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Reconsider' Politics' Plan

The proposal to introduce party politics into student council elections, voted down by the Lion party Sunday night, has merits which might well bring reconsideration from clique bigwigs.

Protests given by representatives at the Lion rally, were based chiefly on the trouble of conducting student council elections in the orthodox party manner and the necessity of keeping politics out of the councils if they are to remain independent.

Both reasons are grounded at least partially in fact. Even Robert Keller, sponsor of the proposal, admits that the solution to the first problem, getting around the difficulties incurred by having all student councils elected on a party basis, would take a great deal of concerted thought. Currently there is no such solution, but that is no reason to believe one can't be found.

On the other hand, complete rejection of Keller's idea may cost All-College Cabinet the opportunity of becoming what it should be now—a body truly representative of the students on campus.

At present, seven of Cabinet's 22 members are student council presidents. Once the School of Home Economics forms its council, the number will be raised to eight. In other words by next semester over one-third of Cabinet will be composed of council chiefs.

Only a small minority of the students in any school elect student council representatives. At the last elections of the Engineering student council

less than 40 per cent of the school's membership went to the polls. The Chem-Phys turnout was less than 25 per cent.

But those figures are high. The School of Liberal Arts often elects members who have polled less than 100 votes.

Yet these unrepresentative councils elect a president who sits in All-College Cabinet, supposedly a representative of a large bloc of students—actually a representative of a minutely small group.

Keller's plan, while posing difficult practical problems, would bring at least two major improvements into council elections. By use of the greater financial and promotional facilities of the two parties, greater student enthusiasm and thus a vastly greater voting turnout could be procured.

Secondly, with the necessity of selling a candidate, the chance that misfits possessing no greater attribute for council office than a suitable all-college average will be elected, would be vastly lessened.

If nothing more material than a majority vote at elections were produced, the proposal would still bear rigid examination by both parties before being cast aside. If Cabinet were composed of members elected by a MAJORITY of the students, its influence on the College administration would be vastly strengthened.

Perhaps the Lion party's action was a hasty decision, made by poorly-informed representatives. If so, reconsideration would seem to be in order. —Red Roth.

Aid and Comfort —



Your Lion

By Red Roth

In less than three weeks a periodic influx will again flood our tiny mountain hamlet with—IMPORTS—who above all the living creatures that infest the earth are most despised by coeds.

DECKED OUT in their finest, these silk-and-fur-clad females descend upon the Nittany Valley every few months about "Big Weekend" time and vainly attempt to restore some semblance of normality to the abnormal Penn State man-woman ratio.

Perhaps that is the reason college women detest these members of their own sex so violently. There certainly seems to be no other logical excuse. Most of them are just as intelligent, pretty, and cultured as our own fair crop of powder-puffs, and indeed many of them are coeds themselves at other institutions of higher learning.

That's what makes this mass hatred so surprising. Being a mere man myself, I can't understand how a young lady at Penn State can dislike a young lady from, let's say, Syracuse simply because she's come down into the State miss's lair. Even after all the imports get here there's still more than enough men so that every coed, if she desired, could be escorted to the IFC Ball by two sturdy he-males.

THUS BY LOGICAL DEDUCTION it seems to boil down to the fact that college women, en masse, suffer from some perverted form of inferiority complex. Like some Frankenstein monster this fear, and in turn hate, of imports gnaws at the vitals of every coed until it becomes an obsession. I've heard that in the ladies' dorms the one term that is sure to get you a fingernail gash across a cheek or a heel scar on the top of the head is to call another coed an "import."

Some men insist they can spot "strangers" a block off. Pin them down and they have no concrete mannerism or item of dress and appearance that separates the two groups—they just know. My theory is that imports lack that harried, and phid, fearful look brought to the face of the coeds by fear of their opposition.

IF I'M RIGHT, girls, don't bother to send me letters and cards of thanks. It's all in the line of duty for a conscientious journalist. Just wipe the terror-ridden look from your mascara-begrimed eyes and face the world with new courage.

What if he does date you all semester and then brings in an import (there's that nasty word again) for the big Tommy Dorsey ball? Remember, Monday he'll be all yours again.

An Encouraging Omen

Probably the most startled and amazed person last Thursday was the Collegian editor, about the excitement, interest and enthusiasm aroused by one small beauty contest, which had started out as a whimsy, half-baked notion.

Those results should be encouraging to those working so hard to make the forthcoming Spring Week a successful inauguration of a new tradition which it is hoped will develop in the future until it rivals old-time affairs like the Dartmouth Winter Carnival.

The experience obtained, and the knowledge of mistakes made, in the previous promotion, should aid Collegian in backing the All-College function.

With many individuals and groups participating in the planning and work involved, success should be assured. An All-College week, promising fun for all, should create more active interest than a beauty contest which benefited so few.

Photography Contest

Prints for the Penn State Photo Shop's "Miss Penn State Freshman" photography contest must be submitted to the Daily Collegian office at 5 p.m. today, according to Marlin Weaver, promotion co-manager.

