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Chairman's Decision Lacks Responsibility

The objective of campus politics should not be merely to place candidates in office. Campus political parties should feel a responsibility to the student body to present to it valuable leadership material and to make their candidates aware that student respect and backing is at once their objective and reward.

If, as has been true this year, a party disregards these concepts, it is the responsibility of a higher regulating body to make the wayward party toe the mark.

The permission given by Elections Committee chairman Ernest Famous to the State party to distribute printed material that identified its opposing party as "Lyn" was a step backward in what has been more worthwhile regulation of campus politics. Famous qualified his permission by saying that Rae DelleDonne, State party clique chairman, must be willing to take any consequences which might arise.

It is the function of the Elections Committee to concern itself with the entire political scene and to ensure a good and decent political race. The consequences that might be invoked upon the State party by distribution of its material was not the major question. If it were, certainly the party should be allowed to stand or fall on its own action.

However, the detrimental effect of the ma-

terial upon the whole political phase of student government was a much more vital issue.

The reasoning that Mr. Famous used in granting the State party permission to distribute its handbills was particularly weak. He said he permitted distribution because of the time element. Had the State party been prohibited from handing out its literature, only the State party would have suffered for its poor taste. Instead, the party has contributed a wealth of tinder to the fire of those who consider campus politics an area of mudslinging and of farce. More important than the ridicule the State party has invoked upon itself was the unnecessary abuse heaped upon the Lion party. Perhaps most important was the generally bad effect upon the elections.

When contacted last night, Mr. Famous said he could see nothing in the elections code violated by the handbills except perhaps the elastic clause covering spirit of elections. There is little room for doubt that the publicity material is not conducive to a healthy or worthwhile spirit of elections.

Mr. Famous reneged when tested. He seriously undermined recent efforts to foster political decency. It is difficult to expect political groups to respect the regulatory function if this function is not conscientiously administered.

—Nancy Ward

Safety Valve—

More Politics --

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to thank the students for taking such an enthusiastic interest in student government and especially in the two campus political parties . . .

Prior to the outcries in yesterday's Daily Collegian, questionable publicity or actions would have gone unheeded by the student body and been left indifferently in the laps of the Election Committee and the parties to be haggled over . . .

Speaking in defense of State party I feel that, although our actions may have been questionable, it was a case of the clique chairman working too hard to get her candidates elected, rather than knowingly trying to run a "smear" campaign . . .

I would suggest that, rather than condemn the party candidates, students continue to hit the weak spots of the entire political system through such means as the Collegian and also come to the clique elections to make sure a capable chairman, who will be subject to the approval or disapproval of the student body, is elected.

This by no means infers past or present chairmen are incapable, but that they represent a few students rather than the entire student body.

It is my sincere hope students will continue to show an interest in politics, both during this and future campaigns and at the polls.

—Jack McMeekin
Vice clique chairman
of State Party

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to correct a fallacy which has prevailed in many students' minds about the adoption of a new grading system or a change in the present one . . .

While the administration is considering existing problems of the grading system, some people (feel) that political parties could change it. This is not the case. While party opinions are taken into consideration, they remain opinions only. The administration only has the power to effect a revision.

Even granting that student government could formulate changes, they would not affect any student, including freshmen, now enrolled in the University for any such change would be unjust. Present averages could not be compared in a favorable light with averages achieved under a revised grading system.

The only workable system would be to have a revision affecting incoming students in the future. As I stated before, freshmen would not profit by any revision, for they too have already compiled averages.

No direct benefits to students now enrolled at the University could possibly result from a rectification of the situation.

—Robert Spadaro
Men's campaign manager
Lion Party

TO THE EDITOR: In the past two days a question has been raised as to the reference and meaning of the word "Lyn" in the State party's supplement to its platform. Before judgment on this is passed it might be well for all those concerned, including the voters, to read the whole supplement.

It appears the supplement was issued to further clarify the platform in the light of what has been said by the Lion candidates in their campaigning. The Lion party has stated it has done research and found that none of the five State planks have any chance of ever

Student Vote: A Must

Get out and vote!

Student government leaders are continually being criticized for their failure to "get anything for the students" despite their campaign promises and the clamor of the student body. This is because they seldom represent the student body.

