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College Step Good; Bill Still No Good

The College has taken an admirable step toward maintaining freedom in revising its loyalty certification procedure, required under the Pennsylvania Loyalty Act.

The loyalty act demands presidents of Pennsylvania's state-aided colleges to certify college employees as loyal to the existing government. Under Penn State's new procedure, set March 27 by the Board of Trustees, a department head may certify the loyalty of an employee if that employee will not sign a pledge of loyalty.

Despite this and similar moves in the interest of free thought and action, the Pennsylvania Loyalty Act still remains. That act is, in part, honestly designed to prevent subversion in Pennsylvania's colleges. It is, however, having the opposite effect in antagonizing many loyal educators and limiting free expression.

Too often, measures designed to rout subversives have restricted the process of learning. It is essential, however, that this process remain free. College students living in a vacuum or hearing only one side of a question are sterile. A college education demands a student think, and above all consider conflicting views. Without these conflicting views an objective and realistic consideration cannot be reached.

College students should not be protected from any school of thought, be it communist, socialist, or democratic. The tradition of objective inquiry proves its own best defense against any attempt to control the mind.

Today's investigations for subversives in education must be, but are not being, made without limiting free thought and discourse. To produce the mature mind necessary to defend democracy, free and mature education must lead the way. In our process of hunting down Communists, we must not destroy the very principles we seek to defend.

—Dave Jones

To Vote Intelligently, Meet the Candidates

The campaigns have begun, and for the next week and a half, the candidates of the State and Lion parties will be making every effort to personally meet and talk to as many student voters as possible. But they cannot do the job alone.

To be an intelligent voter, one must be aware not only of the candidates' past performances, their personal appearance, and the planks of the platform on which they are running, but also the likelihood of their future performances in meeting the requirements of the offices for which they are running. The best, and probably only, way a student can honestly make his choice is to meet the candidates during their "stumping" appearances.

This year's platforms have many good planks, but good platforms are worthless if the best people aren't elected to fill the positions which are necessary to put the platforms into effect. Neither the Lion nor the State party has a monopoly on good candidates. The wise voter will split his ticket, electing the best men from both parties, thus more or less insuring that efforts will be made to carry out the good planks in both platforms.

It must be remembered that five of the nine people to be elected next week will hold seats on All-College Cabinet by reason of the offices they will fill. It stands to reason that the better the people elected to assume these offices, the more effective student government will be.

In past elections less than half of the eligible voters went to the polls. In several cases in the past few years, election returns have been extremely close. Last year the senior class presidency was won by a three-vote margin. Two years ago, the top senior class office was decided by six votes.

We urge a large vote in the coming elections so that the decision will be clear-cut and that the results will be more representative of the student body. But we urge also that the ballots be cast intelligently.

Pan American Day Can Aid Relations

The College celebrates Pan American Day for the 11th year today with the raising of the 21 flags of the Americas in front of Old Main, displays in the library, movies, and a special musical program.

More than usual attention is being placed on Latin American policy with President Dwight Eisenhower making a special speech to the Pan American Union, Secretary of State Dulles declaring the importance of good Latin American relationships in his foreign policy, and President Milton S. Eisenhower planning a good-will tour this summer.

Of the many foreign students on campus, a great majority come from our 20 neighboring countries. Technical assistant programs have been set up, and many graduates from those countries and the United States are working to improve the standard of living in Latin America.

The undergraduates can do much to help bind friendships with all countries by helping foreign students with language difficulties and trying to revise the old "hello" custom. Each individual can work as a "good-will" ambassador.

The difficulties between the United States and the countries of Latin America can be blamed equally on both factions. Communism is a menace because of a growing feeling of anti-Yankeism. Pan American Day can be the starting point of solving problems and developing opportunities.

—Al Munn

May Queen Voting

Each time an election of any kind comes up on campus there are always encouraging words—"Get out and vote!"

Today, women students will vote for the May Queen and her attendants for the traditional May Day ceremonies to be held May 9.

Each year this event is one of the highlights of Mothers' Day weekend. The event is a stand-out and usually attracts a large crowd.

