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Elections Committee: Stop Fooling Around!

The platforms of the three campus political parties were released Thursday, after consideration by the All-University Elections Committee.

The State party platform was complete, and contained four concrete planks which appear to be workable.

The Campus party decided to release no platform at all. Instead the party will submit an open letter to students, stating how they can make student government more effective. This will be considered by the Elections Committee when other campaign literature is reviewed.

The letter is incomplete, and we would prefer to reserve comment until we have seen it.

The Lion party platform was, at best, a haphazard attempt at formulating a platform. It was incomplete and apparently poorly thought out.

David Scott, Lion party vice clique chairman, said the party did not understand that Thursday was the deadline for submitting final drafts of planks to the Elections Committee.

If this is true, the elections committee is at fault. The deadline should have been made undeniably clear to the parties.

However, members of the Elections Committee have said the parties definitely knew of the deadline. If this is true, and Lion party was merely stalling for time, the Elections Committee was far too lenient in the course of action it decided to take.

It tentatively approved six planks set forth by Scott, on the condition that they appear unchanged in the final draft. The committee decided that no further planks could be added, but that any of the existing planks could be dropped. The party was given until noon today to complete the platform.

If the party was intentionally avoiding the

deadline with the hope of pulling the wool over the eyes of the committee, it seems this would be a good time for the committee to make use of the \$25 bond which was posted by each party as security against violations of the All-University Elections Code. The party violated the code by not meeting the deadline for the completion of its platform.

The Elections Committee is supposed to be a check on the parties to see that they run orderly campaigns. But if it refuses to force the parties even to get their platforms completed on time, who knows what other violations may be overlooked by the committee with a condescending pat on the head!

On top of this the committee blithely went on to approve three planks in the Lion platform even though it admitted that one was already in operation, one was highly improbable, and the third was of so little consequence that it was a joke.

None of these planks had been checked with authorities to establish whether they were even workable, but the Elections Committee approved them with the stipulation that the party check with the authorities and throw out those planks which were deemed impractical.

The chairman of the Elections Committee said he would also check these planks to see that they were feasible. The parties were left on their own, with the warning that if any of the planks used in campaigning were deemed unworkable by those in the administration, the parties would be penalized.

This is a slipshod way to enforce the provisions of the Elections Code. It seems as though Lion party has been allowed to get away with forcing Elections Committee to approve an incomplete and sloppy platform.

—Don Shoemaker

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I wish Snarf would seat this guy farther away from the bell—he gets mad as heck when he's waked up suddenly."

The Other Half

By ANN LEH

Even though coeds observed St. Paddy's Day at dress-up dinners Tuesday, most people waited until Thursday to don the green. Most, that is, except the students at UCLA. Their Irish celebration came two weeks ago with Coop Day (when all were asked to wear green) and the Dublin Ball. A special guest at the dance was movie star Debbie Reynolds who crowned the school's "Smiling Irishman."

Flowers for big formals are becoming a thing of the past, or so current trends might indicate. The feature dance of Colgate's Winter Carnival Weekend was labeled non-floral was a recent big dance at University of Maryland. Colgate has some other rather interesting rules for its big weekend—each fraternity sets up its own refreshment booth at the big dance; all Saturday afternoon cocktail parties and jam sessions are closed; and no stags are allowed in houses other than their own.

The student body of Texas A & M has adopted an honor code plan for students. The academic honesty plan, far stricter than the one proposed for the University, provides for students to voluntarily sign a pledge. Once they have signed the pledge, they are obliged to report any cases of exam cheating to a student honor council. The council will hear the cases and report its verdict to the violator's dean. The plan, incidentally, covers students whether or not they have signed the pledge.

One of the big events of the centennial year at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute will be the moving of the school itself. BPI is soon to take over buildings formerly occupied by the American Safety Razor Co. Other centennial features included a conference with representatives of 30 other colleges (including the University) and a Centennial Queen contest. And across the country, Stanford University observed its 70th birthday at Founders Day celebrations last week.

Student drivers here may complain when they get permits to park their cars in lots a bit distant from their dormitories. But, at least they must admit that no matter where they are the University parking lots are in good condition. The following is an excerpt from a letter to the editor in the Cornell Daily Sun:

"Hello Friend: I see that you are a lucky holder of a Kite Hill parking permit. How do I know, you ask? . . . Your suit . . . is mud from the hys down. Your shoes (you are wearing

them, aren't you) cannot even be located beneath that cloying mass sculptured so artistically to the ends of your legs. And your automobile? Alas, that once shiny '54 Buick . . . A junkman may give you \$50 for the metal. At that you are luckier than I; the last I saw of my car was the antenna as it slowly disappeared from sight . . ."

Third parties this spring are not reserved to the University. There are also three at Pitt: the Panther, Pitt, and Veterans-Independent Parties. But the big controversy in Pittsburgh now is not third parties or elections, but women—their roles in politics and whether or not parties should intervene in women's government activities.

