

Editorial Opinion

Elections Chairman—Back in Political Pot

Once again the appointment of an Elections Commission chairman is causing a political hassle. The appointment of Robert Umstead will be hanging in the balance at tonight's SGA Assembly meeting.

Umstead's appointment was delayed at the last Assembly meeting because he was not present to "yield to interrogation." He has been serving as interim chairman.

Umstead's foes are suggesting a more liberal and a more easily managed chairman to replace the interim appointment. They feel that the fall elections were too strongly controlled by the elections commission and that it assumed too much power.

How wrong can these foes be—for the fall elections were probably the most honest and fairest in many years. This was only through stringent but necessary rulings by the committee. The ballot stealing issue seemed dormant, as was not the case in last spring's elections.

Politics, for many years, has had a corrupt and dishonest air about it. Campaigns have been cut-throat and ill-run, not consistent and not in the best interest of students. At some stages the campaigns reminded one of a coed parade and at other times of a battle between financial titans.

This is not the purpose of SGA elections. The sole purpose should be to provide the best qualified students for the elected positions. Candidates should be presented to the students for "judgement" through constructive means and not through notices slipped under residence hall doors or on posters plastered about the campus and town.

A dignified election reflects upon the entire student body. The candidates must meet the people through legitimate means. More debates, rallies, radio forums and other presentations must be installed to insure the election of the qualified student leader.

Umstead had these qualities in mind when he asked and received power from the SGA president to establish a set of five offenses and a system of penalties. Although the system was accepted by the majority of the students, the party chaimen, in some instances, felt this was usurping their power. They complained heavily and even stopped to intimidate the chairman.

How can the elections be more efficiently controlled? The only sensible answer lies in giving the election commission more power. Not power to act as a dictator, but with power to control and regulate the campaigns in the best interest of the students.

The Assembly members cannot afford to turn their backs on Umstead's appointment if they believe in a better SGA.

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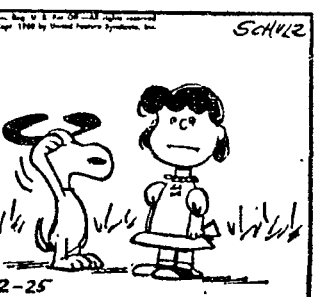
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penny candy

Grey Flannel Boys Hit Old Main

by lolli neubarth

Room 112-D Old Main looks a little like a bargain basement these days. Every day from early morning until 5 p.m. seniors enter the placement office. We don't know who's getting the bargains, but there seems to be a lot of talent for sale.

My first visit to the placement office was a little confusing and very amusing. I started my foray into the world of job hunters by getting in a long, long line.

Five minutes later we hadn't moved an inch, so I asked the girl ahead of me if I was in the line to sign up for an interview. "I guess so, I'm not sure," she answered.

How typical! People would rather stand in line all day than ask if they are in the right one. After a few more motionless minutes I investigated and found that sure enough, someone had started his own line in back of some people who were quite stationarily looking over placement files near the door.

Safely in the real line, I looked around the narrow office. One

half of the placement office is filled with milling seniors, looking at pamphlets proclaiming the great number of jobs available for engineers.

On the other side some very executive-looking interviewers stand. Clean cut, clean shaven, wearing Madison Ave. suits, they stand with arms crossed and a sly smile in their eyes as they size up the new college crop.



MISS NEUBARTH: "Kind of like a market place, isn't it," one said cheerfully as he greeted a quaking senior.

How right he was. And our commodity is US — our brains, our newly-acquired knowledge and what-

and ties. They look sharp, intelligent, bursting with knowledge and confidence.

An interviewer was looking approvingly at the man in front of me when the student asked his companion in a rather loud voice, "Hey, Don, what's IT&T?" The interviewer looked shocked and probably hoped the "sharp" senior wasn't signing up for his company.

Coeds, of course, realize the value of proper dres. No longer do we buy clothes that will be perfect for fraternity parties. Our closets are filling up with "working dresses." And future educators of America are buying "teaching" shoes with sensible heels.

These, of course, are optimists. Others have found that grades really do count, and wish they had kept their average up. Others wish they had an average for other reasons. It seems grad school looks mighty inviting right now—sort of like a trap door at the end of a long, dark tunnel.

Yes, "The future that we wait" is almost here. And they say the first job is the most important. "You prove to yourself that you really can get a job," someone told me. "After that it's not so bad"

"We hope he's right."

Interpreting

Berlin Issue Causes Split Among Allies

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst Relations between Britain and West Germany have taken a trend which must be eminently pleasing to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and show signs of getting worse instead of better between now and the summit conference.