Penn State Engineer

The March issue of the Penn State Engineer will go on sale today. Featured in this issue are Large Screen Television, High Frequency Heating, an article describing engineering electives, Talk of the Campus, two photo pages and Sly Drools.

Good Conduct

Any doubts concerning Penn State sportsmanship were dispelled during 35 bouts of last weekend's Intercollegiate Boxing Association tournament in Rec Hall, and after 34 of them.

The announced decision of the Benglian-Hollingsworth chase, which precipitated concerted booing, must have caused even the most ardent advocates of good sportsmanship to suppose that there was a limit to quiet acquiescence of certain verdicts.

Yet the underlying decency of the vast majority showed through when Hollingsworth was presented his championship medal, applause drowning out the jeers of the "unreconstructed" few who vented their dismay on an innocent symbol.

Perhaps even the judges were not to blame, although they are human, and prone to err. Differences of opinion have been expressed by several persons who know more about boxing than we.

The testimony of those who agreed with the verdict is significant. It seems that aggressiveness is counted only when points for effective hitting are even, and may be outweighed by ring generalship (which in this case consisted of running away).

Something should be done to reward, instead of penalize, aggressiveness, before intercollegiate boxing bouts reach the ultimate of two gladiators slugging it out back-to-back!

The Safety Valve

The Choice

TO THE EDITOR, THELMA HOBAUGH AND JOHN McKELVEY: If Alvin Heller was advocating the acceptance of tolerance towards Socialism, and the commercial decay and industrial slavery that it entails, I too could be understanding and probably more sympathetic for his cries than you have been.

However, Alvin pleads for leniency toward communism and for teachings that were products of the blood-bath of 1924, namely Leninism. You accuse me of losing my objectivity; perhaps I have. But ask yourself this question. If we are to sanctify insurrection by the allowance of people to "teach and advocate" the overthrow of the United States government, then why not also glorify murder, rape, and thievery? (For aren't they but different sides of the same coin?) There was a time when it was fashionable to be slightly

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STATE—The Sun Comes Up.
NITTANY—Panic.

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Tuesday, March 15

COLLEGIAN Advertising Staff, 100 CH, 7 p.m.

SOCIOLOGY Club, 418 Old Main, 8 p.m.

PENN STATE Psychological Society, 204 Burrows, 7 p.m.

NAVAL Electronics Warfare Unit, 200 Eng E, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S Bridge Club, TUB, 7 p.m.

PHI Mu Alpha, 200 CH, 8:30 p.m.

STATE Party Steering Committee, 400 Old Main, 7 p.m.

WRA Bridge, WH playroom, 7 p.m.

WRA Fencing, 1 WH, 7 p.m.

WRA Bowling, WH, 6:30 p.m.

PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 400 Old Main, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main at once.

Hamilton Standard Propellers, March 29, six-months training program for Mechanical, Electrical and Aeronautical engineers.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., March 16, June grads in EE and ME interested in the electric public utility field.

Aetna Life Insurance Co., March 16, June grads for sales and service work in their group division. Also Math majors to train for actuarial positions.

Linde Air Products Co., March 16 and 17, June grads in Chem Eng, ME, EE, CE, IE, Metallurgy, Chemistry, and Physics. Also M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry and Physics.

Shell Oil Co., Inc., Tulsa, Okla., March 17, June grads in B.S., M.S. in Geology and Mineralogy, Mining Eng, Petroleum and Natural Gas Eng.

Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., March 17, June grads with B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Chem Eng and Ph.D. in Chemistry.

Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp., March 17 and 18, June grads with B.S. and M.S. in ME, Chem Eng, and Chemistry. Major number of opportunities are in operations and laboratories.

Continental Oil Co., March 18, June grads in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, ME, Geology and Mineralogy, CE.

Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, March 18 and 19, June grads receiving B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Chem and Physics, also men with 2.0 averages in EE, Chem Eng, and ME.

Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, March 21 and 22, June grads in Aeronautical Eng, ME and EE, receiving B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The work will be in conjunction with the U.S.A.F. research and development program.

Bailey Meter Co., March 18, June grads in ME and EE.

Philadelphia Electric Co., March 21, June grads in EE and ME. Also a few juniors for summer employment in above curricula.

The Texas Co., March 21 and 22, June grads with B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in EE, ME, CE, Chem Eng, Chem, and Physics. Opportunities are in research, development, engineering, processing, and foreign service.

Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., March 23, June grads in C&F and A&L. Positions open for field representatives and surety representatives. Meeting for interested students on Tuesday, March 22, 110 EE, at 7:30 p.m.

Men who filled out preliminary applications for the Pennsylvania Railroad should report to College Placement Service at once.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., March 24 and 25, June grads in Chem Eng, ME, EE, and IE. Need for Chemical Engineers lies chiefly in the fields of product and process development. The majority of mechanical, electrical and industrial engineers will be needed in the field of production management. A few men will be required for plant engineering, machine design, and product development.