Since the May Queen and her court are supposed to be representative of the women on campus, each coed should take the few minutes out today that will be required for her to cast a vote.

Polls will be set up in every woman's dormitory, with town students and women in the home-management houses scheduled to vote in McAllister Hall.

Since much time and effort have gone into the setting up of polls in the individual dormitories—and it has actually been done for the convenience of the women—every coed should cast her vote today in the May Day elections.

—Mimi Ungar

Baseball Season

The bands played "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." The flag was solemnly raised. The ballparks—silent these long winter months—echoed excitement. Faded bunting flapped in the wind. The first ball got its picture in the papers with some very important person waving it around.

It was opening day. There's nothing like it. The seasoned veterans were as shaky—well, almost as shaky—as the green rookies. Everybody's batting average started at .000, and was destined to climb.

Sportswriters have offered their predictions (and their prayers). Even Pittsburgh fans can smile today. It's a brand new season. Maybe this year . . .

Huge quantities of hot dogs, beer, soda pop, and peanuts stand ready to be consumed. Vendors are noisily offering programs and souvenirs.

Cool spring winds sweep the diamonds. This won't stop the fans. Nothing does. They'll click through the turnstiles 154 times, before the season ends. Today they'll be wearing topcoats. Later they'll sweat through the heat of the July campaign. They'll come out smiling—or groaning—in October.

The umpire calls out "play ball" again. For once everybody agrees with the man in blue. It's a great day.

—Mike Feinsilber

Gazette . . .

April 14, 1953

ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Old Main, second floor lounge.

BELLES LETTRES, 7 p.m., NE Atherton lounge.

CIRCULATION STAFF, all boards, 7 p.m., Collegian office.

COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie.

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COLLEGIAN JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE ADVERTISING BOARDS, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.

PENN STATE CLUB, 6:45 p.m., 405 Old Main.

PI LAMBDA THETA, 7:30 p.m., McElwain lounge.

PLAYERS ADVERTISING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., loft of Schwab.

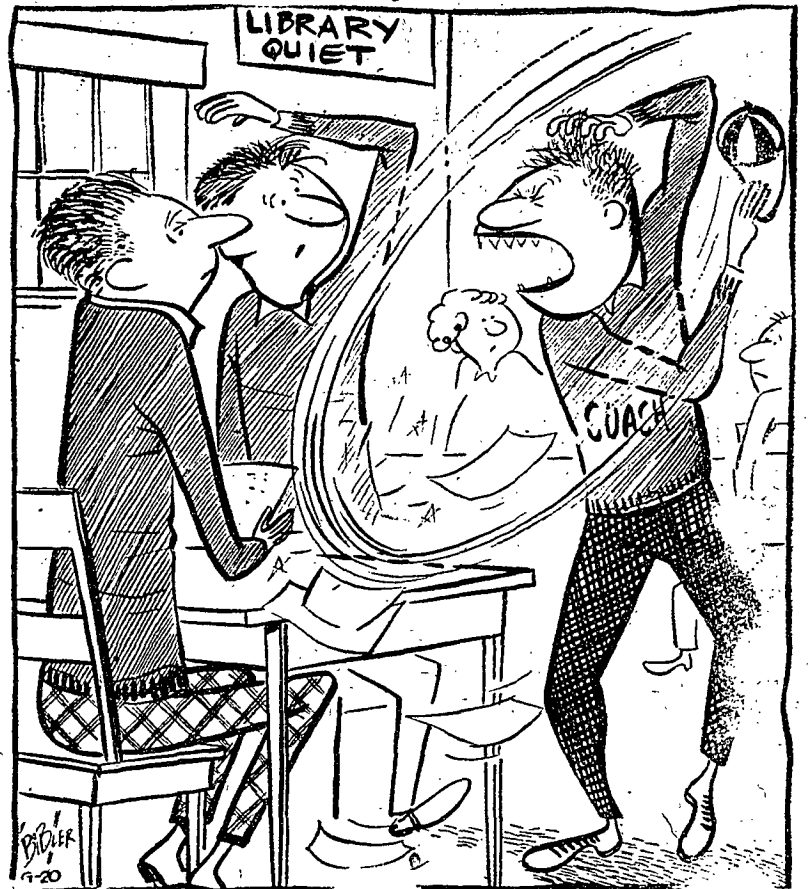
RADIO GUILD, 7 p.m., Sparks.

