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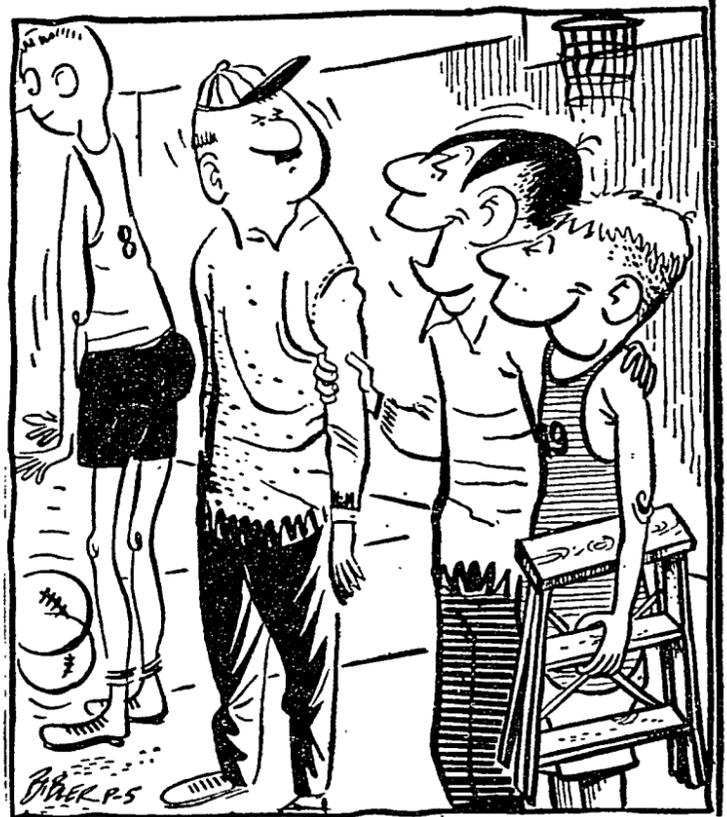
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Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"He don't look like much coach—but you should see Eddie here go after those rebounds."

Cabinet Puts Cart Before Horse

All-University Cabinet is putting the cart before the horse. The organization on campus which is notorious for haggling over procedural matter and doing little in a productive direction is now attempting to put out a newsletter to publicize its doings.

Cabinet, Thursday night, tabled a plan for a public relations committee. The purpose of the committee would be to publicize activities and student government information. The plan also calls for a monthly newsletter and the establishment of an office for a personal dissemination of information. The report also mentions that the committee would be able to take polls or conduct questionnaires among the students, faculty, administration, University employees and town residents. The results of the polls would be available to Cabinet members, according to the report.

We think that it is unnecessary in many aspects for Cabinet to attempt to publicize further what it does. It would be trying to disseminate the information to the general student body and to students who are active in student government. We think that the student body would be little interested in information in any more detail than it now gets the news from The Daily Collegian.

By the time a newsletter was distributed much of the information would be outdated. In straw readership polls which only roughly indicate opinion, we have found that students have little interest in student government or news stories about it. We doubt if the students would want additional information. Student government now receives more news play than any other activity. Student government material is poorly read, we think, because so little of the news material affects the student.

We think it would also be useless to try to educate student government personnel to any greater degree. Generally speaking, these students are either informed or have no desire to be informed. They certainly have no trouble under the present system to obtain information about student government.

We also think that the plan is impractical in

some ways. If such a committee plans to disseminate information about student government and other activities, the members of the committee would have to be highly organized. They would have to set up an activity coverage system which would be comparable to that of Collegian. It would take time and effort on the part of several students to publish such a newsletter which would, in effect, merely duplicate what Collegian prints.

The suggestion for taking frequent polls and conducting questionnaires is also impractical to a great extent. Taking polls to get results that are accurate and informative requires a great deal of professional knowledge. It is certainly a job which requires a certain knowledge and skill, and is not one that should be handled by student government.

