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Lion Platform: Words Without Wisdom

Yesterday, the Campus party platform was discussed. Today's editorial comments on the Lion party platform.

Lion party tried to pull a shrewd one. It incorporated into its platform three recommendations about campus parking which—coincidentally, of course—just happened to be contained in a report presented to All-University Cabinet two weeks ago.

And it is of course coincidental that Thomas Dye, author of the report, "The Problem of Parking at Penn State," is a candidate for the Lion party nomination for All-University vice president and is a former Lion party clique chairman.

Dye appeared before Cabinet and humbly explained that as an interested student he wanted to do something about the campus parking problem.

It is obvious that Dye was politically motivated. He wanted to do something for Lion party, not for student automobile owners.

It should be likewise obvious that making a political football out of a serious student problem is in bad taste. Cabinet is not the instrument to use to promote personal political ambition. The Lion party, by adopting this report in its platform, has attempted to do exactly that.

The Council of Administration, to which the parking recommendations must go if Cabinet approves them, will not hold in high regard recommendations which went to Cabinet only to give the Lion party something to talk about.

Lion party has done a disservice to student government by playing politics in the parking problem.

Lion party's second plank concerned the establishment of a campus book store. This is a good idea, worthy of support. It is also a perennial plank; barely a year goes by in which one party doesn't faithfully promise a book store. Somehow, Penn State still lacks one.

And the Lion party intends to do something about it. So it denounces the Penn State Book Exchange and the Used Book Agency, although the party admits it has never seen the BX's books, it is convinced the BX is making a profit. It is also convinced that the UBA is stashing away some \$7200 a year.

These are serious charges. They are also political. If members of the Lion party feel that the BX is gouging the student body, the heat of a political campaign is hardly the atmosphere in which to hold a trial. The Lion party is opposing Campus party in this election, not the BX. It has methods to publicize its charges

which are not available to the BX for answering the charges.

It is obvious the Lion party is trying to create an issue. In so doing, it is employing smear tactics. This is another distinct disservice to student government. The Lion party platform preamble states: "We of the Lion party believe in and deem necessary all things beneficial to better student government..." We note a contradiction which should not go unnoted by the voters.

The Elections Committee acted wisely when it rejected this plank from the Lion party platform Tuesday night. For one reason, the charges in this plank are unsubstantiated. For another, they don't belong in a political campaign. For a third, Cabinet now has a committee studying the possibility of establishing a book store and this is all the Lion party candidates, if they are elected, could be expected to do.

Yesterday, Robert Spadaro, Lion party clique chairman, announced that the party may carry a revised book store plank, regardless of the Elections Committee rejection.

Ethically and politically Spadaro would be making a follysome decision by choosing to flaunt the Elections Committee ruling. The Elections Committee has been given power to lay down the law. By ignoring the committee, the party would be acting lawlessly.

The Elections Committee has also been given power to enforce its rulings of fining each candidate from 10 to 100 votes and fining the party up to \$25 if the party chooses to violate the committee's ruling.

We will be very much surprised if the Elections Committee would fail to throw the book at the party. This would mean each candidate would lose 100 votes. Many elections on campus have been won by margins of less than 100 votes.

The third and final plank is painless enough. It is also meaningless to the average student. The plank calls for decentralized voting via voting machines located in the West Dorms and Nittany-Pollock areas. Wow! The idea itself may have merit. But promise of decentralized voting machines hardly gives the students any reason to vote for the Lion party slate.

Most of the platforms we have seen in past years have been harmless and meaningless. This one is different. It is a thoughtless document contrived to create issues and confusion. Its ethics are more than questionable and so is its worth.

Once again, the platforms of both parties fail to offer students a single rational reason to vote for either of the parties.

—The Editor

For Mr. Morse: A More Important Job

Mr. Adrian O. Morse, provost, says goodbye to the University today.

In a month he will leave for Washington and special training which will soon take him half way around the world. At the age of 60, Mr. Morse will assume a position of vital service to the nation—and the world—in the crowded and hot Indian capital of New Delhi.

For after 26 years of loyal and hard-working service to the University, Mr. Morse will become the chief cultural officer for the United States Information Agency in India.

We sincerely commend Mr. Morse for his convictions in leaving behind friendships of 26 years and a position of respected prestige for an utterly different post with the foreign service. We look with pride upon the faith the foreign service, in recognition of his talent, has bestowed upon Mr. Morse in assigning him a job of infinitely more possibilities of service to his country than, we must admit, he holds as University provost.

In terms of allegiance to either the Western or Eastern world, neutralist India is perhaps the most vital of the non-Communist countries in Asia. Strategically situated as she is, India, with her immense manpower and her agricultural and industrial potential, could be a deciding factor in the unwritten conflict between the two great earthly powers.

As chief officer in charge of a program designed to inform Indians of American culture by means of libraries, lectures, exhibits, and other methods, Mr. Morse may, in the troubled times ahead, be helping to stave off Communist domination of India—helping, indeed, to hold the friendship of the United States before Indians at all times.

We shall miss him. And he shall miss us. In repeating the words of Adlai Stevenson in los-

ing to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mr. Morse has said, "It hurts too much to laugh, and I'm too old to cry."

—Ted Serrill

Safety Valve

Better Way to Tap

TO THE EDITOR: I should like to call to the attention of men students a story in the March 2 Daily Collegian about Hat Society application. The story stated that permanent file cards, which are to be filled out by men interested in joining a society, are now available at the Hetzel Union desk. This card will contain all pertinent information which can be used by hat societies for their tapping.