The Ohio University Campus Chest has an ambitious goal this year—a dollar donation from each student or \$5000 total. Before the drive opened all sororities and several fraternities had already pledged 100 per cent donations. Last year the OU Chest almost reached its goal, collecting \$3861.

Grudge-carrying isn't as prevalent as some people think it to be, or at least that's what the results of a recent debate would indicate. The debate was between the University of Pennsylvania debate team and the debate team of Norfolk Prison, Norfolk, Mass. The Penn men lost, supporting the affirmative side of the topic. Resolved: That the United States should abolish the jury system.

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

Tonight	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Kuster's Last Stand
8:15	BBC Feature
8:45	Just for Two
9:30	Hi-Fi Open House
10:30	Thought for the Day
Tomorrow	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Third Program
10:30	Thought for the Day
Monday	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Phil Wein
8:15	Top Drawer
8:30	Progressions in Rhythm
9:00	Spotlight on State
9:15	News
9:30	Symphonic Notebook
10:30	Thought for the Day

TIM is a Flop

Town Independent Men, the organization known as TIM during its short life span, is a flop.

It was organized to serve several thousand independents living downtown. These thousands are entitled to voting privileges after attending two meetings. Little is asked of them but that they use TIM as a media for helping govern student affairs and making known their wants and grievances.

TIM held four meetings for these thousands. But TIM was unable to attract more than ten men at any one meeting.

The last scheduled meeting of the group, Wednesday night, had to be canceled because there was not even a quorum. Only five men showed up.

These figures make one fact glaringly clear—town independents do not care about student government and campus affiliations.

This is their prerogative. They cannot be commended for indifference, but they can't be forced to take an interest.

TIM has scheduled another meeting for Tuesday night. This should be a significant meeting. If it produces no greater attendance than the past ones, TIM should be thrown out.

Perhaps if they flounder around long enough without any voice in student government, the town independents themselves will realize in what a void they're living.

—Peggy McClain

Squatters' Rights?

The music rooms on the first floor of the Hetzel Union Building are being monopolized by a few "self-appointed" students.

These students are taking eight or nine long-play albums into the music rooms and tying up the machines while they dance, study, or generally speaking, "party."

Many students wanting to listen to a single album have turned away in disgust, usually after waiting quite a while for a turn at one of the machines.

There are only seven music booths in the room. These must serve 12,000 students. The same consideration must be shown in their use as toward a party telephone line.

If the situation doesn't improve soon, time limits in the booths should be instituted. "Squatters rights" don't go with the HUB.

—Joe Beau-Seigneur

Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives and remembering what one receives.

—Dumas the Younger

He who has truth need never fear the want of persuasion on his tongue.—Ruskin

Cars Choke Campus

Penn State is choking on automobiles.

The number of student cars driven and parked on campus combined with those of the faculty and staff has reached a maximum under present conditions. It has grown to proportions which the Campus Patrol and the physical plant cannot control.

An answer to the problem of where to put them is to prohibit freshmen from driving on campus from Sunday evening through Saturday noon during the school term and to build a special freshman parking area at an extreme edge of campus. This should easily eliminate much of the driving congestion and should free at least one-fourth of the centrally located parking spaces.

It seems cruel to go after the unsuspecting first-year students, but someone has to go and they are living the closest to their work and have the least seniority. Faculty and staff employees and students living off campus should not be denied space for their cars while students living on campus fill parking spaces with cars they rarely use.

Many schools forbid all underclassmen even having a car at school, but it is impossible for Penn State to go to quite such an extreme if for no other reason than the lack of transportation facilities like plane or train in and out of University Park. All students must be allowed to bring a means of transportation with them, but they do not have to park it under their windows.

Freshmen live close enough to classes with current dormitory facilities that, unless handicapped, they do not need to have their cars nearby or be permitted to drive them on campus. This privilege should be reserved for those who live farther away and who have seniority.

Gazette . . .

Today
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Church;
Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center
OUTING CLUB, 2 p.m., Recreation Hall

Tomorrow
NEWMAN CLUB SUNDAY DEVOTIONS, 7 p.m., Church;
Choir Practice, 2 p.m., Church
PENN STATE CIRCLE K CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 209 HUB

Monday
NEWMAN CLUB RADIO PROGRAM, 7:30 p.m., WMAJ
STATE COLLEGE COLORED SLIDE CLUB, 8 p.m., Mineral
Science Auditorium

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Edwin Chagnot, Judith Dombro, Jonathan Green, Stephen Haky, Paul Merkel, Kenneth McClymonds, William Trowbridge, Lawrence Golden.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
CAMP INTERVIEWS, 112 Old Main, sign up in advance:
Trail Blazer Camps, March 19; Camp Pocono, March 19;
Camp Woodhaven, March 21; Hidden Lake Camp, March
22; Teela-Wooket Camps, March 22; Camp Quinback,
March 25.
SUMMER SALES WORK, 112 Old Main, sign up in advance:
Schwartz Manufacturing Company, March 19.
RESORT WORK, Hulet's on Lake George, March 19.
MEN'S MEAL JOBS, on and off campus, 112 Old Main.