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"Under the Lion's Paw"

Hamlin Garland, late 19th century American writer, wrote a short story entitled "Under the Lion's Paw." Many students are wondering what is going on under the name of Lion's Paw. One question which many would like answered is "does Lion's Paw run the University?"

Lion's Paw is a supposedly secret organization composed of selected senior men who work for the good of the University. Their names are published in The Daily Collegian each spring after their initiation.

In our opinion, Lion's Paw serves two functions. First, it enables the leaders of several different organizations to become well acquainted with each other and each other's ideas. It enables them to criticize and receive criticism. Second, it serves as the medium between the administration and the students.

As far as running the University goes, Lion's Paw does not, and anyone who thinks that it does is living under a false supposition. The administration runs the University.

It is a constructive idea for student leaders to get together, but it is not right for any secret organization to deal with the administration on behalf of the student body. All-University Cabinet is the ideal medium for the administration to use.

Lion's Paw, being considered the top student organization, also tends to undermine the prestige of Cabinet. This does not add to the effectiveness of student government.

Although Lion's Paw is supposedly secret, we find that it is not. Many students know just enough about it to be curious. Most of the activity students are constantly looking to Lion's Paw as the important organization. Therefore it does not serve as a secret organization, but as a prestige mechanism and clique for those who belong.

We are frequently told that we cannot realize how wonderful Lion's Paw is and all that the organization does because we just don't know. We feel that the organization is not nearly as secret as many of its members would believe. We also feel that it does very little of constructive importance. The group can present a united stand, but is that desirable when the members may have different individual opinions and represent different student body interests?

We also find that the organization serves the purpose of disseminating administration opinion quite effectively and enabling student opinion to get lost in the shuffle. The members work so closely with the administration that they no longer have much contact with the student body or with student ideas.

We would suggest that Lion's Paw become a meeting ground for student leaders only and stop giving the false air of running the University.

—Sue Conklin

The Senate Makes a Wise Move

The University Senate, at last week's meeting, allowed the student press to cover its meeting this year. The story, a rather small one on the front page of Friday's Daily Collegian, might well have gone unnoticed by the average reader. Especially the reader who is always griping about finding nothing in the newspaper.

However, this story has more importance than this average reader thinks. The action is not something which is in the line of annual business for the Senate.

As a matter of fact, this is only the second year that representatives of the student press have been admitted to Senate meetings.

We might interject here to explain that the University Senate is comprised of a representative from each department at the University, plus a few top administrative heads. Its chairman is the University Provost and it meets monthly.

Until last year student publications were not permitted to cover any administrative meetings. The Senate finally relented last year and permitted Collegian to cover meetings which were not of a confidential nature. If there was a particular meeting which was too "hush-hush" the student reporter was kept out.

Also Senate has been careful to make these rulings for one year only. At the end of this academic year the rule will go out of effect. Thus if student publications want to cover Senate meetings next year the rule will have to be voted on again.

Last week's vote was very close. This shows that there are many faculty members who don't want the students in faculty and administrative meetings. However, the more liberal-minded members prevailed once again and the Senate meetings are open for another year.

We wish to congratulate and thank the University Senate for a progressive move which will do much to cement student-administration's relations.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

New Foreign Policy Needed

TO THE EDITOR: I believe it is time our foreign policy is changed. The Suez crisis may have temporarily abated and the Hungarian affair may be beyond our control but we must at least attempt to correct the damage that has been done to our alliances and to the struggle for freedom throughout the world.

When we were informed of the attack on Egypt we followed what seemed to be a logical reaction, but our policy soon sunk to depths which seemed to indicate that its sole purpose was to punish England and France for their military action—and for their worst offense of not telling the United States of their intentions.

In our attempts to maintain Western influence among the Arab countries we apparently were more concerned with kicking our allies while they were down than we were with any serious efforts to ease the conditions that had caused England, France, Israel to resort to force in desperation.

Instead of trying to solve the problems that caused this crisis the administration insisted that the British and French retreat. Attempts by Prime Minister Eden of Britain and Premier Mollet of France to meet with President Eisenhower were rejected. The President would not even speak to their foreign ministers who were in this country.

In the United Nations, where the President said the problem must be solved, Australian Foreign Minister Richard Casey made two speeches pleading for the three powers to get together. The results of this was reflected by our very diplomatic-minded vice president who happily stated that the Anglo-French attack was a good thing for it liberated us from our allies.

