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LA Council: Face Up to Faults

It has come to our attention that some unsavory practices have been going on in council elections for some time.

The council which has come under fire for this is Liberal Arts, but it is the only one we are sure of. The guilt of the others comes only by heresay.

At the Liberal Arts polling place in Waring Hall last week a candidate seeking re-election was in complete charge of the polls and was allegedly influencing the voters. This candidate was re-elected.

Two students who witnessed this action submitted a complaint to the Council president, Robert Nurock, who admitted that the person was left in full charge at the polls.

Because of a disagreement over what a "formal protest" consists of the results were tabulated and were announced in the next day's paper. This was reluctantly agreed to by the complaining parties. All agreed that the protest could be registered at tonight's Council meeting.

Now, it seems, there is to be no council meeting. Not until May, that is. The officers of the council are experiencing some difficulty in fitting the elections protest into their calendars. Other more important things like All-University Cabinet and going home early are standing in the way.

It is now beginning to appear as if the council is trying to smooth over a very bad situation which needs remedying worse than a lot of things on this campus.

It will indeed be ironic, in view of all the hulabaloo which goes on over relatively unimportant things in student government, if this matter escapes remedial action.

One factor which confused the issue at the outset was the absence of any process by which elections could be contested. Everyone seemed thoroughly puzzled by the fact that a council election could be contested.

Nurock has admitted the faults of the council elections, but his only defense was the fact

that it is common practice among all councils. Of course, this is no defense at all. However, he promised to take immediate action on getting some machinery in the ICCB constitution which will provide for contested elections in the future. We are aghast that there hasn't been any for this long—especially if these grossly corrupt practices have been going on!

The other guilty councils certainly need to look into their own elections practices—and quick.

We appreciate Nurock's promise to correct the faults of the system, but we maintain that this is not enough. Different practices for staffing polling places need to be made.

The reason for the incumbent's being at the polls was that there was no one else to do it. This typifies the sad lack of interest in student councils which, in the long run, lies behind all the trouble. Perhaps an agency outside the council is needed to handle elections. Or maybe the council should provide a special body of their own group—or their own college at least—to take the job.

Whatever it is, something must be done. Incidents like this one only serve to further undermine student government in the eyes of the students.

It is fine to say that you will do your best to correct it, but the present situation must be acted upon, also. The Liberal Arts council is at fault for not having any process by which it will accept protests of elections. Yet it augments the crime by trying to postpone (and perhaps smooth over) a criticism of its faults.

The council should be glad that there are at least two students in the Liberal Arts college who are interested enough in the cause of good student government to worry about the matter.

To spurn this effort would be to encourage wrong-doing in student government. Let's hear this protest now—so it isn't easily forgotten.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

Slamming the Critic's Critic

TO THE EDITOR: Welcome back Horace Greeley, Jerry McGinnis, Pat Miller, and "Warpism." Once again, college students have proven beyond a doubt there is a difference between book learning and common sense.

After stumbling through the literary efforts of "Sinclair Lewis" McGinnis, and his female counterparts, I head straight for the medicine chest and two "bromos."

McGinnis' letter was an illogical nothing; and they both show twisted thinking in their conclusions.

Whether McGinnis has "considerable more amount" of newspaper experience (he worked three summers for the Clearfield Progress) is questionable. But this is no time to quibble over tenure. And where is the relationship between newspaper experience and qualifications to review a play? He could have all the experience in the world, and still not be qualified to criticize a play.

And as the Collegian editor said, since when

can you correct an opinion? A mistaken fact, yes, but Miss Hunter's opinions were based on how well the play pleased her innate senses. I'd like to see someone say "the wrong things please you."

I did not agree with Miss Hunter's review in its entirety, but because a review, at best, is one person's opinion, who is to say who is wrong and who is right?

I doubt whether anyone will question the privilege of students to write letters disagreeing with Miss Hunter's opinion, but, when they say, because these opinions differ, that theirs are right and hers are wrong, aren't they bordering on the dogmatic.

The letters in Tuesday's paper asked Miss Hunter to refrain from writing reviews, take a dram course, and stick to feature writing just because of differences in opinion. This is logical thinking . . . for a teenager.

Somebody should raise the University's entrance requirements.

—Larry Jacobson

Gazette

- Today
- CHESS CLUB Meeting, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks. Awards will be made to prize winners of recent tournaments.
- FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF Meeting, 6:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
- LECTURE, Professor A. W. Case, 7 p.m., 104 Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
- MARKETING CLUB—Nominations Committees meeting (for all graduating seniors), 7 p.m., Sigma Chi
- MARKETING CLUB Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Chi
- MARRIAGE CONFERENCE, 7:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisen-

- lower Chapel lounge
- OUTING CLUB—Field and Stream Division, 7:30 p.m., 317 Willard
- PENN STATE SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 209 HUB
- University Hospital
- Grover Albright, Alan Ankerbrand, Marilyn Boote, Charles Clair, Walter Coyle, Diane DuBois, Thomas Hagepanos, Joyce Levenson, Earl Poust, Richard Simmermacher, Deborah Smith, Ira Starer.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Watch your talk—that's one psych major who stops to analyze anything you say."

According to Moyle

by mike moyle

Angry Operators

Some time ago an editorial appeared on this page slamming the University telephone operators. There seemed to be a general dissatisfaction with the editorial at the time. Some felt it was unjust, others felt the subject was not one worthy of editorial comment—one way or the other.

Since that time we have had occasion to listen to these operators at work. There have been a goodly number of people who will agree with our opinion that they are entirely too outspoken—this is our opinion despite what any telephone official might say, despite the large volume of calls the operators have to handle, and despite the discourtesies which the operators must put up with. Operators are expected to remain at least reasonably composed through anything. An operator who would growl, "You make me sick" at a caller is in the wrong business.

Again in the category of repeated gripes, we turn our attention to the sports announcers at WMAJ. Don't get us wrong! We think they are doing an OK job. Only please boys, it's Nashua (Nash'-oo-uh), not "Nash'-aw" when referring to the race horse. And it's Consolo (as spelled), not "Con-sway'-lo" when referring to the Redsox infielder. And by the way, the boxer Hogan (Kid) Bassey is from Nigeria—not Niagara. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

We were amazed last night how

anyone could see the Ugly Men as they paraded past our office—let alone judge the relative ugliness of the contestants.

The National Education Association sends us some facts which might interest graduating education majors: the average salary of elementary and secondary teachers combined is \$4055; one-third receive less than \$3500; less than five per cent get under \$2000 or over \$7000; 86 per cent of them voted in the last election—probably for higher pay for teachers.

The New Yorker has finally furnished us with a long-sought sobriquet for the venerable New York Times. The sarcastic New Yorker called it, "New York's civic historian." Very apropos.

Tonight on WDFM

81.1 MEGACYCLES

- 6:50 Sign On
- 6:55 News
- 7:00 Telephone Bandstand
- 7:55 Sports
- 8:00 Invitation to Relax
- 8:30 Music of the People
- 9:00 News
- 9:15 Informally Yours
- 9:30 Anthology
- 10:00 Virtuoso
- 11:30 News
- 11:35 Sign Off



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