

About the Code

WORDS LIKE COMMUNIST and democracy and Fascist and freedom are uncertain and powerful things. They connote any number of meanings in minds of different people. Bound up with them are many superstitions, prejudices and preconceptions—good or bad, depending on the individual.

Take democracy. In Tuesday's sophomore class election an attempt was made by Peter Sarantopoulos to have his name written in on the ballot for vice-president. He, with about eight helpers, placed a campaign sign in the lobby of Old Main and handed out stickers bearing his name, to be placed on the ballot, throughout the day.

Sarantopoulos electioneered at the polls in spite of being informed by the elections committee the day before that the practice was illegal under the all-College elections code . . . and he continued in spite of warnings by committee members on the polling scene.

Sarantopoulos came up with what appeared to be good reason. He said his purpose was to publicize the idea of allowing write-in votes, without which he said the elections could not be democratic. He said that write-in voting is legal in federal and state elections. He indicated that the elections code, set up at the College by his student predecessors, is undemocratic.

But the all-College elections code cannot be called undemocratic. That is throwing a word around too indiscriminately. The code governing student elections was set up by the students as one way to protect themselves.

Leaves Little Means

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS. If a campus group or individual evades the code as it is now set up and forms a party or runs independently by write-in campaign contrary to the code, there is little means for the elections committee and the student voters—whom the code protects—to know what the party is, who is running it and for what it stands.

Going deeper: in a national or state election, write-in campaigns are seldom if ever successful. At Penn State they could be. With write-ins sanctioned by the code, a party could form without announcing itself to the student body, i. e. the elections committee. It could then proceed to buy the election hands-down—perhaps contrary to the interest of the student body and the College—by operating outside the code and spending more than the allotted \$100 for campaigning.

Might Grind Ax

No rules would bind this party outside the code. It might be good or bad, large or small, it might be grinding an ax for a select group. Grinding an ax for a select campus group—fraternity or independent, for example—has been demonstrated in past years as unhealthy for student politics and student government.

SO, THE ELECTIONS CODE has been set up to protect the student body from political confusion and harm to student government that could result from undercover movements buying an election through uncontrollable tactics.

It follows that the code outlines exactly an aboveboard procedure—with financial and other limitations—for a student to be nominated for office.

Looking out for the best interests of the student body cannot be termed undemocratic.

Nothin' Static

"There is nothing static about The Pennsylvania State College, which may be expected in the future, as in the past, to keep growing in every direction, fulfilling its great mission of service to the Commonwealth and the Nation," concluded Wayland Fuller Dunaway in his book on the history of the College.

Of Cars, Cops And Cancelled Caravans

By RON BONN

The Pennsylvania State Police have just cut their own throats. In their might and their cowboy-hatted splendor, they have decreed that Thou Shalt Have No Caravan to the Pitt Game, and have thus let loose upon the smiling Pennsylvania countryside that immense and all-consuming evil, the carload of collegiates on their way to a football game.

IRONICALLY, merely by turning a benevolent face to the student petition for a caravan, they might have confined the infestation, as a skilled surgeon localizes a tubercular region. Instead, the Voice of the Law thundered its usual almighty no, cried "Havoc," and let slip the Nittany Lions. Like uncontrolled cells of a malignant cancer, the individual autos tomorrow will scatter on their destructive courses. Sherman's march to the sea will be eclipsed by Penn State's drive to the Fork of the Rivers, and a shuddering world will find a new standard of carnage.

Consider a small dairy farm, located somewhere between the sunny vale of Nittany and the Big Smoke. Old Caleb is in the barn, a-milkin' the cows, while his byootiful daughter Julie sets rockin' on the verandy. Sudden from out of the East comes the sputtering roar of a beat-up Chevvy, a cloud of dust, and a Hearty "to hell with Pittsburgh!" The lone sophomores ride again! Well, the car pulls up before this small dairy farm, located etc. Pitt-bound Lions ooze from every dent in the decrepit chassis, and advance on the homestead. They cry their thirst for the good white milk, but secretly they do hunger after byootiful daughter Julie. Poor Julie! She would have been nineteen in May.

OR TAKE A long, heavy Buick, spattered with blue and white stickers, just nosing its way into Pittsburgh's grimy downtown traffic. The peak-hatted driver spots a familiar-looking pedestrian cautiously crossing the street. Isn't that . . . ? Why sure, that's Jimmy Joe Robinson, Pitt's star halfback. Well, well, ain't that fortunate? And horrified spectators watch as a skillfully piloted sedan rolls quickly but effectively across Jimmy Joe Robinson, Pitt's late half-back.

Let's take one final example, so the boys in grey really won't be able to sleep tonight. Suppose yet a third local machine, heading for tomorrow's upset. On a secluded road, it encounters a piteous spectacle. An auto, one tire woefully flat, is drawn up along the side of the road. In a spirit of noble compassion, the Lions advance to offer their services. Then one spots a very large, very yellow panther in the cripple's rear window. The driver is bent over, reaching into the trunk, his tail projecting artistically. . . .

