

Editorial Opinion

Holding the Bag (of Wind)

Now that the campus politicians are getting in full swing for the upcoming spring elections, we are glad to note that after the furor caused by the emergence of two new splinter parties, things are getting back to normal.

Politicians a la University Park are once more polishing up their dusty dictionaries and coming out with all sorts of verbal floods.

Using glowing adjectives and verbalizing all over the place, our budding politicians are taking reams of copy to say nothing. One of the first examples appeared on the front page of Friday's Collegian.

Vernon Bounds, clique chairman of the Blue and White party, took exactly 182 words to say he was going to back Campus party and not try to oppose it in the coming elections.

He used 45 words to tell of his support to Campus party; 57 words to praise Campus party (the same party he strongly criticized when he formed a new party which never was); 49 words to make excuses for withdrawing from Campus party and at the same time blasting the University party for the "abortive debacle" the University party "is trying to perpetrate on the old Lion party;" and a mere 31 words calling for everybody to unite behind Campus party this spring.

What Bounds was trying to say was: "The other guys in the party all backed out of Blue and White and left me holding the bag."

For the new students, or the great unwashed, this is just a sample of what's coming up in the elections.

It took Bounds 182 words to say he was deserted. Can you imagine how verbose the campaigns are going to be?

Short Takes

The following news story came across the wires of the Associated Press last night:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Rep. Francis Walter, Easton, Pa., Democrat who is chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, announced today he will be a candidate for his fourth term.

Walter said he had planned to retire but congressional leaders and supporters in the 15th District he represents urged him to make the race again...

At least the DAR must be happy over his decision.

The New York Herald Tribune, the newspaper the Eisenhower Administration likes to leak exclusive stories to, reports President Eisenhower will campaign for additional vice presidents when he leaves the White House. There may be three vice presidents if Eisenhower's ideas are adopted.

When we first read the story, we could not help but think Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower might have influenced his brother here. After all, look at the number of vice presidents Dr. Eisenhower gave Penn State.

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PhiPsi Pledges Write Appeal

TO THE EDITOR: For the past few days, the campus has sizzled with rumors about the Hell Week practices of the local chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

We, the members of the pledge class, on our own and without suggestion from anybody, would like to put on record our own feelings in the matter.

While we feel that Phi Kappa Psi is no exception to practices common on campus, that does not

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justify our fraternity's practices, and we have been properly penalized for them. We accept the decision without complaint.

However, as the men most affected by the so-called sadistic practices, we feel that we have neither been subjected to harmful physical punishment, nor have our morals been corrupted in any way.

We appeal to the student body, therefore, to think quietly and rationally about this matter, and not to spread further rumors which are helpful neither to fraternities nor to the University.

—Signed by 16 Students

Reader Praises Collegian Series

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Compliments to Dave Fineman in regard to the article appearing Thursday, Feb. 20, which he wrote entitled "Junior and Russian Professor Compare Dual Ways of Life."

My only criticism is that there should be more than two installments allocated for a subject that draws as much reader interest as this one has.

Compliments are also in order for the quality of this school year's editorials such as "Cabinet's Slip's Showing," "A Much Deeper Flaw," and the ones on the ROTC controversy.

—Charles Hazard '59

(Editor's Note: Mr. Hazard will be happy to know that we hope to extend the series of articles as long as Yuri (the Russian teacher) has something interesting to say.)

