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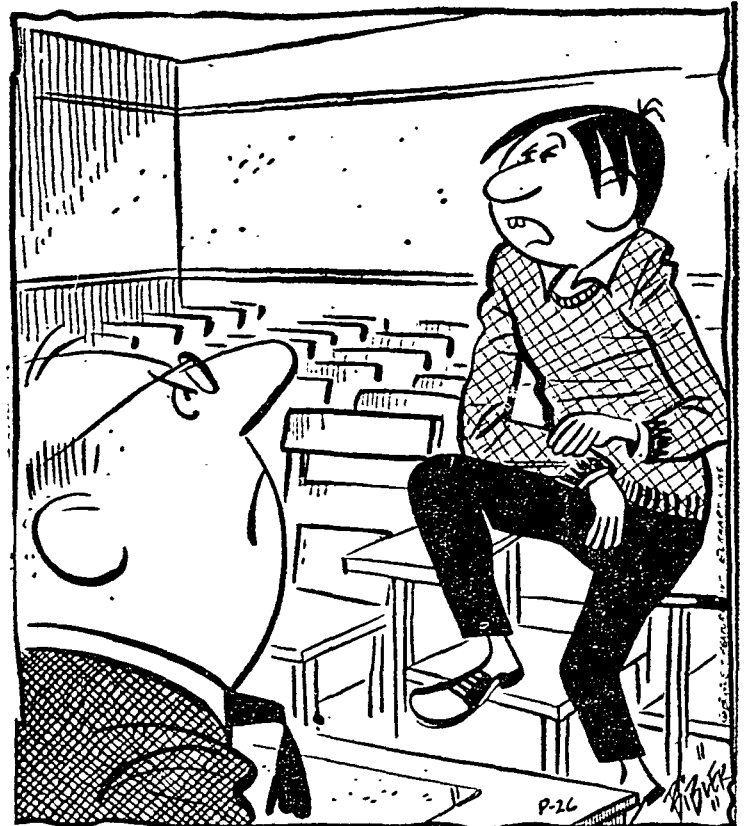
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## Little Man on Campus by Biblei



"So I haven't been coming to class - why can't I get credit for this as a correspondence course?"

## Much Ado About Nothing

If it weren't for Supreme Court we wonder what All-University Cabinet would have to do all year. Fortunately, this important (?) issue has served the group from being labeled "do-nothings."

Last night's Cabinet meeting was all Supreme Court. As a matter of fact it was the lone agenda item for the second consecutive meeting. However, everyone knows that the Supreme Court issue is of such earth-shattering importance that all the long hours of debate are well worth the effort.

There is one aspect of this issue which no one has yet brought up. We wonder how student governments of the past (before last year) ever managed to get along without some sort of group to pass judgment on legislation. It's amazing how the hardy souls made their student government stick together.

But last year some wise student leader (or leaders) came up with the idea that perhaps students were dissatisfied with Cabinet legislation and needed an outlet for their gripes. Thus Supreme Court came onto the scene.

Well, the response from the students was tremendous. During the course of the year a grand total of three cases was heard and decided upon by the court, made up of the senior members of Judicial and Tribunal.

This year Cabinet pretty generally agreed (wonder of wonders) that the court was not a good one and that we needed a more effective group. So they named a committee (naturally) to come up with something new and different. Other persons worked on the job individually but these plans were vetoed by Cabinet. The committee's suggestion—a 32-member court which was too bulky and was founded on poor democratic principle—received acceptance for two weeks running but last night got the brush-off. This may have been because they had something more interesting to consider, namely a proposed five-member court brought up by Lion party.

No matter what prompted last night's vote Cabinet now has last year's Supreme Court in effect. The one nobody wants. It would be a laughable situation indeed if some sharpie

brought up a case to go before Supreme Court tomorrow. We wonder what hasty procedures would be used to rule him out of order. Or would his case be heard?

Although it isn't real good, the Lion party court seems to have definite merit. It is one of the better ones to come along so far. This is not much of a compliment, however.

