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## Campus Politicians Have Good Planks

For one of the few times in the history of campus elections, both the Lion and State parties have come up with platforms which make sense and can be accomplished through student government.

Although three of the points in both platforms advocate nearly the same programs, we see nothing particularly harmful in the similarity. About the only thing the repetition proves is that the problems covered by these three similar planks are plain enough for the leaders of both parties to see.

The principal fault with party platforms in the past has been that too many of the planks were unrealistic. The planks which were realistic were often outside the realm of student government. Party leaders have wisely steered away from these two pitfalls.

Point one of the State Party platform pledges the party to work for the establishment of a student press on campus. This is matched by point three of the Lion platform. A student press is a definite possibility for the Penn State campus and it is through student government—to a large extent—that the press will eventually become a reality.

Another plank common to both platforms calls for the expansion of the College's medical facilities. Since a request has already been made to the General State Authority for funds for expansion of the infirmary, there is little student government can do except make its stand clear to the powers that be in Harrisburg.

Some form of inspection of independent housing facilities in State College is the third and last similarity in the two platforms. The need for some form of College regulation on town housing has long been apparent. The College Board of Trustees has seen fit to regulate housing for women on the grounds that it has assumed a responsibility for their safety. Why the College does not assume some responsibility for men living in town has never been made clear.

There is a good bit of town housing which is a hazard from both the safety and health angle. A plan by which town housing could be classified so that students can know what they are getting for their money should be the goal of both parties regardless of the outcome of the elections.

A fourth and final plank on the State party platform calls for the conclusion of an agreement with town doctors in regards to emer-

gency calls. Students who have wished to have a doctor treat them in dormitories or fraternity houses can readily appreciate the contribution such a plan would be to Penn State.

An insurance program for students, the easing of College regulations in regard to taking room and board in dormitories, and the participation of the Blue Band in indoor athletic contests round out the Lion Party platform.

The insurance program stems from the Gentzel Building fire in which students suffered heavy losses for which in most cases they were not covered. The insurance plan would attempt to remedy this situation.

The easing of College regulations in regard to taking room and board in dormitories is aimed at making it possible—in cases where students have to work for their meals—to room in College dormitories without contracting for meals.

The addition of part of the Blue Band to the indoor athletic program, a policy followed at a good many other colleges, would help liven up these events.

All the planks on both platforms would make "For a Better Penn State." Regardless which party wins the election, we hope the victor will push for the adoption of both programs.

## Safety Valve—

### Campus 'Machine Politics' Called Dirty Methods

TO THE EDITOR: Last October the clique chairman of the State Party was quoted in the Collegian to the effect that no more steering committee nominations would be made at clique meetings; instead, all nominations would be made from the floor. Last Sunday night, in contradiction of that policy, the present clique chairman opened nominations for the State Party candidates by announcing the candidates selected, and thereby nominated, by the steering committee. In the ensuing few minutes, all candidates previously nominated independently, with the exception of one, declined their nominations. The "machine" crushed its only opponent, 132 to 77.

History has shown the political machine to be one of the most detrimental components of our nation's various governments. In addition to elevating a self-appointed minority to a position of absolute control over the majority, a political machine serves as a spawning place for governmental corruption, suppressing honest investigation and reform by its widespread tenaciousness.

Undoubtedly the people controlling the State Party were pleased when the machine-like railroading by their clique officers resulted in the adoption of the steering committee's candidates, but did they not also feel guilty because only one of their candidates selected to represent their party had his qualifications listed before the assembly and made a campaign speech?

This particular clique meeting was not the first whose function was impaired by machine politics. However, while we, the students, maintain an uninterested attitude toward campus politics (Approximately four per cent of the student body attended the two clique meetings Sunday night), minority groups will continue to dominate the elections of our representative leaders.

