

Editorial Opinion

Secrecy in Petition Casts 'Shady' Light

Behind the scene pussy-footing on the part of campus politicians reached its peak yesterday with the "mysterious" appearance of a petition calling for action on a bill to restrict switching from one political party to another.

The bill, sponsored by Edwin Urie, alternate Assemblyman, would prohibit candidates elected on one party ticket from switching to another party during his term of office.

In this specific case, the secrecy is casting a questionable light on what is a good move. The bill which was introduced is sound and should be considered immediately by Assembly.

The petition was started after Rules Committee sent the bill to the SGA Reorganization Committee before being brought to the Assembly floor.

However, the identity of the originator of the petition could not be learned because of the secrecy curtain dropped by Campus party officials. John Brandt, party chairman, refused to release the originator's name because it "might jeopardize his position."

The secrecy was carried to such an extent that Ronald Smolin, one of those circulating the petition, did not even know who originated it or who other petitioners were.

Secrecy and behind-the-scenes maneuvering can only bring on suspicion that something "shady" is in the works. It merely adds support to those critics who accuse political parties of such dealings.

This suspicion can be cleared if all the facts are made known. If only half the facts are known, one can only guess the rest.

Several student leaders have complained about the manner in which administrative officials go about much of their business in closed committee meetings. Practice what you preach!

Other Views

They're Secretive Too!

Seven weeks ago the Faculty Senate voiced unanimous disapproval of the disclaimer affidavit of the National Defense Education Act but no one heard the word.

It wasn't until a few days ago that the resolution was made public, quite casually, in the "Faculty Record."

Why was the Senate so secretive and slow in announcing its opinion of an issue which is important enough to warrant an official position?

The issue of the affidavit has been hotly debated throughout the country. Many major universities, such as Harvard and Yale, have expressed strong disapproval of it. But the University is strangely quiet.

This disclaimer affidavit must be signed by all students who wish to qualify for loans under the NDEA. Critics of the affidavit attack it on the grounds that it discriminates against the needy student and it dictates against freedom of belief.

Many University campus organizations are circulating petitions against it. Senator John Kennedy is co-sponsoring a senate bill with Senators Joseph Clark and Jacob Javits to abolish it. But our Senate is quiet.

There is some suspicion that the Senate was reluctant to oppose the position of Chancellor Robert L. Johnson who defended the affidavit in a statement made during the latter part of November.

This is not true in the opinion of Dr. David H. Webster, associate professor of English. The Senate made no deliberate attempt to suppress information on the resolution, he says.

Nevertheless, we feel the Senate's stand was not properly publicized. The Senate must make its position known and add its support to those who are trying to have the affidavit abolished.

Senator Kennedy said at a recent conference: "I feel that the almost unanimous objection to the affidavit by the nation's colleges enhances chances for the passage of my bill."

Let's help make it unanimous.

—Temple University News

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Letters

Two Engineers Hit Disinterest Of Engineers

TO THE EDITOR: Recently a class of senior engineers was shown a number of movies on the fascinating and useful subject of general semantics. The reaction to this wonderful opportunity was appalling. The foot-stamping, sleeping, talking, etc., showed the emotional immaturity of most of the audience.

How many times has the phrase "But what do you expect? I'm in engineering" been advanced as an excuse for a lack of appreciation of cultural subjects? We can understand how this phrase may be a legitimate reason for limited knowledge in these subjects, but not for disinterest.

A university is a place where one should endeavor to increase his knowledge and broaden his outlook not only in his sometimes narrow field of study but in many subjects. The above example illustrates some students' lack of interest in subjects which will help them to understand and appreciate people and their endeavors.

In these times when human relations are so important, we think it is terrible that the many cultural opportunities offered by our university are neglected by some segments of the student body.

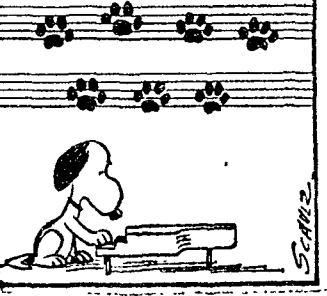
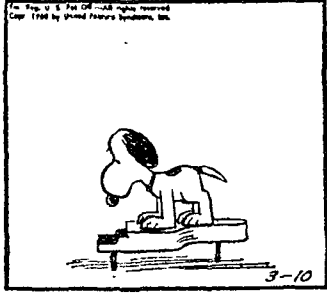
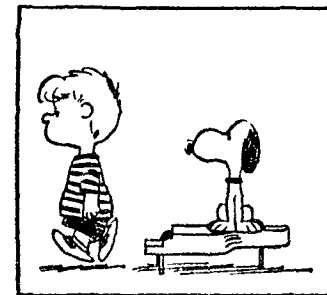
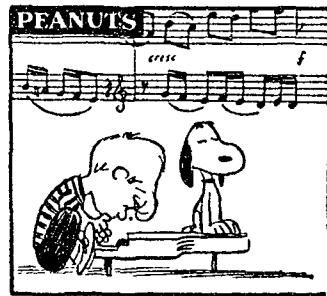
—Robert Haas, '60; John Castor, '60, Engineers

Student to Spend Summer in Israel

Flora E. Kitzman, graduate student in botany from Phoenix, Ariz., will spend the summer in Israel as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate.

