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It's Platform Time Again

As is the custom every year about this time we will comment on the platforms which have been submitted by the campus political parties.

Every year the hostility toward platforms seems to grow. Recently there has been talk of doing away with them (platforms, that is) altogether.

Criticism is that the parties either come up with the same old suggestions year after year or that they propose things which are so absurd that they cannot be taken seriously.

When you come right down to it there aren't really a lot of startling changes to be made. Also in past years there have been suggestions made which have yet to be put into effect. This narrows the field somewhat as far as choice of planks go.

However, there are improvements to be made. And when platforms appear annually there is always the criticism that the political parties are a bunch of blind, sightless fools who can't see the forest for the trees.

Campus Party has come up with six planks which they feel, "are legitimate issues which have a direct bearing on student welfare."

We feel that the platform contains planks which fall into the two aforementioned categories of criticism. It also contains ideas which are worth some praise.

One area which needs improvement has been touched on by Campus Party with a two-part plank. This asks for bolstering the Orientation Week men's counseling program. The plank suggests that the men's counseling program be made over so that they resemble more the women's counseling program which is presently in effect.

The plank also urges an education system for Hat Society counselors in the semester previous to the time of the counseling.

This is something which would greatly aid Orientation Week in general. As a whole the hatmen who counsel the freshmen do not do a thorough job. Also, we feel, that the job is not given enough preparation and that the counselors do not take their job seriously enough.

Campus Party thinks that intra-class and inter-class competition should be improved. Well, this is very nice. We think so too. However, at a University the size of Penn State this is indeed a hard task. We will not call it impossible because we would never underestimate the power of either political party.

This point is one which has bothered us ever since we left the farm and came to this sprawling campus. However, to this, all we can say is, "How many of you students have ever attended a class meeting?"

Keep Up Spirited Ways

We finally got some school spirit! And it took Ohio State to cause it to explode. You'd never think that a student body which so obviously lacked pep and vigor at the Holy Cross game—and for that matter at all games a good while back—could rebound with such a burst of spirited action as did ours Saturday night.

Many students were actually shocked at the response the final score caused at University Park—probably because they have never seen or heard anything like it before at Penn State.

The game is over and will be recorded as one of the greatest upsets of the year. The score will never be forgotten—and let's not leave our school spirit with the memories. Think of our team who gave all they had to win this game. Consider the courageous determination power and fighting spirit they displayed right down to the last second—and they aren't finished.

They've had all this before and they'll have it again, but the thing that will really add a spark to their zeal is to know that finally the students found their spirit and are behind them.

When the Campus Party, advocated, "extensive use of an All-University Committee on Public Relations," we winced and shook our heads.

Students have been condemned for being apathetic toward matters of student government. We could take this plank as an indirect slap at Collegian coverage of student activities.

Perhaps we do criticize and poke fun at certain efforts which are made yearly by student leaders. This is our prerogative as a newspaper.

This public relations group would serve quite a different purpose than a publication, we are sure. However, this group would only be another added weight to the already overbearing load of deadwood organizations prevailing here.

To a registration system which this semester was called "the most effective ever" by administration officials and hailed from nearly every quarter as being about as effective as one could be, Campus Party comments, that it is effective.

We are sure that Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, will appreciate Campus Party's concession.

In addition to this the platform asks for a Mock Registration program for freshmen. This idea has merit but could very well prove unfeasible and too much of a burden for its overall worth.

Realizing the potential popularity of the flash-card system (to be), the Campus platform includes the suggestion that the flash-card system be turned over to the Freshman and Sophomore classes and their respective advisory boards.

At Cabinet Thursday night William Coale, Sophomore class president, said that at present his advisory board was not functioning. In the Fall the Sophomore class president is a Junior during the better part of football season. Perhaps the Hat Society Council might better handle this problem.

So the Campus Party platform has taken its stands. Freshmen and Sophomore candidates will be preaching these things from their soapboxes very soon.

We can't fairly say that the platform has startled us very much. It is slightly different than platforms of past years. However, many of the things it proposes will be unworkable in the future.

The only way the possible ones can reach fruition is by the work of a group of interested students.

We'd better quit. We're beginning to sound like political parties; wishing for the moon.

—The Editor

Gazette

Today

AIM, Judicial Board of Review, 7:00 p.m., 215 HUB
ANGEL FLIGHT, drill practice, front of Armory, 6:30 p.m.
ASSOCIATION UNITED STATES ARMY, 8:30 p.m., 1 Carnegie
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Organization, 7:00 p.m., 104 Chapel
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, all boards, 6:45 p.m., Collegian Office
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 103 Willard
EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB

FROTH CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:15, HUB auditorium
JAZZ CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
"LAVIE" Art Staff Candidates, 7:15 p.m., 201 Temporary
MINERAL INDUSTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 121 M
PANEL COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
University Hospital

Barbara Chastain, William Crane, Sandra Flory, James Holmes, Barry Hough, Gerald Jackson, Morton Kaplan, Andrew Moconyi, Daniel Radakovich, Albert Rossi, Diane White, Paul Gabriel, and Sally Wenner.

