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## Political Parties: Deserving of Freedom?

The ability of campus political parties to govern themselves internally and assume their place in student government responsibly and sensibly is becoming more questionable with each semester.

During meetings of the student encampment workshop on nominations and elections, representatives from both State and Lion parties argued strongly against any regulations which they felt would interfere with internal party affairs. They sought to protect the freedom of the parties, stating confidently that party members could and would deal with violations of constitutions or ethical practices.

The way the parties deal with problems at times can scarcely be called dignified. The nation scoffed at Georgia when two men claimed to be governor of the state. American eyebrows are raised each time one of the frequent turn-overs in the French government occurs. A similar campus reaction can be expected to a political party which has had four different persons assume the clique chairmanship in one week and is now disputing the legality of the election

in which the fourth chairman gained the chair. The other party lost dignity through an internal dispute last fall.

Continued upheavals within the parties will probably result in closer supervision by the elections committee or All-University Cabinet. Outsiders would probably not be concerned about party responsibility if the clique were not so vital a part of the present student government system. The parties are the device for nominating candidates for top campus government positions. It is important that good student government and not personal gain be the goal of party members.

It is difficult to see how students can be assured the best candidates will be selected by a seemingly disorganized group of persons who appear to be more concerned with who should run the show than with the quality of the production.

If parties lose freedom it will undoubtedly be because they have demonstrated their inability to operate under free rein. Where freedom is present, responsibility is essential.

## Forum Line-up Includes Impressive Names

This season's Community Forum program committee has come up with another outstanding lineup for the coming forum series. The speakers themselves need no further introduction than the mention of their names.

The four speakers for the 1954-55 season will be Clifton Fadiman, Agnes Moorhead, Carlos Romulo, and James Hepburn.

For the uninitiated, the Community Forum is the means by which faculty members and students combine efforts and bring internationally famous speakers to the University. Last year's lineup ran like this: Charles Laughton; Gen. James Van Fleet; Sen. Wayne Morse, and Edwin D. Canham.

The forum is held in Schwab Auditorium. Fadiman will make the first appearance Nov. 9. Miss Moorhead will talk Dec. 6; Romulo, Jan. 13, and Hepburn, Feb. 15.

To make it easy on the pocketbook as well as for mere convenience sake, the forum ticket committee had devised a season ticket system. The season ticket—priced at \$4.40—will re-

serve a seat in Schwab for each performance. The season ticket will not reserve a particular seat. This is done for the individual who feels he cannot afford the money for a season ticket and desires to hear only one or two of the speakers.

This year the forum will offer a bonus in the form of a fifth and extra speaker. The name of the fifth speaker will be announced as soon as final arrangements have been completed. This is extra, free, a bonus with the purchase of a season ticket. Bargains like this do not come daily, especially with the calibre of the already announced speakers.

The individual who likes to think that he is in the know of worldly and otherwise matters will miss a sure thing if he fails to get a season ticket this year. The season tickets are scheduled to go on sale early next month at the Student Union desk in Old Main. This year's program—with or without the bonus—is too much to pass up.

—George Bairey

## New Bus Ad Project

Tonight at 7 in Waring Hall, the former West Dorm lounge, the Business Administration student council will hold a mixer-reception which will bring together in a friendly atmosphere the dean of the college, faculty members, and both new and old students. This is the first activity of its kind to be sponsored by the Business Administration council since its organization last year.

At the mixer freshmen and other new students in the College will have the opportunity of meeting the faculty and their wives, as well as upperclassmen.

Council president Richard Favro said the council plans to make the mixer an annual affair. He said that as a student group, the council feels more should be done in the early stages of college life to bring about closer faculty-student relationships. This is certainly a stride in that direction.

Dean of the College Ossian R. MacKenzie also endorsed Favro's statement. He expressed the hope that there would be a good turnout of both new students and upperclassmen. He commented that the occasion presents an excellent opportunity for furthering the good liaison that already exists between students and faculty in the College.

The need for strengthening faculty-student relations in a university the size of Penn State is obvious, and certainly hard-felt. Councils holding such mixers deserve the support of students and faculty members of the college.

—Al Klimcke

## Safety Valve—

### On Party Dispute

TO THE EDITOR: After reading Saturday's Collegian and the accusations of Rudy Lutter, it is obviously evident that his major objective is one of personal gain rather than overall interest of State Party.

The elections committee ruling validated the legality of the election of clique officers held by State Party Wednesday night; however in order to stress the true sense of democracy which they hope will prevail in the present political system, the elections committee requested a reelections with a 24-hour previous notice to the Student Representative Council.

It should be noted that Lutter's remarks at the fore-mentioned election degenerated into degrading accusations against personal integrity and character. It is quite sad that Lutter, in his quest for recognition, permitted himself to make such slanderous and defamatory untruths.

Other State Party leaders can verify that I fulfilled my secretarial obligations previous and prior to the reception of the nomination and subsequent election as clique chairman of State Party.

