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Problems and What the Parties Propose

Regardless of the names the two local political parties give their platforms, they are still platforms, or statements of policy behind which their candidates stand with the hope of extracting votes from the general student body.

And it is with this in mind that we submit this analysis of Lion party's open letter to students and Campus party's statement of policy for use in campaigning for freshman and sophomore elections.

LION

1. The banning of freshman veterans' cars. Because veterans are usually more mature than most other freshmen they are given special consideration with regard to some general undergraduate rules. For instance, they are not required to take part in the customs program. But we can see no justification for exempting them from the freshman car ban just because they are older and possibly more mature.

Where a special problem exists, students, regardless of class or sex may apply for permission to register an automobile. We believe this is adequate for the freshman veteran as well as for the freshman non-veteran. And seeking an all inclusive "cars for vets" program is nearly synonymous with seeking extra votes.

2. The absence of inter-collegiate women sports.

This not-so-controversial issue has merit.

When women students enter the University they are required to enroll in physical education classes. They are invited to join clubs like hockey, swimming, and modern dance. They are encouraged to play on intramural teams in basketball, swimming, badminton, bowling, etc. If they pledge sororities they are almost compelled to play on sorority teams.

Although this extensive recreational program might at first glance appear to meet the athletic needs of women students, it does little to encourage skilled athletes because of the relative lack of serious competition and the definite lack of incentive-giving publicity.

An argument against intercollegiate competition is that it would spoil intramurals. But this loses its validity in view of the fact that there are over three thousand women at the University and it takes only six to play a basketball game and 11 to enter hockey competition.

Good athletes can learn and improve very little when they are pitted against women who think a snow bird is a small white fowl.

It is good for the Lion candidates to stand behind this plank.

3. The lack of a loud-speaker system at Beaver Field for play-by-play descriptions of the games.

Such a speaker system was used several years ago, and according to H. R. Gilbert, Assistant Director of Athletics, it was discontinued because it annoyed the game-going public. People can see what is going on out on the field and they object to being told what is happening, Gilbert said, just as they object to being briefed on a movie plot in the theatre.

To please the general public at a football

game is a more worthy project than to impress naive voters at the polls. This plank is unworthy of our readers' consideration.

CAMPUS

1. The establishment of freshman and sophomore class advisory boards.

Advisory boards in the junior and senior classes are satisfactory and there is no reason to believe they could not be made effective in the other two classes. But as far as a statement of policy, this is a rather weak and exceedingly non-controversial stand.

2. Better communication between freshmen and upperclassmen, possibly by a change in the Orientation Week program.

About the only tangible barrier between upper and lower classmen is dormitory housing for women and, to a certain extent, in the West Dormitory area for men. Freshmen do not seem to mind living in areas in which they are surrounded by freshmen—which is now the case. And upperclassmen seem not to particularly want to be surrounded by freshmen—which is not now the case. We believe dormitory segregation is practiced with the best interests of upper and lower classmen and see no need for integration in this area.

Students in general are pretty well integrated in the classroom and even in extra-curricular activities. There is plenty of opportunity for intellectual intercourse.

Social integration is not fully developed, mainly because freshmen should become thoroughly oriented in campus living before they can hope to get on the social merry-go-round. They can not plead discrimination for they would be asking for what they are not yet ready for.

The Orientation Week program, not static by any means, does what it was set up to do—familiarize the incoming student with University life.

3. Better and more diverse recreation facilities.

For men, especially those living in the dormitories, this is an excellent idea and one that has been the subject of many administrative conferences. Concrete plans are being made to alleviate the poor recreational facilities particularly during the last few restless weeks of Spring semester.

What Campus Party plans to do, or is able to do, is vaguely uncertain.

Administrative plans have been rather slow to materialize, not because of ignorance of the situation or indifference, but solely because of the lack of money to cover the overwhelmingly high cost of building play areas and locker facilities.

What is the intent of the Campus party? To offer money to the University?

4. Further extension and use of Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee, possibly by having class officers use the new Cabinet committee.

