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Last Opportunity For Third Parties

Every year there usually are dissident elements both inside and outside the two campus political parties which speak of forming a third party, independent of the traditional cliques. Usually no such party really develops, although one candidate did make an attempt to run independently in the 1949 sophomore class elections.

THUS FAR this year we haven't heard any rumblings of dissatisfaction with the two old parties, but we have no doubts that some students at least are toying with the idea of setting up a third force in the campus political picture. So, to those who may be thinking along these lines, let this be a warning that only one week remains during which such action can be taken within provisions of the all-College elections code.

Next Saturday, March 10, is the final date for any aspiring political group to submit a list of its membership to the elections committee and to meet other requirements in order to be recognized for participation in the election.

All organizations participating in campus politics must meet requirements set down by the elections committee if they wish to submit slates of candidates. Any groups thinking of going into politics should get in touch with the committee at once and learn the procedures they must follow. Otherwise, any action on their account will be void and votes gathered by them will not be counted.

ORGANIZERS of any third, fourth, or fifth parties should take note and act quickly if they want to get into the political picture before it is too late.

Need For Clothing

Frank Edwards, radio news commentator, for several weeks has been suggesting that some national group sponsor a drive to collect clothing for displaced Korean civilians. He has told of the suffering of these people, inadequately clothed and sheltered, in the rough Korean winter.

Groups at Penn State are unable, of course, to offer any assistance on a national scale. But the opportunity does exist in State College to start a clothing drive of our own to aid the Koreans. Some preparations would be necessary—organization of a drive committee and its component parts, and arrangement for transportation of the clothing.

Perhaps the first reaction of some toward such a project might be summed up in the words, "Oh hell, another drive." But the request would be simply for old and discarded clothing. And too, retention of that initial reaction would serve only to ignore suffering which we are in a position to alleviate.

—John Ashbrook

Safety Valve . . .

Speaker Clarifies Views

TO THE EDITOR: On page two, column three, of the Daily Collegian of March 1, 1951, there was published a report of the talk I gave before the PSCA. The report did not quote me accurately.

1. The primary aim of India week, scheduled for March 5 through 11, is to acquaint the students here with India and her inhabitants.

2. I do not believe that India and the U.S.A. have greatly misunderstood each other in the past. Aims of both the U.S.A. and the present regime of India are to achieve a democratic way of living for their peoples. In their international policies they have differed (Korean question, say) in their means to achieve the same end. Such differences are not due to the misunderstanding but due to the lack of knowledge of each other.

—Ram Thakur

Men Of AEPi Demand Rematch

TO THE EDITOR: With all due respect to the girls of Beta Sigma Omicron, the men of Alpha Epsilon Pi demand a rematch of the badminton contest we lost to them, according to the Collegian of March 2.

Unfortunately, we were not informed of the match early enough and were not able to prepare our men to meet the rigors of competing with the Beta Sigma Omicrons. Now, however, we are ready, and would appreciate it very much if WRA—the sponsors of the first contest—could arrange a rematch.

This is not meant as a criticism of our athletic chairman, but we are fully aware that our record in intramural competition is not the best. It would be, however, beneath the dignity of our worthy and honorable organization to pick on—and lose to, at that—a bunch of girls in order to get headlines in your scandal sheet.

—Don Levitt

Master, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Gazette . . .

Saturday, March 3

NEWMAN club, Our Lady of Fatima communion, our Lady of Victory church, 6:30 and 8 a.m.

NITTANY BOWMEN field shoot, Forestry parking lot, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 4

ALPHA RHO OMEGA, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

RECORD CONCERT, refreshments, everyone welcome, Hillel, 3 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.

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.

Shell Production company will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. Eng., E.E., Geol., Mining Eng., and P.N.G. Eng. and at the Ph.D. level in Phys. Thursday, March 15.

Philadelphia Electric company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Thursday, March 15.

Corning Glass works will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem. Phys., Arch. Eng., C.E., E.E., M.E., and Metal. Friday, March 16.

Babecock & Wilcox company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Metal., E.E., Chem. Eng., Chem., Fuel Tech., Cer. Eng. Phys., and C.E. Friday, March 16.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Interviews being scheduled for March 6 for students interested in Camp Kiowa, Honesdale, Pa.; men experienced in instructing sports, nature.

Interviews being scheduled for March 9 for students interested in summer jobs as waiters, waitresses, chambermaids, busboys, bellhops, house men, office helpers, and telephone operators; Hotel White Mansions Schroon Lake, N.Y.

Permanent dishwasher for fraternity; steadiness required; short to medium height requested; remuneration in meals.



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"It's nice, but I had in mind some sort of pension plan."

On The Record

22nd Amendment

Sometimes things just seem to creep up on us without much warning and all at once they're full-blown and we can't do much about them.

Such was the case with the 22nd amendment to the federal constitution.

NOW THAT THE AMENDMENT limiting the President of the United States to two elected terms and not more than ten years in office has been adopted, perhaps the political theorists will sit down to wonder whether the new amendment is practical or not. In our own view, the amendment virtually is nonsensical and needless.

The amendment actually is a reaction against the late President Roosevelt and his third and fourth terms. Had it not been for Roosevelt, the amendment probably never would have been proposed seriously and certainly would not have been adopted.

What the amendment says, in effect, is that the people today—for the people supposedly are the agency of constitutional amendment—do not think Roosevelt should have run for a third term and a fourth term. We doubt that the people of this country, if the question were put up to them in that way, would maintain such a position.

LET'S TAKE THE QUESTION out of its legal trappings and view it as a realistic problem. Before Roosevelt, no one ever ran for a third term, unless you count Theodore Roosevelt, who actually served less than two full terms and was elected President only once. Tradition had been so strong against running for a third term that, in effect, no one could hope to do so except in case of extreme emergency.

In actuality, then, a constitutional provision precluding third terms was not necessary. And the system then was more workable, because now it will be illegal for a President to receive a third term EVEN IN CASES OF EXTREME EMERGENCY.

The result is that in the event this nation ever faces another crisis in which the people deem it essential to retain a President beyond the end of his second term, it will become necessary to disregard the constitution.

THIS, WE BELIEVE, is not a healthy condition. It makes the constitution inflexible to a certain extent, and inflexible constitutions have a tendency to be violated or to be abandoned.

The irony of it is that the amendment has been supported mostly by the traditionalists in American politics, those who thought the "no third term" tradition should be embodied in the fundamental law of the land. Yet, were these traditionalists to examine history, they would learn that the founding fathers themselves opposed any such limitation on terms—precisely for the reasons outlined above.

The position of the founding fathers is made clear in the Federalist papers—the earliest and still the most lucid exposition of the constitution—in articles written by Alexander Hamilton, the generic forerunner of these same conservative traditionalists.

ONE THUS BEGINS TO SUSPECT the motives of the traditionalists, and to wonder what their position would be had one of their number been the first President to be elected for three terms.

The amendment, in effect, passes judgment on the past, and we feel it would be misjudgment of the American people to say they have repudiated their vote of 1940 and 1944. Just how much the amendment represents the people is open to question, but we doubt if it is an accurate gauge of the true popular sentiment.

As a result, the new amendment makes little sense to us and takes on the aura of an effort at vindication on the part of the anti-Roosevelt elements. Like the prohibition amendment, it is untenable, and, like the prohibition amendment, it some day may have to be repealed.

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