

Editorial Opinion

Senseless Stalemate

We can't understand why it is so hard to get Penn State students to change with the times and bring their organizations up-to-date to best cope with the changing social environment.

Clinging tenaciously to old forms and structures while the precious months slip by, the Association of Independent Men has become so embroiled in constitutional and legal maneuvers that it has rendered itself completely ineffective and unable to make positive changes toward establishing a body that can best handle the needs of the new community living concept.

The present stumbling block is getting officers for Nittany Council.

Until this is done AIM is not complete and cannot consider reorganizing itself or making provisions for such organizations as the Men's Residence Council.

The establishment of this council was recommended by Student Encampment. The function of the proposed council is to handle the legislative and judicial functions of the residence halls under the community living system.

The composition of Nittany is 95 per cent freshman. But freshmen are not allowed to hold office on the Nittany Council. This presents a rather awkward situation to say the least.

Barry Rein, acting president of Nittany Council, requested last week that AIM Board of Governors take action to allow freshmen to hold any office other than president. This they did. But Dean of Men Frank J. Simes ruled the action unconstitutional.

Another meeting of the AIM Board of Governors was scheduled last night but not enough members showed up. The meeting has been rescheduled tonight and Nittany Council is expected to bring requests again similar to Rein's.

AIM can hesitate no longer.

Town Independent Men are pulling out of AIM. An Independent Students' Association including Leonides is on the fire.

This legal mumbo-jumbo must be cleared up or AIM will be left in the lurch.

More important, all the men in the residence halls may be left behind in student government of the community living area.

AIM has an important calling to fulfill as an active body providing a program for independents.

The sooner it heeds this calling and at the same time provides an MRC to handle the legislative and judicial functions of the residence halls, the sooner a worthwhile program can be enjoyed by both the independents and those living in the residence.

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Letters

Humor? Sheet Writes Edit; Gets Answer

TO THE EDITOR: With regard to the editorial in the October Froth I have discovered a letter of singular relevance in the Penn State Library archives indicating that Mr. Peters does not stand alone in his opinions on political systems.

"People of the Roman Empire, I congratulate you on your conversion to a lighter and more realistic view concerning Roman life.

"Ever since the first inspired youth among you desecrated a sacred cow, the Roman forum has been looked to as a source of fun and laughter.

"You have shown wisdom in puncturing the pomposity that infects the one-time cockeyed optimist. You have taken to task the poor players of polls steeped in their own seriousness and false maturity.

"Let mirth and frivolity prevail. Beware of serious thoughts. Save them for later when they'll really count. I'm sure that this attitude will lead to a closer and more intimate relationship in the future. Your humble servant, Attila the Hun."

My admiration Mr. Peters. John Brandt '61

Nittany Claims Credit for Guard

TO THE EDITOR: Seeing their picture in the Daily Collegian seems to have gone to the heads of the men of Jordan Hall, when they declare that they, and they alone guarded the Lion last week.

They guarded the Lion all right, right up until the time the Collegian took their picture. They then retired to their "hotel rooms."

We doubt if the men of Jordan could have gotten out ten per cent of their men on Wednesday and Thursday and 20 per cent on Friday to guard the Lion throughout the night as did our dorm.

-The Lion Guardians of Nittany 36

Nittany Objects To 3rd Roommate

TO THE EDITOR: How long are Nittany residents going to have to put up with three in a room? Yes, three! Two students in No. 33 found a third party sharing their room late Wednesday evening. It wasn't another student, but a mouse.

Under the present conditions, the sight wasn't too hard to believe. There he was, as big as life. I wonder how many other students have similar undiscovered roommates?

William Schiffbauer, '64

Gazette

- TODAY
Ag Hill Party, 8:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Air Force Glee Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
AMA field trip to Piper Aircraft Co., bus leaves at 12:45 p.m. from front of HUB
Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
Faculty Women's Bridge, 7:45 p.m., 212 HUB
Inter-faith coffee hour, 3:30 p.m., Hillside Foundation
ITC Bridge, 7 p.m., HUB hall room
I Y Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 213 HUB
Jazz Club, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., HUB ground floor
Jr. IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Omega Psi Phi, 9 p.m., 216 HUB
Omicron Nu initiation, 7:00 p.m. (members) and 7:30 (pledges), Theta Phi Alpha suite, 135 McElwain
Pa. Jr. Dairy Show, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB
Penn State Rec-Ed. Society, 7 p.m., White Hall game room, Dr. Daniel Corbin
Penn State Forestry Society, 7 p.m., 105 Forestry
Sigma Tau Delta, 7:45 p.m., 214-215 HUB
SGA, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Women's Chorus, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room

WDFM Schedule

- 5:00 p.m. Three at Five
6:00 p.m. Studio X
6:35 p.m. Weatheroscope
7:00 p.m. Obelisk
7:30 p.m. The Jazz Sound
7:55 p.m. News Roundup
8:00 p.m. This is the Subject
9:00 p.m. Folk Music
9:30 p.m. Opinion 15
9:45 p.m. News, Sports & Weather
10:00 p.m. Chamber Music
12:00 p.m. Sign Off

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Candidates Queried

by joel myers

The 1960 presidential campaign has been transformed into a full-fledged advertising campaign with the emphasis on imagery rather than the major problems and issues of the era.

