

Clear Thinking

The time of fabulous claims is come, and the voice of the politician is heard in the land. It is at the risk of bitter criticism by both parties that election-time pleas for clear thinking are printed, but the end of obtaining the best individuals for student government posts justifies the means.

PENN STATE POLITICAL parties operate and exist in actuality only twice during the year; the rest of the time student government is in the hands of individuals, and it doesn't mean an old cigarette butt under what party they were elected.

THEREFORE, AT THIS feverish time of fantastic promises and glowing accounts of past achievements, let us retain just a little cynicism, a goodly measure of discernment, and view the candidates as individuals in office. What kind of a job will they do? Are they seeking only personal prestige and advancement, or are they actually interested in putting forth the long extended and intense effort necessary? Are they primarily concerned with the compensations, both financial and as a stepping stone to bigger things which come as a reward of political success, although these are indeed low for the full-time job required?

Weigh the candidates personally, as individuals, not party members. Evaluate their qualifications and past activities carefully, bearing in mind that a host of insignificant activities can often appear quite impressive. Remember that merely belonging to many clubs and other groups does not necessarily qualify one for student government positions, and weight experience in student government itself more heavily than extraneous, non-related activities.

The parties and candidates make it their business to visit every living group, so there is little excuse for anyone professing complete ignorance of the aspirants. Use these contacts as a basis for judging the better candidates, button-hole them on the street, but take with a grain of salt the claims and promises.

WITHOUT MAKING direct references, many of the platform planks of both parties seem ambitious indeed; further consider that those very planks are often slanted various ways to appeal to the particular audience, and seek the truth behind the statements. The votes of every student should be cast with an eye to fitness and desire to work, subordinating popularity and political glibness.

OUR STUDENT government is a going concern; it is becoming stronger, but will continue to do so only so long as the voters exercise interest and mature judgment at election time.

—Jack Senior

Safety Valve...

Let The Lion Roar

TO THE EDITOR: The Nittany Lion should roar, at last, for coaches, Bedenk, Higgins, Werner, and Speidel for their stand against the present Nittany-Pollock Dining Hall set up.

Not only do the sportsmen have to contend with the lopsided dining-hall policy, but ditto goes for the 1600 men now living in the dorm areas.

It has happened already where a late-comer was refused services while the food was yet available for "seconds."

No doubt, stragglers could cause quite a bothersome problem, but shouldn't exceptions be made for a student once in a while? A habitually late person, naturally, could be refused entrance after the specified dining hall deadline.

It might be pointed out that cooperation comes from both sides of the fence.

—George Demshock

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Little Man On Campus by Bible



"Was she Pretty?"

A Bonn Mot . . .

I'm Just A Flea On A Greyhound Dog

If your bankroll won't stand the price of an apparently gold-filled coach ticket on the Pennsy, and you can't get anything on a friend with an automobile, there remains to you just one more means of transportation. For, at various odd hours of the day, large, square-wheeled objects which the Greyhound company honestly and sincerely believes to be buses make their uncertain way in the general direction of major cities in the legendary Land Beyond the Seven Mountains.

NOW, THE PITTSBURGH folk don't do too badly; indeed, certain of the better Pitt-State College coaches have actually passed state inspection and don't have to skulk along side roads to dodge highway cops.

Philadelphians, however, have received the usual end of the stick in the form of a traveling coffin named, euphemistically, P3902. Greyhound spokesmen affirm that P3902 was built by the General Motors Corporation. GM officials vigorously deny this. The only people happy about the continued existence of P3902 are designers for American Car and Foundry, which has been definitely cleared of any complicity in loosing the thing on the highways of Pennsylvania.

Anyway, we met P3902 just as Easter vacation opened. We walked around it, being little impressed. In fact we remarked on its general condition to a friend, saying, in effect, "Pfui." Offended, P3902 ground its gears at us. From the very first, you see, it proved a sulky beast, mad at the world, and soured by its truly incredible weight of years.

HAVING ARRIVED EARLY, we obtained a seat in the bowels of P3902, and jeered heartily at the 40 or 50 latecomers who were forced to ride in the luggage racks beneath the thing. The creature, idling, shook and gibbered in the secluded alley where Greyhound parks it so no one will see. At length, the driver, kicking and screaming, was pushed aboard by two burly mechanics who slammed the door on him, and we were ready to leave. With a snarl of tortured metal, then, and amid a shower of expectorated cotter pins, P3902 inhaled vigorously and lumbered painfully onto the roads, causing as much panic among drivers there as might a reasonably fierce tyrannosaurus.

All went fairly well for the first couple of dozen miles. P3902 playfully regurgitated its passengers, cement mixer fashion, and a vigorous time being had by all. Suddenly, however, while the thing was industriously seeing how bumpy a ride it could give us on a perfectly smooth highway, something deep in the horror's intestines went "poooh" (the quietest sound ever to come from P3902), and the creature lay right down and died.

