

Editorial Opinion

A Much Deeper Flaw

Looking deeper than the surface of recent events, the interest displayed in forming new parties appears to be not merely the desire for more political independence, but a symptom of a deeper flaw in student government.

The real issue is not dissatisfaction with the students' political machinery, but dissatisfaction with the students' representatives this machinery has put into office.

Without a doubt, this year's All-University Cabinet has been weak and vacillating. The simple fact is that this Cabinet has not represented the students.

Now one administration member has expressed the belief that Cabinet's job should not be to represent the students but to be an informed intelligencia to make the decisions for them. Even if this were Cabinet's function, certainly it does not number all the informed students on campus among its members. And it has even far from represented what might be considered informed student opinion.

To more nearly represent the student body, we believe two things are needed.

First, Cabinet seats must be filled more directly by the student body. Secondly, the membership on Cabinet should be increased to include a wider divergence of opinions and to avoid possible control by one or two small cliques.

To accomplish the first objective, some present Cabinet seats should be eliminated. These include the Women's Student Government Association president (a separate all-girl representative has no place in an integrated student government); the president of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics and the editor of The Daily Collegian, neither of whom is elected directly by the students; and the presidents of the Athletic Association and the Women's Recreation Association, both of whom have contributed little toward the ends of Cabinet.

To enlarge Cabinet, combination of elections through college councils and living areas and direct elections at-large could be used. The latter could include both political and non-political seats.

Larger representation for the junior, sophomore and freshman classes also should be considered.

In any case, a thorough study by a committee of competent students could result in a comprehensive plan for a congress of student representatives which actually represent the students. This can be accomplished as soon as students realize that the campus needs not so much new political parties as it needs a completely new outlook on student government itself.

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To hell with this weather.

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Washington Beat

Be Thankful: Snow Brings Togetherness

By ARTHUR EDSON WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—How unfortunate are those who live in warmer climates.

Without an occasional snow-storm to snarl traffic and create assorted confusion, what do they find to talk about all winter long?

So there's trouble in Tunisia. So the play-acting trip to the moon is over, and successful. So President Eisenhower has dashed off another note to his old pen pal, Soviet Premier Bulganin.

That's not what the man in the street is talking about. The man in the street—he's probably stamping his feet to keep warm as he waits for an elusive bus or street car—is talking about the biggest storm hereabouts in 22 years.

Fourteen inches of snow. What winds! What drifts! And, mercy on our snowdraped magnolia trees, the temperature down to around zero!

Besides providing conversation, adversity brings people together. Neighbors who rarely speak may now dig each other out. Motorists who normally treat pedestrians as lepers now—at least, sometimes—cheerfully stop to pick up stragglers.

The news, too, has unusual touches.

A Washington regulation provides that if your car isn't wearing snowtires or chains, and you get stuck on a major street, you're liable to arrest and a fine. The official who fails to clear the snow from the street, and thereby causes you to get stuck in the first place, goes free.

The Turkish Embassy finds itself in a strange situation. It had planned a party for Saturday, which had to be called off because of the blizzard. The Turks are eating high on the fish roe these days, using up all that left-over caviar.

Then there's the customary story that hobs up with every snowstorm: The country wife who chooses this moment to have a baby, and does so, while snow-plows and ambulances try to reach her. Will women never become sensible and have their babies in pleasant weather?

And the things to see in a snow-storm.

The cardinal, made bold by hunger, eating off the back steps. With his black mask and his fawzled topknot, he looks like an unkempt but determined burglar.

The snow, making lovely patterns with its swirling drifts, as you fight your way through on foot, toward work. Whoever started this nonsense about Virginia being a Southern state?