Possibly a good suggestion.

—Jackie Hudgins

Safety Valve...Clarifies Players Role in Dramatics

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to Don Shoemaker's editorial "Are Players Stepping Out of Line?", I would like to make a few comments.

Four points were made in the editorial:

1) Players is venturing into a new and different field.

In the past few years Players has presented "Lady in the Dark," "Lute Song," and an original musical revue entitled "Pick Up Sticks." Musicals, per se, are not new to the Penn State Players. A comic opera or operetta such as "The Mikado," however, admittedly is. But then would not such a production also be foreign to Thespians?

2) Players is invading Thespian territory.

Inasmuch as Thespians has never attempted anything like "The Mikado," I fail to see where they own this slice of territory. Besides, the main purpose of Players as stated in the constitution and found also in practice, is to open to all students a means of self-expression and teach them (repeat—teach them) the necessary essentials in dramatic presentations of various types. "The Mikado" offers valuable experience to the student in the fields of costume, make-up, voice, stylized acting, and production coordination.

3) Players employs professional assistance, Thespians does not. Comparisons between the organizations will be made.

To begin with Players has always made use of professional services. Design, technical coordination, and direction are always handled

by the faculty—professionals. This is a necessary implication in view of the purpose of Players.

And as far as comparisons are concerned, well, comparisons have always been made between the two groups. By now I am sure that Penn State theatre-goers are quite aware that Thespians is a student run organization and Players is faculty supervised. I am also quite sure that these factors are duly considered in the evaluation of their respective productions.

4) Players request people to take roles whereas Thespians can choose only from volunteers.

Players' tryouts have always been and will continue to be open to all students and townspeople. Players has never requested—repeat, never requested—anyone, at any time, to take a role. If the accusation were true, then one would expect to find the same old faces in Players' productions. As a matter of fact 60 per cent of the cast of "The Rainmaker" (currently at Center Stage) and 70 per cent of the cast of "Picnic" (now in rehearsal) has never appeared in a Players' show.

For the past few years Players and Thespians have been working hand in glove as is evidenced by the increase in dual membership. I feel confident that Players and Thespians for the most part feel no violation of principle has occurred. Also, these people are all in favor of further cooperation between the two organizations, along the lines of that which has taken place the last few years.

—Karl Held, Players president

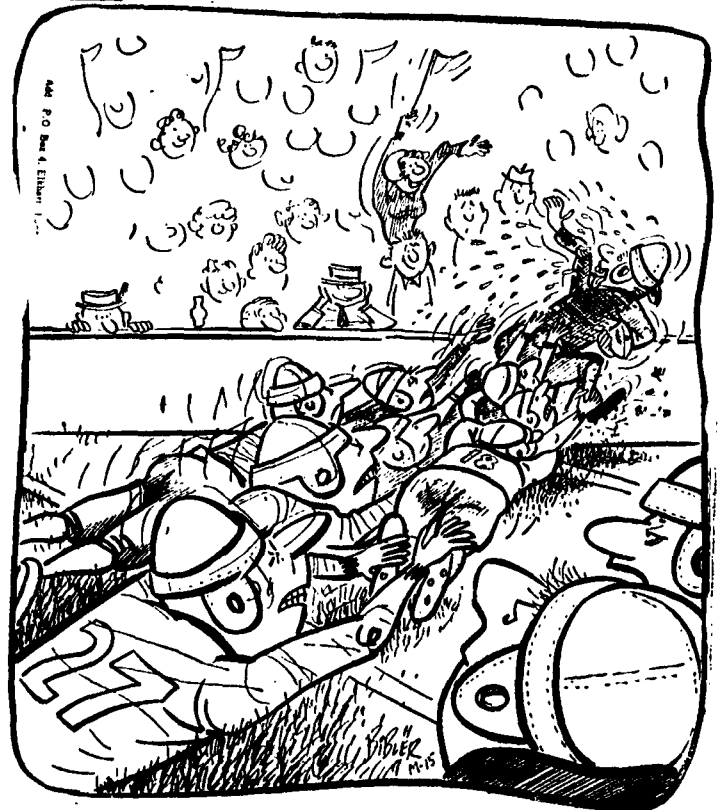
Gazette...