When western Europe asked for oil from this country we turned them down. We couldn't afford to offend Col. Nasser. Russia had no fears, however, for she offered to sell the needed oil to the allies.

Amateurs are fine for sports but not for diplomats. Most of our professional diplomats

disagree with our policy.

The real cause of the problem, Col. Nasser, who was in a precarious position after his humiliating military defeat, is now at the height of his popularity. He is anti-American yet we keep on supporting him. We are playing Russian Roulette with him and one of these days he will explode and cause us much grief.

There has been a lack of long-range planning about the results of our foreign policy. How long will it be before Nasser again starts sending patrols into Palestine and again threatens the oil supply of Western Europe? Already he wants the UN Police Force to leave as soon as the British and French withdraw.

History has pointed to Chamberlain's capitulation to Hitler prior to World War II, saying that a more forceful policy might have prevented much of the bloodshed. One of those farsighted Englishmen who thought England should have used force was Anthony Eden. He was right then; could he again be more farsighted than those who administer our policy?

In Hungary our policy has been disgraceful. Whereas we were willing to act tough in Egypt we only say, "Naughty, Naughty" to Russia. We must draw a line as to how much we are going to stand. In 1950 President Truman exhibited rare courage by ordering troops into Korea to stop the march of Communism. Maybe we again need some strong leadership in the White House. There is no man in this country who is more qualified to give us this leadership than President Eisenhower. A get-tough policy may mean war, but that is the chance we must take.

If Russia was ready to send volunteers to Egypt we can send a police force to Hungary. Our government can encourage and allow private organizations who believe in freedom to supply the heroic Hungarians with arms.

We cannot have two standards of dealing with aggression. A policeman must arrest a thief who is armed and dangerous just as he must arrest one who is unarmed and won't fight back. We must have courage and do what is right.

—Ralph Volpe

Ed. Note: Volpe is a former president of the Young Democratic Club.

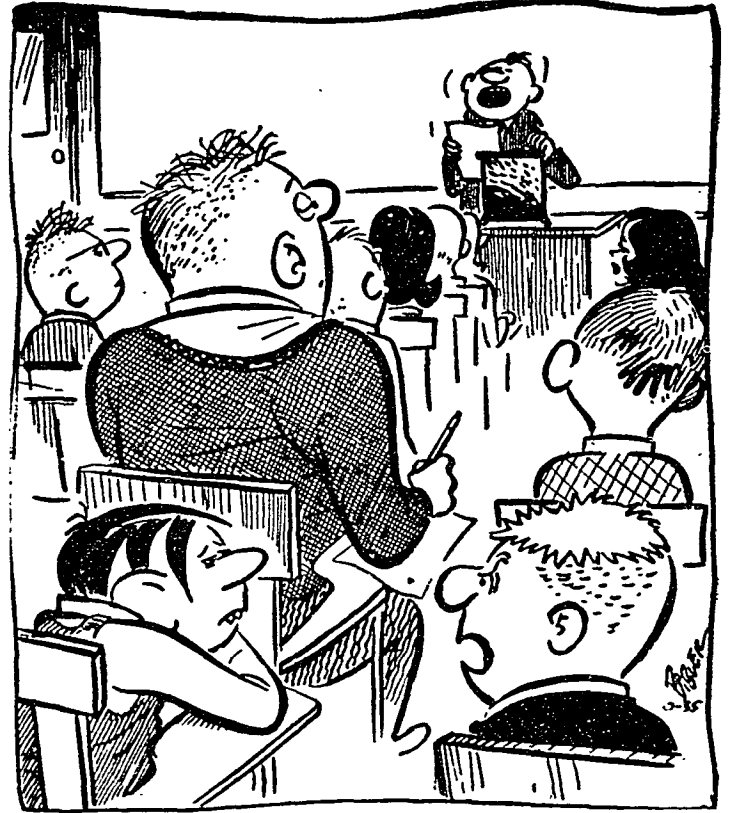
Gazette

Today
AGRICULTURE STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 212-213 Hetzel Union Building
ANGEL FLIGHT Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 314 Willard
ANGEL FLIGHT Drill Team, 6:30 p.m., Armory
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Organization, 7 p.m., 104 Helms Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
CLOVER CLUB, 7:15 p.m., Delta Theta Sigma
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 6:45 p.m., 8 Carnegie

COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 103 Willard
FROTH AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Froth Office, Hetzel Union Bldg.
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Initiation Room in Simmons.