Both of the major candidates are adhering to popular views on all major topics, being unwilling to trade a few votes for a concrete stand on a particular principle.

The presidential battle is being waged on such absurd issues as Que-moy and Mat-su, maturity, age and religion of the candidates, and the person best able to yell louder than Khrushchev in a face-to-face skirmish.



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The real issues of our times are being ignored.

What steps will be taken to prevent all-out atomic war, whether accidental or intentional? What will be done about the Cuban mess and the Communist infiltration in Latin America? What methods will be used to halt the intense anti-American hate campaign in Red China? How can the number of farmers be reduced without unbalancing the economy? What will be done to reduce unemployment?

These are the real issues that face America in this first year of a very decisive decade. Both candidates have asserted on many occasions that we

must meet the great challenge of the 60's and yet, both men refuse to outline a clear-cut policy that they will follow, if elected.

They are wasting energy and money flying back and forth across the nation to create enthusiasm for their respective tickets. Instead of evaluating the major problems facing the nation, their time is being consumed by an evaluation of electoral votes.

Time may be running out for America. We must develop a forward-looking foreign policy that is capable of turning the tide of the world's political rivers in order to achieve a lasting peace.

Our present foreign policy seems badly outdated and yet neither candidate has expressed the desire to bring about any concrete changes in it.

Perhaps, such a new policy will not be worth its weight in votes to the individual candidate, but it certainly will be worth the lives of many Americans if it should prove fruitful.

Adlai Stevenson proposed many sweeping changes in his unsuccessful campaign bids of (Continued on Page Eight)

Letters

Westmoreland House Concurs

TO THE EDITOR: In response to the fine letter sent by the "boys" in Montgomery House, we in the Westmoreland House wish to congratulate you on your excellent use of the English language to describe the many facets of "Dean Simes' flunkies." We also well understand the existing problems.

To quote "Easy-Dan," this is not a "Gestapo-run" University; however, he did not exclude the possibility that it is a dictatorial form of "small-time" government. An example of this is the quiet hours situation here in Westmoreland.

We have a counselor who extended quiet hours to Saturday night. One of our daring "boys" greeted James Wollaston and Daniel R. Leasure with a petition against such an exercise of control. According to Mr. Leasure, such a paper creates "MOB RULE" among the young delinquents. He was very much against petitioning. However, it states in the Bill of Rights, that one living

in this democracy has the right to petition. There appears to be a conflict between Mr. Leasure and the Bill of Rights. The seventy some-odd men in a house are supposed to live as a unit and have some say on an individual's ruling.

Another example of this attitude is the fact that another one of the "boys" was forced to pick up papers when he should have been at a review session for a blue book. It had devastating effects on his grade. The disciplinary action was a result of attending the spontaneous pep rally last week.

One possible reason for the attitudes of these "right arm super secret servicemen" is that sometimes when a person receives power over a group he wants to exercise it and oversteps the limit.

We would like some support concerning this matter from other areas of the "boys' dorms.

The "Boys" in Westmoreland House

Soph Speaks on Spirit

TO THE EDITOR: With such people as Messers. Cordover and Edelstein enrolled in this University, it became obvious why only 2.5% of the student body appeared at Rec Hall Saturday night to welcome our near victorious Lions back from Syracuse.

Had not the organizers of the TIM and Leonides Las Vegas Nite appealed to student gamblers to go to Rec Hall and welcome the team, the percentage would have been considerably less.

Just where were the "over 1000 students" who took part in Thursday night's pep rally? Certainly some were at Syracuse cheering the team, but definitely not all.

When the gentleman handling the microphone called the names of the various campus residence areas, asking for a vocal indication of their presence, why was there no mention of the Greeks?

Could it be the fact that the all powerful Greeks were conspicuous by their absence? Could it be that the famous Greek solidarity was incapable or disinterested in mustering it to support a loser in score but not a loser in the hearts of their real fans?

What better way to kick off Greek Week than by showing the Frosh and Indies their

wholehearted support of the team?

Anyone who was at Rec Hall and heard the speeches of Rip Engle and Lion Captain Henry Oppermann, knows exactly what, that meager, welcome meant to our tired and dejected team.

To quote Sandy Padwe, the Collegian Sports Editor, "the trouble with Penn State football fans is they're 'bush' all the way." The difference between Thursday and Saturday nights bore this out.

Paul Lowe '63

Another Retort

TO THE EDITOR: To Robert Cordover: in answer to your letter appearing in yesterday's Daily Collegian we have the following suggestion. Why don't you hop in your car with the New York license tags, pick up your girl friend and drive northward without looking back, until you cross the Pennsylvania-New York border.

There are many good schools in New York and we're sure that everybody at Penn State will be better off without you and your kind. On second thought, go alone; your unsuspecting girl friend may be a loyal Penn State student.

-Ralph B. Jaeger, '61 Robert A. Jones, '61