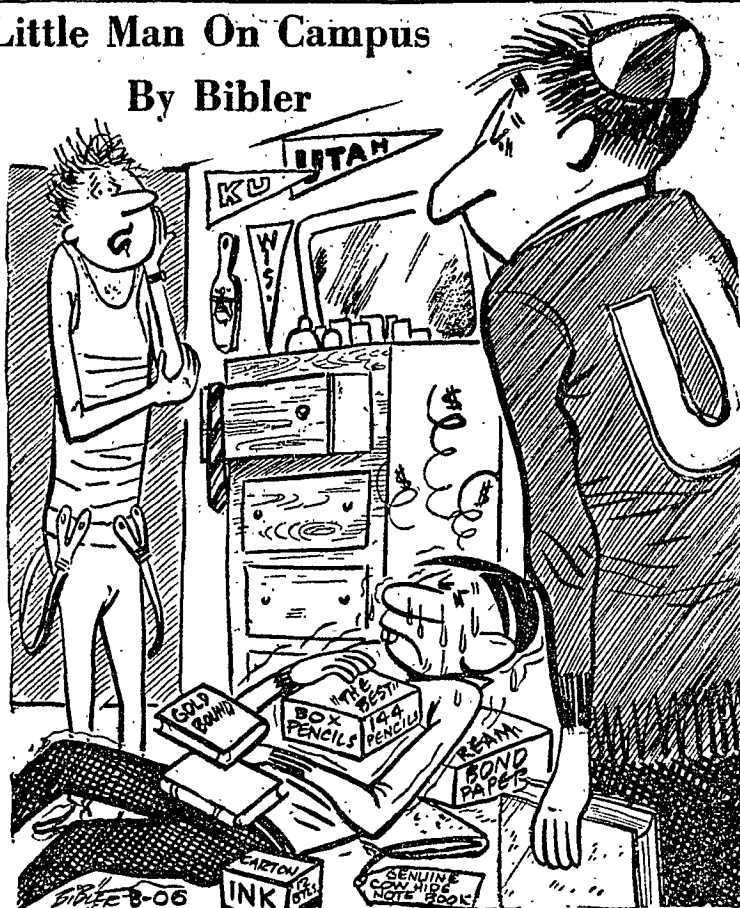
●Letter Cut —James A. Martin

## Gazette . . .

**COLLEGE PLACEMENT**  
American Brake Shoe Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Metal, I.E. and Ch.E. Monday, April 21.  
Digital Computer Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will interview June graduates in Phys. and E.E. who are in the top 20% of their class Monday, April 21.  
Frankford Arsenal will interview graduates at all levels in Ch.E., E.E., M.E., I.E., C.E., Cer., Chem. and Phys. Friday, April 18.  
Hughes Aircraft Corp. will interview graduates at all levels in Phys., E.E. and M.E. Monday, April 21.

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"He just found out he'll have to pay for all these supplies—the VA office phoned him he ran out of the GI Bill."

## Cherry Tree Lack In Japan No Joke!

WASHINGTON—(AP)—This is a man-bites-dog item. The United States is shipping cherry trees to Japan.

Japan is commonly supposed to have almost as many cherry trees as people, but there are so few of them in the U.S. that a million people come to Washington every year just to see the cherry blossoms.

The Washington cherry trees, by the way, came here from Japan 46 years ago.

Why, you ask, are we sending them back now? Are the Japanese Indian givers?

No. It seems the Japanese chopped up a lot of their cherry trees for wood during the war.

Rjuji Takeuchi, a representative of the Japanese overseas agency in Washington, told the U.S. he thought it would be a good thing, what with the U.S. and Japan being friends now, for this government to send over some trees to replenish a particularly pretty grove on the suburbs of Tokyo.

Edward J. Kelly, superintendent of the National Capital Parks, agreed. So 55 cuttings from 11 trees were snipped off and they're now on the way to Japan.

Those 11 trees, incidentally, are all that remain of the 2000-odd cherry trees given this country by Japan. These trees represent eight flowering varieties, with blossoms varying from pure white to deep rose pink.

## Gazette . . .

Friday, April 4  
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.  
SQUARE DANCE, Friends' Meeting House social room, 8:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 6  
BRIDGE LESSONS, TUB, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 7  
ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT 4-3, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.  
LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL, 108 Willard Hall, 8:15 p.m.  
AT THE MOVIES  
CATHAUM: The Wild North 2:13, 4:03, 5:59, 7:47, 9:45.  
STATE: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 2:11, 4:06, 5:55, 7:59, 9:39.  
NITTANY: Grapes of Wrath 6:25, 8:19, 10:15.



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