We would also like to question the final outcome of such a committee. We would predict that the committee would waste a great deal of time, effort and money. The money could far better be spent in other areas. We would also predict that eventually the newsletter would merely copy from the Collegian.

We also question how Cabinet hopes to get better coverage of its functions from people who have no training in the somewhat technical job of reporting. Students working for the Collegian receive two and three years training on the paper in addition to numerous journalism courses before they are assigned the Cabinet beat.

Another point which Cabinet may have overlooked is that other governments find it unwise to disseminate their own information; they find it far better to leave this to the press. When a government agency distributes its own information it merely states its own views and does not accurately report the news. We feel that this is a bad policy for any government to accept. It should let its good work be its own publicity. When Cabinet starts doing constructive and important work it will receive all the publicity it needs. Until that time it cannot hope to have an abundance of publicity and student interest.

—Sue Conklin

'Lantern' Making a Comeback

Cheers to the Physical Education and Athletics College for their recent support of The Lantern, the University literary magazine.

Despite its status as "the University literary magazine," the Lantern has heretofore been associated solely with liberal arts students, the Liberal Arts College and the Liberal Arts Student Council. Because of this gross misconception, the Liberal Arts Council has shouldered, almost completely, the responsibility of financing The Lantern. With little more than this backing, the magazine has somehow staggered on—it has even shown some headway.

Encouraged by the upward trend in sales, the Liberal Arts Council recently made a courageous move and allocated \$500 to The Lantern. This was a courageous move in that, minutes before the resolution was adopted, the Council treasurer reported that there was approximately \$400 in the Council treasury.

Some would call the allocation of \$500 from a \$400 budget a foolish gamble. The Council is aware of the risk, but does not consider it a foolish one. By allotting to The Lantern \$500, the Council is making it possible for a record number of 800 copies to be published. If The Lantern sale is successful, the Council will be repaid and the way towards future expansion and development of the magazine will be conceivable.

Judging from past records, the Council feels

that The Lantern will be successful. Last spring 560 of the 600 copies published were sold, and this fall the demand for The Lantern surpassed the supply. With such a good record based on so little outside help, The Lantern should have many other patrons. The Liberal Arts Council hoped that its initial move would set off a series of similar moves in other councils, hat societies and organizations. So far, the opportunity to give has not been thoroughly exploited—perhaps, because of a lack of publicity about the movement.

Well, here it is in black and white: The Lantern is a campus publication in need of campus support!

For you raving culture mongers, here is the opportunity to act as well as rave. And to you who claim no literary ties—well, there is no literary twang in the words "physical education and athletics," yet that College Council has contributed \$25, and is, at least, giving The Lantern a chance to prove itself.

This Council, the Liberal Arts Council by all means, and the founding editor, Jackie Hudgins, and this year's editor, Kip Newlin, all deserve recognition for their support and loyalty to a worthy project. It is forces like these which keep the magazine alive, but it takes more than an interested handful to make the magazine a real success.

Let's see more force from a new source!

—Barb Martino

Safety Valve

TIM at Fault

TO THE EDITOR: Miss Pat Evans' recent editorial in Collegian, "TIM: Shape Up," caused me some anguish. Although I hate to admit it, the truth hurts.

This is my second year as an active member of TIM. Never in that time has TIM looked like a really strong organization. Last year there were about 50 members at each of the first few meetings. Then attendance dropped meeting by meeting until toward the end of the year we had to struggle every meeting to get a quorum—a quorum of only 15.

This year history is repeating itself. Eighty or so came to the first few meetings, but now we're lucky to get 20.

It is evident to me that the men downtown are not interested in having a voice in the operation of their organization, other than during elections. It therefore seems advisable to scrap this "pure democracy," which is no democracy at all, and turn to representative government for TIM. If TIM members disagree then they should support the organization as it stands. But if they do not agree with this stand then they should support the change to representative government.

—Raymond David

Open the Door!

TO THE EDITOR: Fourteen years ago last week, 491 people were killed while trying to escape from a fire in the Coconut Grove night club in Boston. The reason for this tremendous number of deaths was that the fire exits were all locked.

