

With the Editor

From a political-minded friend, we received a copy of an editorial that appeared in the "Tulsa Tribune" recently.

It began with the simple statement that America is in desperate need of a political party that is totally devoted to American principles and practices and dedicates itself to the task of returning America to the American way of life.

It closes two columns later with the statement that we need real leaders to lead us out of the progress-arresting economic chaos into which the Democratic party's bureaucratic rule has hurled us and to totally repudiate the miserable tax burdens levied upon us.

While Campus politics will not result in tax burdens or undue bureaucracy, still and all it is well to reflect for a moment . . . how many men on either slate were nominated because they were vote-getters? How many because they have demonstrated ability along governmental lines?

For instance, was Mr. Czekaj nominated because he is a good football player or because he will contribute to Student Government during the next year? Is it true: (1) that he graduates in February; (2) that the last half of his one semester will be spent away from the campus practice teaching; (3) that he'll be so busy with football during the

first half of the one semester he'd be in office that he would be unable to actively participate in Student Government affairs?

Looking at the other candidate for Senior Class president: Is it true: (1) that Mr. Banyai was very active in helping to bring OPA rent control to Centre County (thus saving thousands of students, thousands of dollars); (2) that Mr. Banyai has worked long and hard at the matter of interesting Centre County in low-cost housing and is at long last getting results and (3) that he has been one of the small group behind the Skytop project which is a partial answer to those students who wonder what to do with free time over the weekends along the lines of entertainment.

In short, Collegian reader, are you going to go out and elect people who have some experience along governmental lines? Are you going to elect people whose record you have investigated, knowing that they can produce when the pressure is on? When you see these candidates, put them on the spot. Ask them what they've done for student government. Asking "what they've done period" would be embarrassing enough for some of them. But you've a right to know. You'll be paying their salary next year and there is no reason for paying "taxes" without getting something in return.

'Patriotic' And 'Best Interests'

By Allan Ostar

All-College elections are only seven days away, which means that electioneering will soon be rampant throughout the campus.

Targets for the most concentrated efforts of the parties will be the independent dormitories and the fraternities and sorority houses.

Already, "patriotic" campaigns have begun which are aimed to get all the members of each individual housing unit to vote as a bloc because it is to their "best interests."

It makes things easier for the politicians to be able to line up beforehand certain houses and dorms just as city political machines do with wards and precincts.

But, that doesn't make for better student government, which is especially vital now that the College is in the midst of an expansion program.

What is needed is an All-College Cabinet made of people who are not only able but who will be progressive and far sighted enough to aid and take an active part in the expansion program from the student point of view.

Both parties have nominated able people and that is commendable. However, both parties also have candidates on their slates who were nominated not because of their ability but for their vote-gathering popularity and appeal.

The way to better student government is not voting straight "A" party because the "house" is voting that way, or straight "B" party be-

cause some politician says that is for the good of everyone living in "Shingletown Square."

What is good government for the entire student body is good government for individual housing units.

And how can the students know who are the able men and for what they stand?

One way is to have open mass meetings at which candidates from all parties would be asked to speak and debate openly a la Abraham Lincoln-Stephen Douglas style. Then the students could vote for the best men regardless of the party affiliation of the candidates and of independent or fraternity status.

Another way is to examine the platforms and previous records of the candidates.

But, whatever method is utilized, the way to better student government is for everyone to vote and vote wisely.

Letters

Better Government, Better Penn State

TO THE EDITOR: I have just finished reading the April 16 issue of the Collegian that I receive at home and was particularly interested in the nominations for the coming School elections.

I was very disappointed to see such a few names put up by both parties and truly hope that student interest has not declined.

The little I know about student government at Penn State has made me aware of the fact that a better student government means a better Penn State.

One candidate whose name appears on the list of one of the parties, to me, is a very capable person worthy of any school office.

Although we were always on different political parties, I can never remember a time that he didn't work and work hard to better student relations at Penn State.

His name is Eugene Fulmer. I sincerely hope that men of this caliber will guide Penn State's future in the coming year.

—James Sheehan,
Senior Class President,
February 1947.

Student Body Wishes

TO THE EDITOR: The following is intended as an honest and sincere declaration of policy on the part of the State Party in regards to its plans for carrying out the several planks in its platform that deal with issues beyond student control and for which the approval of a college authority is necessary.

A prominent feature of life at Penn State is an almost unreasonable insistence on the part of authority to resist facilitating any change in the scheme of things which might benefit the student body. The State Party well realizes the natural difficulty to be encountered in promoting anything which must come through higher authority, and as such recognizes the limitations which this phenomena imposes on progress.

With this in mind the Party proposes to:

- 1—Make known publicly and clearly to those concerned the wishes of the student body on matters related to its welfare.
- 2—See that these earnest feelings are registered and impressed in the proper circles and that an opinion is rendered.
- 3—Insist that any issue be brought to a head as soon as possible, rather than be allowed to dangle along to everyone's inconvenience.
- 4—Utilize the All-College Cabinet as an effective official source of student opinion and action, rather than a tool of a few very ambitious and selfish individuals.
- 5—Keep prominent at all times, by every medium possible, the issues that the student body deems necessary and important.

The people who comprise the membership of the party insist and will work to see that the voice of the student body be heard and considered; and that the slogan, "For a Better Penn State," apply to all, students, faculty, and administration.

—Marvin Breslaw,
Platform Committee, State Party.

● Yesterday the CDT Kite-Flying contest committee said the tournament would not be open to students "because of limited facilities"; the contest, we learn today, is to be held on the College golf course.

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News Briefs

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Masquerettes

Masquerettes will hold a meeting in the Theta House at 6:15 tonight to elect officers. New members will be pledged at 6:45.

