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III. Campus Politics: Lion Party Platform

(Third of four editorials on campus politics)
The Lion Party platform for the spring election is in the same general category as that of the State Party—evasive and weak. Of five Lion Party planks to be considered here, only one seems feasible. The sixth plank, concerning fraternity dating, was junked by the All-University elections committee. The party has said it will use the issue in the campaign. But since it is not in the platform, it will not be considered here.

The Lion Party planks are designed with a wider appeal than those of the State Party. This appeal is attractive, but only so long as no investigation of their qualifications is made.

The Lion Party advocates revision of the West Dorm admittance policy so more upperclassmen may live in that area. This is an appeal to all independent non-freshmen, which will be almost all independents returning to campus next fall.

The West Dorm admittance plan was set by the University Board of Trustees to insure full rooms and protect the dormitory investment. It is not likely the trustees will alter their decision. Many freshmen, however, have shown they cannot be trusted to properly treat new dormitories. Upperclassmen have a big argument for freshmen removal from the West area. A binding contract on upperclassmen could insure full rooms in the West Dorms. This plank, then, may be the best, and may be feasible. The remaining question: will the Lion Party, as a party, bring this change about? Probably not.

The Lion Party also proposes a policy of three cuts per course per semester. At present, the University says "a student should attend every class." Yet, the same regulation recognizes irregular attendance: "A student whose irregularity in attendance causes him . . . to become deficient in any course may, after due warning, be excluded from class by the instructor" after consultation with department head and dean.

Thus, the plank loses its appeal. The instructor may set his cut policy. Generally, instructors allow upwards of three cuts anyway. Some do

not take roll; few allow less than three cuts. To set a three cut minimum might tend to reduce some cut policies, as well as liberalize others. There is no need to set the three cut minimum for those few instructors who allow less.

The Lion Party also favors more informal coed dining in the West Dorms. This is an example of jumping on the bandwagon. This proposal has already been made by the West Dorm Council and will be put into operation. The plank merely favors something which already exists.

The party also believes dormitory counselors for freshman women should receive compensation. This is not desirable. Coeds who assist hostesses in freshman counseling do so voluntarily.

To lure them to jobs with compensation would, perhaps, bring into the set-up several women who had less of a desire to counsel. Then too, these women are not utilized at request of the University or student body. Hence, there would be no fair source from which to draw compensation.

Finally, the Lion Party promises to work for revision of women's hours, especially freshmen. This is another example of using the bandwagon. Freshman Council has studied the possibility of revised freshman hours extensively. A proposal will be forthcoming from that group. Lion Party will then seek to give itself credit for that proposal. As for upperclasswomen's hours, there is no need for revision.

In the final analysis, then, it is easily seen both parties have provided their usually poor platforms. They are appeals to desire, not reason. They sound nice, but are generally impractical. Some are even undesirable. These repeatedly vague and insincere appeals leave a poor impression of campus politics.

Tomorrow, consideration will be given to the issues parties have been accused of dodging, and an analysis will be made of why parties cannot present good platforms—and how this situation might be changed.

Student Compensation: Place a Stopper

The recent approval of the All-University Cabinet budget, with its provision for student compensation, again brings to the fore the question of whether or not compensation for campus leaders is justified.

Many arguments have been presented for this type of wages; and even though the arguments are usually weak, compensation continues, and is often increased year by year.

The arguments in behalf of compensation usually include: the campus leader will be given an incentive to spend more time with the activity; the compensation will increase competition for the position; the leader will feel an increased obligation in the position; and the other activities on the campus give such compensation.

Yet, what is the compensation to compensate the budding young leader for? Is it for his time spent in the activity which could be better spent elsewhere, or is it the possible damage to his All-University average that may result?

If "yes" is the answer to the first reason,

then the value of the activity to any leader, outside the money involved, is questionable. A "yes" answer to the second question is a direct insult to the leader.

If money will compensate for the something that is missing which might attract prospective leaders, that something was not worth having in the first place. And, again, money will not compensate for damage to one's average.

Even though competition will increase for the position which carries compensation with it, the increased competition will come from those desiring the office for the sake of the compensation. Those desiring the office for the sake of the office only—for the prestige involved and the possibilities of offering service to the University or the student body—would be competing regardless of the presence of compensation.

Thus, in offering compensation, competition has been increased; but it has been made more difficult for the truly altruistic leader to attain the office.