Enraged, the driver went around to the back and twisted its tail. P3902 groaned quietly. Then the man kicked the carcass insidiously, again and again. P3902 sobbed in pain. We still have an idea that if he'd only spoken softly to it, it might have lumbered back up on its rims and given still more of what little remained of its all to wind the remaining miles to Harrisburg. The driver, however, was implacable. So was P3902.

BY DEVIUS MEANS, we got to Harrisburg, and, eventually, the motherland itself. All through the vacation, we thought grimly of the return bus ride ahead. Only one thing comforted us. They might stick us in a 40-and-8. They might carry us by wheelbarrow. But we would never, never again look into the road-scarred windshield of P3902. Little did we suspect the miracles that modern mechanics and the profit system can work.

We arrived at Harrisburg. Blithely we made for the distant State College bus. From afar it seemed to have a certain dismal familiarity, but we put that down to a psychic trauma induced by our hideous homeward experience. We knew that the only thing less likely than the repair of P3902 was the resurrection of King Tut and his entire harem. Humpty Dumpty was a minor overhaul compared to the condition of P3902 the last time we'd seen it.

The closer we got, though, the more hideous the I-have-seen-that-abomination-before sensation became. Certainly it was impossible, but here it was, snarling wheezily, gazing at the road with that well-remembered I'm-damned-if-I-will expression.

P3902 gnashed its license plates in cherry greeting.

—RON BONN

Safety Valve...

What Could Be

TO THE EDITOR: What would happen to higher education in America if all of the undergraduates and alumni spent as much time and energy trying to improve educational facilities at their Alma Maters as they spend trying to improve the football team?

—Nelson R. Eldred

Gazette . . .

Friday, April 14

WRA FENCING, 1 White Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA BADMINTON, White Hall gym, 4 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.
INDEPENDENT STAFF, Collegian Office, 7:30 p.m.
PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
FROTH EDITORIAL Staff, 1 CH, 8 p.m.
PSCA COFFEE-Orum, 304 Old Main, 4:10 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main. Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., April 14. June grads in ChemE, ME, Phys. and Chem. Applicants must have an average of 1.5 or better. No priority list for these interviews.

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., April 17. June grads in ChemE and ME for production work. Applicants must have an average of 1.5 or better. No priority list for these interviews.

Walworth Co., April 17. June grads in IE, ME, and Metal. No priority list for these interviews.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., April 17. June grads in Metal, ChemE, IE, and ME. No priority list for these interviews.

Atlantic Refining Co., April 17, 18. B.S. and M.S. candidates in ChemE; M.S. candidates in Physical Chem. and B.S., M.S. and PhD candidates in Organic Chem. The work will be in research and development. Priority list in effect for chemical engineers only.

National Supply Co., April 18. June grads in ME for field sales engineering, and C&F for accounting. Men must be single and preferably 25 years of age or younger. No priority list for these interviews.

Procter and Gamble Distributing Co., April 17, 18. June grads interested in sales work. No priority list for these interviews.

Lever Brothers Co., April 19. June B.S. grads in Chem. and ChemE.

Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., April 20, 21. June grads interested in insurance sales in this area. Applicants must be 21 years of age or over.

YMCA. Mr. Harvie Boorman will be on campus April 19 to talk with seniors who wish to consider YMCA work as a career. Interested students will be invited to a dinner meeting Wednesday evening (Apr. 19). All arrangements must be made at the PSCA office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 18.

United States Electric Motors, Inc., April 20. June grads in ME, EE for sales engineering work. Applicants must have 1.5 or better average, active interest in at least three extra-curricular activities. Priority list for two days following this announcement.

Lairde Electric Steel Co., April 20. June grads in IE, ME for work in sales and production. Applicants must have an average of 1.5 or better. Priority list will be in effect for two days following this announcement.

Wheeling Steel Corp., April 20. June grads in IE for steel mill work. Men with previous steel mill experience will be given preference. Priority list will be in effect for two days following this announcement.

Aluminum Co. of America, April 19. June grads in IE, ME and Metallurgy. Priority list will be in effect for two days following this announcement.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Information concerning these positions can be obtained at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.

Substitute waiters and kitchen help in college dining commons leading to permanent positions in September.

Summer camp and resort jobs available to persons with various specialties.

Dietitians for several camps.

Hotel dining room managers and staff. Seats 150. May be operated under rental agreement.

Sales personnel sought for both current and summer work.

Fuller Brush Co. Full time positions open for summer. Various counties in Pa. available.

Summer farm job outside Philadelphia. Ag students with farm background preferred.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: Dorothy Laine, George Kurtz, Nancy Harris, William Polito, Donald Seipt, Marjorie Land.

Admitted Thursday: Dorothy Dorsa, Georgette Babos, John Dale, Nancy Rodli.

Discharged Thursday: William Polito, William Stewart, Robert Olson, Robert Patton.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—All The King's Men.
STATE—Wabash Avenue.
NITTANY—When Willie Comes Marching Home.