For some time the men's hat societies have felt that the old system whereby men applied for the honor of joining a society, was distasteful. Hence, this new system was worked out and inaugurated by Hat Society Council. The responsibility is still on the individual to keep his card filled out and up to date. However, he will no longer be put in the embarrassing position of writing to a hat society and saying, "I want the honor of joining your society." Now the society can go to the cards, select these persons best filling their qualifications, and truly honor them by saying, "We want you to join our society."

I should like to emphasize that each man do this regardless of how good or how poor he considers his qualifications. In this way the societies can be the final judge. It also assures the societies that they are making their selections from the largest possible number of men. With student cooperation, this further attempt by hat societies to better themselves can be made a successful venture.

—Robert J. Steele
President of
Delphi Hat Society

• Letter Cut

Osborne Named Fellow In Royal Society of Arts

Milton S. Osborne, professor and head of the department of architecture at the University, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London.

The Society, which was founded in the 18th century under Royal Charter, promotes the development of arts and sciences

HEC Council Nominations

Self-nominations for Home Economics Student Council will start at 8 a.m. March 13 in the foyer of Home Economics.

Students with 2.0 All-University averages may nominate themselves from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until March 16.

through publications and research.

Brumbaugh to Address Young Republicans Club

Former Congressman David E. Brumbaugh, a delegate to the Republican National convention in August, will speak to the Young Republican Club at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 216 Hetzel Union. Congressman Brumbaugh will explain convention procedure.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Dad, this is Worthall. I understand he's flunking your Econ. 14 course."

Quips and Quotes

By RON LEIK

If the parking situation changes at all next year, it will be a little harder to find a parking place than ever, the Dean of Men said this week.

Next year we may see a new type of commuting student who will have to park in some traffic lane, keep his motor running while he dashes to class, and return before his car is towed away.

It's been raining cats and dogs in the central part of the state. **Beastly weather!**

This headline appeared in the Collegian the other day: "Deans Stress Interest in Well-Rounded Courses" . . . while students stress interest in well-rounded coeds.

Speaking of the weaker sex, we read a column in the New York Daily Mirror by Abigail Van Buren. It went like this:

"Dear Abby: My husband has a morbid sense of humor. I walk in the door and find him playing dead on the floor. I wake up in the morning and find him staring at me with just the whites of his eyes showing. I get terribly upset and he thinks it is all the funnier. Last night he hid in the closet and when I opened the door he fell out on me and frightened me half to death. I love my husband, Abby, but he is driving me crazy." —Mortified."

Dear Mortified: Abby didn't advise you to do this, but may we suggest that the next time your husband plays dead—bury him.

Here's another: "Dear Abby: I have had three unsuccessful marriages and one of my husbands committed suicide. Nobody out here knows it. Should I keep these secrets locked within me forever." —Troubled."

Dear Troubled: We propose that you tell your present husband.

In the same newspaper, Walter Winchell, the dean of keyhole journalism, made a political observation:

"The reason Ike decided to run

was he didn't want to operate his Gettysburg farm under the Benson Farm Program."

If the man from Poland is a Pole, is the man from Holland a Hole?

Jackie Gleason's latest record in his Mood Music series is: Music to Change Her Mind. We can hardly wait for the next one.

Gazette

Today
LAVIE 1956 Senior Board, 1 p.m., 418 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB Graduate Students, 8:30 p.m., Old Church basement

Tomorrow
ALPHA DELTA SIGMA, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa
LAVIE 1957 Senior Board, 7:30 p.m., 418 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB Communion Breakfast, 10 a.m., State College Hotel
PENN STATE ENGINEER COED Circulation Staff, 7 p.m., 212 Hetzel Union
PENN STATE ENGINEER Managing Board, 8 p.m., 313 Mech. Engineering

Monday
NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION, 7 p.m., Student Center
PENN STATE ENGINEER Managing Board, 5 p.m., 313 Mech. Engineering
PENN STATE ENGINEER Staff, 7 p.m., 211 Mechanical Engineering

Student Employment
The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Please sign up in advance for an appointment.

Camp Woodlands, Maine—March 10
Camp Lakeland, New York—March 10
Squinibek Camp, Vermont—March 13
Camp Conrad Weiser, Penna.—March 14-15
Camp Menotomy, Maine—March 14-15
Camp Carondowanda, Penna.—March 21
University Hospital
Richard Christian, Ellen Donovan, Edward Drapcho, Alan Field, Nancy Fluck, Robert Forrest, Henry Hins, Allen Hower, Richard McKnight, Imerio Matos-Prieto, Barbara Moehle, James Stern, Richard Winn, George Kock, Demetrius Mozellak, Charles Dickinson.

This Weekend On WDFM

Time	Program
7:15	91.1 MEGACYCLES Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Hubkapoppin'
8:00	Musical Marathon
9:00	HiFi Open House
10:30	Sign Off
Sunday	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Third Program
10:30	Sign Off
Monday	
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Music, My Friend
8:15	As You Believe
8:30	Showcase
9:00	Contemporary Concepts
9:15	News
9:30	Symphonic
10:30	Sign Off

Nominations Due For Eng Council

Today is the last day that self-nominations for the Engineering Student Council will be accepted.

Second and third semester students may run for sophomore posts. Fourth and fifth semester students may run for junior positions and sixth semester students will be eligible for senior posts. Ballots are available on the department bulletin board in Main Engineering.