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Political Platforms Should Be Examined

Political lines are being drawn once again and with the spring-like zephyrs will come the smoke of political conflict in increasing volume. And with that smoke comes a problem.

FOR A NUMBER of years campus politicians have bid for the favor of student voters on the basis of "platforms" submitted before elections for student consideration. There is some variety as between parties and election years, but there is one basic similarity which has pervaded the field of campaign promising for some time—and that is the high degree of forgetfulness observed by the politicians after election time and the subsequent absence of fulfillment.

For example, the attainment of a student press has been a mainstay in all party platforms since the day (it seems at least) that the printing press was invented. The press is still conspicuous by its absence. Improvement of dormitory phone service has been another popular issue, but one can still dial 5051 for fifteen minutes in the evening and get the dreaded busy signal, or stand in endless lines in dormitory lobbies.

Granted, many of these proposals involve circumstances which it is difficult for student groups to surmount. And certainly student government groups should make whatever effort possible toward realization of these goals. The objection lies not so much in non-performance, but in the continuing practice of "conning" votes from innocent believers by giving the impression that student government can accomplish anything overnight.

THE STUDENT VOTER, certainly, should review the platforms, giving careful thought to the practicality as well as the theory, but he should cast his ballot for those individuals, not parties, whom he feels are most honest and sincere in their personal desires to further student welfare by whatever means at hand.

— Jack Boddington

PSCA Project

A practical demonstration of the value of town-campus cooperation will be presented when the Penn State Christian association takes over operation of the College Sportswear store for a week, beginning Monday. Main goal of the plan is to overcome the PSCA budget deficit under which the group is now operating.

THE COOPERATIVE PLAN, suggested by John Baldwin, owner of College Sportswear, involves staffing and operation of the store by students and allotment of ten per cent of the week's gross income to PSCA. The individual student having the highest sales for the period will receive \$50 in merchandise. Regular store employees will supervise operations. Christian association leaders hope that the project will produce sufficient funds to put the organization's operations back into the black.

A large number of students will be needed to man the counters during store hours. If you're looking for commercial selling experience, or interested in the \$50 merchandise prize or in materially aiding PSCA through this stormy financial period—sign up in 304 Old Main this week.

— John Ashbrook

Sign Of Progress

As spring weather, including March rains, approaches, students will find themselves stumbling through many fields of mud. Reaction generally will go no further than the muttering of a choice phrase or two. Some will complain that the College must be conserving grass seed.

In a sense, however, mud is a Penn State sign of progress. Usually its presence indicates that a new building foundation is being dug, that workmen are installing underground utility equipment or, even, that a new sidewalk is under construction. When it is none of these, students probably are ignoring sidewalks situated nearby.

For the past five years, through a period of one of the biggest college expansion programs in the nation, students unhappily have faced the prospect of spring mud. Still, that campus sea of mud constantly has meant a sea of progress for Penn State.

— J. A.

Red Cross Drive Starts Tomorrow

This year the Collegian was spared (some would say, denied) the task of writing innumerable "contribute to this worthy charity" editorials in support of equally innumerable fund drives by sundry charitable organizations. This is due to the fact that most campus charity drives were combined in the Campus chest campaign last semester.

YET, a separate fund drive will begin in State College for the Red Cross tomorrow. Because of a national policy, the Red Cross declined to become a part of the Campus chest drive, and as a result has been barred from actively soliciting funds on the campus. Students, of course, may make whatever contributions they deem fit.

We do not know the reason for the Red Cross policy against cooperating in chest campaigns. We assume the Red Cross has its reasons and feels they are sufficient. Neither do we feel capable of judging whether the policy of excluding non-cooperating charities from campus solicitation is ethically correct. Arguments both for and against giving to the Red Cross can be presented.

One position which, we feel, cannot be maintained is that, because it would not cooperate in the Campus chest, students should not contribute to the Red Cross. Contributions to charity remain a matter of personal feeling and evaluation, and, we believe, students should base contributions to the Red Cross on the merits of the organization and not on its disassociation with the combined charity drive.

