 - WOMEN'S JUDICIAL, 5:00, 212 HUB
 - COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7:00, 216 Sparks
 - NEWMAN CLUB MOVIE, 6:45-9:15, Assembly Room, HUB
- Wednesday**
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7:00, 104 Chapel
 - ANGEL FLIGHT BUSINESS MEETING, (full uniform), 7:30, 315 Willard
 - STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:00, Living Center
 - PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30, 203 HUB
 - GAMMA SIGMA PLEDGES, 6:30, HUB Assembly Hall
 - MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 8:10 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Meditation Chapel
 - MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi
 - PI MU EPSILON, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
 - AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING CLUB PICNIC, 5:15 p.m., New Holland Cabin
 - IFC WORKSHOP CHAIRMEN (attendance mandatory), 6:30 p.m., 104 Willard
- University Hospital**
- Barbara Barakker, David Beebe, Emil Caprara, Beth Ca.ry, Dominick Giovinazzo, Joshua Lederberg, Richard Ormsby, Harry Ozman, Victor Shultz

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"OK, in the back row—let's have the 'girlie' magazine up here in this basket."

Interpreting the News

Scientific Advances Confusing Public

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Scientific advances are constantly increasing the number of fields in which the lay public cannot be sufficiently informed to pass judgments, and nuclear physics is chief among them.

Although some of them have strong opinions, the scientists themselves don't know what may be the ultimate effects

of H-bomb tests. Asking the public to pass on what should be done about them can only create confusion.

Injection of this issue into the current political campaign has caused the Eisenhower administration to issue a new statement on the subject which has distrust of Russia as its outstanding theme.

This distrust is nothing new. To keep repeating it officially, however, contributes to international tension.

The government's reply to Stevenson's suggestion for a ban on the tests is that it cannot be done safely without a system of checks on what other countries do with nuclear materials.

Otherwise Russia would prepare new nuclear weapons over a period of months or years, and then test them in readiness for war, or for imposition of her will by overwhelming power. If the tests didn't work nobody would know, and if they did she would be far ahead in the race for power.

This is not such a slap at Russia as it may seem. It is something which would have to be considered if atomic weapons were believed to be held only by supposedly friendly powers.

But the Soviets are very sensitive, and will not overlook the implications as they negotiate in other matters, such as the Middle Eastern situation.

Just why Stevenson made the topic a campaign issue is not too clear, except as an effort to show that President Eisenhower, relying heavily for public support on his efforts for peace, has not done as much in that field as he might have.

The H-bomb tests have become quite a world issue. They have not, however, stirred up any great debate in the United States. Most people seem willing to let the experts decide what is necessary. Indeed, the principal reaction seems to be that foreign critics, especially those who have no experience with atomic bombs, should mind their own business. There doesn't seem to be any pool of votes involved.

The argument has been much fiercer in Britain, where the government takes the attitude that it would be nice if the tests could be

stopped, but that it must go forward as long as other governments do.

Russia, which talks constantly of a ban, shows not the slightest signs of stopping her own tests, or of accepting any sort of check-up on her uses of nuclear materials.

LaVie Lists Photo Schedule

The schedule for fraternity group pictures for the 1957 LaVie has been released by Jay Tolson, scheduling editor.

The complete schedule:

- Oct. 9—6:45, Delta Sigma Lambda; 7:00, Delta Sigma Phi; 7:15, Lambda Chi Alpha; 7:30, Phi Kappa Sigma; 7:45, Delta Upsilon; 8:00, Kappa Alpha Psi; 8:15, Kappa Delta Rho; 8:30, Kappa Sigma.
- Oct. 10—6:45, Delta Tau Delta; 7:00, Phi Delta Theta; 7:15, Phi Epsilon Pi; 7:30, Phi Gamma Delta; 7:45, Phi Kappa; 8:00, Phi Kappa Psi; 8:15, Delta Theta Sigma; 8:30, Phi Kappa Tau.
- Oct. 11—6:45, Phi Mu Delta; 7:00, Phi Sigma Delta; 7:15, Theta Chi; 7:30, Sigma Pi Sigma Upsilon; 7:45, Pi Kappa Alpha; 8:00, Pi Kappa Phi; 8:15, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; 8:30, Pi Lambda Phi.
- Oct. 16—6:45, Sigma Alpha Mu; 7:00, Sigma Chi; 7:15, Theta Chi; 7:30, Sigma Phi Alpha; 7:45, Sigma Phi Epsilon; 8:00, Theta Xi; 8:15, Tau Kappa Epsilon; 8:30, Tau Phi Delta.
- Oct. 17—6:45, Sigma Nu; 7:00, Theta Delta Chi; 7:15, Theta Kappa Phi; 7:30, Sigma Pi; 7:45, Triangle; 8:00, Zeta Beta Tau; 8:15, Alpha Phi Delta; 8:30, Acania.
- Oct. 18—6:45, Alpha Chi Rho; 7:00, Alpha Chi Sigma; 7:15, Alpha Epsilon Pi; 7:30, Alpha Gamma Rho; 7:45, Alpha Rho Chi; 8:00, Alpha Sigma Phi; 8:15, Alpha Tau Omega; 8:30, Alpha Zeta.
- Oct. 23—6:45, Beaver House; 7:00, Beta Sigma Rho; 7:15, Beta Theta Pi; 7:30, Chi Phi; 7:45, Delta Chi.

Interviews Posted For Angel Flight

Sophomore and junior women who have registered for Angel Flight tryouts have been asked to check the bulletin board at the Armory today to see what time their interviews are to be held.

The interviews will be held tomorrow and Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. in 1 and 2 Armory.

Interviewees should wear heels, hose, and tailored dresses or suits.

A tea will be held Tuesday for those who pass the first screening. The final screening will take place October 18.