Gazette

- TODAY
History Round Table, O. David Gold on "Theodore Roosevelt's Relationship with Foreign Ambassadors in Washington," 7:30 p.m., 215 Willard
Hillel Intermediate and Conversational Hebrew II, 7:15 p.m., Foundation
Hillel Purim Carnival Committee, 7:30 p.m., Foundation
Home Economics Student Council, 7 p.m., Living Center
Engineering Student Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Simmons Series, William Jay Smith on "Poetry Reading," 8 p.m., 121 Sparks
Collegian Promotion Staff, 6:30 p.m., 209 Willard
Panhellenic Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
WSGA Judicial Board, 5 p.m., 217 HUB
Pi Mu Epsilon presentation of Honors Books, 7:30 p.m., HUB Main Lounge
Education Student Council, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Psychology Club, speaker, 7:40 p.m., 12 Sparks
Emerson Society, 3:30 p.m., Chapel small lounge
Outing Club, Skating Division, 7:30 p.m., Skating Lodge
Players Advertising Workshop, "Boy on the Beach," 6:20 p.m., Schwab Loft
Matin services, 7 a.m., Chapel small lounge
Plant Science Club, Dr. Paul F. Norton on "Stonehenge," 7:30 p.m., 111 Tyson
Physics Colloquium, Dr. Donald E. Kline on "Energy Deposition in Reactor Radiation," 4:10 p.m., 117 Osmond
Biology Research Club, Dr. Carl Lamanna on "Scientific Problems in the Study of Botulinum Toxins," 8 p.m., 112 Buckhout
Meteorology Seminar, Dr. Alfred K. Blackadar on "Mesometeorological Phenomena Related to Low Level Wind Regimes," 1:10 p.m., 219 Willard
Vesper Service, William L. Kjelgaard on "Facts and Faith," 4:30 p.m., Chapel
"Lectures in Religion," Dr. Stanley Romaine Hopper on "The Vocation of the Heavy Bear," 8:30 p.m., 10 Sparks
Gamma Sigma Sigma, all sisters and new pledges, 6:45 p.m., Grange Rec Room
Hillel Social Committee, 7:30 p.m., lounge UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Shelly Berz, Dorothy Lenker, Josephine Rhyder, Marilyn Foster, Barbara Sutherland, Lois Diamond, Kathleen Klein, Suzanne Carpenter, Joyce McCloskey, Nan Benjamin, Dolores Bono, Marcia Erdoso, Bonnie Pearce, Patricia Milden, Elizabeth Aycock, William Holland, Gerald Robinson, Donald Snyder, Joseph Wachtel, James Winnenny, William Kershner, Fredric Malcey, William Shriver, Azber Ansari, Stephen Nitzberg.

Interviews

American Stores Co: Mar 11; LA, Bus Adm, CE, IE, ME.
Armstrong Cork: Mar 11-12; Bus Adm, LA for sales; IE, ME, Phys, ChE, Chem, MS in ChE, Chem.
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibber



"If I take courses I don't need, I figger I'll graduate in time to work long enough to go on Social Security."

Behind the News

Greet Boring Profs The British Way

By Bob Franklin

A British high school student body broke up an assembly and thoroughly rattled school officials two weeks ago by remaining seated during the morning hymn and chanting, "SUMAB, SUMAB."

SUMAB stands for Student Underground Movement Against Bull—bull meaning too much discipline, not the contents of a professor's lecture. And the doctrine of SUMAB is reported sweeping many English schools.

On another plane, students at Edinburgh (Scotland) University staged a semi-riot last Thursday when an actor was installed as lord rector (an annual honorary event). One of the targets there was Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

Was student opinion throughout the United Kingdom outraged? Were widespread cries of "juvenile delinquency" raised by the adult population? Were offenders boot-ed out of Edinburgh on a large-scale basis?



Not by a long shot. Only 24 hours later, British Deputy Prime Minister Richard A. Butler—roughly comparable to U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon—entered the huge St. Andrew's Hall at Glasgow (Scotland) University to receive a similar honor.

The cool, calm Butler delivered probably the least heard and most explosively attended speech of his entire career to the accompaniment of firecrackers, fighting and a jazz

quartet of trumpet-tooting students.

By the time he finished, the number two man in the British Cabinet looked as though he had dived into a smorgasbord. With remarkably good aim, students pasted Butler with eggs, tomatoes and soot, sprayed him with fire extinguishers and scored a direct hit with a flour bomb.

Less courageous University officials fled the stage, followed by a barrage of rotten fruit. Even a photographer was clobbered with a cabbage and police were powerless to restore a semblance of order.

Again, what was public reaction? What would upholders of the superior and dignified European student say? What could they say?

Well, the Associated Press described such installation ceremonies as "traditionally an excuse for a display of high spirits." Magistrates called the affair "shocking" and "sheer hooliganism." And to prove they meant what they said, they had the four trumpeters arrested and charged with disorderly behavior.

But, ah! America! Land of the free and home of the uninhibited! Penn has her "row-bottoms"; Virginia has her drinking brawls; Princeton has her "Unsilent Generation"; even Haavud has an unruly few.

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