

Editorial Opinion

Steele's NYC Junket

Two campus "junior executives" certainly got a good deal out of doing a good deed for Larry Sharp.

All-University President Robert Steele and his "friend" Robert Yeager, senior in metallurgy from Bellefonte, took a nice little junket to New York City to deliver a check to Sharp, during the Christmas recess, it was disclosed at Thursday night's Cabinet meeting.

They spent \$127.16 (of the students' money), according to the expense account Steele submitted yesterday—more than two months after the trip and less than 18 hours after he was questioned at Cabinet on the junket.

Steele and Yeager extended the junket three days and two nights. At first we thought they may have had a little trouble in locating Sharp's hospital room, but it turns out they found it the afternoon of the day they left State College.

After reading the expense account, it is apparent they did not attempt to cut costs. They apparently lived it up—\$42 in meals (that's eating well), \$8 in tips (they are college students?), \$9 in taxi fares (maybe the buses were on strike?), \$46.30 for plane trip home (buses and trains were in operation).

And since they saw Sharp the afternoon they arrived, the extra day does not seem warranted.

It must be nice to take junkets like that. Bet they had a ball. We hope we can get in on the next one. After all, why stop at \$127.16?

A Good Start

The All-University Elections Committee's decision to conduct the spring campaign under a "gentlemen's agreement" is a step in the right direction—but it is only one step.

Under the plan, only major violations of the All-University Elections Code will be considered, and punishment for these infractions will be possible disqualification of candidates. The "agreement" replaces the old vote docking system—thrown out last fall by All-University Cabinet—under which the committee could subtract votes from a candidate's total according to the seriousness of a violation.

The "gentlemen's agreement" is clearly a step toward more political party independence from Elections Committee control. This is good, because more of such independence makes the parties more dependent upon the students themselves by transferring scrutiny of their actions from the committee to the student body.

The agreement is only one step in what should be a long-range plan by Elections Committee to de-emphasize its paralyzing grip on student politics and return its effective control to the students.

Cabinet has thrown out the rotation system on the committee's recommendation. Now vote-docking is gone. Next on the agenda should be the committee's power to censor platforms. After that, the present unrealistic financial ceilings and the campaign time limits.

Both party chairmen have come out in favor of the "gentlemen's agreement." Of course the best way they can prove they merit Elections Committee's good start and more independence in the future is by the conduct of this spring's campaign.

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Farm Column

Research Seen Adding Markets For Agriculture

By RICHARD L. GRAVES
HARRISBURG, Feb. 28 (AP)—New efforts to expand industrial use of agricultural production may expand future markets to the point there will be no surplus problems.

Congress is looking into proposals in four main categories to step up industrial utilization of farm production. The initial step in launching such a program is sound legislative action by Congress.

The first need is to develop the importance, the possibilities, and the urgency of industrial use of farm production. The second major need is for physical, chemical, biological and economic research to find new uses for farm production.

Some farm economists feel there is also a need to develop more agricultural scientists through government-backed scholarship and fellowship programs. At the same time they suggest that there be financial incentive programs set up to induce industry to undertake use of farm product research.

Many observers contend such action would enable agriculture to do what industry has already done as a result of its better integrated units and greater resources of money and manpower. A recent Congressional report states that "agriculture has been researched out of its natural markets."

For example: Half the market for natural fibers such as cotton, wool, flax and silk has been taken over by synthetic fibers. Two-thirds of the soap formerly used has been replaced by detergents. Two of every three pairs of shoes are made wholly or in part of leather substitutes.

The commission noted that with few exceptions materials from the farm have not had the intensive and systematic laboratory attention given to products from other sources. In areas where there has been an intensive effort to carry out utilization research in agriculture, the results have been outstanding—such as commercial penicillin, frozen concentrated fruit juices, nylon from corn cobs and soybean products.