It is difficult to see how anyone can try to get a decent Supreme Court by clearly defining qualifications such as "judicially-minded" element, "well-informed" element or "activities" element. These were terms used by Byron LaVan, Lion party clique chairman, to set out what a judicial body should have. This cannot be done.

Since when does any court member need such a vast knowledge of student affairs. If the case is clearly explained by both sides, any student could sit in judgment. This business of being "judicially-minded" or "well-informed" is nothing but a lot of bunk.

The main criticism of the proposal, however, is that there seems to be a lot of wasted effort going into something which will be little used. The courts, both Superior and Supreme, will accept only cases of constitutionality. We feel quite sure that the number of students who are familiar enough with any constitution to bring a case before the Supreme Court are few indeed.

Of the number who are well-enough informed, the number who take the effort to do so is even smaller. So, the whole bureaucratic mess is unnecessary.

So, we are left wondering how in the world past student bodies got along without a Supreme Court. Is it possible? Or were the others just superhuman and superior in every way to the student body today. We doubt that they were.

If you will look back on the Cabinet record of this year thus far you will find that not very much legislation has been passed! It would be a tough task to find anything to call unconstitutional this year. It is becoming more and more apparent that this great ado is being made over . . . NOTHING.

—The Editor

## Cabinet Backtracks Five Weeks

After almost two hours of political and parliamentary haggling last night, All-University Cabinet is still left with the same old shoe—the same Supreme Court that started out the year.

Perhaps if the group works hard for the next five weeks they can find a court which will please everyone. We doubt it, however, because every one has his own opinion and seems unwilling to compromise.

Cabinet made several mistakes in handling the Supreme Court issue. The first and greatest mistake was that it did not use wisely the committee which it set up specifically for the purpose of reorganizing the constitution. The committee was an excellent idea and it should have been used to the extent that all proposals for a new court system would have come to Cabinet through it.

Setting up a new court system is a complicated and technical matter. Cabinet, so far, has handled it like a child's playtoy. We think that Cabinet could have saved itself a great deal of trouble and some embarrassment if it had heard all the suggestions for a new court from the committee.

Both Joseph Hartnett, senior class president, and Byron LaVan, Lion party clique chairman, have presented individual plans to Cabinet in addition to the suggestion of the committee to abolish the court and another plan to keep and modify it. Had all of the plans been worked out in the committee first, each one could have been presented to Cabinet in a finished form. Much of the argument which has taken place on the floor of Cabinet during the past several weeks could have been cleared up in a more expedient manner by having the committee chairman present the plan, or plans.

Had Cabinet put the plans through the committee, it would have avoided the situation, embarrassing at best, in which it found itself last night. The session could be divided easily

into two parts—a question and answer period and a parliamentary melee.

The question and answer session, in spite of frequent interruptions by the chair, consisted to a large extent of reiteration. The same points were hashed out over and over bringing members of Cabinet no nearer a solution to their problem. Such debate was a waste of time for Cabinet members, who, having been elected by the student body, haven't the ethical right to waste time.

The discussion got so far out of hand at one point that a student in the audience who was yielded the floor used language which was entirely out of place at a Cabinet meeting. The student had nothing new to offer to the discussion and only served to put a poor light on the meeting. We hope that in the future students in the audience will show more respect for Cabinet members of the administration who attend the meetings, and other visitors.

The parliamentary melee to which we refer was concerned with the voting procedure to be followed on the two proposals for a new court. Questions were thrown at the chair in a haphazard manner. Few, we think, stopped to consider just what could be done within the bounds of parliamentary law. Cabinet even went so far as to vote on whether it should vote on the Supreme Court recommendation which has been before it for three weeks now. The first was unnecessary; Cabinet had to vote on the amendment.

Also unnecessary were the misunderstandings and arguments which occurred near the end of the meeting. They were caused because members did not stop to think before they spoke.

We hope the next meeting will show an improvement. Last night's Cabinet meeting was not up to par with the other sessions which have been held this year. We hope next week will see Cabinet back on its feet again.

