

Editorial Opinion

Corrected Figures

Richardson Dilworth, Mayor of Philadelphia and a member of the Board of Trustees, misinterpreted some figures when he criticized in a speech Monday the reluctance of students to use loan funds.

Dilworth said the state legislature is reluctant to increase expenditures for higher education because students ignore a large portion of loan funds available to them.

Out of a revolving student loan fund at the University of about \$100,000, Dilworth said, only about 25 per cent is now in use.

Actually, the fund available for this semester totals only \$47,000, and all but about \$5000 has been loaned to students.

True, there is still \$5000 left in the fund—which is \$5000 more than there should be. Students should realize that it is to their advantage to use all the money available.

But the actual amount of money in use is much more than the 25 per cent quoted by Dilworth.

Dilworth's mistake may have resulted from confusing the first semester's allotment with the amount available over the whole year.

About \$67,000 will be in the loan fund next semester, which will bring the year's total to \$115,000. Using this total figure, of course, lowers the percentage of the fund now in use.

But the \$67,000 can't be touched until next semester, so it shouldn't be counted in figuring the percentage of the loan fund which is now being used.

The corrected figures show that Dilworth's charge that students are using only 25 per cent of the fund is confusing and misleading. If the state legislature plans to use loan fund figures in determining the University's next budget, they should be sure to seek out accurate ones.

'So Who Scored?'

Only two major colleges or universities in the East do not use public address systems for broadcasting play-by-play descriptions of football games, according to Senior Class President Charles Welsh, and Penn State is one of them (Army is the other).

Some means of communicating the important facts on each play to the spectators in the stands has been an unrealized goal of students for years.

Penalties alone were announced on Beaver Field Oct. 11 at the Homecoming game with Marquette as an experiment.

The experiment was not altogether successful, since persons in many parts of the stands had difficulty in hearing the announcements much of the time. This would seem to indicate a need for a more comprehensive arrangement.

Next season the Nittany Lions may be playing in a different location—the Beaver Field stadium is scheduled to be moved to the eastern end of the campus.

Perhaps the reconstruction of the stadium would make installation of a permanent system a relatively easy matter.

Perhaps, if students push the idea, they will not have to ask next season, "Who carried on that play?" "What's the penalty for?" or "What a tackle! Who made it?"

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Washington

Politics Shifts From 'Rags To Riches'

By ARTHUR FDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—This election campaign has shattered one political myth: That a candidate, laden with great riches, will find his enormous wealth a crushing burden if he tries to tote it to high office.

There are Averell Harriman (D) and Nelson Rockefeller (R) jousting to become governor of New York. Although there may be arguments over the extent of their riches, it's agreed that the loser isn't likely to wind up dependent on a relief check.

Nor is this all. New York is such a large and powerful state its governor always gets serious consideration at national nominating conventions. Harriman has gotten such consideration in the past. Rockefeller, if he wins, is certain to have enthusiastic backing for the GOP presidential nomination in 1960.

All of which may cause some revising of political handbooks. As recently as 1940 English observer Harold J. Laski was insisting that, politically speaking, the big business man didn't have a chance.

"The small (business) man cannot hope to afford the risks of a political career," Laski said in his book, "The American Presidency."

"The great one, a Rockefeller, a Vanderbilt, even an Owen D. Young, would not be an 'available' candidate simply because he would arouse the suspicion that the party which nominated him was in bondage to the money-power."

Well, politics is a curious profession, so it's hardly surprising that a lot of curious ideas should arise over what bait we voters will go for.

At one time, for example, log cabins seemed to have a special charm, at least politicians thought they had.

It isn't clear just what it was about log cabins that made those born in them men of political distinction. But certainly the log cabin boys, once they started running for office, made a great fuss over it. Yet even the log cabin seems overrated as a vote getter.

George Stimpson like to run down little known facts, especially political facts. He once made a study of log cabin births among our presidents.

He found that four were born in one-room log cabins: Millard Fillmore, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln and Chester A. Arthur. Two others, Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson, probably were born in log structures.

But even if you count the probables, they are outnumbered by George Washington, James Madison, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Benjamin Harrison, William Howard Taft and the two Roosevelts.

"Born in mansions," Stimpson said.

