

Here Comes the Fun

IT IS PERHAPS fitting that USG—once again—is hung up on petty politics in determining such a simple matter as the date for executive elections.

Since Fall Term, USG has been bogged down over purely procedural problems having no bearing on matters such as those concerning the quality of life for students.

The in-fighting, the quarreling, the feuding has been overwhelming. USG spent the entire Fall Term and part of Winter arguing over the eligibility of former town Congressman Joe Myers.

AFTER HAVING settled that case by kicking Myers out of his seat, Congress searched desperately for another issue which would have nothing to do with students but would keep the congressmen busy.

To the rescue came an issue of profound significance—should a congressman be thrown out of USG for missing one meeting? With a sigh of relief, Con-

gress quibbled over the problem until Winter Term was exhausted.

This term, the problem is in deciding when to hold the executive elections for USG president, vice president and treasurer. As with all the other hassles, the fighting is largely politically motivated.

AT TUESDAY'S USG meeting, Congress passed, 21-9, a bill which held that the executive elections be run during the third week of this term. The vote was largely divided along political lines. The supporters of candidate Jim Antonino voted for the earlier elections while the backers of still unannounced candidates Bob Brinley and Tom Stillitano wanted the elections deferred.

Purported Brinley supporter and USG President Ted Thompson disclosed that he would veto the bill—giving all the political camps an extra week of campaigning to do.

SO THE POLITICAL maneuvering goes on—and the USG version of the "student as nigger" once more emerges.

Everything's Melting

COLLEGIAN EDITORIALS to the contrary, there is indeed someone in Old Main (or heaven) who does some enlightened thinking.

First there was the excellent decision not to prohibit the expected—though now possibly postponed—speeches here by Chicago Conspiracy participants Jerry Rubin and William Kunstler.

And now, even more substantially, the Board of Trustees has voted to set aside a \$30,000 fund to provide for emergency short-term, interest-free loans to students from minority groups or low-income families.

THE SNOW IS melting, and so too is the refusal of Penn State bosses to respond to changing University needs.

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Some Forthright Thurber Humor

By MARY MURRAY
Collegian Staff Writer

The Penn State Players brought to life some of the James Thurber humor of the 1930s, costumed the characters in flowered vests and pastel bell-bottoms and surrounded them with vibrating rhythms of modern sound in an enjoyable performance of "A Thurber Carnival" at the Pavilion Tuesday night.

"Carnival," written by Thurber and based on his short stories, fables and other pieces of miscellaneous humor, entertains the audience with twelve lively skits.

The opening scene, "Word Dance," lacked the tempo it needed, and some of the gag lines were inaudible, but the following skit, "Three Fables for Our Time" picked up the pace. Dee Helsel's performance as narrator of the "Fables" added to its success.

Perry Sweetser, in one of the best performances of the evening, portrayed "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" with skill, aided by the abilities of Ruth Ann

Campbell, who played Mitty's domineering wife.

"The Pet Shop," featuring Sweetser as the eccentric veterinarian and Claire Coyne as his assistant, was one of the funniest skits in the show. Thurber-like drawings were flashed on a screen to show maladies of the various animals owned by television viewers who needed the doctor's advice—a fish with ears (was it valuable?) and a moose with loose antlers.

Ron Hetrick portrayed Thurber in "File and Forget It," a successful spoof based on the frustrations of writing business letters or what to do with 32 copies of "Grandma Was a Nudist." Hetrick also performed well as the drunken general suffering from a hangover in "If Grant Had Been Drinking At Appomattox."

"The Macbeth Murder Mystery" moved a little slower than it should have, but the performance of Helena Ruoti, who played the wide-eyed and airy-headed detective mystery addict, helped make the skit enjoyable.

Robles Hoffman and Norm Rachlin

portrayed a man stranded on an island and a reporter in a successful performance of "Casuals of the Keys."

The players used a minimum of props in the "Carnival" and the lighting direction by David James Markley was well done. The costumes designed by J. H. Brooks, Jr., consisted mainly of the pastel and flowered outfits worn by all of the cast members, with additions for several skits, where simple costuming changes were used.

Music, provided by four members of Clovis Point, was one of the high points of the production. The group used an electric piano with excellent results.

Although the first act of "Carnival" could have been smoother and better-paced, the second act achieved a more professional performance, which could indicate that the flaws in the production were more a case of opening night jitters than inept acting and timing.

The production, which runs until Saturday night, is a lot of fun and well worth seeing for anyone who would appreciate some forthright Thurber humor.



Collegian Cartoon by Alan Ceurdoff

Dick Gregory at Juniata

On Dope, Pigs, Hunger, the Panthers, SDS and the Shriners

By COMMANDER ALI
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(Following is the second of a two-part report of black satirist and lecturer Dick Gregory's March 9 speech at Juniata College.)

Dick continued to rap on heroin use and how easily he could obtain it. He said, "Let me give you a good example: Huntington (where Juniata College is located). Dig it now! Let's say I walk off this stage. Let's say I got in town eight o'clock tonight. So by nine-thirty I'd be here, 1 1/2 hours, never been to this town before. Would you believe that? Would you believe by ten o'clock I could have it jumping through my veins? Would you believe that?"