—Sue Conklin

## Gazette

Today INTERLANDIA FOLK DANCES "SLAVIC NIGHT," 7:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8:00 p.m., Hittell Foundation

University Hospital Gary Bankes, Roland Dauber, Thornton Grove, Philip Hagen, Robert McCarron, Denis Milke, Andrew Moconyi, Dean Moyer, William Mullenaus, Anthony Natale, Stephen Polaski, James Thodes, Kenneth Ring, Paul Shaw.

### Women's Hat Society Plans 'Winter Fantasy'

Cwens, sophomore women's hat society, will hold a "Winter Fantasy" fashion show and bridge party at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house.

### Taffy Pull Will Be Held

A taffy pull will be held at 7:30 tonight by the Lutheran Student Association at the Student Center. Fashions from a borough clothing store will be shown. A coed from each sorority will model.

### Ag Club to Hear Huber

Dr. Lawrence L. Huber, professor of agronomy, will speak at a meeting of the Clover Club at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at Alpha Gamma Rho. His topic will be "What's New in Corn."

### Interpreting the News

## Two Developments Seen Easing Crisis

By J. M. ROBERTS

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Two interdependent developments which will ease the crisis caused by the Anglo-French-Israeli invasion of Egypt now seem likely within the next two weeks.

Britain and France, after protesting all over the place that they intervened in the Middle East to stop a war which they had actually helped promote, are yielding slowly—to preserve their domestic political situations at home—to UN pressure for withdrawal of their troops.

In return, the United States is going to help them get the oil needed to preserve their economies against the consequences of their own act.

A good many Britishers have attributed American reluctance to supply them with oil to a desire to punish them for going into Egypt against Washington's wishes. This is incorrect.

It would, however, have been incongruous for the United States to act officially in condemnation of the act while at the same time acting to alleviate its consequences. This would only have served to further complicate Western relationships with the Middle East, and might have endangered America's own oil interests there.

The big point about United States willingness to help Western Europe out of the oil shortage is not simply the supply of oil, which private companies have gone ahead to arrange, but the credit with which to pay for it. By having to pay cash dollars for oil, the Allies would have endangered economic systems which America has been at great pains to support for 10 years.

Britain and France are still demanding some assurances of Suez Canal settlement before they leave it to the care of the UN Emergency Force. By doing so, they clearly reveal their original motive for the unlovely and unlucky adventure in which they have been involved. But you can expect to see a gradual retreat on this point, too, since the United Nations is definitely not of a temper to be used by the two powers.

As to settlements, Britain and France may as well recognize now that they will not be able to sit in the councils as members with clean hands.

On the other hand, the United States has preserved its position as mediator, and intends to do so in whatever it does about the oil supply.

Unfortunately, the use of force by Britain and France to back their diplomatic plays against Egypt has served to obscure the use of force by Egypt's Nasser

to back his own political plays. Consideration of his provocations will come back into the picture when slugging has passed out of it.

## Coeds to Enter 'Novice' Debate

Four coeds who have never before performed in a college debate will leave for Philadelphia today to participate in the Temple novice debate tournament this weekend.

The topic is the national debate topic Resolved: "That the United States should discontinue direct economic aid to all foreign countries."

Carol Reed and Carol Renner will be the affirmative speakers. Gail Bentley and Virginia Fitzmartin will argue the negation. They will debate four rounds against four of the 35 colleges and universities attending.

Clayton Schug, professor of public speaking, is the debate coach. William Hamilton, assistant professor of speech, will accompany the team, which will return Sunday.

## 6 Talks Planned By Westinghouse

Speakers from Westinghouse Corp. will present a series of six lectures on reactors during December and January.

The series, sponsored by the nuclear science and engineering program, will begin tomorrow and continue with lectures on Dec. 8, 15, and 22 and Jan. 5 and 12.

The lectures will be presented from 8 a.m. to noon in 119 Osmond and are open to the public.

## Grad Group to Hold Craft Sale Tomorrow

Art education graduate students will sponsor a craft sale from 7 to 10 tonight and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow in 105 Temporary.

Funds from the sale of pottery, jewelry, weaving, prints, and sketches will be used to purchase exhibition material for the art education department.