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New Code Will Crack Down on Violators

The amended Elections Code places a firm axe over campus political parties this campaign season. From all appearances it will get any potential violators coming or going.

The new code still has to be approved by All-University Cabinet. But there seems little doubt that it will go through. Parts of it were read at clique meetings Sunday night and their implications were stressed upon party members.

The most concrete amendment is the posting of a \$25 bond by each party on March 23. According to the code, this will serve as insurance against code violations by a clique. If a clique member (anyone registered with a party) violates the code, a fine is taken out of the \$25 bond.

If passed, this amendment might prove rough discipline for clique members. It will mean that every student registered with a party (including those whose attendance at clique meetings can be chalked up solely to "some place to go on Sunday evenings" rather than any particular interest in the parties) will be liable for any unethical campaign antics.

And judging from the number of "wise" ones contributing to the entertainment at the past few clique meetings, the \$25 bonds are going to be depleted fast.

Presidency Rotation

The University Elections Committee has given the green light for the campus political parties to break a long standing tradition. This is not done in deference but of necessity.

Action by the group has made it permissible for fraternity men to be candidates for the position of senior class president even though this is the year for an independent to hold the position. The rotation has arisen to enable fraternity members and independents to alternate in holding the major elected offices and to keep the two groups from fighting one another.

This year a change was necessary, however, when the independent field proved too lean, to meet the needs of three parties. It seems like a wise move this year so that good men can be eligible to run for and fill the position.

A word of caution must be injected here. This violation of the alternation tradition is the second in as many years. Last spring fraternity men ran for the post of All-University secretary-treasurer during an independent year. The ease of ignoring the tradition should not be allowed to be taken advantage of and in future years deprive any group of a fair chance.

It may also be that in looking for candidates the parties are just looking for obvious office holders or actually "sure winners." So, particularly in the independent ranks where men do not have activities to rise through, there is a tendency for men and women to be overlooked. They have the ability but not the name.

Students can not, because of what is implied above, expect parties to seek them out and boost them to positions of leadership on the campus. They must have participated in student activities and by so doing show their capabilities and make a name as a leader. Then they can seek nomination for student government posts.

We think the independent group has failed to produce the required good men to provide a top man to become senior class president. Therefore, it is only right that the field be thrown open to fraternity men as well, and the Elections Committee decision seems justified.

Gazette...

- Today
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main
- COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 111 Carnegie
- COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 220 Willard
- COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Business Office
- COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 108 Willard
- ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 107 Main
- FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Commuter's Room, Woman's Building
- NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rosary, 4:30 p.m.; Bishop Sheen on television, 8 p.m.; Our Lady of Victory Church
- UCA SQUARE DANCE, 7 p.m., TUB
- ZOOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 214 Frear Lab

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Barbara Albeck, John Anastassakis, Artley, James Bucher, Niels Busssem, James Byrne, Myron Cole, Daniel Coll, Susan Conklin, Max Demianovich, Lawrence Fornicola, Ruth Frankentfield, Irene Jacob, Barbara Kabakjian, Kenneth Kerr, David Krusko, Winifred Kvashay, Anita Lynch, Lois Masket, Harry Mitchell, Joseph Myers, Robert Nicotera, Roderick Perry, Marian Riddles, Rolfe Ross, Archie Rugh, Vincent Skrinak, Nicholas Spangler, Isaac Van der Hooven, David Webber, Dion Weissend, Thaddeus Zelenaki.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I told you what would happen if you cut away the ivy."

The second part of the amendment—which allows candidates to be docked votes for violating the code without their cliques' sanction—is not too different from the present code. We wonder, however, on just what basis it will be decided whether a candidate's violation was done with or without clique sanction.

It will probably boil down to the clique chairman and candidates' word against Elections Committee.

And words are cheap. Whether cliques deny or take credit for violations might easily depend on which they can best afford—money or votes.

The new code does include one unquestionably good change. Under it, Elections Committee will be able to penalize for violations without waiting for a charge to be made by one of the parties. In the past, the committee was more or less helpless to make any charges on its own, and as a result, parties had convenient loopholes through which to squirm out of penalties.

As a whole, the new code is a good one and one Cabinet most likely will approve. It by no means manipulates the parties, but it should help maintain the status quo during campaign week.

—Peggy McClain

Let's Stop Squabbling

All-University Cabinet postponed action Thursday night on the question of giving an award to the soccer team until the Athletic Advisory Board can meet to discuss the matter.

But the question we would like answered is whether Cabinet can do anything if the Athletic Board doesn't act, or rejects the request for awards.

According to Galen Robbins, Athletic Association Secretary, Dean Ernest B. McCoy wants such an award to come from the AA. If the AA fails to act, and Cabinet gives the award, would Dean McCoy accept it?

And if he refused to accept it, would it not make the members of the soccer team feel ridiculous to find two student organizations and the University's Athletic director squabbling about whether or not they will receive a token of esteem from the student body.