On the surface the trouble revolves around the position to be taken by the Allies at the conference. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer maintains that any compromise on the status of West Berlin ultimately would represent a threat to West Germany itself.

Britain thinks there is a chance of negotiating a settlement eliminating some of the Soviet complaints about Berlin as a center of espionage, propaganda, and refuge for dissident East Germans, as well as a reduction in occupation forces.

Adenauer's efforts to veto this idea have produced a strong reaction in Britain directed as much against his attitude as against the fundamentals of the situation. In the background are two British worries. West Germany's trade recovery has carried it into strong competition for export markets.

West Germany's power in NATO has grown because of its military revival, and its economic connections with France and the rest of the continent create an incubator for a concentration of continental political power such as Britain has always feared.

The British press is screaming its head off because of what is termed a stupid German attempt to revive military ties with Spain beginning with establishment of rear-area supply bases for the German army. Both Spain and Germany have backed away on this.

So the divided Allies have been unable to make any progress on a summit program at their conference in Washington.

Directory Supplement Available at Old Main. A supplement to the Student Telephone Directory has been published and copies are available from the supervisor of telephones, 318 Old Main. The supplement lists the names and telephone numbers of all new students on the campus and also of students who have reported changes of address since registering for the Fall Semester.

Gazette

- TODAY A. F. Glee Club, 3 p.m. HUB assembly Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m. HUB cardroom Christian Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB Hillel Governing Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Hillel lounge History Round Table, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke Outing Club, 7 p.m. HUB Assembly Phi Lambda Upsilon, lecture on Groth Institute, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke SGA Assembly, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB Skull and Bones, 6:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi Student Lobby, 7 p.m., 209 Boucke UCA, 8 p.m., HUB cardroom University Party, 7 p.m., 212 HUB HGSPITAL David Bair, Stephen Baron, Stephen Berzin, Wayne Berfield, Linda Brinsley, Thomas Buckley, David Burris, Joan Cohen, Lois Dontzig, Lawrence Dugan, Rich-

- ard Goodman, Kathlyn Groves, Sharon Harad, Leroy Hibbs, Bradlee Karian, John Lasky, Ian Maw, James Megan, Bonnie Morriss, Carol Murphy, Thomas Newell, William O'Malley, Joseph Opalnick, Albert Reynolds, Nancy Stang, Fred Thomas, Joyce Thompson, Joan Van DenHende.

- SUMMER CAMPS Tomorrow Menatoma (Maine), men, undergraduate, graduate and faculty, Couples considered. Saturday Menatoma (Maine), men, undergraduate, graduate and faculty, Couples considered. Green Lake (Pa.), women March 5 Norwich (Mass.), men March 15 Clear Pool (N.Y.), men March 17 Clear Pool (N.Y.), men Conrad Welsar (Pa.), men

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS 1 Church like St. Paul's in Rome. 9 Pageantry. 13 French mezzanine. 14 Fictitious name. 16 Bombardiers. 17 Very small brook. 19 Joseph C. Lincoln's "Cap'n". 20 Run. 21 Kind of bell ringer. 22 Slight quarrel. 24 Father of Methuselah. 26 Carplike food fish. 27 Fuse, as ora. 29 Jack pot stake. 30 Profit. 31 Breakfasts. 33 Laughed ster-torously. 35 Extreme. 38 Willows used in basketry. 39 Very changeable. 41 Break. 42 Party not in office. 43 Speck of dust. 45 Respond to stimulus. 49 Shelley's "O wild West Wind...". 50 Benjamin Franklin designed one. 52 Pack. 53 Head ornament. 56 Held in (with "up"). 58 Tool for grubbing. 59 Stow, as in a ship's hold. 60 Bongo. 62 Natural fat. 63 Gave an epithet to. 64 Men. 65 Prodigals. DOWN 1 Hems in. 2 Belfast's county. 3 Conflict. 4 One of King David's guards. 5 Boxing blow. 6 Department of France. 7 Long cigars. 8 Dodgers' manager. 9 Temple on the Acropolis. 11 Machine for grinding. 12 Alleviate. 15 More shabby. 18 Tendencies. 23 Groups of ships. 25 Cents; Abbr. 28 Vetch. 30 Crumbles; Slang. 32 Large labor union. 34 Eskers. 35 Hoaxes; Slang. 36 Learned. 37 Without franchise. 40 In no manner. 41 Card game; 2 words. 44 Come (happen); 2 words. 46 Kind of reception; 2 words. 47 Maker of barrels. 48 Suit fabrics. 51 Between; Fr. 54 Mother of Artemis. 55 Uniform. 57 Tennessee; Abbr. 61 Schoolboy.

