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Scanning the Lion Platform

With freshman and sophomore candidates buzzing around the campus trying to pick up votes in the third day of the Fall campaign we are now going to take critical look at the Lion Party platform.

The very first item is that of the half-holiday for a football game. This, of course, has been hashed over a great deal this year and is not going to meet with anyone's disapproval—with the possible exception of the administration or the calendar committee.

Another popular issue appearing on the Lion platform is that of the Supreme (bless its heart) Court. It contains the perennial comparison with the United States government and urges retention of the court. Of course, now the court has been retained, but in somewhat different form.

Although we disagree with these views we cannot truthfully knock the plank as being part of a political platform since it seems so many of the student groups have favored the court.

Lion Party has gone into great detail to bring

the issue of extension of phone hours to the students.

This is that kind of plank which if read over quickly by the average student sounds terrific. Phone service annoys everyone at one time or another. However, the present system of phone hours has been in effect for quite a while. This is no reason that changes cannot be made, of course, but this is a longshot as far as feasibility.

Along the same lines the plank which advocates giving Freshman women one o'clocks on both Friday and Saturday nights. This suggestion is based on the assumption that Freshman women are just that—women—and not young girls. This may be so, in some cases. But it will look good to the frosh coeds when election day rolls around.

One point the platform makes about the "hours" plank is that it will serve to make Penn State a more up-to-date-thinking university. This, we feel, would be so. However, we are sure the administration has many good reasons for the present state of affairs.

—The Editor

Blood Drive Turnout Shameful

Yesterday's semi-annual blood drive turnout was one of the lowest in history. This is particularly disappointing in light of the fact that the day was chosen specially to encourage participation. In the past, Tuesday has been the drive's big day. It has also been found that the first day of the drive is always the most successful. Mr. Loren D. Tukey, the drive's director, had hoped that the combination of the two would get favorable results.

He was woefully disappointed.

The Bloodmobile's semi-annual goal is 300 pints per day. Yesterday's total was little over half that amount. Eighty people pledged donations but only 51 showed up. Sixteen others were turned away for medical reasons. Contrast this with last April when 275 people pledged donations. Or compare this to Michigan State, where the blood drive lasts a week and averages 1000 pints, and usually has the backing of every sorority and fraternity.

Who is behind State's blood drive? In the fall it is usually the Reserve Officer Training Corps contingents on campus. However, for some reason it seems the Air Force decided they could do the job better this year without the assistance of the Army and Navy detachments. In a discussion with Mr. Richard Baker, Red Cross coordinator, it was reported that the Air Force emphatically assured him of 100 per cent backing; but only 97 pledges were received to cover

the 2 day period. It seems there was a mix-up in minors' releases. It is claimed that the AFROTC did not get the blood slips and the minors' releases in time. This is denied by Mary Mergott, chairman of the Red Cross committee, who states that they were turned in almost two weeks ago.

No matter what the reason, the Air Force must take complete responsibility for the outcome.

Of course there is always the human element. Out of an enrollment of 12,000 surely 300 pints are not too much to ask.

The drive depends heavily on the State College area for blood which is hoped to supply the whole district for the next 21 days. Whole blood must be used within this period, before the cells die. Every time a drive fails to meet its quota, it may be a matter of life and death to someone in a hospital.

After donating his eleventh pint of blood, John S. McGill, graduate student in agronomy, asked if it could be sent to the patriots in Hungary. He felt that a big reason for the disappointing turnout was student complacency, and that if things happened here that are happening currently in Hungary this country could not survive.

It seems that this pretty well sums up the situation.

—Thom Shields

Panhel — Get With It

Panhellenic Council, in true blue fashion, last night attempted to reorganize its rush program out of chaos.

Sara Hawkins, Panhel rush chairman, told members of the council that the rush program, both formal and informal, could stand improvement, and then asked for ideas from the floor.

She got them—ideas that is. Not only did she get some suggestions, she got so many of so many different kinds that there was no organization or meaning to the meeting at all. Many of the ideas conflicted. Generally speaking there was no train of thought held during this part of the meeting.

Perhaps Miss Hawkins wanted to get suggestions from the members of the council and then sift them out in rush committee meetings. If this was her idea, it was a flop. Virtually nothing could be gained from the chaos that existed at last night's meeting.

Miss Hawkins would have been far wiser to have discussed possible rushing changes in rush committee meetings first. Then she should have presented the results of research and work to the council for its vote. A large body can not

work effectively on such a complex question as rushing revisions.

Miss Hawkins was also weak in her knowledge of the subject matter. She seemed confused, for instance, as to what research has been done in regard to rush programs at other colleges. We suggest that this is one excellent reason why discussions on rushing revisions should be done by a committee and not by the council.

We were criticized for not attending meetings; we were urged to attend last night's meeting; but our reporter was told not to attend the meeting. She was given a cold welcome at best when she attended anyway.

We were criticized for pointing out a few points where the rush program had been weak. We were told that the rush program was better than before. We were told that we were wrong in criticizing the rush program, and yet Panhel itself completely tore apart its own rush program.

We think Panhel has been indecisive, unorganized, and unaware in some areas. We suggest that it get on the ball.

