

Editorial/Opinion

Election Time Syndrome

In all likelihood, the upcoming SGA election (April 24) will feature some very good student leaders as candidates. Even so, the C.C. Reader is worried that next Thursday is too soon for the election to be held.

Petitions for SGA positions were made available Tuesday, April 15. Twenty-five full-time student signatures are required for each petition; however, there is no limit to the number of petitions each student can sign.

In order for the student body to know each candidate's platform, it is preferable that they are published in the C.C. Reader. In this way the C.C. Reader can help the student body and SGA. But, because the petitions were distributed late, each candidate's platform was not available to the C.C. Reader at press time.

This creates a problem.

The C.C. Reader is going to publish all submitted SGA platforms next Thursday...THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. There is a possibility that the paper will come out late in the afternoon...as late as 4:30 p.m. Students wanting to know who is running and what they stand for are encouraged to wait until that time to vote.

By SGA constitution, the Seniors have to leave office in the fourth week of the term. The SGA has little alternative but to hold the election April 24.

Even if this election is a rush job, ...YOU SHOULD STILL VOTE.

By exercising your right to vote, you are not only developing a good understanding of your responsibility as a student, but you are also creating a characteristic of good citizenship.

As part of that good citizenship, it would also be wise to vote in the April 22 Pennsylvania Primary.

Even though the C.C. Reader has given a lot of coverage to Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass) in this issue, the C.C. Reader is going to follow tradition (ten years) by not endorsing a particular candidate.

Senator Kennedy is a very intelligent man—he tells people what they want to hear. There is nothing wrong with that. Maybe he has an appealing policy towards students.

Carter, well, even if he has made some goofs, he does have an advantage in getting the Democratic Nomination simply because he is an incumbent. Sorry Teddy.

Republicans. Bad news.

Ronald Reagan. Nice guy for aftershave commercials. Maybe he will be nominated on the Republican ticket. He certainly is conservative, but could he beat a Democrat? Maybe.

Anderson probably could beat a Democrat. At least he is a radical Republican. But Anderson doesn't have enough charisma.

Bush, Conally...maybe. A big win in Pennsylvania certainly would help put a spark into their campaigns.

But whoever you vote for, PLEASE VOTE!



Kennedy Rally

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After Mr. Kennedy finished speaking, this reporter questioned people in the crowd. The overall response indicated that many felt that Kennedy had been too vague, and that they had not really changed their opinions about him. However, they were impressed that a Kennedy spokesman had come to talk to them personally at an informal meeting.

PLEA FOR LIFE

Cover me with your arms
shield me from
the ice slowly falling from
the skies.
Ice like my tears
are pools of death
for me to slip upon

By Aisha Eshe

CAPITOL CAMPUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - 1980-81 R.A. Applications due, 5:00 p.m., 946A Kirtland Ave.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - MASS, 7:00 p.m., Student Center.

Little Wonders (gospel group), 8:00 p.m., Gallery Lounge. FREE

MONDAY, APRIL 21 - Blues Concert: 12:15 p.m. John Jackson, Gallery Lounge. Film 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. "Oh God". Auditorium. Admission \$1.00.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 - Lecture: 12:00 noon. "The Kibbutz as Stabilizer and Model." Speaker: Amnon Shomosh, Israeli Writer, Gallery Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 - Lecture: 12:15 p.m. "On Black Culture: A Dissent" Speaker: Dr. Jay Saunders Redding, Gallery Lounge.

Concert: 7:30 p.m. Spanish and Latin American Music presented by Memento Musicale, Gallery Lounge.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 - Baseball at E-town College, 3:30p.m. Students Aglow Fellowship, 7:00p.m. 907 Weaver Ave. International Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish or pay admission. Entertainment by: The Cari Folk Singers-Caribbean Folk Songs and Dance-Student Center.

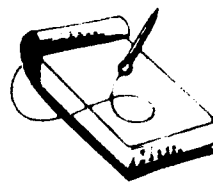
SATURDAY* APRIL 26 - Baseball, Ogontz Campus at Capitol, 12:00 noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - MASS, 7:00 p.m., Student Center.

MONDAY, APRIL 28 - C.C. Reader Staff Mtg., 2:30 p.m., W-129. Last day to order caps and gowns for Spring Term graduation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 - XGI's Mtg., 9:00p.m., American Legion Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 - Baseball at Juniata College, 3:30 p.m. Maranatha Bible Study, 12:00 noon W-135. Provost Advisory Committee on Student Welfare, 3:00p.m. Gallery Lounge.



Letters to The Editor

Editor,

We hear that General Washington and Alexander G. Bell have been waging psychological warfare against some of the few Faculty who have exhibited concern for student welfare. The "good guys" are deserting the sinking ship in record numbers. We already miss Duane and Don, and we'll miss C, E, and L, among others, and what's all this about Y??

A Faculty that loses effective contact and rapport with its students is doomed to repeat the lessons of the 60's, and guess whose jobs will be on the line if that happens?

Come on guys. Leave 'em alone. They never said anything bad about you.

Name withheld on request

Editor,

I would like to complain about the recent puppet show on campus.

My complaint? I didn't get to see it!

Those in charge (Campus Personnel) turned away a large group of people after all the seats were filled. Is the phrase **standing room only** unknown to them?

I for one would have stood in the back and still paid the full price to see the show.

Also, why was there just one show, and is it possible to get a return visit soon, so those of us who didn't see the show can do so?

Dennis J. Holleran
Bus Admin

Dear Editor,

Much concern surrounding the issues of the upcoming election is now prevalent. Many people are looking for anti-nuclear candidates, many seek an end to the Iranian crisis, and still others are concerned about the declining economic state (of the United States). An issue that most people do not make a priority when choosing a candidate, yet one that is very basic to our concept of life and concern for humanity is the abortion issue.

It is estimated that three out of ten pregnancies today end in abortion. The scientific evidence of human life from the moment of conception make this statistic startling. How can we begin to conquer overwhelming worldwide problems when we cannot even preserve the dignity of human life here in our own society?

The Pennsylvania presidential primary election is Tuesday, April 22. I urge all students to consider a pro-life position when making your presidential choice. Currently only two (2) Republican candidates, Ronald Reagan and Philip Crane, support life in this way and will vote for a Human Life Amendment. None of the Democratic candidates, including President Carter, will seek to preserve the lives of over one million babies every year, even amidst all the concern for human dignity and human rights. The future of human life is in our hands. What will we do about it?

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