Well, the cops asked for it. With about two or three thousand patrol cars chaperoning State's hundred-car procession, the police might have been reasonably certain of protecting the honor of byootiful daughter Julie, the existence of Jimmy Joe Robinson, and the broad, upholstered stern of an unidentified Pitt stude. You have spoken, however, o minions of justice. The die is cast, the Rubicon is crossed, and boy, will you be sorry!

Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Episcopal

A college student supper will be given at 5:15 p.m. Sunday followed by a program led by the Rev. John N. Peabody. Regular services at 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Young Friends

This Sunday the Young Friends will hear Kirby Page on Russian-American Relations at a 5:30 supper and at 7:30 p.m. in the University Baptist Church. Call Mrs. Helen Striedieck (4113) for supper reservations.

Hillel Foundation

The second session of the current Hillel Town Meeting series will be held at the foundation at 8 p.m. Sunday. The topic of the meeting will be "Is World Federalism The Way To World Peace?" Speakers are Ernest W. Callenbach, Dr. Robert T. Oliver and Dr. Ruth C. Silva.

Westminster Foundation

There will be an informal open house at the foundation Saturday evening. Regular student services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Hall. At 6:30 p.m. Sunday Joseph Rosenthal, pianist, will be the guest at the Thanksgiving service. Matins service is changed from Thursday to Wednesday morning next week because of vacation.

Lutheran

A surprise party will be held at the student center at 8 o'clock tonight. Wear your old clothes.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. Sunday the annual Thanksgiving service will take place at the student house.

Bible Fellowship

The Rev. V. H. Burtner of the Harrisburg School of the Bible will be guest speaker at the Penn State Bible Fellowship in 405 Old Main at 7:30 tonight. A social will follow the meeting.

Sabbath Eve Services

Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity will be hosts at the Sabbath Eve Services in Hillel Foundation at 8 o'clock tonight. Aron Hofman will officiate as cantor, and an Oneg Shabbat will follow the services.

Chapel Speaker

John Henry Frizzel, chaplain emeritus of the College, will speak at Chapel services in Schwab Auditorium at 11 a.m. Sunday. Mr. Frizzel's topic for Sunday is "There Is A Way." Special music will be provided by George Ceiga, Chapel organist, and by baritone soloist, Donald Bersinger. Mr. Bersinger will sing a selection from Scott entitled, "Come Unto Him."

Safety Valve . . .

Conscience Stricken

TO THE EDITOR: The enclosed money has been sent for the purpose of repaying a certain poor unfortunate freshman for the dink which I so callously snatched from his head during the melee at the goal post following the game.

However, sirs, said freshman should be proud, for his lowly dink rested on the bust of Conwell and now I've heard that it remains in "hallowed glory" in the possession of one of our football coaches, while I have nothing left of my brief sojourn into barbarianism.

So, in order to right a despicable deed, and in order to avoid difficulties with the "League for Prevention of Cruelty to Freshmen", I humbly remit this payment with hope that said frosh can be located. If, however, he has been lost somewhere or other you may contribute this to a fund to be used for the collection of crying towels which I am certain that your team and student body will need after next year's contest.

Now that my aching conscience has been eased, and I can again look freshmen in the eyes without qualm, I shall close this missive.

—A Temple Sophomore

P. S. We would appreciate greatly if we would receive by return mail a piece of goal post in exchange—a piece equivalent in value to one humble freshman beanie.

Ed. Note. Seeings as how there are no freshman men on campus and consequently no frosh dinks, the one dollar will probably have to go into the crying fund the Temple soph suggested. Better still we might return it to him since Temple will need it before we will.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the goal posts taken from Temple Stadium may be kind enough to send this conscience-stricken soph a minute particle.

Vote of Thanks

TO THE EDITOR: I believe we all owe a vote of thanks to the fellow who dons the motheaten Lion suit at each football game and gives his all for the success of the game. Anyone who has watched his antics of tail-chasing, coed mugging, or attempting to push over the goal line marker will realize that he is a real comedian.

Once again, belated thanks to the Nittany Lion.

• Name Withheld

Ed. Note: According to Mike Kurowski who is the Lion, the suit was new last football season and up until this year had been used only once. It is not motheaten but is filled with rips and tears, he said, adding that "we need a new one."

Gazette . . .

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COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information may be obtained in 204 Old Main. Arrangements for interviews should be made immediately.

Ford Motor Co., Nov. 29. February grads for Ford field training program. Minimum requirements: 1.9 average, 'desire to live in Detroit, age 20 to 28. Activities and appearance important considerations in selection.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: Owen McIntyre, Herbert Marcus, and Jackson Shelley.

Admitted Thursday: Sally Dickson. Discharged Thursday: Francis Angeloni, Francis Winslow, Jacqueline Hunter, Barbara Marshall, and Mary Lou Larpenteur.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—That Forsyte Woman.
STATE—Oh You Beautiful Doll.
NITTANY—Escape.

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