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## Election Campaign Has Bad Features

Each campus election campaign seems to bring out some of the poorer aspects of the character of college students, and this one is no exception.

The West Dorms, scene of pilfering from news stands, now has another culprit to deal with—the guy who goes around tearing down political party posters. Such action might appear to be sheer vandalism; it ceases to have such an appearance, however, when the mutilated posters all belong to one party.

It is, of course, difficult to prove that either of the political parties is directly or indirectly responsible for such action. If such charges can be proved, however, the All-College elections committee is free to penalize the offending party.

Mutilating the election publicity of the other party is not the honest way to win an election. Such skulduggery can be expected in knock-down-drag-out machine campaigns. But college campaigns can and should be conducted on a much more mature level.

The college election campaign is an opportunity for political parties to pit candidates and ideas. It is an opportunity to sound out student opinion and thinking on campus issues. The party with the best candidates and the best platforms should be the one sent into office by the voters.

The current campaign is being conducted to a large extent by students new to Penn State and politics. The freshman and sophomores who are now getting their indoctrination in politics should learn to approach them with a mature understanding of their importance, for politics leads to government, and the latter can be no more mature and responsible than the former.

## Age Card Lending Is Dangerous Act

If you are not 21, there are many ways to get a drink in State College. One of them is to borrow the matriculation card of an older friend and produce it upon request at one of the local pubs.

This has been apparently one of the safest ways to beat the 21-year age limit. The safety of the procedure, however, is one-way, for the merchant is still in danger of losing his license for serving minors.

This is a problem facing State College pub proprietors. Many students under 21—and making an appearance of being quite obviously under age—have been using the matric cards of older friends in town taverns. Since the owners can only stay in business so long as they operate on the right side of the law, they are aware that serving these minors is endangering their businesses.

One pub owner has already taken the names of students whose matric cards have been misused in this way. This particular proprietor doesn't "want to get anybody in trouble." But he does want to protect his business.

What action this one owner will take next is anybody's guess. The names in the future may be turned over to College authorities or to local or state authorities.

You can make sure that whatever the action is, your name will not be involved by refusing to lend your matriculation card to anybody for any purpose.

## Without Comment...

Excerpt from the front page of The Cavalier Daily, University of Virginia campus newspaper:

Student Council, at its weekly meeting Monday night, issued a letter to the student body calling for University men to "exhibit no bottles of liquor, paper cups, and ice containers during the period of going to and coming from the Openings' Dance concert this weekend."

"Power will intoxicate the best hearts, as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough nor good enough to be trusted with unlimited power."—Colton

## Is It Time to Drop Party Platforms?

Is it time to drop party platforms from the local political scene? Whether it's time to do away with the platforms or not, at least the whole concept of platforms should be radically overhauled.

The platforms which were printed in yesterday's paper were both disappointing and in several instances ludicrous. As far as we were concerned, the Lion Party's planks weren't much better than those of the State Party.

We guess that both parties needed some points for their platforms, thought desperately a while, and came up with the statements presented yesterday just for the sake of having them.

The Lion platform was a better bluff at a platform than the State planks, but when you dig deep, is there one plank in the platform which vitally concerns the students, especially the freshmen and sophomores at which the campaigns are slanted?

Coming right down to it, are there any pertinent issues affecting students which can be used as bases for a political campaign at Penn State? For the past three years, not more than one or two issues have been raised which would warrant voting one party in office over another party.

The State Party platform was taken apart rather handily yesterday. The Lion Party platform, as we said, is an improvement over State's, but that's about all.

We have yet to hear any heated discussion on having permanent resident counselors for College women.

As for the student government proposals of the Lion Party, we feel that no organization on campus has the publicity which campus student government has. All-College Cabinet is reported in the Daily Collegian blow by blow. Even class meetings are fairly well publicized with their agendas. A case in point would be the record turnout at a senior class meeting last year when canceling of eighth semester finals was discussed. Maybe its the issues, not the publicity which causes student government apathy.

