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State Party Lists Concrete Planks

This is the second of two editorials analyzing campus political platforms for the current elections. The Lion party platform was discussed yesterday.

The political parties have taken a new approach to the problem of platforms this fall. Both have tried to avoid the problem which has plagued campus politics for years—loading the platforms with unworkable planks which are therefore meaningless.

Lion party has done this by releasing a platform that is admittedly nothing more than a statement of policy—a pledge to handle problems as they arise.

State party, on the other hand, has advocated planks that are more concrete, but seem to be workable.

Perhaps the weakest plank in the platform deals with the elimination of the Bar-2 grade. It calls for "a single failing mark which would be in accord with the present systems employed by other American colleges and universities." The approval of such a plan would be in the hands of the administration.

Plans for the establishment of such a system have been underway since last spring. Such a proposal was studied by Hat Society Council and was presented to University Senate. A Senate committee was appointed to set up the plan and is working on it at present.

Under these circumstances, it seems that all the State party can do is solidify student support behind the plan in order to expedite its approval. If the party makes an effort to do this, the plank has a legitimate place in the platform.

The other planks in the platform deal with problems which seem to be more workable: enlarging of the laundry and pressing facilities in the dorms, revision of the parking procedure so that students will be able to park near their living units, the inauguration of a committee to determine the classification of activities as major or minor, in reference to joining campus organizations, and a more even split of student government appointments between fraternities and independents.

In regard to the plank on the parking situation, it may be worthwhile to point out that the Association of Independent Men is also working on the problem. But a little cooperation never hurts. If the party carries these appeals through the proper channels, and gets the student body behind them, the platform could produce results. In the long run, the success or failure of any party platform does not depend on how workable the planks are, but on how well the voters and party members support the planks.

It is not our purpose here to tell students how they should vote when they cast their ballots tomorrow. But when you vote, remember that the success of the platform you support depends on whether or not it has your backing.

—Don Shoemaker

Safety Valve...

On 'State' Publicity

TO THE EDITOR: Things are getting serious.

I must have appeared very furtive as I walked up the Mall yesterday with my coat collar turned up against the wind for as I turned around to acknowledge the tap on my shoulder and the "Hey, Buddy, wanna buy a . . ." I recognized an old friend of mine that I hadn't seen since last spring. It was "Louie the Fence" who had sprung out from one of the bushes behind the Armory.

We exchanged greetings and gold bricks for uranium mine stocks and talked about business as we walked along.

"Something new is up," he told me as he climbed out of the manhole after the campus patrol passed. "This year I got a real hot deal."

In answer to my question of what it was, he whispered into my ear that there was a "hot" party on campus. I hated to try to disillusion the boy when I told him that I agreed, and that I had been to quite a few myself.

"Naw," he said looking at me with a scowl of disgust which pleaded for seriousness. "This is something altogether different."

He told me that he rushed back from Klinger Heights where he was collecting old "Vote for McCarthy" buttons when he got the scoop: "The State Party was being stolen."

I couldn't suppress my laughter. As he stood there before me with a very astounded look, I reassured him that it couldn't be so, since every one of the opposition was being discharged.

After he caught up on all the news from back issues of Collegian and elsewhere, he regained his composure, but he still retained a cynical, brokenhearted look. "Who would want to steal it anyway?" he said. "This looks like the raunchiest campaign in years . . . well, anyway, since last year."

He considered some of the campaign publicity that had been distributed. "So some of the stuff was even outlawed from the girls' dining halls, eh? I would like to have seen that one."

He threw the other piece of publicity away (that was the one which implied not very subtly that the other party was the Lyin' one) and he walked away haughtily from the whole matter, expressing as he left his condolences for the candidates who were unfortunately tied up with the campaign scandal, and mumbling something about politicians, propoganda, and insecure paranoids.

—Stanley Juras
President of
West Dorm Council

More 'State' ----

TO THE EDITOR: A rather objectionable bit of political propaganda in the form of a circular was distributed in the dorms Monday night and came to my attention Tuesday morning. The printed matter on the sheet was merely a reiteration of the State party platform.

The objectionable part of the circular was a 2 by 6 inch drawing of a sample "ballot" spread diagonally across the page. On this ballot were places to vote for freshman and sophomore slates with the voting boxes labeled "State" and "Lyin'". To say the least, this clever little pun was in extremely bad taste and has done nothing, in my opinion, to enhance the State party's prestige.

I have long admired the relative lack of public "mudslinging" which has characterized Penn State politics. This circular was a particularly low and childish attempt to degrade the other party and to me seems unbecoming a University environment. Penn State cannot help but suffer from this type of irresponsible politics.

—Bob Conquest

Gazette...