"Now dig what I'm saying 'fore you laugh now. Never been to this town before in my life. Got here at eight o'clock. From eight to eight-thirty I'm sitting here talking to you. So in 15 minutes I could make contact to get some heroin. In 30 minutes it can be jumping through my veins. Dig it now! I've never been to this town before and by ten o'clock tonight I can be high off heroin. But your cops who's born, worked and lived here—they can't find the heroin man? Are you really that big a fool? That a stranger who's never been here can get a fix in an hour? Then maybe what you oughta' do is start making the heroin use the policeman. Since they the only ones who seem to know where the 'man' is. Yaw'll officers got a big job.

Alcohol a Narcotic?
"You're momma and daddy trying to tell you 'bout smoking dope, and they goin' around with a martini in their hand. Them damn fools not even aware that alcohol is a 'narcotic'. The worse narcotic in use in America today is alcohol. Eight million alcoholics! Eight million alcoholics! They affect the lives of 75 million people. Them damn alcoholics kill more folks on the highway in the course of the year than all you radicals could do in the next 50 years, if you tried.

"All them damn fools runnin' around hollerin' you got to have respect for law and order. They the first ones to get in their car and drive after drinkin'. Dig it now! Understand it good! See you've got to understand the kind of degeneracy

that's in this country. Once you understand it you can reverse it.

"You wanna stop all the highway accidents? You wanna know how this coming Fourth of July can be highway death toll-free? Yea! Would you believe that? You can have a Fourth of July that's without anybody getting killed on the highway. That's the big smash-up!

SDS Press Conference

"All's you have to do is hold a press conference with SDS, the Black Panthers and a couple of other radical groups. We call for everybody in America that's against the war on the Fourth to get drunk, get in your car, get on the highway and kill somebody in protest of the war. You know what'd happen don't you? All your mommies and daddies will be so damn outraged they'll have a soldier every other foot on the highway all the way across America and before the day's over no one will have been killed. It's very hard for parents that's boozing all the time to tell young kids they shouldn't smoke dope.

"Let me say to you youngsters in the house that anything that stimulates the body is bad for you. Be it tea, coffee, dope, alcohol or anything that stimulates the body is bad for you. So for those of you who've used dope, who want to use dope, that might get to the age where you get married and plan to have kids, you might not want them to use it. You should write to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and ask them for information on Drugs and Alcohol. Then you'll be able to intelligently answer your kids when they ask you should they or shouldn't they indulge.

'Fool Parents'

"Don't be like your damn fool parents. The way they talk about it makes you wanna try it. I'll tell you youngsters something else. Don't think for one minute when you get married and have kids that you as a parent can smoke a cigarette in front of those kids and the kids know that cigarette cause cancer. Don't think you could ever be that irresponsible in front of your kids. Then ever one day sit down and try to tell those kids how to run their lives. Kids are not that ignorant. I've never called a cop a pig and I never will, although I

don't see anything wrong with it. I'll never call a policeman a pig cause I got too much wisdom. I know what bag the cop is workin' out of. The same cop who'll stop the SDS from demonstrating against poverty, better not touch the shriners when they come to town and get sloppy drunk. Remember that! For those of you in America who are upset about policemen and members of the power structure being called pigs, I say to you check out your Bible cause that's where those statements are coming from.

Some Bible Talk

"Mark Chapter 5—any of you familiar with it? Those of you unfamiliar with it, when you go home tonight read your Bible. If you haven't got a Bible in your house check into the motel over the weekend, they got one there! Mark Chapter 1: Ole' Christ was walking through the wilderness one day, guy walks up to him and says, 'Lord, I'm infested with demons. I'm infested with demons! They make me do bad things. They control me, Lord. He said my name is Legion.'

"Check that out! Mark Chapter 5. As you read through the chapter you see where Christ decided to help him. He reached in and pulled out the Legion which he got from the belly of the swine! If you folks still dislike members of the power structure being called pigs then go home and burn your Bible. 'Cause that's where it came from.

"The reason the Panthers are killed isn't cause they're black or advocate self-defense. It's because they're talking about feeding poor, hungry black folks. They wasn't hungry problems until they started talking 'bout feeding poor, hungry black folks. If you don't believe it then you white folks go down to Appalachia talkin' 'bout feedin' poor, hungry whites. They'll kick your door open one day at five in the morning.

"I don't have to explain that to you. They just finished doing it to Yablonski, and all he was talking about was feeding poor, hungry white folks in Appalachia. He wasn't no black Panther. Remember? Killed him, his wife and his daughter. Think about that! So you see anytime a country with 200 million people, and 44 million people go to bed every night hungry. Those aren't my figures, those are Nixon's Commission on Nutrition.

"They came up with them figures so you know how they watered 'em down. Forty-four million people go to bed hungry every night in America. In a country that pays rich farmers billions of dollars not to plant? In a country where Sen. Eastland gets \$16,000 every month not to plant, but a baby in Mississippi gets \$8 a month to live on!"

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