Eberhart's Books, Poems Displayed by Library

Books and individual poems by Dr. Richard Eberhart, one of America's leading poets, are on exhibition on the second floor of the Pattee Library.

The exhibit was arranged in connection with his scheduled lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday in 121 Sparks.

At the program, sponsored by the Liberal Arts Lecture Series, Dr. Eberhart will read his poetry.

Gamma Sigma to Air Campus Chest Plans

Gamma Sigma, national service sorority, will meet 6:30 tonight in 3 White Hall to discuss plans for the Campus Chest solicitations campaign which will be held from Nov. 12 to Nov. 16.

Members will assist in the collection of contributions from town women.

Water will dissolve more substances than any other liquid.

Clover Club Will Meet At Alpha Zeta Tonight

The Clover Club will meet at 7 tonight at Alpha Zeta fraternity. Dr. C. D. Jeffries will speak on "Let's Go Places."

Slides will be shown on places of interest in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Campus Chest to Meet

The Campus Chest executive committee will meet 6:30 tonight in 214 Hetzel Union.

"All Right, Men — We'll Outbid Them"



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From Here

By Ed Dubbs

Oh, That Butler

Dubbs' opinions are not necessarily those of this newspaper, the student body, or the University. We welcome correspondence on opinions expressed below.

The Maryland Senatorial race has been quite interesting to me, especially since I believe that it is the democratic duty of Marylanders to repudiate incumbent Senator John M. Butler, a Republican often classified with the infamous Joe McCarthy.

And besides, it's a crazy, mixed-up race.

Mr. Butler defeated Senator Millard Tydings in 1950 by using a campaign said masterminded by Mr. McCarthy.

One of the gutter campaign tactics employed by Butler was the use of a faked photograph showing Mr. Tydings with Earl Browder, former leader of the American Communist party.

This is not just my opinion. It is a matter of public record. The campaign has been denounced by a Senate investigating committee as one of a "moral squalor" (New York Times, Oct. 21, Section 4, page 2).

Mr. Tydings, a liberal Democrat, started out this year to win back his seat. He won the primary and got the nomination.

But Mr. Tydings had to withdraw from the race. He had shingles and is 70-plus years old.

Before continuing, I want to explain that I do not have high opinions of Maryland politics in either party.

The Democratic organization is very much arift in Maryland, and for this reason, their nominee, chosen by the state committee after Mr. Tydings resigned, will probably lose. The candidate is George P. Mahoney.

Another interesting aspect of this race is that Mr. Mahoney won the nomination over Mrs. Tydings, who hoped to carry on her husband's name in the election.

Although Mr. Mahoney is not the best candidate running for a Senatorial seat, I believe it is the duty of Marylanders to support Mr. Mahoney in repudiation of the gutter tactics of Butler. And Butler is a conservative Old Guard member of the Republican party.

Mr. Mahoney's chances depend on the Baltimore vote, especially among the Catholics, but the upstate rural vote will probably more than offset Mr. Mahoney's Baltimore majority — unless Maryland voters admit their 1950 wrongdoing and the Democrats get wholeheartedly behind Mr. Mahoney.

MI Council to Meet

The College of Mineral Industries Student Council will discuss the Supreme Court issue at 7 tonight in 121 M.I.

Danforth Aids To Be Offered In Many Fields

Applications are now being accepted for the Danforth Foundation Fellowships for 1957 in the fields of natural and biological sciences, social sciences, humanities, and all other fields of specialization to be found in the undergraduate college.

Seniors and recent graduates may apply.

The maximum grant for single fellows is \$1800 and for married fellows, \$2400, with an additional stipend for children.

Two or three will be nominated to the Foundation as candidates for these fellowships by Dr. Henry S. Brunner, professor and head of the department of agricultural education who has been named liaison officer for the University.

The Foundation has listed the qualifications for the Fellowships as outstanding academic ability, personality, congenial to the classroom, and integrity and character, including serious inquiry within the Christian tradition.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Brunner.

Thesis Production Tickets Available

Tickets for the thesis production, "Giles Corey, Yeoman," are available in the Green Room in Schwab Auditorium.

The play, an early American tragedy by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, will be presented Oct. 30, 31 and Nov 1 in the Little Theatre in Old Main.

Walter Vail, graduate student in theatre arts from Upper Darby, will direct the production.

Admission is free.

Tonight on WDFM

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