One can also envisage compensation as a direct cause of the increased politicking for offices at the University. Of course, there are other causes, but compensation is certainly one of them.

The psychology behind the voting for compensation by the out-going members of an organization is also often very interesting. There is a desire to enhance the prestige of the office involved; but it is questionable whether this is the best method for doing so—even if one accepts that more prestige is desirable.

Student compensation is rarely justified; and the line should be drawn. A stopper should be put in the draining of student funds—somewhere.

—Len Goodman

FMA Progress

Fraternity Marketing Association passed another milestone Monday by approving a proposal for fraternities to purchase meats at reduced rate. The program will go into effect April 1.

Under the plan, each FMA member may purchase meats from two local jobbers at 10 per cent discount from list price quoted to non-member fraternities, or from a third jobber offering a 5 per cent discount. Participants in the program are guaranteed their meats will either be U.S. choice or producers' choice meats.

It is important that FMA check carefully to insure members that jobbers will not take advantage of individual fraternities, or that the jobbers obtain a monopoly, controlling the supply of meat to local fraternities—member and non-member alike. Such a monopoly could raise the price of meat for all fraternities.

Robert K. Murray, FMA president, has said FMA will compare price lists to make certain jobbers are not supplying members at prices higher than those for non-members. Thus, FMA members may be assured they will pay less than non-members, since members will also receive the discount.

The program must be watched closely to prevent the three jobbers from creating a monopoly. The renewal of contracts every six weeks will afford FMA an opportunity to bargain with jobbers and obtain the best possible rates.

How well FMA maintains a high standard will depend upon how well members participate in the program. And, FMA in turn must constantly check to see members are receiving benefits of the program.

The Fraternity Marketing Association has launched a good program that will bring lower prices and top quality meats to members. The program will succeed if FMA continues in the manner in which the project was begun.

—Phil Austin

Gazette . . .

INFIRMARY

James Babb, Ervin Baker, Wesley Doughty, Paul Egle, Joseph Gordesky, Theodore Jackson, Carol Knight, William Lawn, Maurine Leonard, Thurman Lorick, Cecilia Poor, Carole Richards, Robert Rommel, Vivian Stark, Elizabeth Tomlinson, Robert Waltemeyer, Harvey Wolfson, Arthur Zimmerman.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

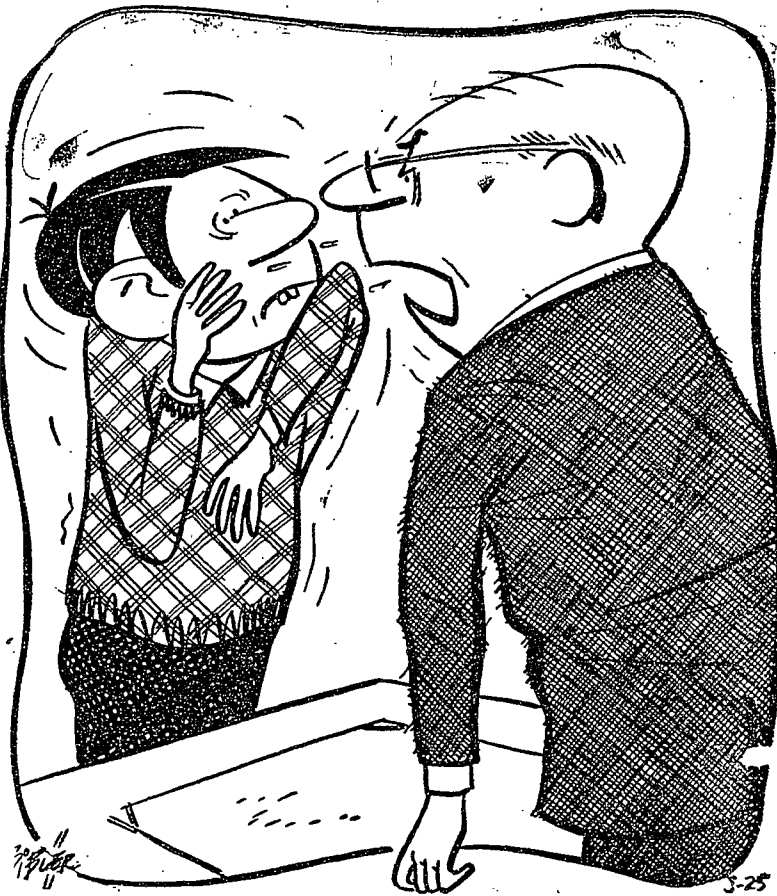
The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main; Camp Menatoma, Maine, on March 29 and 30; Clear Pool Camp, N.Y., on April 1; Camp Kiwanis on April 2; Camp Conrad Weiser on April 7. Sign up for interviews in advance.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

