

Editorial Opinion

Bookstore Analysis

The statistics are in, the results have been analyzed and now the fact that this University needs expanded bookstore facilities is down in black and white awaiting inspection by the Board of Trustees.

This fact did not surprise us. We have experienced the tedious lines and have been exasperated to find the texts we need sold out, but the members of the Board have missed this semi-annual ritual.

We hope the trustees will also note that the SGA report goes beyond determining if the need exists into the particulars of just what this need is.

The students queried pointed out the deficiencies of downtown service, said they felt they were being overcharged, and reported problems in getting required texts.

On the positive side, they suggested that the proposed University bookstore sell texts and sundries and offer books at 10 per cent off the list price.

When it prepares these results for presentation to the trustees, the bookstore committee should consider that a University bookstore would most likely incorporate the present BX.

This would seem only practical, since the BX now deals in the supplies that any bookstore must handle to make a profit.

This also seems the proper time for Phil Steinhauer's committee to investigate the possibilities of hiring a full time manager to operate the bookstore.

A manager would primarily provide the business know-how to get the store financially off its feet and keep it there, and would also serve as a stabilizer in the rather transient line of control to which all such student operations are subject.

Caravan of Cars

Fourteen energetic women from Ewing Hall have taken it on themselves to organize a "caravan of cars" to Harrisburg to plead the University's cause for more money.

These girls decided against the "march on Harrisburg" because of the great distance involved. Obviously, a caravan would require less effort than a march, but it might defeat the purpose of the trip—to generate sympathy for the University's need of state funds by attracting national attention.

The publicity value of a caravan is much less than that of a march; consequently the news media wouldn't be particularly interested in a "caravan of cars" unless it was quite large.

It would take thousands of students to join with these 14 women from Ewing for the Assemblymen as well as the remainder of Pennsylvania's citizens to take notice.



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Letters

Bronstein Answered By Wolford

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is in reply to one written by Benjamin Bronstein in which he disagreed with my views as to the relative worth of activities in evaluating candidates for SGA and asserted that my work for The Daily Collegian was "yellow" journalism.

I have often contended that the mere number of activities is not a good method of measuring the worth of people in student government. I believe that very often people in student government (and other activities too) attempt to spread themselves too thin. They belong to too many activities and thus reduce their usefulness in each one of them.

Dennis Foianini has evidently realized this. I listed his activities to point out that they are limited to one field and I'm sorry that Bronstein and his friends missed the point. I believe that if Foianini were elected, he would put all his "activity" time into student government.

I feel that if Harrison or Alexander were elected, the SGA presidency would merely make a nice addition to already impressive lists. I did not mean to imply that Harrison or Alexander spent no time on their activities; but I did mean to imply that they could not have devoted enough time to each of them to be effective members.

Then too, the mere time involved in activities is unimportant if it is not spent constructively or is not directed to the improvement of the group.

I still contend that Harrison has not done one constructive thing on the Assembly and that Alexander's work was destructive. Bronstein may "overlook" the reorganization fiasco as a "mistake," but I think he should visit his optometrist.

Bronstein also charges that Foianini is a part of Brandt "Inc." The only thing I can suggest is that Bronstein make an effort to talk to Foianini. I'm sure he will realize then that Brandt and Foianini do not agree on everything. The latter can stand by himself.

As for Bronstein's charge of "yellow" journalism: I suspect this stems partly from my suspicion of his corporation, "Lions Paw," and partly from just a difference of opinion. In any event, to be labeled a yellow journalist by Bronstein is an honor for me and I tip my own "hat" to him.

—Nicki Wolford '61

Proffitt Thanked

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to Mr. Proffitt, director of Food Service, for his stand on political campaigning in the dining halls. Mealtime is a time of relaxation, and I for one do not want that relaxation marred by the presence of the amateur politicians.

My only regret is that the candidates will be allowed to bother the students in line. Why not do the job right and keep the characters out of the dining areas entirely?

—Dick Diehl, '62

Gazette

- TODAY
AAUW, 10 a.m., HUB assembly room
American Chemical Society, 7 p.m., 103 Osmond lab
American Meteorological Society, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
AWS, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
AWS Pollack Council, 9:15 p.m., Pollock 3
Chess Club, 6 p.m., HUB card room
Civil Defense, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB card room
Cwens, 218 HUB
Daily Collegian Press Conference, 5 p.m., HUB assembly room
Eng. Arch. Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 104 Osmond lab
Flying Club, 7:30 p.m., 215-218 HUB
He-Man Committee, 6:45 p.m., 215 HUB
IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Kappa Phi Kappa, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Psychology Colloquium, 8 p.m., 214 Houck
Sociology Club, 8:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Sports Car Club, 8 p.m., 207 Boucke
Student Christian Association, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
TIM Election, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

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Reviewing the CIA

by Joel Myers

The second major intelligence bungle within a year has prompted President Kennedy to establish a committee to investigate our entire intelligence set-up beginning with the Central Intelligence Agency.