To be effective, an elected student government must be able to say a majority of those eligible to vote for it did so, either on the winning or losing side. It is a rare election at Penn State when 50 per cent or more of the students eligible participate.

Today 5770 are privileged to cast ballots which will elect officers for the freshman and sophomore classes. Last year in the fall elections 1787 voted out of the 5695 who were eligible. This was 31.4 per cent, hardly a representative fraction.

With a minority of the students backing their student government program, it is easy to see why the students' elected representatives are turned aside when they attempt to carry programs through All-University Cabinet or to the administration. Why should they be honored when they do not even represent an interested student body?

Thus it is imperative that students back their elected representatives by voting in the elections that name them. If they do, student officers will be able to speak with the authority that representing a majority interest gives them.

Get out and vote!

Gazette . . .

Today

AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING, 7:15 p.m., 218 Willard
BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 206 Agriculture
EDUCATION NEWSPAPER STAFF, 7 p.m., 128 Sparks
HORTICULTURE CLUB, 7 p.m., 408 Plant Industries
LANTERN CIRCULATION STAFF, members and candidates, 7 p.m., 201 Willard
NEWMAN CLUB, Christian Marriage Discussion, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
WDFM RADIO GUILD, 7:30 p.m., 312 Sparks
WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main
YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB, 7 p.m., McElwain lounge, Speaker—Reed

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Stephen Behnam, Ilona Bergman, Eugene Chomicki, Richard Coats, Marilyn Cohen, Adrien Eschallier, Patricia Fleck, Anthony Galanti, James Garrity, George Gezey, Robert Harrison, Elin Kuttel, William Jashinski, Margaret King, Otto Kneidinger, Thomas Law, Lester Millman, Richard Myers, Robert Pritchard, Russell Seitzinger, Fred Snyder, Donald Thatcher, Carl Weckerly, Edward Zielasko.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

U.S. NAVAL LABS IN CALIFORNIA: B.S., MS, PhD 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. & PhD in EE, ME & Phys. on Nov. 15.
SCOTT PAPER COMPANY: B.S., M.S., & PhD in Chem., Chem.E., ME, LE, Lib. Arts, Bus. Admin., Wood Utilization on Nov. 15 & 16.
STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA: B.S. in Chem.E. & ME; M.S. & PhD in Geology, Geophysics, Chem., Chem.E. & ME on Nov. 15 & 16.
U.S. RUBBER COMPANY: PhD in Physical & Org. Chem. on Nov. 15.

being accomplished, as either they are not workable or all have been recognized.

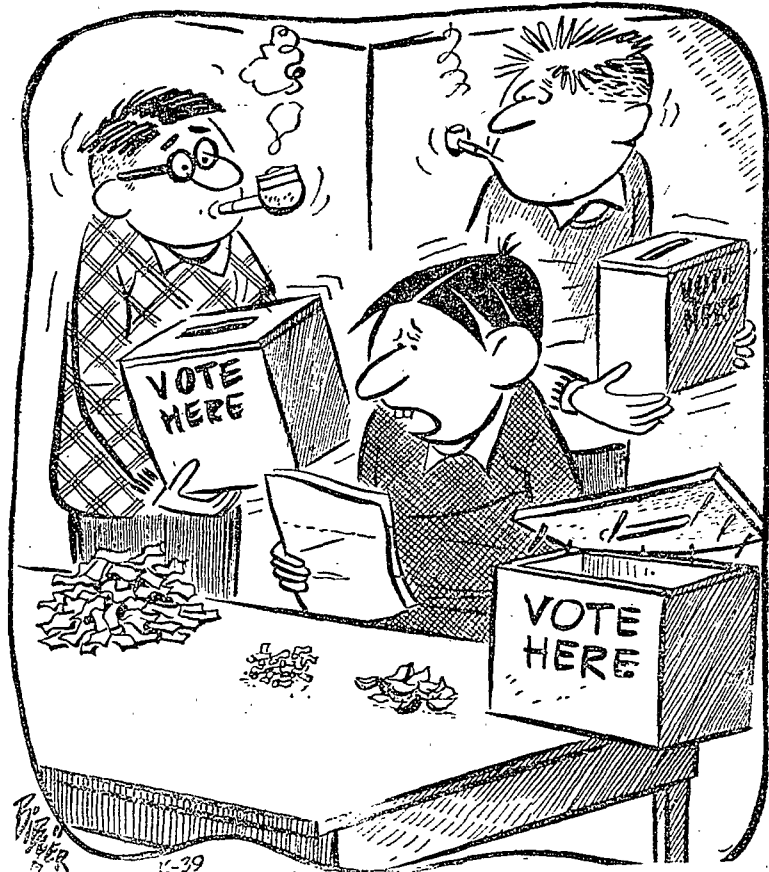
These Lion statements are even in direct opposition to yesterday's Collegian editorial which said, "State party . . . has advocated planks that are more concrete, but seem to be workable," and "If the party carries these appeals through the proper channels, and gets the student body behind them, the platform could produce results."