As far as customs go, the Lions asked for a revision of customs but gave no concrete proposals as to what to do. In fact, almost every item on the platform was couched in vague, unspecific terms.

Is there any desire for establishing another hat society on campus? We had heard no clamoring for such an organization. In fact, it seems to us that it is difficult to go through the freshman class and pick enough outstanding activities men to form a sophomore hat society.

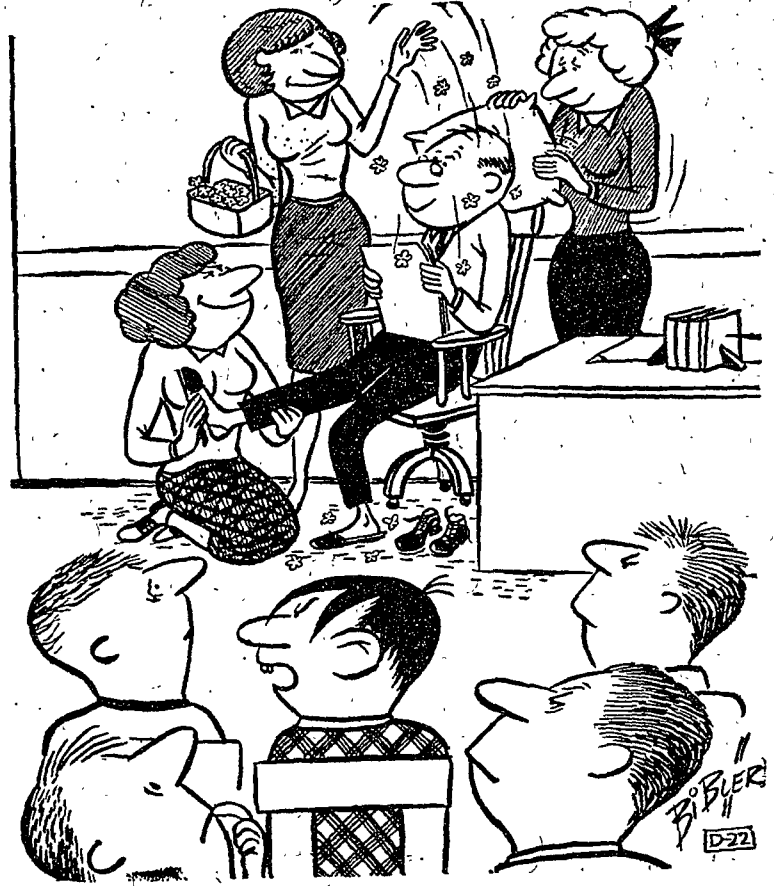
The best plank on the Lion platform is the one concerning coordination of student council and class elections. This plank is worth investigating for the simple reason that joint elections would be killing two birds with one stone.

From a careful examination of the planks, we have come to the conclusion that platforms at Penn State are a farce. Platforms should be discarded as so much excess baggage or else overhauled completely to present issues which really affect the student body.

—Moylan Mills

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Sometimes it just makes me sick the way some girls play up to their major professors."

### Interpreting the News

## Battle for Solid South Continues

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

Thirty years ago and more—long before the famous split over Tammany, rum and Romanism in 1928—some Southerners were beginning to say that some day, as the South changed from a purely agricultural to a farm-business-industrial economy, a real two-party system would develop there.

Ensuing Republican administrations emphasized the idea that the South would never get a hearing in Washington until it became worthwhile for the Republicans to work for Southern support, or in national Democratic party councils until the South was no longer a sure thing for the Democrats.

Eastern and Mid-Western Democrats and Republicans alike were sponsoring, and getting, legislation designed to protect their home industries against the inroads of the developing South. Freight rates between Southern plants and Eastern markets were discriminatory. The East held the financial reins.

### Enthralled by Roosevelt

But for the depression, the 1928 breakaway over Al Smith might have seen a great political change. Thinking was changing, but the South was disillusioned by the Hoover administration, the religious issue died, and the voters went right back to their old ways.