This is a partial and unofficial listing. Complete information on placement may be secured at 112 Old Main. SEABROOK FARMS CO. of Bridgeton, N.J. will meet with freshmen, sophomores, and juniors interested in summer employment on March 30 in 105 Forestry to arrange interviews for March 31. Seniors interested in employment upon graduation will also be interviewed. THE KROGER CO. will be on campus March 31 and April 1, to interview interested seniors. Names should be listed with G.N.P. Leetch, 112 Old Main.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"The only reason I'm giving you a barely passing mark is that I can't bear th' thought of having you in my class another semester."

Collegiate Chatter

By LORRAINE GLADUS

In this modern age, money in terms of millions of dollars is almost commonplace talk. It is becoming increasingly common talk among officials of larger and financially well-heeled colleges and universities when considering building programs.

There are innumerable institutions of higher learning besides Penn State which are building or have plans for building elaborate structures, including dormitories, student centers, athletic plants, and so on down the list.

The University of Minnesota has completed some of the most elaborate plans for almost an entirely new campus based upon predictions of the needs of future students. A huge medical center is prominent as are ultra-modern Mississippi Riverside dormitories.

A new university high school, a new research building, a new chemistry and natural science building are some of the few projects just completed or now under construction.

Minnesota is perhaps the best example of the expansion typical of large schools in this new money era. It seems to be a "time of change" whereby old ivory towers give way to functional structures.

An example of the "high living" to be enjoyed by University of Washington students is a new men's dorm which has just been completed. Unusual? Not particularly, except that the structure is 12 stories high.

Notable quotable from Utah State College's Student Life: "College is like a laundry—you get out of it just what you put into it—but you'd never recognize it."

Two fraternity houses were burned to the ground last week at the University of Maryland to get "factual information on how fire spreads through a building."

Firemen from throughout the state watched as the Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon houses went up in smoke. To make the experimental blazes as realistic as possible, the houses were filled with furniture furnished by the Salvation Army.

Scientific equipment was installed to record temperatures in different rooms, and firemen tried out a new type nozzle, emitting a fine spray that would turn to steam when it reached the heat.

The experiment was called a success by the director of the university's fire extension service, which set the fires. Commended the SAE president, after watching his house go down to the playing of taps, "We were glad to see it go, as we were living under a great handicap living there."

Stolen recently from the University of Alberta's atomic research laboratory were three radioactive chickens. The eggs wouldn't exactly be conducive to the health of the consumers, but then how often do you sit

down to dinner with a Geiger counter?

If the femme fatale in sable doesn't give you a tumble, forget her—you probably wouldn't want to marry her anyhow. This amazing discovery was made by a research group at the University during a survey of marriages in the past few years. Farmer's daughters and girls from small towns are beating out the "city gals" in the battle for the spouses.

Apple pies seem to have it all over the minx in minks. I guess this proves that the apple in a suitor's eye has to do with the apple in his pie!

From Seattle University comes this quip: "A secret so confidential that you only tell it to one at a time."

Around the Ivy League . . . The Yale student body just came off a 3-week social probation imposed as a result of a mass snowball fight last month.

Harvard's John Finley, one of the world's foremost Greek scholars, is going to England next year, and the Harvard authorities, hard-pressed to find another man to take charge of his dormitory, dug deep and came up with a fellow named Archibald MacLeish, a pretty fair second stringer. Incidentally, the house he takes over, Eliot House, is named after its first proctor, another pretty fair scholar named Charles Eliot (commonly called the father of modern education).

While this specialization is a vital part of college strife, we still search for the ideal student who qualifies as a local genius. He has:

- A psychologist's soul (minus the couch)
- A stockbroker's roll (without the pouch)
- The poise of a dramatist (minus the "Dahling")
- The wit of a humorist (not alcoholing)
- A logician's brain (but leave out the "Ergo")
- A musician's strain (but don't let the hair grow)

Tonight on WDFM

7:25	Sign On
7:30	Marquee Memories
8:00	Vaughn Monroe Show
8:15	Just for Two
9:00	Friday Nite Dancing Party
10:30	Sign Off