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Intelligent Lobbyists in Old Main?

From a reasonable, rational viewpoint, is it worth my while to vote today or tomorrow? We'd like every student to pose this question to himself during these two election days and come up with a reasonable, rational decision.

Our opinion is affirmative. Our reasoning is this:

Critics of student government, and there are many, hold that it is worthless because it accomplishes little. Only the participants in it, they say, benefit from it. If student government were abolished tomorrow, they insist, it wouldn't be missed until next Spring.

Defendants of student government, and there are relatively few, hold that it is essential if students are to enjoy the privileges they have and gain new ones. Everyone benefits, they maintain, because student government gives students a chance they wouldn't otherwise have of dealing with the administration. If student government were abolished tomorrow, they further argue, it would be sorely missed by Friday.

And the truth, we suspect, lies somewhere between these two positions.

The truth, as we see it, is that student government often bungles, that it occasionally yields where it should not, that it sometimes ignores the will of the students, sometimes fails to sense it, and sometimes goes against it.

Student government's biggest function, we feel, is to act as a sounding board of student opinion. Public opinion is always a nebulous, intangible force; it requires the efforts of some sort of organized group to consolidate it, to get it down on paper, to present it to the administration.

If this is the chief purpose—and the chief accomplishment of student government—then it is worth your while to vote. For when student government leaders go to the administration, it is useful for them to be able to say:

"We represent student opinion." It would be even better, of course, if they could say: "We represent opinion on this particular issue because we campaigned on this issue and were elected." That is why this newspaper has for years asked for meaningful platforms.

The people in Old Main, contrary to the notions of a vast percentage of the students, do not attempt to trample on the "rights" of students at every turn.

Very often, they are honestly concerned with the question, what is really the students' opinion. Are all students against finals for seniors or are only graduating seniors against them? Do students want an extensive Spring Week or a curtailed program? Do students prefer that classes start later in September and that vacations be shorter or do they want longer vacations and an earlier starting date? Do students like the present registration system?

Administrators in Old Main are close to very few students; they deal mostly with students who are in trouble. Obviously they cannot be close to 11,500 students. Therefore, it behooves all students that the few of their numbers who do get close to the administration—as the students' representatives—are intelligent and are able to represent widespread student union.

And electing intelligent leaders is the job of the student body today. If student leaders are to be considered lobbyists for the student body, the student body would be doing well for itself to select the best possible lobbyist. This can be done through the parties in making nominations, through the student councils in electing officers, and, now, through the council, Athletic Association, class and All-University elections.

From a rational, reasonable viewpoint, is it worth your while to vote? You have to make the decision, but from our viewpoint, we suspect it is.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

The IFC Code: To Fix Responsibility

TO THE EDITOR: The Interfraternity Council of the Pennsylvania State University has as one of its objectives the advancement of the best interests of its member fraternities. In line with this objective the Council is presently attempting to place the responsibility for the physical well-being of all pledges directly and unquestionably on the shoulders of these organizations.

The IFC pre-initiation code was drawn up with the interest of making fraternities realize that they could not turn their backs on incidents which could very possibly occur in connection with their pre-initiation practices.

The theory behind this code is one of universal nature. The theory is that of regulation by the delegation of responsibility. This type of regulation—that of fear of punishment—is the only type practiced by the government under which we live. . . . It is not reasonable to ask for anything more.

What else does the already established and long accepted common law accomplish by stating "Thou Shalt not Steal" than to place the responsibility for an action upon the guilty party, and to make him realize that if he should break the law, he will be punished.

Can law enforcers of any kind—be they federal, state, local, or just a board of control—prevent the occurrence of a crime of injustice, or is it their duty to apprehend and punish in a just and fair manner those who in some way have broken the established law?

To place the guilty party in jeopardy of punishment, and to do so in writing so as to make it irrevocable, is the basis of law the world over.

In a letter from Mr. Kenworthy of the president's office it was stated that with but a few minor changes the code accomplishes what it has been designed to do. These are:

1. Having a statement placing the responsibility of enforcement upon the fraternities through the board of control.
2. Elaborating on fraternity participation in constructive projects.
3. Emphasizing the adherence to the basic principles of human dignity.

Mr. Kenworthy said that assuming IFC will live up to its administrative responsibility of enforcement, the code meets with his approval. He also said, "I am certainly glad to see that IFC is working on this problem and commend it for this action."

—Robert F. Bullock
IFC President

Gazette

Today

ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Zeta Beta Tau

ANGEL FLIGHT'S WILD BLUE YONDER WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., 303 Willard

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 7 p.m., 217 Willard

GREEK WEEK Committee Chairmen, 7:30 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union

LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Lenten Communion Service and Breakfast, 6:45 a.m., Student Association

NEWMAN CLUB Choir, 7:30 p.m., Church

NITTANY GROTTOS, 7 p.m., 303 Willard

PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks

WOMEN'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, Senate, old and new members, 6:30 p.m., 218 Hetzel Union

YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union.