I agree that the word "Lyn" was not necessarily in good taste, but I think that there may be foundation for its use as Webster defines the word "lie" as "anything which deceives."

—Bill Sweitzer

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"48 gum wrappers, 12 cigarette butts, 8 orange peelings and 3 votes in this one . . . if you ask me there hasn't been enough student interest in campus politics this year."

Prexy Leaves For Dedication Of Memorial

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University, will be in Abilene, Kan., today for the dedication of the Eisenhower memorial museum, honoring his brother, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Dr. Eisenhower will accompany the President and his wife to Abilene. They will be joined by the President's son, John, his wife, and their three children. Another of the Eisenhower brothers, Earl, a newspaper publisher in La Grange, Ill., will be in Abilene for the dedication.

The museum at Abilene was built by the Eisenhower Foundation, which was organized by friends of the family in 1945 "to promote citizenship and honor veterans of American wars."

IFC, Panhel Plan Christmas Parties

Fraternities and sororities should start making plans for combining to give Christmas parties for children in the State College and Boalsburg area, according to Donald Reidenbaugh, chairman of the Interfraternity Council Christmas party committee.

Information concerning proposed parties should be sent to him before Nov. 15, Reidenbaugh said.

The parties should be held during the week of Dec. 12 through 17, he said.

Information and return post cards have been mailed to each fraternity and sorority. Suggestions and procedures for having parties are outlined in this letter.

26 Home Ec Students To Receive Awards

Twenty-six students in the College of Home Economics will receive scholarships at the second annual Scholarship Awards Dinner tonight at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The dinner will afford the representatives of industries and associations who are offering the awards an opportunity to become acquainted with students and faculty.

Frosh to Meet IFC Men

Freshmen may meet with fraternity representatives at 10 to-night in their dormitory units, according to John Russell, interfraternity Council rushing chairman.

The fraternity representatives will answer questions of freshmen regarding fraternities.

Eng Council Representation Plan Discussed

Representation for the department of agricultural engineering on the Engineering Student Council was discussed Tuesday night at the Engineering Student Council meeting.

A tentative plan has been submitted by which the agricultural engineering department would have two representatives—one on the Engineering Student Council and one on the Agriculture Student Council.

As it now stands the department is a part of the College of Engineering, but is not represented on the student council. No decision on the plan was made Tuesday night.

The council voted \$50 toward expenses for a trip to Chicago by a representative of the School of Industrial Engineering to receive an Industrial Management Society award.

Due to too many conflicts this semester, engineering mixers will be postponed until next semester.

Edward Klevans, third semester electrical engineering major, and William Landis, fifth semester aeronautical engineering major, were named to the council.

Dennis to Speak At Newman Club

Lawrence Dennis, administrative assistant to the President, will speak at a communion breakfast to be held by the Newman Club in the banquet room of the State College Hotel after the 9 a.m. mass in Schwab Auditorium Sunday.

Persons interested in attending the breakfast must sign up by tomorrow on the bulletin boards in Old Main, Waring Hall, Schwab Auditorium, and the Pattee Library.

Twenty faculty and townspeople, friends of the Newman Club, will be guests of honor. The cost will be \$1 for members and \$1.25 for non-members.

LAVIE PICTURE SCHEDULE

Today
6:30 Penn State Farmer
6:45 Engineer
7:00 Board of Dramatics and Forensics
7:15 Players
7:30 Thespians

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:25 Sign On
7:30 Adventures in Research
7:45 As You Believe
8:00 Concert Cameos
8:30 Just Out
9:00 Serenade in Blue
9:15 News
9:30 Symphonic Notebook