

Editorial Opinion

That Old Lion Party Debt

All-University Cabinet last night recommended that a \$155 bill for 1957 campaign material for the now-defunct Lion party be sent back where it belongs—to the printing company.

Cabinet members voted to send back the bill because it "does not concern the Student Government Association nor the Lion party organization," in the words of the resolution that was adopted.

Two factors allowed the debt to be accumulated:

1) The out-dated, excessively restrictive and completely unenforceable Elections Code limitation on the amount of money political parties may spend in any given campaign.

2) The willingness of downtown merchants to play politics with student politicians, to aid them in circumventing the Elections Code.

The Elections Code financial limitations allow the parties to spend so little that they can hardly conduct a good campaign if they stay within the limits.

Often the party chairman will resort to a process known as "double billing." In other words, he will get his suppliers to charge only the legal amount of his bill to the party. He will pay for the rest of the bill out of his own pocket, hoping to pay himself back from money collected for the party from candidates and party workers.

"Double billing" has been a common practice in Penn State student politics for years. Elections Committee has been unable or unwilling to stop the practice and enforce the provisions of the Elections Code.

And apparently many downtown merchants have been only too willing to cooperate with students in thwarting enforcement of the Elections Code.

In sanctioning "double billing," downtown businessmen know full well that there is a chance they may not be paid by the party chairman. Neither student government nor any organization connected with student government has any responsibility to pay an individual's debt under these circumstances.

The student politicians have been irresponsible in practicing "double billing"; downtown merchants have been irresponsible in sanctioning it.

Cabinet acted responsibly in refusing to pay the Lion party debt, for to pay the debt would have been to condone past irresponsibility and to promote future irresponsibility.

However, past Cabinet members and past Elections Committee members did not act wisely in preserving an archaic Elections Code financial requirement. A change of the code should be high in Cabinet's order of business.

Top Scientists

The University campus may be the scene of some significant scientific developments during the next few days

Five of the world's top scientists—representing Belgium, Russia, England, France and the United States—will arrive on campus today in preparation for the meeting of the Executive Board of the International Geophysical Year

The United States' representative at the executive meeting is Dr. Marcel Nicolet, secretary-general of the Special Committee of the IGY and consultant to the Ionosphere Research Laboratory at the University.

The scientists will begin their meetings tomorrow morning, and will participate in a television program, "The Greatest Enterprise on Earth," on Altoona's Channel 10 on Sunday. President Eric A. Walker will serve as moderator of the televised panel discussion.

The meeting on campus may provide interesting scientific data, and is almost sure to raise the University's already-growing scientific prestige.

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Letters

Reader Attacks United Nations

TO THE EDITOR: (In regard to Dave Fineman's column Saturday, in which he deplored displays of military might as symbols of peace and of the United Nations), how can any adult with a claim to a measure of common sense advocate sitting in council with liars, thieves, murderers; propose to maintain peace with gangsters dedicated to the destruction of our way of life, sworn by their ruthless leaders to bury us, the United States of America?

Rather, why don't these so-called adults suggest to the Philadelphia or New York Police that they hold conferences with those who assault law abiding citizens, and strive to come to an understanding with the murderers and the rapists, with the strong-arm hoodlums who terrorize peaceful citizens? Rather, why don't these so-called adults wake up?

The world had another United Nations, and they called it the League of Nations. It's would-be law was shredded on the "Eight Million Bayonets" of Mussolini and Ethiopia lay in chains. Still, fools believed in the power of talk, and they paid a terrible price for their stupidity; they made the checks payable to Shicklegruber, to Tojo and to Mussolini, and these checks were cashed at Dunkirk and Rotterdam, at Singapore and in North Africa.

To you, believers in talk, in cheap, lying, deceptive, vilifying talk, the U.S. placed some measure of trust in talks with the Japanese . . . we paid, too, at Pearl Harbor. Thank God, you gullible friend of Mr. Fineman, (who expressed dismay at the military-like UN Day celebration) you gullible people all over the U.S., that we didn't trust in the League of Nations, or perhaps instead of ROTC cadets, S.S. Troopers would do the flag raising at Penn State . . . and everywhere else.

The UN had its Ethiopia, too, when in 1956 our fellow UN members, the Russians, tore the heart from the Hungarian nation. While this thing went on the chicken-livered UN, its guts quivering in fear of the Russian gangsters, miserably raised its feeble voice in protest, and in a final gesture of wretched helplessness, sent the murder victim a first aid kit.

Any man or woman who suggests that the UN has accomplished any good which could not, or if necessary, would not have been done by the U.S., just doesn't respect historical fact. We, the United States, don't need the UN, not one little bit.

To Mr. Fineman's friend: I too was sorry to see those ROTC cadets raising flags on Friday. I regret they weren't out on Nittany mountain with a full field pack or studying firing tables or doing something else of concrete value to this nation, instead of paying undue homage to an organization dedicated to the castration of the United States of America.

—Richard Ferguson, '59
EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Fineman will devote his column tomorrow to a discussion of the United Nations and the League of Nations.

Gazette

TODAY

- Alpha Phi Alpha, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
- Bloodmobile Registration, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB lobby
- Bridge Lessons, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Eastern Orthodox Society, Halloween social, 8-11 p.m., Haller recreation room
- Hillel, Sabbath Eve Services, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- Hub-za-poppin, 7:30-8:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- Interlandia Folk Dance, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB; 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
- LSA, Spook party, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Student Center
- Newman Club, Halloween dance, 8 p.m., Church hall
- Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 212 HUB
- Pep Rally, 7 p.m., HUB lawn
- Wesley Foundation, Halloween Party, 8 p.m., at the foundation

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



—from here to infinity—

Better Card Game, Marks Stay Same

by bob thompson

Someone has said that "Monkeys is the craziest people." Maybe the same could be said for the inhabitants of our institutions of higher learning.

Where else can a person find such weird traits, customs and dress habits than on a college or university campus?

Where can a person find it as utterly impossible to get through to a specific number from 7 to 10 each night than calling a women's residence hall? And then find that the party at the other end is not there?

Then again, where can you find such extremes in dress? In one walk across campus of any college, it is possible to find a student bedecked in the latest Ivy league dress, another bedecked in levis and a third in the latest fashion of the "beat generation."

Where but at college can one find more people who are willing to stay up until all hours playing cards, yet be too tired to possibly read a chapter of economics after 11 p.m.?

Where is it possible to get engrossed in a deep discussion over the merits of Brubeck or the genius of Bach without stepping out of the house?

Or where can you find so many sadistic jokes and so few completed literature assignments?

Or so many who are willing to brave 20-degree temperatures to watch a football game,

yet so few who are willing to brave 50-degree temperatures to walk three blocks to an eight-o'clock class?

Where have so many stayed up so long to drink so much, or crammed so much into their heads in so short a time for an exam?

Where but around the halls of ivy can one find so many who can yell themselves voiceless at a pep rally, and so many who cringe at the thought of speaking up in the classroom?

Then again, where but in a campus town is driving more hazardous than at one in the morning on a Sunday?

Where but at a fraternity can so many watch TV on a Saturday night, yet so few actually see the show?

Again, where but at a fraternity can one find such a wide variety of cars and so large a collection of strange mascots?

And where can you find so much splurged on party favors and so little spent on new text books?

It's a big contrast, every student will tell you, and many admit it should be changed, but who is going to be the martyr who is willing to try? "After all," they cry, "We're only young once!"