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, February 28

AIM Board of Governors, 214 Willard, 7 p.m.
AMERICAN SOCIETY of Civil engineers, speaker, Dr. Jorissen, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE club and tournament, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

NEWMAN club lecture-discussion, "The Defense of the Faith," rectory, 7:30 p.m.

PSCA cabinet meeting, 304 Old Main, 8:45 p.m.

ROD AND COCCUS bacteriology club, 206 Patterson hall, 7:30 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE, White hall play room, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 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.

National Supply company will interview June graduates in I.E., M.E., and Png Eng. Friday, March 9.

Elliott company will interview June graduates in M.E., and E.E., Friday, March 9.

Duquesne Light company will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., and C.E. Monday, March 5.

Union Carbide and Carbon corp., Electro Metallurgical division, will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., C&P, Metal., Chem., Chem. Eng., Phys., and Math. Monday, March 12.

American Cyanamid company will interview June graduates in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Monday, March 12.

Koppers company, Inc. will interview June graduates in C.E., I.E., and M.E. Monday, March 12.

Haskins & Sells will interview June graduates in accounting who are interested in public accounting Monday March 12.

Colgate Palmolive-Peet company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., and M.E. Monday, March 12.

Diamond Alkali company will interview June graduates at B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Monday, March 12.

General Electric company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in E.E., M.E., I.E., Aero. Eng., and Phys. Tuesday, March 13.

Sears, Roebuck & company will interview June graduates interested in retailing Tuesday, March 13.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Room and board for student able to do outdoor work; farm experience preferred.

Barber for three afternoons a week; 70 per cent of intake offered; local shop.

Substitutes wanted for dining hall and snack bar; remuneration in meals; off-campus residents.

Interviews now being scheduled for Camp Henry, Mahopas Fall, N.Y. Male student in Ed., Soc., Psych.; juniors, seniors, graduates. General, nature music counselors wanted. Representative will interview morning of March 3.

Busky man with transportation for permanent part-time job Monday and Friday mornings and all day Wednesday.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: John Allen, John Berrell, Margaret Betts, Gary Bromberg, Joseph Burke, William Cook, William Craven, Lorraine Dolphin, Ervin Hamme, John A. Harris, John R. Harris, Minocher Karkhanavala, Harry Kohl, Wayne Murphy, Eugene Peterson, Nathan Rambo, Michael Sabo, Harry Schwartz, Audrey Seely, Walter Seibert, Fred Stanley, Albert Zihmer, and David Zinn.

AT THE MOVIES

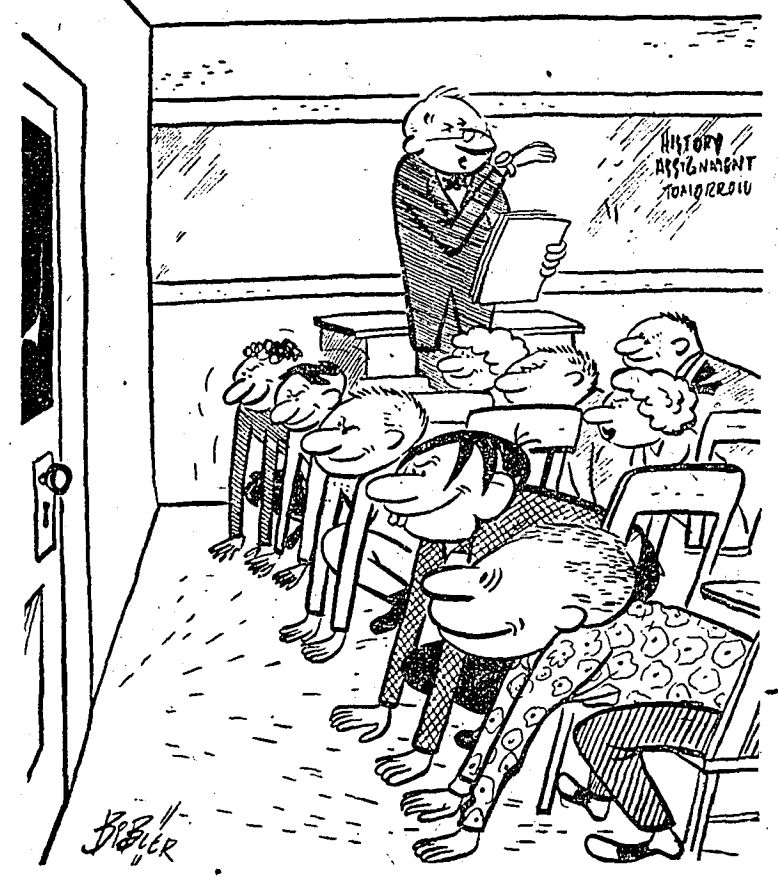
CATHAUM: Hit Parade of 1951
STATE: South Side 1-1000
NITTANY: Two Flags West