Today
BISHOP SHEEN T.V. PROGRAM, 8 p.m., Catholic Student Center
NEWMAN CLUB CATHOLIC YOUTH WEEK DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillcl Foundation
Tomorrow
CATHOLIC YOUTH WEEK NEWMAN CLUB DAILY MASS AND COMMUNION, 7 a.m., Our Lady of Victory

Church
NEWMAN CLUB BREAKFAST SNACK AFTER MASS, 7:30 a.m., Catholic Student Center
University Hospital
Marians Agnew, Marjorie Blank, Louise Chaplinsky, Dorothy DeMay, Delbert Ellis, John Johnson, William Marr, Norma Modesti, Rodney Morgan, John Munton, Paul North, Francis Paolone, Joseph Perbach, Retta Smith, and Alvin Yofka.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"There he goes — grandstanding again."

Interpreting the News

West May 'Freeze' European Situation

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

American efforts to accentuate the positive at Geneva fall far short of eliminating the negative.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles enumerates several points where East-West viewpoints are approaching each other. The West seems to be taking the propaganda line that, since negotiations can be continued, the foreign ministers conference is a positive gain. It's not easy to swallow.

Indeed, while the ministers have shown no signs of any real agreement, the Russians have again injected into these discussions an element of discord which has been played down in formal conferences for some time.

That is the everlasting Russian effort to advance Communist ideology.

Molotov coolly laid it back on the conference table with his insistence that any solution of the German problem must include protection for Communist institutions in East Germany. He denied the right of the German people as a whole to have any voice in that.

The Russian "new look" also has been badly spattered by her admission, after hiding for a time behind the claim that it was Czech business, that the Communist arms deal with Egypt was really made in retaliation against the new Northern Tier Middle East defense pact.

It is notable, too, that the recently announced Communist slogans for another year returned in many respects to the Stalin line, even to quoting from his prescriptions for expansion.

The West needs to be very sure that in continuing the present negotiations against all hope of agreement it is not playing Russia's own tune.

The sense of necessity which made possible the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is being allowed to fall away.

A situation is developing in which, by freezing such situations as that of Germany and the Eastern European satellites in an effort to extend the present period of coexistence, the certainty of a new war, some time, could be established.

And the Russians are demonstrating in the Middle East, and through their continuing propaganda, that a freeze in Europe, solidifying what they have there, would only free them for tactical work in other areas where bars to expansion and subversion have not been so firmly established.

Lecture

Medes to Talk On Chemistry Monday Night

Dr. Grace Medes, a member of the Institute for Cancer Research and the Lankenau Hospital Research Institute, will speak at the Madame Curie Lecture at 8 p.m. Monday in 119 Osmond.

The annual lecture, sponsored by the Palladium Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi, national women's chemistry fraternity, each year features a woman who has made outstanding contributions to chemistry.

Dr. Medes was born in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1886. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Kansas in 1904 and her Ph.D. in zoology, physiology, and chemistry from Bryn Mawr in 1916. She has taught zoology at Vassar, physiology at Wellesley, and clinical chemistry at the University of Minnesota.

In 1935 Dr. Medes began her work at Lankenau Hospital with concentration in cancer research. Dr. Medes received the 1955 Garvan Medal for her discovery and study of tyrosinosis.

The lecture is open to the public.

Cabinet Cultural Board Applications Available

Applications for membership to All-University Cabinet Cultural Aspects Committee are still available at the Hetzel Union desk.

Applications are due 5 p.m. today at the desk.

Interviews will be conducted by Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee at 7 p.m. Monday in 215 Hetzel Union.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:16	Sign On
7:30	News
7:30	Just For Two
8:30	News Roundup
9:00	Light Classical Jukebox
10:00	Claude Thornhill
10:30	Sign Off