- Today
- CHESS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 3 Sparks
 - CIRCULO ESPANOL, 7:30 p.m., TUB
 - DANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., Rhythm Room, White Hall
 - FORESTRY CONVOCATION, 11 a.m., 121 Sparks
 - FROTH AD STAFF, 8 p.m., Froth Office, Carnegie
 - GRANGE, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver
 - MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Chi Rho
 - NEWMAN CLUB CHORAL GROUP, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - PERSHING RIFLES MEETING, 7 p.m., Armory
 - PLAYERS' ADVERTISING CREW MEETING, 6:45 p.m., Schwab Loft
 - PRE-VET CLUB, 7 p.m., Alpha Gamma Rho
 - UPPER CLASS BOWLING, 6:30 p.m., White Hall
 - UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT
 - SUN OIL COMPANY: B.S. & M.S. in Chem. & Chem.E.; Ph.D. in Organic or Phys. Chem. on Nov. 10.
 - CURTISS WRIGHT (PROP. DIV.) B.S. in Aero.E., ME & EE, M.S. in ME & EE on Nov. 10.
 - UNION CARBIDE & CARBON CORPORATION: Ph.D. in Chem., Chem.E., ME & Phys. on Nov. 10, 11 & 12.
 - NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY: B.S. in CE, EE, IE, ME, Mining Engr., PNG, Metal., Acctg., Bus. Admin. on Nov. 10.
 - FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATION LABS.: B.S., M.S. & Ph.D. in EE & Phys. on Nov. 11.
 - OLIN MATHESON CHEMICAL CORP.: B.S. in Chem.E., ME, IE, EE, Metal., Phys., Math., Chem. Acctg., & Bus. Admin.; M.S. & Ph.D. in Phys., Math. & Chem. on Nov. 11.
 - UNITED AIRCRAFT CORP. (RESEARCH DEPT.) B.S., M.S. & Ph.D. in Aero.E. & ME on Nov. 11.
 - BENDIX AVIATION (98 DIVS.) B.S., M.S. & Ph.D. in EE, ME, Phys. Aero.E., & Metal. on Nov. 12.
 - CHANCE VOUCHER AIRCRAFT: B.S., M.S. & Ph.D. in ME, Aero.E., Arch.E., CE, EE & Math. on Nov. 12.
 - GLENN L. MARTIN CO.: B.S. in Aero.E., ME, EE, IE, CE, Chem.E., Metal., Phys. & Acctg. on Nov. 12.
 - U.S. NAVAL LABS IN CALIFORNIA: B.S., MS, Ph.D. in Aero. E., EE, ME & Phys. on Nov. 15.
 - CHAS. PFIZER & CO., INC.: B.S. in Chem. & Chem.E. on Nov. 15.
 - R.C.A. CORPORATION: B.S., M.S. & Ph.D. in EE, ME & Phys. on Nov. 15.

- SCOTT PAPER COMPANY: B.S., M.S., & Ph.D. in Chem., Chem.E., ME, IE, Lib. Arts, Bus. Admin., Wood Utilization on Nov. 15 & 16.
- STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA: B.S. in Chem.E. & ME; M.S. & Ph.D. in Geology, Geophysics, Chem., Chem.E. & ME on Nov. 15 & 16.
- U.S. RUBBER COMPANY: Ph.D. in Physical & Org. Chem. on Nov. 15.
- CHARLES PFIZER & CO., INC.: B.S. in Chem. & Chem.E. on Nov. 15.
- R.C.A. CORP.: M.S. & Ph.D. in EE, ME & Phys. on Nov. 15.
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- U.S. RUBBER: Ph.D. in Physical or Org. Chem. on Nov. 15.
- BABCOCK & WILCOX CO.: B.S. in Chem.E., IE, ME & Metal. on Nov. 16.
- ERNST & ERNST: B.S. in Acctg. & internship work for June grads. on Nov. 16.
- S. MORGAN SMITH CO.: B.S. in ME & CE on Nov. 16.
- MELLON INSTITUTE: B.S., M.S. & Ph.D. in Chem., Chem. E., & Phys. on Nov. 17.
- MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO.: B.S. & M.S. in Chem., Chem.E., ME, EE, Phys. & Metal.; Ph.D. in Chem. & Chem.E. on Nov. 17 & 18.
- PROCTOR & GAMBLE DISTRIBUTING CO.: B.S. in any curriculum for sales only on Nov. 17.
- THOMAS A. EDISON, INC.: B.S. in ME, EE, Chem.E., Chem., Phys.; M.S. & Ph.D. in Chem. & Phys. on Nov. 17.
- U.S. NAVAL ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION: B.S. & M.S. in Phys. & EE on Nov. 17.
- NEW JERSEY ZINC CO.: B.S. in Chem.E., EE, Metal. & Mining Engr. on Nov. 18.
- ESSO STANDARD OIL DEVELOPMENT (NEW JERSEY): B.S. & M.S. in Chem.E., CE, EE, ME & Fuel Tech.; Ph.D. in Chem. & Chem.E. on Nov. 18 & 19.
- SWIFT & COMPANY: M.S. & Ph.D. in Dairy Chem., ME, EE, Chem.E., Home Ec., Animal Husbandry, Org. & Physical Chem., Ag Bio Chem., Phys. on Nov. 18.
- MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL REGULATOR COMPANY: B.S. in EE, ME & Phys. on Nov. 19; MS in Bus. Ad. who has BS degree in engineering.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Firing Squads--