Gazette

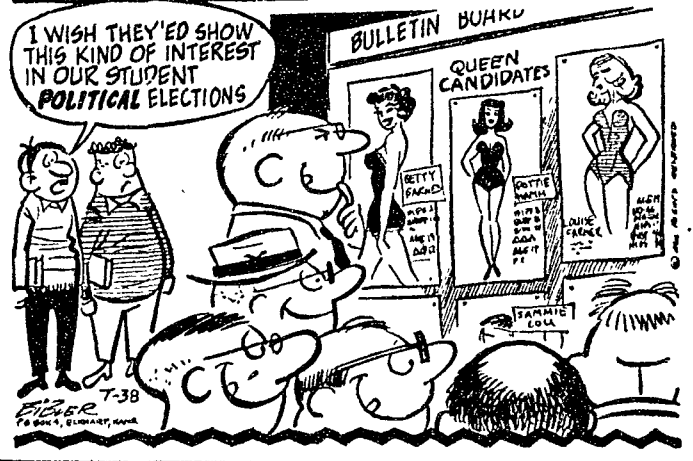
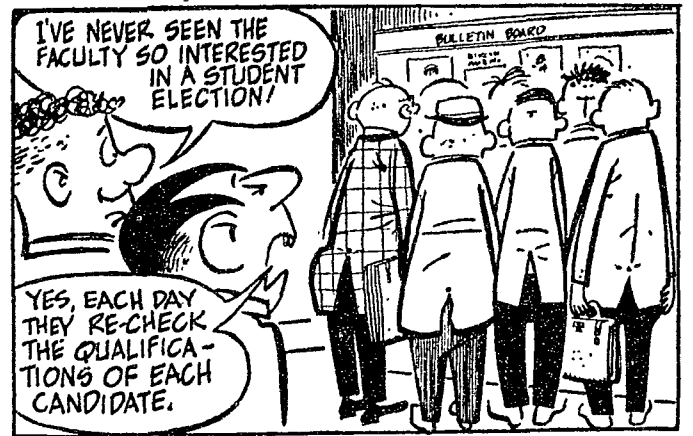
TODAY

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AIIE, 7 p.m., 105 Mech Eng
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Froth ad staff, 7 p.m., HUB Froth office
Mineral Industries student council, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
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WSGA Senate, 6:30 p.m., back study lounge, McElwain
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



from here to infinity
I'm Not Quite Sure
But I'm Beginning to Get
The Idea That Maybe I Should Have
Written a Letter in the First Place
by bob thompson

"He must have been drunk or crazy to do a trick like that!"

"What do they serve at those fraternity meetings?"

"Oh my! What ever possessed you?"

So came the reaction from the "great White House Phone Fiasco."

To top it all off, the Associated Press carried two stories claiming that I had ordered a pledge to make the call to Washington with the implied threat of his not being initiated if he refused.

One account of the incident referred to yours truly as a freshman pledge in Sigma Kappa (a sorority—not to mention that even the girls don't pledge freshmen this early!)

Maybe after this whole thing finally blows itself out, I'll be eligible for a sorority... maybe, I'll be an Independent!

We managed to clear up the mistake in age, semester and sex with only an hour of phoning wire service bureaus.

Then came the second blow. The second correction filed by the wire service pictured me as a hard-nosed ogre who beat pledges into doing anything I desired.

My first reaction, upon reading the AP wire release, was to call my parents and see if they had disowned me yet. For some reason, my fame

hadn't spread to the eastern reaches of the Commonwealth.

After explaining the whole incident to my bewildered parents, I heard nothing but utter chaos. I managed to hear Dad's request for "all the clippings you can get," a fainting gasp from my mother, and nothing but screams from my younger sister yelling, "What did he do? What did he do?"

My fraternity brothers swallowed the reports with rather mixed emotions. They didn't know whether to ride me out on a rail or boil me in oil on the spot!

My attempts to contact the national office of the fraternity all proved futile. Every time I called, I got a busy signal. Maybe they were already taking steps to get rid of me on the national level!

I still wonder what would have happened if I actually did get through to the Chief! Certainly there wouldn't be much more of a ruckus stirred up. I still am wondering whom I spoke to.

The number one question that has been put to me—besides whether I will be in Alcatraz or Leavenworth—was whether or not I was serious

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