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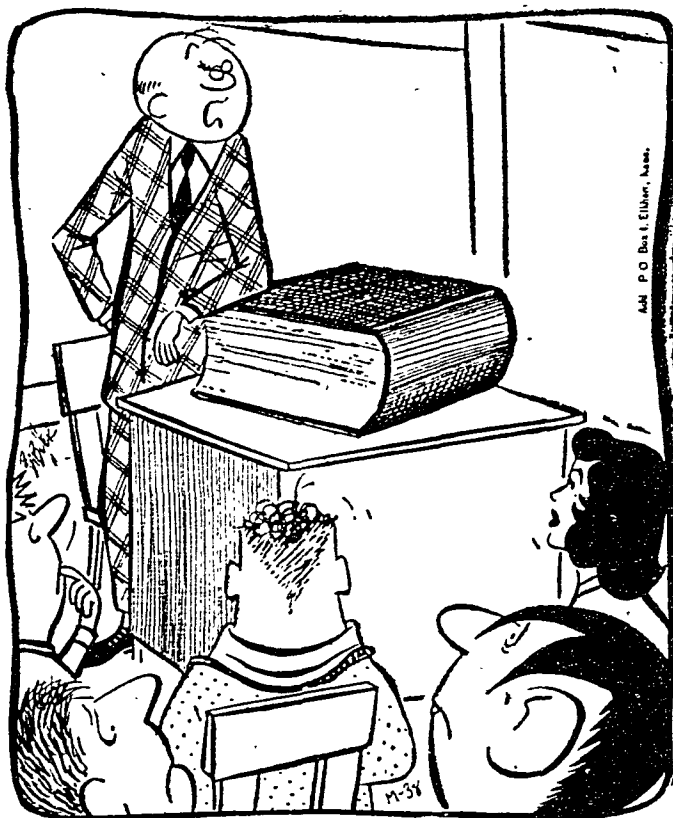
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"One nice thing about this course—you only have one text to buy."

Football and Student Government

Football and student government, at first thought, don't seem to have much in common. But after a closer look, they really have two important things in common.

Both need leadership and support. The football season's first pep rally will be held at 7:30 tonight in front of Old Main. No student should have to be told he should attend this rally, and no student needs to be told what support from the student body means to a team. Half an hour later, at 8 tonight, All-University Cabinet will meet in 203 Hetzel Union. Cabinet is more than the highest student government body. It represents you. It is your voice. This alone is reason enough for you to take a look-see at Cabinet tonight. However, there is also another important reason why you should drop up to 203 Hetzel Union after the rally: student government, like the football team, needs your support. Sometimes Cabinet members become discouraged. They sit up there in 203 Hetzel Union and work pretty hard at times to do things for you, and they seldom receive praise.

A large turnout at the meeting will show Cabinet that it has your support just as a large turnout at the pep rally will show the football team you're behind it.

And why not check up on what your representatives are doing for you. Maybe you won't like it, and if you don't like it, let them know. But freshmen and new students say they haven't elected anyone to Cabinet. This is true, but freshmen and sophomore class elections will be held soon. Take a look at the present Cabinet members and judge them. See what you want in your freshman and sophomore class presidents, who will represent you on Cabinet. Come out and learn the faces and abilities of your representatives so you can recognize them on campus. Each student is represented by as many as six or seven members. Especially get to know them and tell them what you would like them to do for you. We can have a good football team this year. We can have good student government this year. But not without your support. —The Editor

More Than a Friendly Chat Needed

The daily congestion in the dining halls of Simmons and McElwain is turning mealtime into chaos.

Since the dining halls in the new women's residence halls are not open, these students are being served in Simmons and McElwain.

In Simmons, about 700 women eat meals in the same amount of time which last year accommodated 450. The meal hours were not extended enough to compensate for the increase in coeds.

Since they were extended only 15 minutes, the result is an uncontrollable amount of line-hopping and discourtesy, waiting in line for about half an hour and, many times, completely missing a meal.

We realize the reason for this inconvenience and also realize that it will continue at least until the end of the semester.

The meal hours, first of all, should again be extended. At noontime, for example, 350 women must be served in one Simmons dining hall during a 45-minute period. In Waring Hall, 400 Thompson women are served in one hour and 15 minutes.

If it works in one dining hall it should work in another, as well.

Another 15-minute extension of the meal period was requested last Tuesday by the Women's Student Government Association in a letter to Mildred A. Baker, director of the food service.

Miss Baker said she was aware of the situation and asked representatives of WSGA to meet

with a member of her staff to try to work out some of the problems.

If Food Service claims it does not have the student employees to facilitate a longer period, what will be done when it is necessary to staff the new dining halls?

The only difference is that now 700 women are served by one staff and next semester these 700 will be served by two staffs. It seems only logical that extra students would be hired to handle the crowd.

If it is difficult to find student waiters, maybe Food Service should either give them two meals instead of one for their wages or seek employees from town.

Another way to alleviate the crowd would be to allow some of the women to eat in Atherton instead of dividing them between Simmons and McElwain only.

Many complaints about the service have been heard this fall, but there have been few criticisms of the food itself. The quality and preparation have been good—as far as institutional cooking goes.