All-College Hike

An all-college hike to Mount Nittany will leave from the Chi Phi corner, E. Hamilton and Garner Street, at 2 p.m. Sunday, according to Ray Conger, assistant professor of physical education. Students and faculty are invited.

RWF Get-together

The Roger Williams Foundation invites all students to an informal get-together at the Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity House, 126 East Fairmount, at 8:30 tomorrow night. There will be dancing, games, and refreshments. Wear your old clothes.

Lecture Postponed

The Engineering Lecture course for seniors enrolled in Engineering 2 or 3 will be held in 121 Sparks at 4:20, May 2. Ordinarily the lecture would have been presented today. Professor B. V. Moore, head of the psychology department, will speak on "The Uses of Psychology in Modern Industry."

Racial Program

"Getting Along with Other Races" is the program that is being presented in the PSCA Public Affairs Commission in 304 Old Main at 6:30 tonight.

All American Coeds

Coeds who had pictures turned in for the All-American Coed con-

Davis, Baum Star—

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will be portrayed by Jerome Sitkin and that of Doctor Ford-Waterlow by Ed McCoy. Henrietta Campitell will take the role of Wilson, the maid.

Bella, Elizabeth's cousin, will be played by Ann Condrin and her fiancée by James Lotz. Gerald Gilman will take the role of Captain Surtees Cook.

The entire play takes place in one stage setting. The scene is the bed-sitting room of Elizabeth Barrett. The effect of the play is obtained through the use of numerous furniture and properties. The mood is suggestive of the upper middle-class comfort associated with English Victorianism.

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test may pick them up at Student Union, according to J. Arthur Stober, Froth editor.

Newman Club

Joseph P. Freeh, local member, was elected vice-president of the Newman Clubs of the Atlantic Provinces at a conference held in Philadelphia and attended by James Dixon, Christian Skoff, Margaret Stridinger, Rose Marie Wagner, and Father John P. Hacaala.

Aero Science Meeting

The Institute of Aeronautical Sciences will meet in 110 Electrical Engineering at 7 o'clock tonight. A film, "The Phantom," will depict the development of the McDonnell XFD, first carrier landings with all jet Navy fighters. Joseph Eisenhuth will speak on his experiences with carrier landings and take-offs.

ASME Contest

Penn State, represented by Joseph E. Riegel, mechanical engineering student, placed fifth in the regional conference competition of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Phi Kappa Phi

Tickets to the annual initiation and banquet of Phi Kappa Phi, general college honor society, which is to be held at the Presbyterian Church at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, may be purchased from departmental representatives of the society. Tickets will be reserved by calling Dr. W. B. Mack in the Horticulture Building.

PSCA Dance Class

Adds Rhumba Section

A rhumba section has been added to the regular Thursday night PSCA dance class. Bruce Wennerstrom, director, announced today.

All students interested in learning how to dance are invited to attend any or all of the classes. Wennerstrom said.

The present dance schedule is: foxtrot at 7, Lindy at 7:45, and rhumba at 8:30 p.m. Class is held in 401 Old Main.

Student instructors are Dorothy Knowles, Bob LeVine, Alexander Manro, Gladly Miller, Peter Rodemeyer, and Harriet Schlee.

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Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

Thursday, April 24

- LIBERAL ARTS Student Council meeting, 124 Sparks, 3:20 o'clock.
- JUNIOR Service Board meeting for elections, Dean of Women's office, 5:15 o'clock.
- PRIESTLEY Lecture, "Physical Chemistry of Combustion," by Dr. A. W. Gauger, 119 New Physics, 6:30 o'clock.
- WRA Bowling Club, White Hall, 7 o'clock.
- WRA Swim Club, White Hall, 7 o'clock.
- ELLEN RICHARD'S Club meeting, 14 Home Economics, 7 o'clock.
- NEWMAN Club skating party, Coliseum, 7 o'clock.
- CAMPUS CENTER Club meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.
- LA VIE ART STAFF meeting, 223 Engineering F, 7 o'clock.
- DRUIDS Initiation, in front of Old Main, 7:30 o'clock. All members needed for ceremony.
- WRA Fencing Club, White Hall, 7:30 o'clock.
- FORESTRY Society meeting, 105 Forestry, 7:30 o'clock.
- ALL-COLLEGE Cabinet meeting, 201 Old Main, 8 o'clock.

College Health Service

Admitted to the infirmary Tuesday: Charles Bateman and Ray Brodie.
Admitted Wednesday: Ellsworth Michel and Eugene Wasilewski.
Discharged Wednesday: Fanna Brown, Sonia Coyne and Creston Ottemiller.

College Placement Service

- GENERAL MILLS CO., April 23, 8th sem. men in: AgE, AH, PH, AEc and DH.
- RETAIL CREDIT CO., April 24, 8th sem. men in: C&F, A&L and Psy.
- ERIE RAILROAD CO., April 24 and 25, will interview eighth semester men in: CE, ME and EE.
- LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., April 25, will interview eighth semester men in: AL, CF, Jr and Ed.
- INGERSOLL-RAND CO., April 23, 8th sem. students in: IE, MagE, ME and PNG.
- PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC CO., April 20, 8th sem. men in: EE ME and IE.
- NICKEL PLATE ROAD, April 28, 8th sem. men in: AE, EE and CE.
- SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., April 28 and 30, 8th sem. men in: A&L and C&F.
- BIGELOW-SANFORD CARPET CO., April 30, 8th sem. men in: ChE, ME and IE.
- THE OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE CO., April 30, 8th sem. in: EE, IE and ME.
- WAGNER ELECTRIC CORP., April 30, 8th sem. men in: EE.