—Rae DelleDonne  
State Party Secretary

Those who wish to appear wise among fools, among the wise seem foolish.—Quintilian

## Gazette...

- Today
- AG STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 103 Agriculture
- COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 10 Sparks
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Business Office
- COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie
- ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 107 Main Engineering
- PENN STATE CLUB SMOKER, 7:30 p.m., 411 Old Main

VARSITY LACROSSE PLAYERS, 7 p.m., Basement—south wing of Recreation Hall

### UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

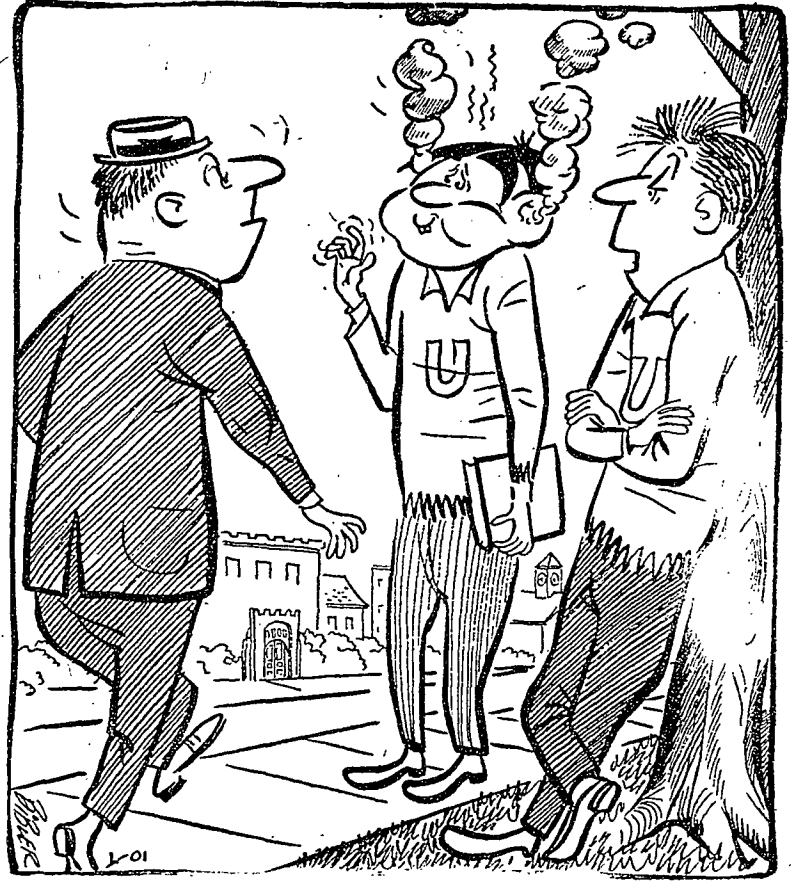
Samuel Aldenderfer, Jesse Arnette, Jane Baczewski, Edward Brogan, Catherine Ensign, David Friedenberg, Gale Friedman, Roosevelt Grier, William Kern, Allen Kine, Sheldon Odland, John Olsen, Malcolm Perry, Elizabeth Rodgers, Emery Schreckengast, and William Straub.

### PLACEMENT SERVICE

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION will interview January graduates in the fields of electrical engineering, industrial engineering, and mechanical engineering Oct. 12 and 13.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Well, well, if it ain't our coach!"

By Proxy

## Faculty Club Gets Labrador Tour

By DON SHOEMAKER

Members of the Faculty Luncheon Club were taken by proxy on a tour of Labrador during their weekly meeting at the Hotel State College yesterday.

The "tour" was conducted by Francis Nitchie, Jr., and David Whitmarsh, both associate professors of engineering research, who were members of a party of five from the Ordinance Research Laboratory sent to Labrador by the United States Air Force to observe the total eclipse of the sun last July.

According to Nitchie, the expedition started out to be a leisurely auto trip into Canada to observe the eclipse.

However, the group heard that the Air Force was looking for personnel to man 15 observation stations along the route of the eclipse, extending from Iran to Labrador.

The stations were set up to measure the time of total eclipse, so that the Air Force could use the information in determining navigation data.

The group contracted to man one of the stations, and so the "vacation" was turned into a scientific expedition.

"We went to observe an eclipse we never saw at all," Nitchie said. On the day of the eclipse, skies became overcast, so that observation of the eclipse had to be made by a photo-electric method. This method enabled the party to measure the brightness of the cloud bank, thus enabling it to follow the progress of the eclipse without actually seeing the sun.

The party established its station on a small lake in Labrador, near the Quebec border.

The men left State College June 6 and flew to Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. From Westover, they went to Goose Bay, Labrador. After a week "on that overgrown sandbar" as Nitchie put it, the party went on to Knob Lake.

The final stage of the journey, made by helicopter, brought the expedition to its station on a smaller lake just north of Knob Lake.

"We even had a reception committee," Nitchie said. "There must have been a million mosquitoes there to meet us."

The men illustrated their talk with colored slides.

### Encampment Pictures

This is the final week that pictures taken at the Mont Alto student encampment may be purchased at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

### Outing Club 'Roast' Held on Mt. Nittany

Despite wind and rain approximately 150 members of the Penn State Outing Club held a wiener roast atop Mt. Nittany Sunday afternoon.

This was the first of regularly scheduled Sunday afternoon outings by the club.

Students interested in the club may attend the first meeting of the cabin and trail division of the club at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 121 Sparks. A movie on the Appalachian Trail will be shown.

### Thespians Name Nine Production Chairmen

Crew chairmen for the Thespian production, "Funny Side Up," which is to be presented October 14-16 in Schwab Auditorium, are:

Richard Hamer, stage; Norma Weiner, costume; Jeanette Johnson, make-up; James Paremter, advertising; Sherman Francisco, lights; Frank Cressman, house; John Beachley, properties; Sol Cohn, program; and Catherine Stark, designer and technical manager.

### Home Ec Cafeteria

The newly-decorated Home Economics cafeteria and tea room will open for the fall semester at 5:30 p.m. today.

Cafeteria service will be available Monday through Friday from 11:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### WD Council to Meet

The West Dorm Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in 127 Waring. Newly elected representatives of the various units are required to attend, Stanley Juras, president, said yesterday.

### Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

- 7:30 One Night Stand
- 8:00 Behind the Lectern
- 8:30 Music of the People
- 9:00 Informally Yours
- 9:15 News
- 9:30 This World of Music
- 10:30 Sign Off