

YOU COMIN' BACK
THIS WAY?



EDITORS NOTE: The following articles were taken from AUNBT Newsletter of December 1979. We found it interesting reading and thought the rest of the campus might enjoy it.

The Cassano Affair has come and gone. One very interesting observation I can make about the affair is that the past chairman of the Joint Nominating Committee resigned because he lost confidence in the Board of Governors and the Senate; not because they had lost confidence in him. I am commend him and the others who joined him. I am surprised that all of them did not. The battle is not won. One only has to look at the constitution of the new search committee and certain obvious conclusions can be drawn. How was that committee chosen anyway? We hope that reason will prevail.

Last year I had almost decided not to write letters to your

Professor Al Fresco has written an article for this issue that will put us in the right frame of mind and who knows? Perhaps a resolution or two might resurface and might even be debated by a full quorum.

"Newsletter." After all, I was attacked by a University heavy-weight for being a phoney, humourless sophomore, unwilling to proselytize my views openly.

However, the signed and leaked petition from the Board of Deans and the recent statement by the AUNBT executive have persuaded me to throw my hat into the ring, or is it the Bear Pit again. The President of AUNBT seems to advance the opinion that Deans should not be divided from us. I beg to disagree: the division is inherent in the position. Ten to one, and what an accurate ratio, once you cross the magic line of dean/faculty you would change the direction of your vote. It is also inconceivable that without the Board of Deans we could run this University. Who will then do all the background work to save a couple of a million at a time? We cannot leave everything to the computer. Who, in the event of a prematurely chilly winter, like this

eyar, would supply all the excitement to keep us warm? You can't rely on the ex-Chairman of the ex-nominating committee alone to do that.

And another point! To say that the Deans occupy positions of trust seems a curious idea. I am sure they themselves are convinced that they occupy positions of power and to hell with trust! As that famous political sage, Dr. Kissinger has indicated: morality in politics is a complex issue. One

is often confronted with two evils, you either offend the sensibilities

of the faculty or you undercut the sinews of your own ambition. Clearly you have to make a choice and ten to one...But perhaps I should not belabour this point any further, since at least one of the Deans has candidly justified his position by saying 'he was not my candidate'. This goes to show that any contemplated piece of rail roading needs 'a good track record!'

The President of the AUNBT, the ex-Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the 250 friends and colleagues and the students should realize that the Board of Deans, supported as it is by other luminaries with aspirations, are doing everything for your own good. We do not want intellectual giants to run us. They would demand research activities, they would force us to forgo the summer emoluments or the winter honor-

aria, or even the spring fees. They, the intellectual giants at the top, would populate the University with budding Einsteins who would make life sheer hell for those of us who have spent 20 years in the institution, been members of every Committee, ran errands for every senior administrator and are ready now to ascend up the ladder to the comfortable plateau of deanery. It is, after all, not by chance that the Board of Deans now has so many members who have voluntarily sacrificed the

pleasure of playing with scholarship favour of the pains of piloting the ship of Academie. Were it once admitted that some qualrilingual outsider could do a better job than the stalwart man of the people, the confidence of the students would be completely shot to pieces. How can we go on convincing our pupils that light does indeed shine from our eyes? Dear friends, let us exercise maturity: it is not the quality of the C.V. that makes it bad, it is who has signed it. Furthermore, in this case, not only the outsider has been rejected but an activist insider, who really is also an outsider, has been suitably chastized: two birds with one stone. This remarkable sleight of hand should demonstrate to any skeptic the shrewd tactical skill of the executive caucus of our University. I can already perceive the dominoes tumbling over each other.

Once the smoke clears it will be seen that the dividing lines of faculty, chairmen, deans, etc would form a fine pyramidal form of ever-decreasing levels of influence. You see, Mr. Editor and Mr. President, these divisions so arranged would lead to extra stability with the majority regardless of their ability at the bottom. Surely then the lighter the top the better it is for the oppressed innocents of the supporting base.

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