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Student Welfare First

Authorization of campus political parties to participate in school student council elections should be decided only in terms of the consequences to council effectiveness.

Various possibilities should be thoroughly explored before a change is made, to preclude any danger of committing irreparable harm.

That party politics is a necessary mechanism for conducting certain elections is a well-accepted fact, but it has definite limitations, and its over-emphasis can negate its value.

In all-College and class elections, which cut across school lines and involve thousands of total strangers, cliques provide the only sensible and orderly means for selecting leaders.

However, in school council elections, conducted on the basis of curriculum and class, the opportunity for the candidates to be known by the voters, at least by reputation, is greatly enhanced.

One disturbing contingency is that a party's avowed "unified policy" may run counter to the best interests of a particular school, since the aims,

functions and problems of the schools are so varied.

This is the aspect of the proposal which should be plumbed to the limit by each student council. Would the possibility of having its program committed by political agreements jeopardize the council's position as a promoter of school welfare?

All-College Cabinet's strength and influence could be impaired, since the council presidents represent their schools on that student legislative body.

Under existing conditions, a party can fill only six seats out of 22. Adding seven politically-elected student council presidents would give an all-winning clique a majority of 13 votes.

It is not to be implied, of course, that politicians are detrimental to the common good, but too much emphasis on the party welfare can detract from concern about the student welfare.

Student welfare, as influenced by the effectiveness of student government and school councils, and not political expediency, should be the determining factor in settling the fate of politics in student councils.

The Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

Realistic View

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to Mr. Roth's editorial of March 15 concerning the advisability of bringing politics into all campus elections, including honoraries and student councils, I believe the Lion Party stand was the only realistic view that can be taken at this time.

Any proposal of this nature always has something good and bad to contribute to the groups concerned. But it was the feeling of the Lion Party that the unfavorable attributes that would arise with such a system would outweigh the good ones by so much, that the Steering Committee of the party decided to present a recommendation rejecting the proposed plan.

Furthermore, Mr. Roth, this was not a hasty decision, as you stated in your editorial. This problem has been under consideration in committee for over a month. The committee has interviewed a cross-sectional group on campus concerning their feelings in the matter. Several student council groups have been approached and their opinion, along with the majority of people contacted, was that the proposed plan would not strengthen student government, but would weaken it if anything.

Therefore, because of these findings, we of the Lion Party in keeping with our program of working for a better student government at Penn State, could do no less than take the stand we did—that college politics will be confined to its present sphere, with the hope that the student body as a whole will take more interest in its own affairs and try to build a better Penn State.

—Morton Snitzer,
All-College Chairman, Lion Party.

Adequate Warning

TO THE EDITOR: A few days ago two students of the College were arrested by a local patrolman for removing a trestle placed as a traffic directive on one of the town streets. At a hearing in Boro Hall, the students were found guilty and fined \$23.50 each. Further, the students were ordered to appear before Tribunal to face charges of conduct which reflected discredit upon members of the student community.

Tribunal wishes to bring this matter to the attention of all campus students, hoping that the example will serve as an adequate warning to other students who may be tempted to commit similar offenses. Although perpetrated as a schoolboy prank, such an act may have had serious consequences for innocent persons. Not only was such an act in direct contravention of thorough efforts to provide adequate safety measures but was inconsistent with the mature deportment expected of a college student.

—Harold E. Brown,
Chairman of Tribunal.

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'Funny—Still Hurts!'



Behind the Wheels

By Loretta Neville

One can see most anything in State College. Sunday afternoon three men rode by Simmons on horseback. About fifteen minutes later quite a commotion was caused in front of that rather quiet domain when one of the horses went tearing by towards College avenue—alone. Evidently he was just out for a Sunday afternoon stroll or going down to the village for a coke.

How unconscious can you get? Wednesday morning a Simmons Hall coed went down to the dining room for breakfast. She went through the cafeteria line, got to her table and when she was unloading her tray noticed a bowl of hot cereal. Knowing that she never eats cereal the girl exclaimed, "Where did this cereal come from?" Suddenly another coed came rushing up to her and said indignantly, "Are you the joker who took my tray?"

