

Editorial Opinion

Competition Is Healthy

Both Campus and University parties named their candidates for the Spring Elections Sunday night, and the top three offices for each party were unopposed.

There is one encouraging sign in this unopposed trend: it indicates that the parties may both be unified behind their most important candidates.

But beyond this, the scene is not encouraging. The fact that candidates are nominated so easily may show a weakness both in the parties and in the political system.

There is no question that there are certain party coalitions which try to line up the best candidates before the nominating sessions begin. Without these the meetings might turn into chaos.

But the danger is that the central coalition in both parties may become too strong, and scare away any opposition. Without a certain amount of intra-party opposition the parties may find themselves nominating from a clique, rather from the best men available among the general student body.

If these nominations are too "sure"—if all the top party members name their candidates before the general nominations—they may miss good political material which is not known to them.

It would be encouraging to see a little more of a fight for the nominations, a fight which could be carried out at nominating meetings and not before the meetings began. And it would help the parties before the public eye if two or more strong candidates for each position fought it out on the nominating floor.

A party which has a number of nominees will present the stronger front to the voters, both because it appears to have more enthusiasm and because it seems to have more good material from which to choose. Also, such primary fights undoubtedly create more general interest in the election than unopposed nominations.

The parties are hurting themselves when they let their candidates take the nominations without a fight. They might be wise to try to find a greater number of qualified people to vie for the nomination instead of giving it by default, or, almost as bad, behind the scenes.

Missing Witnesses

Three men jumped from a car on the heavily-traveled 100 block of South Pugh Street late Saturday afternoon and unprovokedly attacked and beat a student.

The beating drew quite a crowd, according to Police Sgt. Matthew Seckinger. Traffic stopped, and people piled out of nearby restaurants to watch.

And yet, police have not one witness to help identify the assailants.

Seckinger said yesterday that police are trying to track down the men who attacked the student but they have nothing to go on. No one who saw the incident has contributed any information.

Seckinger said no witness will get involved in the case if he volunteers information.

Perhaps none of the witnesses thought of notifying the police. If not, it's time they did, for without some help the police are almost powerless.

et cetera

The Trouble Is Industry Creeps, Not Socialism

By DAVE FINEMAN

A friend of mine put me straight the other day, and without his even realizing it. See, he was just kidding and he came out with something that opened up my eyes—wide.

You know how everyone's always talking about creeping socialism. Somebody says it's good and somebody else bad. But what they can never agree on is just what it is.

The reason for this, I thought, and am now sure of, is the fact that no one has been able to figure out just where it's creeping. The obvious trouble, then, is to find an industry, and a major one, upon which government control is encroaching.

But, you see, that's the whole trouble. If what my friend said is true, then government control is not encroaching upon this industry at all—instead, government control has always been there. That is, the control is there and the industry in point is quickly (according to my friend) becoming a major one.

What was it my friend said? Well, we were talking about careers. You know, what comes after college, and all that.

"Me," he said, "I'm going into the country's major industry."

"What's that?" I said. "Well, you know I'm in ROTC, don't you? So I'm going to be a career officer."

"I still don't get it," I told him. "War, you boob. War is the majorest industry now. That's what I'm getting into."

He said those words like a dolt. But their meaning came as from a prophet.

There it was. All the insight of a genius was in those few innocent words: "War is the majorest industry now."

It is an inescapable conclusion, then, that this country has not creeping socialism at all. But real, red, white and blue socialism. The real thing. The government control is there, in the form of billions for weapons.

What we've actually had all along is creeping industry.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"You shoulda been here yesterday when this guy pinched th' doll next to him."

from here to infinity

The President Meets the Press

by bob thompson

The high point of any newsman's ambition is to sit in on a Presidential news conference.

We had that experience last week as members of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity, while on a field trip to Washington.

After waiting for a security check at the main gate of the White House, our group was permitted to enter the "forbidden territory." While "on the outside," our little group of 15 resembled a small army of pickets—or was it frustrated tourists?

We breathed a sigh of relief as we were handed our 3 1/2 by 6-inch guest cards at our next stop—inside the White House press room. We didn't rate the fancy, laminated cards carried by the rank and file White House Press. We didn't even rate a black-and-white identification picture, let alone a colored one like the rest of the big-time reporters.

Proud we were to rub elbows with the reporters as we awaited the signal to enter the Indian Treaty Room for the conference. Actually, the Indian Treaty Room is in the old State and War Department across the little alley from the White House known as Executive Avenue.

We weren't in line for long, however. Guards soon had us herded to the balcony upstairs,

which overlooks the room. From this vantage point, our little group resembled Roman fight fans waiting for the Christians to be brought into the arena with the lions.

Down on the main floor, reporters looked far from excited about the conference. Most of them sat around reading the New York Times, or reading over their questions for the President.

At exactly 10:30 the president entered the room. He was trailed by his press secretary, James C. Haggerty—dressed in a suit that always matches his boss'—and he, in turn, by two other assistants.

After a "Good morning, be seated, first question," the fun began.

Reporters played jack-in-the-box, asking questions ranging in points from summit conferences to surplus cabbage.

As the end of the conference drew near, the pace quickened. Notes were revised. At that point reporters take on the appearance of cats trying to be comfortable on a hot tin roof.

At 11:00 there is a "Thank-you-Mister-President" from the mouth of Marvin Arrowsmith of the Associated Press, and then all hell breaks loose. By the time the "dent" in President is out of Arrowsmith's (Continued on page five)



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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Arthur Blenk, Dale Bourdette, Ned Cole, Patricia Couch, Anthony DeAngelo, Phyllis Ensminger, Harry Fontana, Winifred Grella, Ann Grubbs, John Hart, Yean Hwang, Mildred Kandrataovich, Alisa Kornfeld, Ray Lehr, Stephen Milner, Rodney Nunemaker, Robert O'Connell, Teresa Ostapowicz, Sandra Rimm, Jeannette Rutan, Raymond Ryan, Robert Sheibley, Lawrence Smith, Susan Smithson, Wayne Ulah, Paula Wiggins, Robert Zechman.

Tonsillitis, Flu Cause Rise in Infirmary Cases

An increase in the number of students admitted to the Ritenour Health Center is due to an increase in tonsillitis and mild influenza cases common at this time of the year, according to E. S. Krug, assistant University physician.

Krug said that the majority of virus cases at the health center have been diagnosed as influenza B, a milder form than influenza A, commonly known as Asiatic flu. He said there were several cases of mononucleosis being treated at present but there is no increase in the number of such cases.

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