Furthermore, does Cabinet have the right to make such an award? If it does, Cabinet has as much right to make an award to other Nittany Lion teams for going undefeated and being national champions. In time it will lose its role as an agency of student government and become to groups what, to some extent, political parties are to candidates.

Penn State is proud of its soccer team. Let's get a decision from the Athletic Board and cut out the quibbling. It's becoming to neither the soccer team nor student government.

—Phil Austin

Safety Valve—

Lauds Infirmary

TO THE EDITOR: This is... a long overdue reply to Edmund Reiss' remarks in his column concerning the University Health Service (Daily Collegian, Nov. 12.)

As an infirmary patient for three days recently... I was able to consider some of his statements in the light of personal experience...

My observations and conversations with fellow patients led to this final conclusion as to the worth and truth of Reiss' remarks: Everything he said concerning personnel, service, and care was not only false, but malicious...

To be more specific: He attempted to characterize the staff as "an inconsistent group with haphazard standards." He complains because he was admitted and then given medication during the night, implying these steps were needless and even cruel because he was later found to need "special treatment."

Quite obviously, such routine precautionary measures as he describes are only one aspect of the infirmary system. But in themselves they show the very opposite of inconsistency and haphazard standards...

Did Reiss observe the bell button in each room for summoning nurses at any hour, including the 30 minute mealtime allowance about which he complained?

... I think they (the nursing staff) are fine, exemplary modern healers and comforters...
Letter Cut —Lee Wilcox

Centennial

Impressions

By DIEHL MCKALIP

HUB-BUB IN THE HUB, BUB—

It is seldom that we print an unsigned letter to the editor; in fact we recently ran an editorial decrying the practice. However, we have received a letter through Inter-Office mail which we think is worth sharing.

The signature, obviously false, is "an anonymous but slightly envious professor." He goes on to treat the subject of the new Hetzel Union Building rather lightly, actually making it seem like a competitor rather than a compliment to academic pursuits.

Prompted by a tour of the HUB he says, "Do not let yourself become accustomed to a standard of living that you yourself will not be able to afford until you are ready for Social Security."

"The Lion's Den, Terrace Room, and private dining rooms (ground floor) will encourage over-eating, leading to obesity—a well-known hazard to longevity. The television viewing room (ground floor, west) will tend to develop new devotees for soap operas, westerns, and crime plays.

"The ballroom (first floor, east) opens upon an outdoor deck, offering dancing under the stars, leading to who knows what. The studio room (first floor, east) has a Baldwin Grand available, which may produce a new Liberace. The comfortable organization rooms (second floor, center) will increase the number and frequency of student meetings, encroaching further upon study time.

"So—beware! Do not succumb as Laocoon (Ed note—Who is he?) to the grasping serpent-like arms of these time-consuming attractions. Unless you have a will of iron, avoid as you would an opium den, a seductive place which may encourage the development of habits of idleness. To be safe, patronize only the University Park post office (ground floor, west). No one ever became a prodigal son squandering his inheritance on the buying of postage stamps."

MORE HUB-BUB—
We notice that several of the drinking fountains in Old Main have disappeared over the weekend. Could be a Hellweek pledge project. Speaking to a friend about it

caused him to say, "They probably have been taken down to the HUB."

RED SCARE—

Word has it that there is currently a "red scare" in the Penn State Young Republican Club and it is not because faces are still red at the Democratic victory last fall.

It seems the "red scare" has caused the group to re-design the official membership card. The bone of contention seemed to be a red sparing elephant in the corner.

100 YEAR NOTES—

The otherwise solemn All-Faith Chapel ground-breaking was given a touch of humor when special gilt spades turned over ceremonial shovels of ground. The ground had previously been broken up so as not to resist the thrust of the golden shovels.

During the digging there were remarks that it might be funny "if they turned up such-and-such an item," and how, if they moved a bit while taking the many bites to satisfy photographers, "the whole foundation would soon be excavated." As soon as the public address system was turned off, a tractor started to move earth; merely for effects we bet.

Comment in one of the papers covering the event included a paragraph which seemed to be an afterthought to fill out a column read, "With classes as usual, Penn State's students did not play much part in the celebration, except that a few grew beards."

MISCELLANEOUS—

Folks up at the Pattee Library seem to be trying to really make the Centennial Year something extra-special. They have turned it into a Leap Year.

We, and several of our friends, have books due today, March 1, but the return date reads Feb. 29. Thanks girls.

VETS
Have discharge papers and other records for the V.A. photostatted in less than a day at
Centre County Film Lab
122 W. Beaver Ave.

Penn State Players
present
MEDEA
March 3, 4, 5
Schwab Aud.

Entertainment with your hair cut
DAVIDSON'S
TV BARBER SHOP
THE POST OFFICE FACES US