A similar catastrophe could very well happen right here on the Penn State campus. We have observed that all of the fire exits in the South Dining Room of Waring Hall, except the main entrance and exit, are locked. The main entrance, however, is locked immediately after serving hours. Then, there is only a three-foot doorway to handle the 200 or more remaining people.

The conditions are more than ripe for a major catastrophe!

This hazardous condition has been called to the attention of Food Service by the West Halls Council. Nothing has been done to remedy it! Must we experience what happened in the Coconut Grove to open the eyes of Food Service or will someone use some "good old common sense?"

—Samuel Alfonsi
Richard Eyerman

University Hospital
Murray Barsky, Paul Bauer, Anna Cavanaugh, Doris Epstein, Thomas Hagerman, Jerome Kleisath, Ada Lizzett, Richard Malone, John Maychowitz, Roy Rasmussen, William Sabatino, William Smallwood, Joseph Smith.

Interpreting the News

Rebels Turn Tables On Red Tormentors

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The workers of Eastern Europe could hardly have turned a more ironic weapon against the Communists than the one they are using—the strike.

That is the weapon the Reds have appropriated as peculiarly their own.

It is the weapon that the workers and youth organizations have been taught to use in the Red revolution. Now it is being used by those same workers and youth organizations in the anti-Red revolution.

Bereft of the arms with which they only succeeded in arousing Russian repression, the Hungarian rebels are making a day to day display of their distaste for Communists and communism.

At the same time they have drawn the Russians into a posture which completely belies their years-long chain to big-brotherhood with workers everywhere.

It is the students and workers of an immediate neighbor who testify that the relationship with Russia which the Kremlin has styled "cooperation" is actually the relationship between slave and master.

In this atmosphere, when she is rattling new chains to replace those the Hungarians were about to break, the Russians accuse the United States of interfering with Eastern European nations.

Like the strike, this tactic of accusing the other fellow of what you are doing yourself is not a Communist invention, but an adoption, and like the strike, it can boomerang.

Unlike the United States, Russia has never been in a position to meet charges against her with an invitation to investigate. While the Communists fight and dodge UN investigation of their deeds in Hungary, the United States can say "Come ahead."

Regardless of the subject, this has been American policy in the UN for so long that you would think the Russians would have learned to avoid the trap.

There was a tendency among some delegations to ignore the Russian charges and not even put them on the agenda, but they could not ignore the American request. They did, however, ignore the Russian request for an early action, which America would have liked.

Now all the United States has to do is sit back and let the other nations compare her intervention in Eastern Europe with Russia's.

Safety Group Re-evaluates Dumping Rules

As the first step in re-examining the University's safety program, a group of eight officials from the institution met yesterday to consider rules and regulations for dumping waste materials.

Dean Ossian R. MacKenzie, special assistant to the president, who called the meeting, explained that the group was considering only the immediate problem of dumpage of University laboratories and that soon after this meeting all of the institution's safety measures will be thoroughly re-assessed.

Those invited to the meeting were:

Prof. Albert H. Holtzinger, director of the chemistry laboratories; Prof. Donald V. Josephson, director of dairy science; R. Rupert Kountz, professor of sanitary engineering.

Frank F. Morris, director of personnel service; Harold J. Read, professor of physical metallurgy; Arthur T. Thompson, assistant director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory; and Walter H. Wiegand, director of physical plant.

WRA Gives Yule Party

About 90 first and second grade children from the Mattenville Elementary School were guests at a Christmas party given by the Women's Recreation Association Thursday afternoon in the White Hall lounge.

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES SATURDAY

6:55 Sign On
7:00 Musical Marathon
8:00 Hubzapoppin
8:30 Just for Two
9:30 Jazz Club
10:00 Hi-Fi Open House
11:00 Sign Off

SUNDAY
6:55 Sign On
7:00 Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Time
8:00 The Third Program
11:00 Sign Off