—Sue Conklin

Gazette

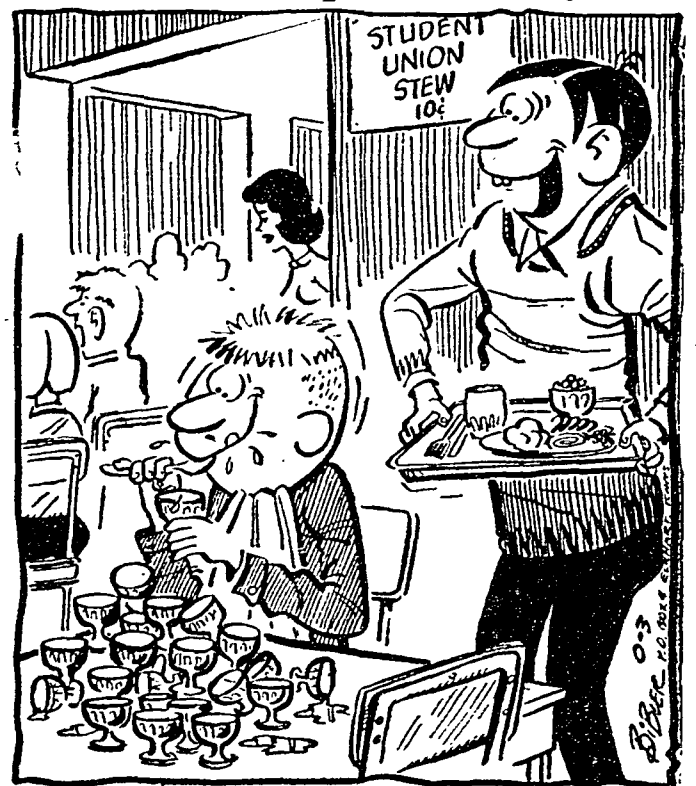
Today
NITANY GROTTO, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
CAMPUS CHEST, ALL SOLICITORS, 8 p.m., Schwab
PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA, 9 p.m., 117 Carnegie
PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7-10 p.m., 7 Sparks
NEU BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, 7:30 p.m., 406 Old
Main
COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 6:45 p.m., Collegian
office
ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS, 7 p.m.,
Simmons Lounge
WSGA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 12 noon, Mc-
Allister Hall
PHI Upsilon Omicron, 6:45 p.m., Home Ec Living
Center

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 303 Willard
LANGUAGE COURSE IN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW,
7 p.m., Hilliel
THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB, 7:30 p.m.,
121 Sparks
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING CLUB, 7 p.m., Ag Eng
Building
PENN STATE GRANGE, 6 p.m., behind Weaver Hall
University Hospital

Barbara Barnes, Frank Boucher, David Faust, John
Patane, Cecile Reapsome, Ann Richards, Roy Romberger,
Terry Shepherd, Nancy Showalter, Samuel Tolotta, Carol
Weicker, Fredric Wilcox, John C. Williams.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"SAY didja notice that NEW CHICK serving th' deserts?"

According to Moyle

by mike moyle

The issue of extension of the Christmas vacation has been strangely silent for the past week or so. About two weeks ago every student council and other group on campus was up in arms about what they considered a too-short vacation.

Cabinet did not bring it up and sent the matter to the University's calendar committee. What has become of it since is a mystery. Perhaps the committee is racking its collective brain in an effort to find a day to make up classes.

Nowadays all you hear on the matter are a few scattered letters to the editor who think that getting an extension by one day of the Christmas holiday is the only way student government is going to save face in the eyes of both the students and the administration.

We seriously doubt this. However, the fact remains that it had seemed that the objection on the grounds of safety to students had to receive consideration from the powers that be. If they have it would be nice to know about. Has the calendar committee met? Are the two student representatives doing anything about persuading them to change the vacation? We suppose (or hope) that they are. But I wonder when we'll know?

We learned over the weekend while in Syracuse that the football stadium up there—Archbold Stadium—was built in 1904. At that time it was the fourth largest stadium in the world. After seeing that monstrosity for the first time we can really appreciate good old Beaver Field.

The pillars supporting the structure looked like they were going to collapse at any moment. And the customers had to sit, for the most part, on concrete seats!

We were relieved to see that the Physical Plant has finally gotten around to putting some safety materials on the edges of the steps leading to the West Halls courtyard.

These steps have for a long time been a hazard to students

in this area. Especially when hurrying to eight o'clock classes in a somewhat groggy condition. We've seen some real dandy spills taken down these steps.

Battles still raging on Ag Hill. Only now it is getting more intensive. Seems as if there may be some fraternity jealousy entering into the thing.

Thaden Will Discuss Russian Trip Tonight

Dr. Edward C. Thaden, assistant professor of history, will discuss his summer trip to Russia at 7:30 tonight in 121 Sparks.

The address, "Russia Today: Political Impressions," is sponsored by the International Relations Club and the Russian Area Program Committee.

Slides will be shown during the program.

LaVie Photo Schedule

Six sororities are scheduled to have LaVie group pictures taken tonight at the Penn State Photo Shop. Women are requested to wear white blouses and dark skirts.

Alpha Chi Omega, 6:45; Alpha Omicron Pi, 7:00; Delta Gamma, 7:15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 7:30; Pi Beta Phi, 7:45; and Alpha Xi Delta, 8:00.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

6:55 Sign On
7:00 Telephone Requests
7:50 News
8:00 Anthology
8:30 Music of the People
9:00 Invitation to Relax
9:30 Informally Yours
9:45 News
10:00 Virtuose
11:00 Sign Off

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● pretzels and chips in bulk
● wholesale sandwiches
● and Sub-Ho's
at prices you'll appreciate for your weekend parties

S.A.M. MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 . . . 7 P.M.
at
Phi Kappa Fraternity
350 Fairmount Ave.
Guest Speakers:
Mr. Carr—Coming Glass Works Plant Mgr.
Mr. Baldwin—Chief College Recruiter at Coming

Management Convocation
121 Sparks Nov. 8, 1956
3-4 P.M.
MR. JOHN HANIGAN, Vice President
Electrical Products Division
MR. THOMAS BRASHER
Training Department
OF
CORNING GLASS WORKS