Student Employment

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

CAMP KON-O-KWEE, Pennsylvania—April 6-7

CAMP CARIBOU, Maine—April 7

CAMP CONRAD WEISER, Pennsylvania—April 10

CRADLE BEACH CAMP, New York—April 14

University Hospital

Joan Ackerman, David Bamford, Anne Cain, Paul Cuppet, William Fox, Baron Kramer, Sydney Kurtz, Paul Nichols, Joseph Popadics, Gerald Reed, Nathan Russo, Walter Schwenger, John Sideravage, Samuel Valentine, and Paul Weaver.

Froth Advertising Staff Promotes 13

Thirteen members of the Froth advertising staff have been promoted, according to Sanford Lichtenstein, business manager.

Promoted to junior board were Jay Tolson, Suzanne Spencer, and Rina Kaplan. Sophomore board: William Mello, Joseph Dudek, and Louis Camp. Freshman board: Jay Feldstein, Martin Harris, Adrienne Hummel, Lorraine Chan, and William McCann. Candidate board: Adrienne Bogar, and Dennis Hennessey.

Traffic Court Fines 9, Suspends Fines for 8

Traffic Court Monday fined nine students a total of \$58, while suspending \$29 in fines for eight people.

Fines for violations totaled \$46, and \$10 for failure to report to Campus Patrol office. The remaining \$20 was for failure to register automobiles.

Two people were fined a total of \$13 for failure to appear at Traffic Court. Students who fail to appear at Traffic Court lose the right to appeal, and are automatically fined.

Cattle Drawings Will Be Held

Drawings for show cattle for the 31st annual Penn State Dairy Exposition will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 117 Dairy.

Students may enter the exposition, without previous experience, according to Darwin Braund, manager of the exposition.

Prizes and awards for fitting and showmanship will be presented at the Awards Banquet which will be held May 12 following the exposition.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Frankly, I hadn't planned on THAT kind of an evening."

Senior Women Will Be Selected For Honor Arch

Senior women who will form the honor arch in the May Day ceremonies will be chosen this afternoon, according to Susanne Smith, May Day co-chairman.

She stated that the names of those participating in the honor arch will probably not be released until after the spring vacation so women will have time to reply to their invitations.

Senior women interested in participating in the hemlock chain may contact Susanne Smith or Marilyn Grant no later than Friday.

Women who sign up for the chain must have a full length gown and be available at least one night of the week of May 7 to help make the chain, said Miss Smith.

Carolyn Cunningham, former WSGA president, spoke to the Women's Student Government Association House on appropriate conduct in dormitory lounges and lobbies yesterday. She asked them to relay the message to the women in their dorm units.

Air Profs to Talk On Base Transfer

Transfer procedures on military bases will be discussed by Major Robert C. Pasco and 1st Lt. Salvatore J. Marasciullo, assistant professors of Air Science, at the Angel Flight's fifth Blue Yonder Workshop at 7 tonight in 303 Willard.

Information on transfer orders, transportation and packing problems, and overseas reassignment will be presented by the officers.

The Workshop is sponsored by Angel Flight for the benefit of future Air Force and military wives.

Applications Available For WSGA Positions

Application forms will be available until tomorrow for positions on Women's Student Government Association Judicial Board and Freshman Regulations Board in the dean of women's office.

Applicants should have a 2.5 All-University average and no major judicial record.

Positions on Judicial Board are open to fourth and fifth semester women. Freshman Regulations Board candidates must be second or third semester students.

False Alarm Brings Alpha Fire Company

The Alpha Fire Company was called out by a telephone call warning that a highway smudge pot was ablaze near the cattle barns on the University campus about 10:20 a.m. yesterday.

Firemen could locate no flames.

Chess Club Will Meet

The Penn State Chess Club will meet at 7 tonight in 7 Sparks.

HEC Council Elects President

Susan Hill, junior in home economics from Old Greenwich, Conn., has been elected president of the Home Economics Student Council.

Other officers elected were Suzanne Scholl, junior in home economics from Glenshaw, vice president; and Leslie Shultz, sophomore in home economics from State College, secretary-treasurer.

Marine Recruiting Team to Interview

The Marine Corps officer procurement team will talk to students interested in a Marine officer program today, tomorrow, and Friday.

There are four programs in which a student may earn a commission in the Corps. Two of these lead to flight training, the other two to ground training. In all of the programs, a student must graduate before being offered a commission, but they are open to all students.

Interested students may contact Captain W. F. Saunders at the Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit.

Nikolaidi to Present Concert in April

Elena Nikolaidi, contralto of the Metropolitan Opera Association, will present a concert at 8:30 p.m., Monday, April 23, in Schwab Auditorium.

Originally scheduled for February 29, the concert was cancelled because of illness of Mme. Nikolaidi.

Members of the Community Concert Association, which is sponsoring the concert, have been advised of the new date and requested not to destroy their membership cards after the next concert, scheduled for April 11.

Gold Coast Students Will Present Program

Students from the Gold Coast, Africa, will present a program of music, films, native dances, and discussions of family life in Africa at 7:30 p.m. tonight in 14 Home Economics.

The program is the last in a series sponsored by the International Friends Committee of the College of Home Economics.

Tickets may be obtained at the door. A contribution of 50 cents will be asked for the foreign student fund.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Marquee Memories
8:00	Open to Question
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	BBC Weekly
9:15	News
9:30	Virtuosos
10:30	Sign Off