The major questions—and they have been raised many times during the past two weeks—are the extension of hours and the possibility of sending some of the women to Atherton dining hall.

When the representatives of WSGA meet with the food service staff member, we hope more is accomplished than just a friendly chat. —Judy Harkison

VI. The Winner Names the Age

(Novelist Lillian Smith today gets to "the crux of the matter" in her June commencement speech at Atlanta University.)

Here is the crux of the matter: In a democracy, enlightened, civilized public opinion must prevail; not mob opinion, but the opinion of millions of individuals who have held on to their reason and conscience, and their belief in the free, growing human being.

The only way this public opinion can prevail is for people to stand up and speak out. Those who believe violence is wrong must say so. Those who believe a man has a right to be different must say so; those who believe a clergyman should preach according to his religious conscience should say so; those who believe school teachers must not be asked to take a loyalty oath defending segregation or the "Southern way of life" or capitalism or any other form of idolatry, must say so; those who believe that our artists and writers must be left free to create their dreams and ideas into paintings and books must say so.

Those who believe survival is more important than security must say this too. For otherwise democracy cannot survive, nor, I think, can civilization survive. For the mob's power can destroy our freedom as completely as can any Communist dictator.

What a price we have paid for silence! So many decent, warm-hearted, intelligent people are silent today—not only in our South but all over our country, surrendering their opinion because they are torn between the teachings of

their childhood and what they, today, know in their minds is right. Or silent because they are afraid to make the hard and necessary choice.

In their efforts to be moderate or neutral, they either do nothing or something totally irrelevant to the situation. And in a crisis that is a dangerous kind of behavior.

The power of free people has to be controlled, channeled, disciplined by values and knowledge, and law—or it can be more dangerous to us than hysterical world opinion (which it is close to) or than nuclear energy, out of control.

Because this is true, I consider the demagogue the greatest enemy a democracy has. Not the dictator: that is Communism's problem. Our problem is the demagogue: the man who deliberately betrays the people; the man who scares them, calling fire when there is no fire; who tells the people they are free to break the law, free to trample other people's rights, free to slough off their conscience and their reason and behave like mad men when they want to. This is the number one subversive man in our culture; this man is the people's real enemy. For he deliberately breaks down the controls of the church, of conscience, of civilization, of the courts to get the people under his control.

What can we do about it? Ah, how everyone whispers this to himself, his family, his close friends!

("What can we do about it?" Miss Smith asked. She answers that in the next and final installment of her speech.)

Gazette

Today WOMEN'S ORIENTATION PROGRAM COUNSELORS, 10 p.m., McElwain Lounge. Attendance is required by all counselors. Special permission will be granted. WRA BRIDGE CLUB 7 p.m., 109 White Building. WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Building. WRA SWIM CLUB TRYOUTS, 7 p.m., White Building Pool.

TONIGHT ON WDFM

6:45 Sign on and News; 7:00 Contemporary Concepts; 7:50 State News and National Sports; 8:00 Guest D-J; 8:30 Showcase; 9:00 News, Local, National and World; 9:15 Special Events; 10:00 News; 10:05 Chamber Concert; 11:30 News and Sign-off.

Interpreting the News

Does America Have Feet of Clay?

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

If you are talking with a man from Asia, Africa or parts of Latin America you will sooner or later get around to the topic of racial relations in the United States.

Hindus who are still trying to slough off the effects of a most rigid caste system are no more understanding than the others.

The United States is a vast country, a rich country, a country where magic is performed. Both her written history and her folk tradition are full of expressions of regard for the dignity of the human spirit and the rights of the individual.

She was a founder of the United Nations, whose charter proclaims this spirit "without regard for race, sex, language and religion."

If this motive is so strong in American history, ask the peoples of color, why is there such trouble over the Negro?

Nearly all of them approach the question from the same angle, exploitation.

Many of them bring it up deliberately in discussing why a large part of the world gives Communists at least a hearing. For the Communists make much of this tag of exploitation. But most foreigners don't even know they have swallowed the Communist line.

Explanations about the special factors which enter into relations between the white and black races in the United States make little or no impression. To them, America presents herself before the world as the land of economic and social magic. Does she have feet of clay, they ask, and if so shouldn't they be just as suspicious of her as of Russia?

The President says it is hard

to exaggerate the effect. Indeed it is, I've heard it hundreds of times long before Little Rock.

The American people are not yet accustomed to thinking in terms of their world responsibilities. They have shown that in recent years especially by their attitude toward the Korean War and the foreign aid program.

Bridge Lessons Offered at HUB

Free bridge lessons will be offered at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the card room of the Hetzel Union Building.

Tomorrow's lessons will be the first of a series of three bridge lessons to be co-sponsored by the Association of Independent Men and Leonides.

Students may register for the lessons at the HUB desk.

Dr. Roger Saylor, professor of business statistics, will conduct the lessons. Members of AIM and Leonides will assist him.

Leffler Writes Article

"Stock Rights" was the subject of an article in Barron's Financial Weekly by Dr. George L. Leffler, assistant dean in the College of Business Administration.