With the return of national Democratic administrations, Southern Democrats were the top men in subsequent Congresses. At first they were completely enthralled by the Roosevelt program. Then gradually they began to fall away. They frequently acted more like Republicans than did the Republicans themselves. A coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats began to control Congress on many issues, particularly social ones.

The yeast of Southern Republicanism seemed to be working again, but few thought then that the next great split in the Democratic party would again be based on ancient prejudices.

### State's Rights—Again

True liberals in the South—not just social agitators—were seeking to solve racial issues through the spread of tolerance. Others, of course, resisted, especially in the field of politics, where they could appeal to large numbers of people whose economic condition left them only their blood by which to hold themselves above the children of their grandfathers' slaves.

Nor was the old issue of States' Rights dead. With less dilution of its Anglo-Saxon origin than

any other part of America, and so imbued with a native distrust of centralized government; still proud of the conduct of its men in a war where States' Rights was the one issue which could still be defended, the South objects to outside interference in problems which it considers primarily its own.

### 1952 Election

President Truman's civil rights program, designed to legislate economic freedom for Negroes, struck fire in this atmosphere. Filibusters in Congress were followed by organized anti-Truman political factions in 1948.

As the 1952 election campaign got under way the fire was still there, smoldering. Anti-Truman leaders were waiting to see what would come out of the pre-convention skirmishes. Byrnes, Talmadge and others were talking but hardly organizing.

Then House Speaker Sam Rayburn brought the whole thing in to the open at the Southern Governors conference Monday. The 1952 split in the South became a living thing, wide open for all to see. Stick with the party or lose your power, said Rayburn. The South owes its loyalty to no political party or candidate for next year, Byrnes replied.

Again the appeals will be on the basis of prejudice. But underneath all that the yeast of 30 and of 50 years is working, the yeast of a changed and still changing South which will not be solid.

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### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Rosemary Bishop, Phyllis Burkholder, Alvin Chester, Ralph Christianson, Wayne Edelman, Anna Harrison, Joan Kollansky, Jules Kotcher, James McCullough, Mary Sullivan.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: A Streetcar Named Desire  
STATE: Cattle Drive  
NITTANY: Captain Horatio Hornblower

## Gazette . . .

Wednesday, November 14

- CIRCLE AND SQUARE, Armory, 7 p.m.
- COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- FRENCH CLUB, Atherton Playroom, 7 p.m.
- INKLING advertising staff, 101 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.
- INKLING editorial staff, 314 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.
- INKLING promotion and circulation staffs, 104 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.
- LA VIE SOPHOMORE BOARD, 418 Old Main, 8 p.m.
- MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 217 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SOCIETY, movies, 203 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- THETA SIGMA PHI, Grange Game Room, 6:30 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.
- WRA DANCE, White Hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.
- WRA HOCKEY, Holmes Field, 4 p.m.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- Lockheed Aircraft Corp. will interview January graduates in M.E., C.E., E.E., I.E., and Aero.E. Wednesday, Nov. 28.
- Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview graduates at all levels in M.E. and Ch.E. Wednesday, Nov. 28.
- Philadelphia Electric Co. will interview January graduates in M.E. and E.E. Thursday, Nov. 29.
- Reaction Motors, Inc. ask all January graduates in M.E., E.E., Aero.E., Phys. and Chem. interested in rocket research and development to sign up in 112 Old Main before Nov. 21.
- Bendix Aviation Corp., Scintilla Magneto Division, will interview January graduates in E.E. and M.E., Monday, Nov. 26.
- Merek Co. Inc. will interview graduates at all levels in Organic Chem. and Chem.E. Monday, Nov. 26.
- Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Wednesday, Nov. 28.
- A. U.S. Government representative will interview mid-year graduating seniors interested in intelligence work Wednesday, Nov. 28.
- Westinghouse Electric Corp. will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., and I.E., Wednesday, Nov. 28.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Home Ec student to prepare evening meal.
- Chauffeur from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Even though the international situation caused some tourists to begin late, over 100,000 people visited Egypt last winter and spring. Each tourist spent an average of \$17.22 per day.