Gazette

- TODAY
AIM Dance, 9 p.m., HUB
Weight-Lifting Meet, 4 p.m., Rec Hall
TOMORROW
Hillel, Lex and bagel brunch, 11 a.m., Foundation
Newman Club Business Meeting, 7 p.m., Rooms 214, 215, 216 HUB
Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab Auditorium
Roman Catholic Mass, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
United Church of Christ, 6:30, U.S.F., report on Southern racial conflict
MONDAY
Engineering mechanics seminar, 4:10 p.m., 203 Engineering "A", Dr. Henri Marcus, special lecturer in engineering mechanics, on "Stability of Closed Beams."
Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB Dining Room A, Charles E. Marsh, associate professor of electrical engineering, on "Turnpike Fog Problems."
Graduate School Lecture by Dr. H. Bentley Glass, professor of biology, Johns Hopkins University, on "New Horizons in Human Genetics," 8 p.m., 121 Sparks
Mineral Economics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 121 MI, W. G. Jaworek, on "Natural Gas Price Regulation."
Newman Club, Discussion Group, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center

Interviews

- Abbotts Dairies, Inc; Mar 14; Frosh, Soph, Jr in DSci for summer employment.
Oliver Corp; Mar 14; AgEng, ME for design & development work.
Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal (R&D Div) & Pittsburgh Consolidation Chem Co; Mar 14; BS & MS in ChE, Chem, ME, ET; also Jr, Sr in above fields for summer employment.
New Jersey Zinc; Mar 14; BS in ME, Min PrepEng, Metal, ChE; MS in Metal, ChE, Chem; also Jr in Metal, ChE for work at Palmerton, Pa. for summer.
Liberty Mutual Ins Co (Casualty Claims Underwriting); Mar 14; BusAd, Mgt, Econ, anyone interested in casualty insurance, claims, underwriting.
Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission; Mar 14, CE.
Link Belt Co; Mar 14; IE, ME, CE.
CAMP INTERVIEWS
Camp Menotomy (Maine)—Mar 1; Camp Woodlands (Maine)—Mar 3; Clear Pool Camp (New York)—Mar 3; Camp Delwood (Penna.)—Mar 4, 5; Indian Lake Camp (Penna.)—Mar 8; Camp Conrad Weiser (Penna.)—Mar 11, 12.

Special Eng Lecturer To Address Seminar

Dr. Henri Marcus, special lecturer in engineering mechanics, will discuss "Stability of Closed Beams" at the engineering mechanics seminar at 4:10 p.m. Monday in 203 Engineering 'A'.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Worthal—how many times must I say 'NO' to convince you?"

Formula to Gain Congressman's Ear

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The class began, and the students settled down to study their unusual subject: "How to visit your congressman."

In this specialized age, you can't just drop by your legislator's office and say, "Joe, how about voting for this?" Or, rather, you can, but you're not likely to get startling results.

So 13 students of the Textile Workers Union, from Tennessee, Alabama and New Jersey, are here learning the best way to get a congressman's ear, and, if possible, his vote.

So let's see how the job is best done. For the techniques they use should work equally well in any situation.

The professor was Hy Bookbinder, a professional CIO-AFL lobbyist.

"One of your basic responsibilities," Bookbinder said, "is to learn how to state your point of view. Remember there aren't very many countries in which this can be done. Ever hear of a Russian worker delegation going to a Russian Parliament?"

Nobody had, and Bookbinder turned to a brief civics lesson. He pointed out that the committee chairman has vast power, that he can push legislation he wants and block legislation he doesn't want, that he gets his job by seniority.

"Now in unions, seniority is a pretty thing," Bookbinder said. "We fight for seniorities in unions, so we like to see it

practiced in Congress, don't we?"

"Yes," said a scholar, falling into the trap.

"No, we don't," Bookbinder said. "In our unions we say that if men have equal qualifications, the job should go to the man with the seniority."

"You can be the biggest dope in Congress, but you've been here 32 years. Now there's a genius on the committee but he's been here only 30 years. So you get the chairman's job automatically."

Bookbinder now was ready to advise how to visit a congressman.

"Be intelligent," he said. "Be polite. Be firm. Be informed. Don't go in with a chip on your shoulder. If you came only to show anger, then stay at home."

"Mostly you can convince a congressman with facts. He doesn't care too much if five million people in this country are unemployed, but if you tell him 3000 men in his district are out of work, that means something."

And Bookbinder stressed a point often overlooked by us amateur lobbyists.

"You are way ahead of me in convincing your congressman," said the old pro Bookbinder. "You, and those you represent, vote in his district."

