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THE POLITICAL PROBLEM

An ideal situation in politics would exist if each voter, qualified with average mentality and moderately educated as to the ability of the candidates for office, would cast his vote for the nominee he honestly considered best fitted for the office.

That the voters of Penn State, singly and in groups, are swayed from voting an "honest opinion" ballot by rash promises from office-seekers has been a recognized fact for some years. To combat such an unfavorable condition last year Student Council instigated open politics, recognizing cliques but requiring them to reveal a list of members, and limiting the organizations to a small amount of money for expenses.

It has become more apparent than ever this year that the so-called "clique recognition" has done little to correct political evils, but rather has brought lobbying from a secret hiding place and firmly entrenched it on the street corner or in the halls of Old Main. The continual crowd in the vicinity of ballot boxes in Old Main lobby, although suggestive of state conventions, was certainly not conducive to independent voting.

It would be useless to say that fraternity cliques should be abolished. They would crop up again under a veil of secrecy, just as they did in the past. It is also evident that where cliques must exist, an "open" system of politics is more desirable. But certain restrictions placed upon the cliques by Council have obviously been violated by many of the organizations.

For instance, it is a violation of the election code for cliques to back Student Council nominees. Yet, cliques nominate these candidates and delegates instruct their respective fraternities to back the choice of the clique. Another violation of the code occurred when several fraternities switched clique affiliations after the list had been turned in to the elections committee.

As far as actual voting was concerned, the ballot boxes were supervised efficiently and the voters were checked by the committee in a thorough and satisfactory manner. The committee was powerless to control some of the discrepancies which took place during the 1931 elections, but with another year many faults in the code might be ironed out by careful legislation and strict enforcement of the election laws.

With the coming of Kappa Alpha Theta, the oldest women's national Greek letter fraternity, to Penn State, another step forward has been taken by the women of this College. The advance in prestige of the women at Penn State has been a gradual process covering a long period of years. But when a national with the standing of Kappa Alpha Theta places a chapter in our midst, it is certainly an indication that the women here command the entire respect of the collegiate world. The Nita-Nee Club is to be congratulated. They are worthy of this fine national fraternity.

SCHOLARSHIP OR ACTIVITIES?

Although it's been a custom of college students to discount the importance of scholarship when it conflicted with activities, academic honors have been found to mean something, after all. President Walter S. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph company gives the men who graduate in the first tenth of their class four times as many chances to secure a high-salaried position as those who graduate in the lowest third, regardless of activities.

The statements of President Gifford have no ill backing. A number of large corporations have standing offers open with various colleges to give positions to the leading scholars of each class. That students are awake to the implications of academic supremacy is shown by a consistent preference shown for the Phi Beta Kappa key over all other honors in surveys of Eastern schools.

Activities are a matter of the present; they are without question important forces on every campus, and the keen interest which they excite can easily force classes into the corner, where they serve as a rather dull backdrop to greater achievements. Lectures, reading assignments, and reports can scarcely create the same stimulus that active competition creates.

But it's interesting to remember that the backdrop will continue for longer than the foreground, which is vital now and not so lasting. It's a good thing to recall that when keys and shingles are packed into a trunk at graduation, the scholars are the ones who get the jobs.

The proposal discussed at Intefraternity Council Wednesday night whereby each student would pay a fifty-cent fee at registration for intramural sports, is a feasible plan. The small expense early in the year would assure athletic officials of a definite sum to carry out their program, and would eliminate the necessity of fraternities paying an entrance fee before engaging in any of the tournaments.

OLD MANIA

We're kinda compassionate by nature or something, and we're all the time feeling sorry for somebody. If it isn't the seniors who are trying to get jobs it's the birds that came back to build their nests on the campus and found their favorite tree cut down, and that's the way it goes. But this week we're really all broken up about the tuff life a certain party leads, and here's the dope.

Did you notice the story in last Friday's issue of this tabloid concerning Nancy Lee? Well, Nancy is the practice house baby, and she's being raised by a flock of co-eds in a strictly scientific way. Which may be a lot of fun for the co-eds and all that, but it's pretty hard on Nancy. Imagine being dragged out of bed every morning at six a. m., for no reason at all except that some expert on the care and protection of babies thinks it's a good idea. Six a. m. is no hour of the night for an adult to be up and around, let alone a one-year-old baby. And imagine being stuck under a sun lamp every day—to get vitamins, it says in the article. Well nuts! If we can't get our vitamins without lying around naked under a trick lamp, we'll do without. There are a lot of nice people who don't have a vitamin to their name. And fancy being fed on cod liver oil and fruit juice—we get a cramp just thinking about it. You can't tell us about cod liver oil—we know!

All in all, the chances are that Nancy will never have any fun in life, and will grow up to be a co-ed or something. Just the same, the next time we get a check from home we're going to kidnap Nancy, take her down to the best restaurant in town, and set her up to a real feed. Say, a big order of sauteikraut and vealies, coffee, fudge sundae, and a big black cigar.