STUDENT HANDBOOK ADVERTISING STAFF, 8 p.m., 2 Carnegie.

TOWN COUNCIL, 8 p.m., 103 Willard.

WEST DORM COUNCIL, Spring Weekend committee, 6:30 p.m., 127 Hamilton.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Whadda ya mean ya got examinations—did you come here for an education or ta play baseball?"

The Political Scene

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

(This is the third in a series of five analytical articles dealing with student political organizations at the College and the current electoral race. The series is intended as an impartial discussion of a topic which touches on the lives of every man and woman at Penn State.)

3. Organization of the Lion Party

The next Political Scene will deal with State Party organization.

For the first time in a number of years, a difference exists in the organization of the two political parties at the College. Although the basic structures of the parties cannot vary outside an essential skeleton made up by the All-College rulings expressed through the elections committee, a variance in methods and line-of-control setups can and does occur.

Top man in the Lion Party organization is the All-College clique chairman for the party: this year he is Rick Kirschner. It is the job of the Lion Party clique chairman to direct the party, make appointments to committees and managing jobs in the party, and to generally establish policy for the group.

He is helped in this job by the vice clique chairman, a financial manager, a campaign chairman, and a publicity chairman. Second man in the party organization this year is Tom Kidd, who is filling both the vice clique chairman and the campaign chairman posts.

Two of the posts under the clique chairman are staff officer positions: that is, there are no positions directly under these men, but they work on planning and are directly responsible to the clique chairman. These two posts are that of campaign manager and financial manager. Kidd is campaign manager, a job which consists of assisting the clique in plans for party campaigns: who will speak at what fraternity on what topics.

The financial manager, Ronny Lench, holds down the second of the staff officer positions. Each party is allowed, under the election rules of the College, to spend up to \$300 on the spring campaign. The financial manager has to figure out where this money is coming from and how it is to be spent, and so forth. He is the party's treasurer.

The other two positions directly under the clique chairman are line officer positions: that is, the rest of the people in the party come under their line of control. For example, under vice clique chairman Kidd are the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class clique chairmen. Thus Kidd is the line of contact between these groups and clique chairman Kirschner.

Under the individual class clique chairmen are the vice clique chairmen for women and the same positions for the men. These positions are the transition-

al or intermediary positions, the all-important persons who connect the upper parts of the organization with the voters themselves. The other line officer position is that of publicity chairman, filled this year in Lion Party by Watson Leese. The publicity chairman deals, not with the class officers, but with the coordinators of the living areas. He will prepare leaflets and other publicity materials and send them directly to the various areas for distribution. These area coordinators are connected to the other parts of the party also, and more directly, through the men's and women's area coordinators, which in turn are directly under the class clique officers mentioned before. Thus the whole party set-up is tied together.

The area coordinators (there is one for the West Dorms, one for Atherton, etc.) have under them floor leaders in the various dorms and living areas. That is, how each voter is connected with the organization of the party. He is reached directly by publicity released by the publicity chairman and is also connected via a line of control from the clique chairman downwards.

Outside of this organization the party is grouped by the clique itself and by the steering committee. The clique is made up of all the party workers who attend the first two party meetings of the year. They receive clique cards through the All-College elections committee, which distributes them to persons whose names are turned in as having attended the necessary meetings. In candidate nominations and voting, clique members, from Kirschner down to the interested member, all have one vote.

The other organizational group of the party is the steering committee, made up of all the party officers from the area coordinators upward and, in addition, about fifteen floor leaders. This group meets separately to decide on party policy and to consider planks and to interview candidates suggested by the clique.

Planks are suggested by any member of the clique, not merely by steering committee members.