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Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I see it's about the end of the hour—and say, I'd appreciate it if you'd try and cut-down on the noise when you leave."

Only Principle For Which American Youth Will Fight

Look magazine, among others, recently featured an exhaustive article on the reaction of college men to the world situation, particularly in regard to the draft. In Look's four-campus survey, the phrases, "something that's got to be done," "job of work," "I guess I'll go if I have to" seem to keynote reaction. There is no flag waving, no eager drive to make the world safe for something or other. In short, the old-time three cheers and a brass band patriotism is completely lacking on the campuses surveyed. The reaction is a fatalistic, "I'll fight because the government says I have to."

LOOK SUMS UP its ideas on the reason for the decline of hoopla in the sentence, "Five years, it seems, is not long enough to forget." By this, the writer refers specifically to the horrors of war, brutally brought home to American youth by the veterans returning from World War II. Certainly no one can doubt that stories of men burned to screaming death by jellied gasoline; of "basket cases" strange living fragments of human beings who might better have died; of men chopped up in a hundred bizarre manners—that these stories have curdled the stomach of the new group of fighters.

So no one can deny that, in part at least, the lack of patriotism among draft-eligible youth stems plain and simple from a horror of the personal effects of war. But, despite Look's conclusions, that is not the whole story. After the bitter slaughter of the first World War, after the hideous realism of "All Quiet on the Western Front," men still rallied to the American cause in World War II.

Whether these things are true or not, wiser men will say in some distant time. But no people with as great a stake in war or peace as the American can possibly accept these propositions. And so American youth counts itself betrayed in its principles and will not fight for those principles, but only for the principle "the government says I have to."

Meanwhile, the Russian soldiers whom we were taught to hate as a Nazi scourge of freedom have suddenly become shoulder-to-shoulder staunch allies of that freedom. The Japanese fiends whose abominations could only be hinted at in print have metamorphosed into our little brown brothers. Spain is no longer a stronghold of facism but a bulwark of defense, to be pumped full of American dollars.

— Ron Bonn

'Gentlemen, Be Of Good Cheer'

The Feb. 28, 1941 issue of the Daily Collegian, in observance of the first anniversary of the 1940 leap year, was produced by an all-female staff.

A male member of the staff noted, "The women on Collegian staff think it's their world. Okay, let 'em have it."

In "their" issue, the coeds reported that men should be "sure to wear long pants to the Senior Ball tonight . . . It's formal you know." And, "Gentlemen, be of good cheer, Coeds to the extent of 76 per cent prefer personality to clothes, convertibles, cash or comeliness."

One gal reporter observed, "Every coed soon realizes that something doesn't add up when her date stares into her eyes and pours forth words strikingly similar to those uttered by his fraternity brother last week-end."

Examples of lines included: "You know I've never met a girl quite like you before. I like you because you're so unusual." "Your intelligence is what interests me." "You're so sweet and feminine. I'd like to take care of you for a long, long time."

● The Ordnance Research laboratory conducts research and development work in mechanics, hydraulics, electronics, and acoustics. Laboratory operations are directed toward creation and development of underwater equipment for the Bureau of Ordnance of the U. S. Navy. The laboratory building provides 30,000 square feet of floor space for offices, shops, and special research rooms