Before all this Penn State in China ballyhoo subsides for another year, we want to suggest that the winners of the interfraternity ping-pong tournament be sent to China to play the Lingnan University team. (If Lingnan doesn't have a ping-pong team, it's high time they did.) The Penn State in State College, Pa., team could leave right away, and if they made good connections, they could be back in time for June house-party, or maybe even finals. And think of the publicity! Really we're wasting our time at a school like this—we should be at Notre Dame. By the way, can any of you guys who have been moaning low about Mr. Roekne's demise tell us who's president of Notre Dame? Hah! We thought not.

The Older Generation can't seem to make up its mind about what to think of the Younger Generation. One minute it's crying the blues about how college students are going to hell for sure, and the next minute it's saying that human nature hasn't changed, and college students are no worse than they ever were, only a little franker about things. Which makes it uncomfortable for us, on account of we never know whether to feel devilishly wicked, or just so-so. Personally, we're all for a little sin and vice once in a while, just to break the monotony. Furthermore, that sort of thing is part of a person's education, like Joe Ritenour's hygiene course, and no one has any right to condemn drinking and wild women, or even co-eds, until he has had some experience in that sort of thing. It takes somebody like Dean Watts to refute a book before he reads it.

And while we're talking about liquor and things, we want to make an observation, as follows: The chances are that Doctor R. H. Dotterer drinks nothing but water.

But then a'hond salesman doesn't have to keep in such rigid training as a philosophy prof. Not these days, anyway.

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Receive Junior, Sophomore Class Presidencies



HARRY A. BAUDER '33



C. WILSON ANDERSON '31

MYERS IS ELECTED SENIOR PRESIDENT

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and George Zindel Jr. '31. Other candidates were Edgar C. Wickert '31, Francis J. Stegner '31, Harry K. Worthington '31, Harold I. Martin '31. Student Council vote in which the highest four will represent the senior Liberal Arts students resulted in Francis E. Schill '31, James F. Cochran '31, John D. Page '31, Francis L. Matthews '31, Townsend C. Anderson '31, G. Bruce Kamp '31, Cedric L. Chapman '31, William W. Panas '31, and Cecil Liberman '31.

Two 1931 Agriculture School representatives chosen are Harry E. Wilson with 86 and George K. Schumaker with 77. Elmer L. Host and William P. Kearney polled 65 and 27 votes each. Martin H. Stockdale received the Education post in the Council by defeating Albert H. Hobbs 26 to 22. Merle F. Hennings received the Chemistry and Physics position from Ralph K. Shields, 12 to 33.

Three 1931 engineering representatives are Charles R. King 118, Clayton R. Page 109, and Adam B. Bainhart 107. Other candidates received the following votes: Albert B. Bess 96, Harold B. Johnson 86, and Harry M. Wilson 85.

Two next year's junior representatives from Liberal Arts will be John H. Good 106, and Charles W. Schaefer, 100. The defeated candidate, Richard H. Bower, received 96 votes. Leonard J. Edel with 25 votes will be the single Mineral Industries representative. The defeated Robert A. Abrahamson with 21 votes.

Hamilton Hutchinson who polled 51 votes to defeat James V. Cavilier with 40, will be the one 1931 representative from the Agriculture School, while Everett C. Waltham, 59, defeated Gordon E. Snyder, 57, for Chemistry and Physics representative.

In the election for an Education School 1931 representative, Richard M. Martin defeated Gilbert P. Remy, 21 to 16, and John N. Rathmell polled 119 votes to take the engineering post.

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ORATORS COMPETE IN FINALS TONIGHT

Faculty Critic Judges Will Name Prize Winners of Sophomore Declamatory Contest

Six sophomore orators, selected from thirty-seven contestants in preliminary competition last night, will compete in the finals of the annual speaking contest in Schwab auditorium at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Each speaker will talk on a subject of current, campus, or national interest assigned twenty-four hours in advance. Prof. Theodore F. Gates and Prof. Harold F. Graves, of the English composition department, and Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, of the department of education and psychology, will judge the speeches on the basis of delivery and composition. First place winner in the contest will be awarded a \$50 prize given by the College while the runner-up will receive \$25 from the Forensic Council.

Judges in the preliminary contest last night were Prof. John S. Bowman and Prof. Ray V. Watkins, of the English composition department, Prof. Dana K. Merrill, of the English literature department, and Prof. John H. Frizzell, Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien, and Prof. Herbert K. Baker, of the public speaking department. Time limit for talks in the preliminaries was five minutes while the finalists will be restricted to ten minutes in their speeches.

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SACKETT ATTENDS CONCLAVE

Dean Robert L. Sackett of the School of Engineering, attended a meeting in New York last week to arrange a program for the Industrial Conference to be held here May 13-15.



FRIDAY—Robt. Montgomery, Dorothy Jordan, Cliff Edwards in "SHIPMATES"

SATURDAY—Loretta Young, Grant Withers in "TOO YOUNG TO MARRY"

MONDAY AND TUESDAY—Matinee Daily at 1:30 John Holes, Genevieve Toban, Zasu Patts, Lois Wilson in Charles C. Norris' "SLED"

WEDNESDAY—Richard Arlen, Mary Brian, Louise Fazenda in "GUN SMOKE"

THURSDAY—Jack Oakie, Jess Arthur in "THE GANG BUSTER"

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FRIDAY—Jack Holt, Aileen Pringle in "SUBWAY EXPRESS"

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