From then until her return next December she will be a working guest of farm families in that country. She has joined Pennsylvania IFYE delegates in preliminary training for her stay in Israel.

About 130 exchangees from other countries will complete the 2-way feature of the program by visiting farm families in the United States. The work is conducted in the states by the Agricultural Extension Service. It is sponsored nationally by the National 4-H Club Foundation.



Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS 1 Plural pronoun. 6 Early Christian martyr. 15 Kind of type. 16 Without accompaniment, as choral singing. 17 Cognizant. 18 Titled ladies of Italy. 19 Section of Istanbul. 20 1150: Rom. 21 Cymbal sound. 22 Nickname for a queen. 24 Morgana. 26 Sedative drug. 29 Gobelin. 33 Karnak's are famous. 34 Basketball player. 35 Brazilian capital. 36 Siamese coins. 37 European capital. 38 Bird call. 39 Encountered. 40 Any law or decree. 41 Thicket. 42 Legal procedures. 44 Fracas. 45 Town in Utah. 46 End of a loaf of bread. 47 Actress Eva. 50 Principle. 51 Empty. 55 Citizen of Salem. 58 Exactly as one would desire. 59 London and Singher. 60 Cuban Indian. 61 Having made no will. 62 Wolflike animal. 20 Brothers. 23 Heraldic flower. 24 Dickens thief. 25 Jungle beasts. 26 Restrict. 27 External. 28 Same. 29 Starchy roots. 30 Figure of speech. 31 Wash out. 32 Joins together. 34 Cave (beware the dog): Lat. 37 Head. 38 Judy, actress. 40 Vegetables. 41 Letter. 43 Modern music. 44 Sea gull. 46 Medieval guild. 47 Asian desert. 48 Galway Bay islands. 49 Parks. 50 Kentish freedman. 52 Mable, 1918 best seller. 53 Reposed. 54 Napoleonic abode. 56 Negative. 57 Dog mangers: 2 words. 58 German pronoun.

14x14 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62 indicating starting points for words.

Interpreting:

Action Must Follow Ike's Latest Trip

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

President Eisenhower has had a considerable success in his effort to show Latin Americans that the United States is just as interested in them as in other underdeveloped peoples, but the final evaluation of his visit will depend heavily on how quickly something is done.

It is a developing situation, in which some of the development—such as organization of the Inter-American Development Fund—began before the President planned his trip.

Discussion of the operation of this fund went on at lower levels while the President conferred with chiefs of government. The President therefore continues to speak in generalities.

These generalities already have led to predictions in the United States that there will be no real follow-through. They undoubtedly will produce an undercurrent of disappointment in Latin America until there is a factual display of action.

One feature of the situation calculated to contribute to uncertainty in Latin America during the period of gestation is the concrete planning of aid for the rest of the world which

began Wednesday in Washington.

At that conference nine of the wealthier nations hope to work out a coordinated program for the have-nots, primarily in Asia, the Middle East and Africa. This is in answer to the demand from the United States last year that aid be increased at the same time the load is better shared.

Such a conference is bound to keep alive Latin America's feeling of being left out until something happens in that sphere.

One of the most important products of the President's trip has been the kindling in the United States of a greater awareness of the problems of the southern continent. The Cuban situation is a strong lesson in what can happen through lack of interest and inert policies.

GAZETTE

- TODAY Air Force Glee Club, 8 p.m., HUB Auditorium Awards and Coronation Committee for Spring Week, 8 p.m., 213 HUB Big-Little Sister Committee, 6:30 p.m., 213 HUB Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., HUB Home Economics Faculty, 4:15 p.m., 14 Home Economics Collegian Business Staff Candidate School, 6:30 p.m., 112 Osmond Graduate Mining Seminar, 3:20 p.m., 24 Mineral Industries History Round Table, 7:30 p.m., 119 Osmond International Relations Club, 7-10 p.m. Le Cercle Francaise, 7:30 p.m., Gamma Phi Beta suite Mathematics Colloquium, 3:15 p.m., 12 Sparks Missionary Bible Study, 4:15 p.m., 107 Boucke News and Views, 7 p.m., 18 Home Economics OBOC, 7:15 p.m., 216 HUB Phi Gamma Alpha, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB SGA Assembly, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB Sigma Pi Sigma, 7 p.m., 217 HUB Slavic Club, Russian film, 3:15 p.m., 10 Sparks; 7:15 p.m., 121 Sparks UCA Series, 8 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel University Party Executive Board, 8 p.m., 208 Willard