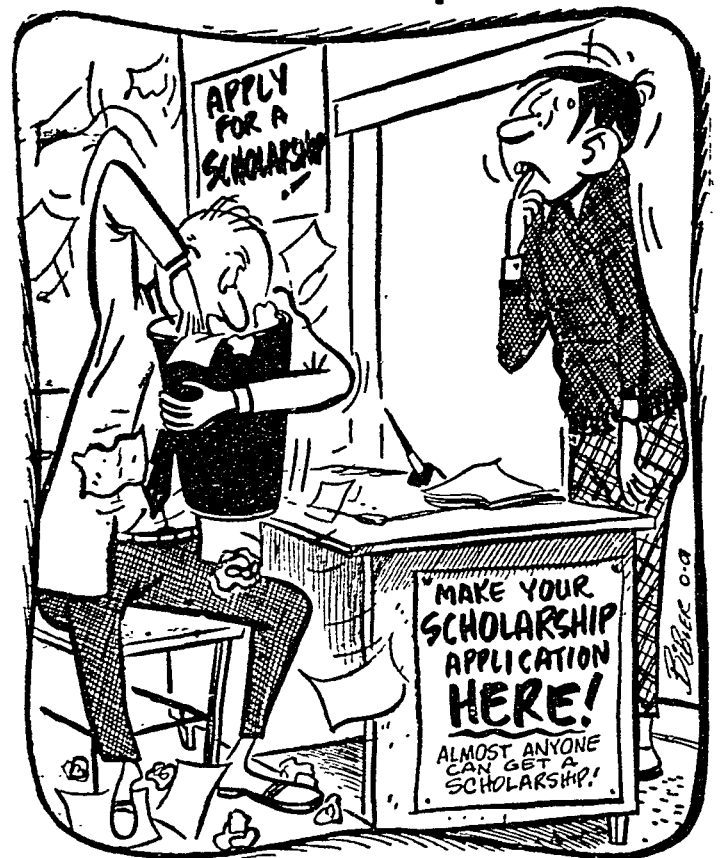
The majesty of the Lee mansion, overlooking Arlington Cemetery. The Lincoln Memorial, even more impressive when covered with snow.

The sports car, geared to reach incredible speeds in a flash, buried not only under nature's supply but also given an extra helping by a snow plow, now as helpless as the car of any peasant.

And a final note of wonder: Congress always is belittled for poor timing, for being slow. But here, on a weekend when the country is battered by storm, Congress came through nobly.

It issued a report on the antarctic.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Why, yes—I have your application here someplace."

Behind the News

Sunday's Politics Forecasts Future

By Bob Franklin

At least two important events seem likely to result from the roaring, colorful brawl that was Sunday night's University party meeting.

The first will be a charter from the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

The second may be the spectacle of a political "house divided against itself" during the spring campaign.

Sunday's 2-hour meeting, a circus far exceeding any exhibition of All-University Cabinet, gave Party Chairman John D'Angelo permanent leadership of the party by a narrow victory over Robert Johnson, candidate of groups which have been associated with Lion party.



Now D'Angelo, armed with a list of nearly 350 party "members," is expected to have little trouble in gaining a favorable recommendation from the Senate Subcommittee on Organizational Control. And such a recommendation would seem to virtually assure the party a charter from the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

But a healthy minority of the University party membership is expected to "want out," partly because it will be needed elsewhere. However, under an Elections Code revision which must still be approved by All-University Cabinet to become effective, no student who registered Sunday night may switch party affiliation.

"There are going to be an awful lot of unwilling University party members after this meeting," said one observer Sunday. Failure by Cabinet to approve the revision would, of course, "set the insurgents free."

But some leaders are known to be looking for loopholes in the revision itself, and chances appear fairly good that they will find one.

The annual spring logrolling contests, however, are not confined to the arena of political party organization.

The Senior Men are beginning to look around at their possible successors. But their annual spring campaign of choosing, cutting and extensive underground movements does not look to be up to its usual strength this year.

Perhaps one reason for this is that the Junior Men seem quite capable to work things out among themselves. Already reports have filtered in of a secret meeting of 15 or 20 Junior Men to be held sometime this week. Business reportedly will include not only lining up political candidates but also discussing a number of important appointments and top positions in non-political student government. (Continued on page five)

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- TODAY Newman Club Forty Hours Devotions, 7 p.m., Church Newman Club Movie, "The Paulist Debate," 7 p.m., Church Hamilton Christian Association, 7 p.m., Hamilton Lounge Outing Club, Rock Climbing Division, 7 p.m., 121 M Gamma Sigma Sigma, 5 p.m., Grange Rec. Room "Viewing Europe Thru Slides," 7 p.m., 213 HUB Clover Club, "Possibilities of USDA Employment," 7:15 p.m., 111 Tyson Hall Bible, Intermediate and Conversational Hebrew, 7:15 p.m., Foundation Phi Mu Epsilon, Mr. Paul F. Henning on "The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra," 7:30 p.m., 124 Sparks Economics Seminar, Dr. J. J. Kaufman on "The Union is a Statesman: A Book Review," noon, HUB Dining Room "A" American Chemical Society, Dr. James H. Freeman on "The Chemistry of Phenol-Formaldehyde Reactions," 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke Vesper Service, Dr. E. P. Nye on "A Christian Approach to the Physical Sciences," 4:30 p.m., Chapel Meteorology Seminar, Edward S. Epstein on "Vertical Velocities in the Stratosphere: A Case Study," 1:10 p.m., 219 Willard