The investigating committee, which will be headed by retired General Maxwell Taylor, will focus its attention on the Cuban invasion miscalculation, which was masterminded by Allen Dulles, head of the CIA.

That grave mistake lowered the chances of eventually overthrowing the Castro regime and left the Cuban dictator stronger than ever. It not only rallied the Cuban populace to his aid, but discouraged the rebels from trying to invade the island again.



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It also served as a propaganda victory for the Communists, who have emerged as the defenders of the small island against the "capitalists."

The image of a United States interested in the well being of Latin America, which Kennedy had worked hard to create during his three months in office, was destroyed along with the rebel invasion force last week.

We had hoped that the U2 bungle would have caused the CIA to exercise more foresight

and planning for future undertakings.

Maybe Kennedy's investigation will prompt this long-overdue review of the CIA's activities and methods of operation.

We believe that a strong intelligence system is necessary to combat the threat of Communism at home and abroad. We realize that an undercover agency in this country is up against many difficulties not encountered by secret police organizations in other nations because of our constitutional guarantees.

President Kennedy, realizing these problems, is apparently attempting to formulate some type of system that will be effective in combating Communism and at the same time remain within the limitations of the constitution.

It is more than likely that this new intelligence system was one of the major topics of conversation in Kennedy's talks with top-ranking Democrats and Republican leaders during the past week.

What the President has in mind is probably known only to those few leaders, but it seems that a revamping of our entire intelligence set-up is in the making.

Letters

'A Fable for Our Times'

TO THE EDITOR: BENNY IN WONDERLAND OR A BACKWARDS LOOK AT DISNEYLAND EAST

Once there was a very little boy named Benny who always wished that he could be bigger and better than anyone else.

"Go to Penn State," his mother told him, "for there your dream shall come true. Penn State is a magic land which is ruled by a Prestige god who dines on pins and hats."

"I'll go," he sniffed, "for there is the answer to my true desire." And Benny went.

True to his mother's word he grew—three inches—the exact size of the hat they put on his head. And he gained weight—two ounces—the exact weight of the pins they put on his chest.

Benny planted the magic activity bean. He was a good listen-to-reasoner. He played ball. And suddenly he was in. And where was in? Why on the fourth floor of Old Main. They gave him the shiniest pin of all, the epitome of "Inness."

One day he met someone who

thought differently than he did. "Where's your hat," asked Benny.

"Haven't got one," said the someone.

"Where's your pin?"

"Haven't got one of those either," said the someone.

"You'll never make it," Benny sighed. "We'll just put you in our ill-fated boat and let you sink."

"I can swim," replied the someone.

"I'll grind you in our machine," said Benny.

"That's OK," said the someone. "It won't hurt too much."

"I'll write a letter to the Collegian and tell everybody you're bad," said Benny. "They'll listen to me. Why, I'll even incorporate you."

"No kidding," said the someone as he tickled Benny under the chin.

"You're horrible," said Benny. "I'll bet you don't even believe in the Prestige god."

"Nope," said the someone, for he knew that outside of magic land pins lose their luster and the hats just look sort of silly.

—John Brandt

Abilities and Activities

TO THE EDITOR: Are Charles Gaston, Stephen Brown, and Ben Bronstein disputing Dennis Foianini's right to run for SGA president on the basis of his lack of activities? This seemed to be the underlying sentiment in both letters of Tuesday, April 25.

Even if Mr. Foianini had no activities at all, he and his backers must have a great deal of faith and confidence in his abilities, or he wouldn't have the nerve to run for office.

Mr. Foianini is sensible, intelligent, and obviously interested in campus politics — what better basis for a leadership position could be required?

Nelson Rockefeller and Harry Truman were relatively politically inexperienced when

they took office, and each emerged a strong leader. Contrary to Gaston's and Brown's insinuation, the ability to carry out ideas is not correlated with heavy participation in student activities. An SGA president cannot afford to be connected with a long string of activities or he will not have enough time to devote to the job.

When is Penn State going to wake up to the fact that its leaders should have the interests of the University at heart rather than a collection of membership cards in their wallets?

P.S. On four hours of sleep a night, Bob Harrison will be much too pooped to run SGA anyway.

—Sally Diehl, '64

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