

## Letters to the editor

Hopefully, many of you will consider the possibility of arranging an internship as part of your academic experience this year. Although it is a little late to begin the process this fall, there still is time if you have a supervisor in mind and will see a faculty sponsor immediately. Your approved internship application form must be in the Registrar's Office before you can officially register for an internship. During the fall term, I will post or send out notices of internship opportunities for January and the spring term. I will also be glad to talk with you about ideas for internships which you have. An Internship Guide for Students is available in my office, LA-135.

Special Note: This fall six (6) internships will be available with the Scotland County Literacy Council which will involve learning and teaching the Laubach method of reading. This internship will be listed as "The Teaching of Basic Reading and Writing Skills to Older Non-

Readers." Last year Sandy Baldwin, a senior, participated in such an internship. This fall, the internship will be expanded to include participation in two (2) workshops—a Basic Literacy Workshop and a Writer's Workshop—in addition to actual tutoring and development of Laubach teaching methods.

The Laubach method of teaching is internationally recognized and used. Being involved in this program will not only be an educationally rewarding experience, but also offer you the opportunity for community service. The faculty supervisors of the six internships will be Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bayes and Dr. Smith—each supervising two interns. Only six internships are available in his program—so apply early. See Mr. Anderson in LA-135 between 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Dean Anderson

### Carter, Reagan Running Close, Anderson's Strong in New York

JACK ANDERSON

## WEEKLY SPECIAL

By JACK ANDERSON and JOE SPEAR

WASHINGTON -- In any presidential campaign, the man in the White House has an advantage over his challengers. An incumbent president has the power, the perks and the purse strings.

He can call a press conference for an announcement that will make him look good; or use Air Force One for a supposedly non-political trip to an important state; or hand out federal grants to critical election battlefields.

Jimmy Carter demonstrated his skill at presidential gamesmanship in his successful primary races against Sen. Ted Kennedy. Any time Kennedy threatened to get the next day's

headlines or a spot on the evening news, Carter could undercut him with a hastily arranged, camera-grabbing event. Local governments also found themselves wallowing in federal grants and suddenly announced aid programs on the eve of the primaries.

Meanwhile, the latest polls have Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan in a dead heat. But Reagan may be gaining the momentum. Our sources have seen the latest public opinion samplings. The next published polls will show Reagan about four percentage points ahead of the president.

Reagan is showing strength in a number of big states that Carter won in

1976. Reagan is even undercutting Carter in the South. But even worse news for the Carter campaign is coming from New York.

It will be difficult for the president to win re-election without carrying New York State. This makes the Liberal Party's endorsement crucial. The endorsement has gone, not to Carter, but to independent John Anderson. This might give Anderson enough respectability in New York to win the votes of disgruntled Kennedy Democrats.

The Liberal Party has never failed to endorse a Democratic candidate for president. But incredibly, the party leaders got the brushoff from the Carter camp. Carter's aides treated the Liberal leaders with an arrogance that bordered on contempt. The Liberals pleaded with Carter to listen to their complaints. They sent a 15-page memo to the White House detailing their grievances.

Carter's reply was a routine rehash of his administration's accomplishments. The president also assigned his domestic policy adviser, Stuart Eizenstat, to smooth the Liberals' ruffled feathers. But Carter's inner circle boasted that they didn't need New York to win.

The president's Georgia boys were whistling "Dixie," which they realized at the last minute. They tried to get New York Gov. Hugh Carey and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland to plead the president's case with the Liberal Party leaders. But by then, it was too late.

**WHO'S TO BLAME?** Members of Congress are up in arms over what they say is a worthless grain embargo

of the Soviet Union that is costing American agriculture millions. Farm income

down -- but is the grain embargo really to blame?

According to the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Russians will be able to replace only 8 million tons of the 17 million tons of grain they planned to buy from the United States. Those replacement shipments will cost about a billion dollars more than the American grain would have cost.

Yet, here in the United States government statistics show that U.S. agricultural exports will set all-time records this year despite the reduced sales to Russia. For instance, exports in 1979 amounted to \$32 billion. This year, farm exports will add an estimated \$39 billion. If you look closely at the recent prices of wheat, corn and soybeans, compared to prices when the embargo took effect, they've actually risen.

So the embargo's effect on American farmers seems to be more psychological than economic.

#### HEADLINES AND FOOTNOTES:

Secretary of State Ed Muskie is fuming behind the closed doors at the State Department about the way the Carter White House has treated him. His biggest gripe is that he has been excluded from major policy changes. Our sources say Muskie has served notice on the White House that he will depart the next time a policy decision is made without his input. Muskie's close friends say he is also thinking about leaving right after the election -- no matter who wins.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is under orders

okayed ahead of time so this won't be such a big deal. This is all just my long-winded way of starting a column. Now we can move to trying to make a relevant point. There have been some ominous rumblings from the powers that be, which hint at the possibility of everyone having to follow the rules this year. If so, then the student courts could be doing a lot of business this year.

Knowing first hand how poorly an ignored system will function, the following pseudo-sage wisdom is offered to all members of the college community: Be the first kid on your block (or suite) to find out who is on your dorm council and who is on the Student Judiciary Board. Armed with this knowledge we all will know who to start bitching at when we inevitably decide that things on this campus are not going as they should. I, for one, will be happy to annoy any student officer who doesn't do a good job. Won't you join me?

The point to all this is I want everyone to keep campus attention at the court system.

## POLIS

by granville m keys



Oh No! It may have happened again. Well this time I'm staying out of it. No sir, I wouldn't touch this one with a ten meter stick--No Way. What's wrong you ask? Am I having a breakdown or simply talking in cliché's? Neither. I refer to the serving of berr in the cafe ole' last Friday.

Last year I found myself Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board. Not that I was a clone of Justice Marshall--I ran unopposed in the election and nobody else on the board wanted to be chairman. At any rate, our court got to hear the infamous case of the "Granville Seven."

Liquor was served at the Halloween Party and the -- really hit the fan. All of a sudden my minor position in the student government was a major one.

The Judiciary Board managed not to let the Administration totally overwhelm us but some folks were worried for a while. (Those of you new to the campus can ask those of us old to the campus to explain the whole story. It was fun. We got to fight for justice and honor! Wow!)

Perhaps Dewey got the cafe beer

from Congress to disclose the routes taken by shipments of nuclear waste across the country. But the commission has gotten around the order by classifying the information on such shipments as proprietary -- in other words, it's a commercial secret. But it's really an open secret because

anyone, including potential terrorists, can spot the waste shipments easily. The 30-ton containers are carried in open flatbed trucks and are clearly labeled "radioactive" in large yellow letters.

\* Even though the White House has organized a multimillion-dollar aid package for the auto industry, the automakers want more. The industry giants are taking aim at the federal rules establishing passive

restraints that will soon be required on American cars. General Motors also wants the government to stop its series of crash tests comparing the crash-worthiness of different cars.

\* While the Senate investigates Billy Carter's activities as a foreign agent for Libya, the House of Representatives has been quietly seeking ways to prevent future "Billygates." One proposal introduced by a New York legislator will

prohibit anyone in the immediate families of the president, the vice president, Cabinet members or congressmen from acting as agents for foreign governments.

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