Tomorrow
PERSHING RIFLES, Extension 1900 in Armory
PHI UPSILON OMICRON, 6:45 p.m., Home Ec Center
UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION Morning Worship, 8:10 a.m., Helms Eakin Eisenhower Chapel

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"It was my turn to sit behind Biffo—you slept behind in history."

On Scheduling

'Most Anything

by pat hunter

While glancing through the University timetable and the catalogue in hopes of finding a few "snap" credits for what I hope is my last semester at the University, I suddenly realized that you can learn almost anything in college—ranging from how to play a wicked game of badminton to theoretical mechanics, dynamic meteorology and metamorphis petrology.

The "snap" courses I was looking for were a little difficult to find, but I did run across a few "flabbergasters" that I could barely pronounce let alone think of studying. Included among these were paleontology, the principles of germorphology, paleozoic stratigraphy, geotectonics, bioclimatology, froth floatation and agglomeration, ornithology, ochthyology, instrumental pedagogy and psychopathology.

Imagine studying for a blue-book in gravity processes and miscellaneous methods of mineral preparation or taking a 5-minute quiz in advanced qualitative and quantitative analysis. Believe it or not, they're both listed in the timetable.

For those of you who came to college with more in mind than just a college education, may I suggest easier sounding subjects such as clay modeling (memories of first grade), railroads (comes in handy for setting up trains around next year's Christmas tree), ice cream making (labs taught by Howard Johnson and his 28 famous flavors), argumentation (recommended for future husbands), job evaluation (handy for graduating seniors) and hotel housekeeping (for all janitors and maids seeking employment by Conrad Hilton).

Other courses which might prove valuable are beekeeping, horse and mule management, mirror making, white potato production, curve fitting, livestock feeding, first aid, birds and bird life, life saving, folk dancing, the care of fishing equipment and the art of knowing just where to put a couch or television set in that dream house of yours.

Never did find basket weaving listed, but guess somewhere in the long list of 2898 courses offered by the University, there's at least one that I can pass.

The New Yorker, which pulls goats from newspapers all over the world and reprints them, adding its own subtle comments, came up with this gem in one of its December issues.

The following story was reprinted from the Birmingham (Mich.) Eccentric:

Brownie troops 150 and 278 of Holy Name School held their in-

vestiture ceremony Wednesday at a special service in the church. Rev. Father Schwager presented pints to the Brownies.

The New Yorker added: Just the gift for the child who has everything.

In the "there ain't no justice" department, sympathies go to the poor guy, who for 45 minutes, packed unpacked and repacked his 1940-ish car before vacation, with enough suitcases to take a trip around the world.

His passengers, five helpful coeds, stood on the sidelines with many encouraging comments.

The pay-off came when a guy in a 1957 station wagon pulled up in front of our frustrated friend and picked up his only passenger. Her luggage — one suitcase and a stuffed animal.

Here's a suggestion for you January job-hunters. Norman Lloyd, director of "Taming of the Shrew" soon to be presented in New York, is in search of long-living, well-trained, intelligent moths.

During the second act of the play, three moths must (on cue) fly from under a hat. Since some moths tend to die or fall asleep under lights, only extra-healthy creatures are wanted.

So grab your butterfly nets and head for New York, grads. Here's one employer who won't even glance at your transcript.

Collegian Promotes 29 to Soph Board

Twenty-nine editorial candidates have been promoted to the sophomore board of The Daily Collegian.

They are: Wolfgang Alber, Pamela Alexander, Edith Blumenthal, Joan Bransdorf, Pamela Chamberlain, Mary Frances Cowley, Richard Drayne, Michael Dutko, Patricia Earley, David Fineman, Rozanne Friedlander, Barbara Hodge, Kenneth Ishler, William Jaffe, Heand Johns, Mary Kelly.

Sherry Kennel, Roberta Levine, Dennis Malick, Ralph Manna, Michael Maxwell, Sheila Miller, Mary Jane Montgomery, Marie Moran, Leslie Powell, Marie Russo, Anne Ruthrauff, Barbara Stone and Gary Young.