Adam's Other Rib

By PEGGY McCLAIN

On Homecoming Weekend Mr. James Pike spoke at Chapel service. A record of the specific students who heard his talk would be impossible. The number who have chosen not to take his message to heart is growing ever more obvious.

The theme of the talk was gaining a proper perspective of daily living. Mr. Pike emphasized the fact that so long as we dwell exclusively within the boundaries of our own current thoughts and actions, we will be engulfed with the resulting emotions and conflicts of those behavior patterns.

To illustrate, he referred to a moth engrossed in working its way across a multi-colored rug. While eating its way through the yellow colored section, the moth acquires a bright and cheerful frame of mind; when it hits the blue pattern, it gets bogged down with dreariness and the "blues;" and when it crosses over to the red section, the poor moth becomes so captured by passion and wild emotion that it, as Mr. Pike phrased it, regurgitates all that it has acquired from the other sections.

Had the moth risen above the rug, Mr. Pike pointed out, and viewed the entire scene from the advantage of altitude, it would have gotten an entirely different impression, or perspective of it. It would not have been so concerned with the relatively small "blues" pattern, or the passion-producing red section, or even the light-hearted yellow. It would, rather, have seen the entire rug in its proper perspective of relative proportions.

Such an attitude applies equally well to every phase of campus politics. Groans of boredom with the topic will not be out of order at this point. This columnist, too, is weary of what seems to be an inevitable pattern of conflict and antagonism as far as campus politics are concerned. But because our campus politicians are University students, and because Thursday's elections are possibly one of the most important events listed for this week, the topic must take its place in these columns.

Campus politicians have lost perspective. They have allowed politics to grow out of bounds in their own minds, and they have, through both interparty and intraparty conflicts, led the majority of the student body to mentally blow up politics beyond a reasonable scope. They have distorted the concept of these activities until they hold very little resemblance to their originally-designated place among other campus activities.

However, the politicians themselves are not alone responsible for this distortion. They have been chided and too often encouraged in their attitudes by the entire student body. Because we

all are responsible directly and indirectly for what has become a preposterous situation, it now remains for all of us, politicians and non-politicians, to help put campus politics back in their proper perspective.

This cannot be done until the position of campus politics at Penn State is defined. They are an extra-curricular activity, operating as contemporaries of dozens of other extra-curricular activities on campus. Because they are supposedly an educational activity (that is, authorized by the administration for the primary purpose of offering practical training in the field of politics) they must necessarily work in conjunction with these other educational activities.

As such, campus parties warrant a great deal of interest and attention from their constituents. It would be unrealistic to ask that this attention not be based on both personal and objective motives, but when the personal motives outweigh the objective and common-good ones, then this activity loses its open, educational value.

For instance, let us look at the recent "firings" within one of our campus parties. A subordinate chairman fires a committee member; a fellow subordinate chairman supports him in this move; the clique chairman in turn fires both her subordinates.

Technically, perhaps all this behavior is justified. Were the party a professional group, operating in

LAVIE PICTURE SCHEDULE

- Today
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SCHEDULE
- 6:30 Tau Kappa Epsilon
 - 6:40 Mortar Board
 - 6:50 Judicial
 - 7:10 WSGA Senate
 - 7:20 Hat Society Council
 - 7:30 Traffic Court
 - 7:40 House of Representatives
 - 7:50 Book Exchange
 - 8:00 Collegian
 - 8:15 Froth
 - 8:25 Alpha Phi Alpha

Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:25 ----- Sign On
 - 7:30 ----- Stand By
 - 8:00 ----- Open to Question
 - 8:30 ----- Broadway in Review
 - 8:45 ----- Call Card
 - 9:00 ----- House Party
 - 9:15 ----- News
 - 9:30 ----- Light Classical Jukebox
 - 10:30 ----- Sign Off