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Frosh Politicians Should Take Heed

The campus political soapbox has been pulled out of party closets again and freshman politicians have begun to polish their long-range guns for concerted action on the freshman class. However, before Campus and Independent cliques begin heated controversies, a few "don'ts" may help them.

A wrong conclusion concerning the purpose of Penn State politics, a misconception of the political power and graft of campus leaders, an attempt to follow the "big-league" tactics of state and national politicians will become pitfalls for aspiring freshmen.

The present Penn State student government system was established by the authorization of President Ralph D. Hetzel to create a healthy liking for politics—a minor training ground for future politicians. It was not meant to create in itself a breeding place of deceit and corruption.

Some campus politicians have that attitude. Some practice it. Some believe it. But in the face of this, Penn State student government has established a reputation as one of the most competent and efficient student groups in college and university student self-government.

To those freshmen who wish to "make out" as campus politicians, who wish to learn the ropes of political doings and still improve the student government system of Penn State rather than tear it down, here are a few simple suggestions.

Attempt to play square. Make no political promises which you know you can't keep. With Penn State men, the knowledge that they were "stabbed-in-the-back" by political henchmen makes the front page of the "grapevine scandal sheet."

Try to be sincere. Don't double-cross men for petty political reasons, because the political whisperings will follow you throughout your collegiate career and dampen any real aspirations which you may have. A small, insignificant mistake will blackball you for future political jobs.

Don't take your position too seriously. Remember your political attempts and hopes consist of only a minor role in your collegiate life. To overemphasize its value will tend to overbalance your political outlook and cause you to distrust and dislike your contemporaries.

On the other hand, an active part in politics will help you to acquire a better understanding of what politics means to Penn State, and its advantages to the College. Through this understanding, you will know how student government works and why it is so effective.

Above all, think of politics as only an intangible award, not too much of what you are getting or will get out of your political position. The memory that you served the College will stay with you a lot longer than the number of dollars you received as chairman of a class dance or as president of the senior class.

As President Ralph D. Hetzel said, "Student government here at Penn State is a democratic affair because students know that responsibility for the conduct of student government is placed in their hands."

Adopt that statement as your own and you will realize the true spirit of a Penn State politician.

CAMPUSEER

The Weekend Here and Abroad:

Carroll Blackwood found the weekend quite spicy here in State College when he took four healthy swigs from an authentic looking bottle he thought someone swiped from him. Only seconds later the poor chap was streaking for the nearest exit—to get rid of the film developer that Dick Stebbins keeps in discarded bottles.

And down in the city of brotherly love, Jack "Little Bo Peep" Dorrance lost his sheep and they had one heck of a time finding him. It turned out that he spent the night in the Young Men's Christian Association while recovering from his "amnesia."

Ross Gilbert, warden and keeper of the world's greatest troupe of deluded, driving dunces (sometimes called "froth") waited all Friday night for his girl to show up in Philly. Finally around 1 a. m. a saddened and really sad Gilbert went to bed.

In her essay on Longfellow a little girl submitted this interesting bit about the poet's friendships: "Longfellow had many friends, but Anna and Phoebe Cary were the fastest."

Birthday Presents:

Captain Dennis—a new motorcycle with a heavy muffler so he can sneak up on the guys that parked the Ford on Old Main steps on Alumni Weekend.

Centre County—a new health officer so Dr. Ritenour can say without a quaver, "There is NO epidemic!" The water, you know.

The Library—some assistants who can get a book for you in less than twenty minutes and a mile of red tape.

The Dispensary—a new revised edition of "Diagnoses and How to Make them."

Prof. Butt—a bigger and thicker ox whip and a certain blue book.

Chick Maeser—a ten-year deferment, a lifetime pass to Bellefonte, and a courtesy card to Harry's Voters of State College—a burgess.

Peggy Colvin—at least two more pins, one from phi sig, if possible.

Ed Allee—a copy of Chuck Elder's book, "Ten New and Original Methods of Apple Polishing."

Chuck Reid—one more hour with Alice Murray in Pittsburgh.

Jim McKechnie—a new last name that he won't try to cash in on.

Miscellany:

Okay, Thespians, What the hell IS coming off? Lambert Smith '40 and Juanita Chambers '40 tied the knot . . . So did kappa Jo Taggart and Bob Shumaker . . . Mary Brown wants it known that she got Bob Watkins' pi kappa phi jigger over the summer . . . Frank Coup gave his brother delta chi a nice party at his Germantown home last weekend . . . interesting to watch the facial expressions in psy 416 . . . the new crop of '45 novice pipe smokers is sampling all the expensive tobaccos in local shops . . .

Fine Arts Honorary Plans Student Exhibit

Meeting for the first time this year in 303 Main Engineering on Thursday night, Pi Gamma Alpha, fine arts honorary, formulated plans for the coming year. The first item on the calendar will be a rushing party to be held at the Allencrest the night of October 30. Although no definite date has been set, the honorary will hold a student exhibit sometime in December of work done during the summer. Artemas P. Richardson '43, president of Pi Gamma Alpha, announced that a determined effort will be made to make the student body more art conscious than it is at present.

Other officers of the organization are Mary W. Houghton '42, secretary, and Milton Schwartz '42, treasurer.

Riding Instruction Held Four Times Each Week

The Penn State Riding Club announced regular meetings four times weekly at the Stock Judging Pavilion at 7 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

These meetings are for the purpose of instructing, testing, and classifying riders. The instructors recommend that experienced riders attend the Monday and Wednesday meetings. The Tuesday and Thursday meetings are primarily for beginners. All meetings, however, are open to all members of the club.

The instructors are Miss H. Jean Swenson, Mr. C. E. French, Mr. Howard S. Coleman, Mr. John Wiley, and Lieutenant Robert C. Chervanik.

Frosh Council Nominates

Nominations for officers of the PSCA Freshman Council will be made in the Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, at 8:15 p. m. today. Kinsley R. Smith, assistant professor of psychology, will speak on personality and Raymond F. Leffler, Tribunal head, will explain customs as an aid to campus development of personality.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

N. Y. Social Inquiry Trip Committee, 304 E. Old Main, 4 p. m.
Freshman Council, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 8:15 p. m.

History Club meets to hold discussion led by Professor B. M. Hermann comparing the United States of 1918 with the United States of today, 8 Sparks, 7 p. m.
Rod and Coccus Club meets, 206 Patterson Hall, 7:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

PSCA Public Meetings Committee, 304 E. Old Main, 4 p. m.
Community Service Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 7 p. m.

Meeting of active members of the Penn State Players for election of new members in the Little Theatre at 5 p. m.

American Chemical Society of Central Pennsylvania Section meets, 119 New Physics Building, 7:30 p. m.

SELECTED BROADCASTS

9:30 p. m. Desire Defauw, celebrated composer, will conduct the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, CBL.

10 p. m. Raymond Graham Swing will analyze the day's news, WOR.

10 p. m. Bob Hope, KDKA.
10 p. m. Glenn Miller, WCAU.

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