Seems the guilty one wasn't quite awake and had picked up the other girl's tray when they stopped for coffee.

The mural on the ballroom wall in the Tub is nearing completion and it's a mighty good job done by Emmie Lou Fluke and Nancy Musser. Ditto for the stage mural being done by Alex Gregory and Ed Tylden. Competition for "Poor Henry Varnum"!

Eight girls were hypnosis subjects Tuesday afternoon when Dr. Adams gave a demonstration before one of his psych classes. His purpose was to put the victims to sleep and then tell the girls that they would be thirsty when they awakened and without asking would go out into the hall for a drink. Most of the victims fell asleep or at least felt drowsy and when awakened three of them immediately left the classroom for water to quench their thirst. So you see, it really does work.

Mimi Pomerene, February '49, recently left for California by plane with her little nephew. The child was born in Belgium and Mimi, who met him in New York, is accompanying the child to the coast where his parents are now living. As a going away gift the SAE's gave her a pearl necklace.

Students Draw For Show Cows

Students wishing to participate in the Dairy Exposition should draw for the cow they are to show in 117 Dairy Building Tuesday, according to John Crummy, publicity chairman of the show.

Any student is eligible to fit and show a cow in the contest. A student may draw the number of a cow in the breed of his choice. All necessary equipment for fitting the cow will be issued at the time of the drawing.

Instructions in fitting dairy cattle for show purposes will be given at a later date. The Dairy Science Club invites all students to take part in the show which will be held at the Dairy Exposition, May 7.

Last year Lee Diamond, William Garrett, Della Holke, and Thomas King were the major prize winners.

LaVie Announces New Senior Board

Fifteen junior editorial board members of La Vie have been promoted to senior board, and five students to senior art staff, said Louise Conte, managing editor. Positions will be announced at a banquet Tuesday night.

New senior editorial board members include Barbara Brown, Dorothy Coon, Jane Dinger, Thelma Geier, David Herting, Betty Jane Hower, Sidney Manes, James McDougall, Ethel May Mognet, Kitty Moore, Barbara Norton, Otto Pfefferkorn, Jack Reen, Raymond Saul and George Vadasz.

New art staff members are Pasquale Astore, Carl Koffler, John Long, Robert McCartney, and George William Smith.

Sigma Pi

Sigma Pi entertained Delta Delta Delta at a dinner dance in the Sigma Pi house on Thursday night.

Shocked

TO THE EDITOR: I was shocked when I noticed my letter which was published in the March 15 Collegian. This letter complaining about my original letter not having been published was never intended for publication, although I do not accuse you of having acted in bad faith. Its sole purpose was to stir you, personally, to print the original letter or contact me by U.S. mail.

From your statement below the letter it seems to me that readers might infer that I used unprintable language in discussing beauty contests, therefore I would appreciate it if you would make it clear that this was not the case. Also, just for the record—I do not consider the contestants of the freshman beauty contest to be immoral. Hope that's clear to all.

Had you found time to even briefly answer my letters with a post card, I feel sure that I could have revised the letter to our mutual satisfaction and all misunderstanding would have been eliminated.

—R. Emory Swift.

• Perhaps Mr. Swift inferred something not intended by our editorial note, just as we may have read more into his original (unpublished) letter than he meant.

Although his language was printable, the substance of the letter would have been embarrassing to any prospective contestant (none had been named when the letter was received). We regret our lack of time.

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Thursday, March 17
RUSSIAN Chorus, 417 Old Main, 7 p.m.
NATIONAL Student Association, 5 Sparks, 7 p.m.
WRA Outing Club, 2 WH, 6:45 p.m.
WRA Bowling, WH, 6:30 p.m.
WRA Swimming, WH, pool, 7:15 p.m.
PSCA Dancing Class, Armory, 6:45 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

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.

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 grades 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.

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.

Lukens Steel Co., March 25, June grads in ME, EE, and Metallurgy.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Act of Violence.
STATE—The Sun Comes Up.
MIRAGE—Road House.