



Elections Committee Approves Most Campus, Lion Planks

By BOB FRANKLIN

The All-University Elections Committee last night tentatively approved four of the six planks in the Lion party platform for the spring elections.

The planks which were refused approval dealt with air conditioning in downtown motion picture theaters and with the proposed downtown student discount service.

The approval of two other planks was temporarily delayed by a question over wording.

Said 'Outside Scope'

The two unapproved planks were refused passage as being "outside the scope of political parties." John Godayte, Lion Party Clique Chairman, told the Elections Committee last night that he would submit a reworded version of the unapproved planks for the committee's approval at its meeting Sunday.

Other planks advocated the exemption of eligible eighth semester students from final examinations; optional physical education for freshman and sophomore veterans; decentralized voting and the elimination of Elections Committee review of party platforms.

The platform also labelled "domination by administrative viewpoint" the main weakness of student government.

The plank on decentralized voting said the practice "paves the way for increased student participation in voting." It said that since this method was discontinued in 1955, voting percentages have been about 11 per cent lower.

One Similar Plank

A single similar plank appeared in the platforms of both parties. The Lion party version suggested that veterans be given an option of scheduling an elective rather than physical education if they so choose. The plank said the "veterans' time, much more so than the average student, is limited due to marital and/or financial responsibilities."

After suggesting a minor change in wording, the committee passed a plank calling for an end to its regulation of party platforms. As passed, the plank said the Elections Committee should not have power "to approve or disapprove of students' opinions, which we believe are represented in political party platforms."

'Air Conditioning' Plank

One of the unapproved planks called the lack of air conditioning in downtown theaters "one of the greatest inconveniences, seemingly inherent in State College," and said that "such a situation need not exist."

The other unapproved plank advocated a student discount service as "advantageous and practical to both students and merchants."

By GINNY PHILIPS

Six out of the seven planks included in the Campus party platform for spring elections were tentatively approved last night by the All-University Elections Committee.

The platform includes advocacy of a community living program; a scholarship bulletin; pre-registration of seventh- and eighth-semester students; optional exemptions of veterans from physical education; an investigation of the extension of time between classes; and a student-run organization to publicize University affairs both state and nationally.

The plank which was not approved advocated that the various alumni associations in conjunction with present students of the University would sponsor social gatherings during the summer months for all new students to better prepare students for college adjustment.

Plank to be Revised

The plank was refused because it was "not within the scope of political parties." John Bott, Campus party clique chairman, will submit a reworded version of the plank at a meeting of the Elections Committee Sunday night. The platform as a whole will not be officially approved until the revision is presented.

A similar plank supporting the plan for optional exemption of veterans from physical education also appeared in the Lion party platform.

Would Give Information

The plank on a scholarship bulletin advocates a periodic bulletin be sent to all students. A publication of this sort would eliminate the present lack of information concerning scholarships which in the past has resulted in many unused grants. Bott said that this would be a student-run publication.

According to the plank on a time extension between classes, the need for an extension has arisen because of the new buildings and proposed expansion of the campus. It was stated in the plank that at the present time students are finding difficulty in walking between classes using the maximum allotted time.

Senior Pre-registration

Registration for seventh and eighth-semester students will be conducted in the same way that the College of Business Administration conducts its pre-registration which has proved very successful, Bott said.

Working with the Administration to publicize and promote University affairs is needed, according to Bott. Since there is no national newspaper in the University area, publicity for University affairs is at a minimum, Bott said.

Eng Council Gives Aid To Hungarians

The Engineering and Architecture Student Council voted Tuesday night to donate \$100 to the Hungarian Student Relief Fund.

The money will be turned over to the International Understanding Committee for distribution to the seven Hungarian refugee students now attending the University. Six of the seven students are enrolled in engineering.

3 Nominated

Richard Hegarty, Robert Stroup and John Haas were nominated for president of the council.

Others nominated for council posts were Carl Kirk, vice president; Alton Kendall, treasurer; and Lawrence Perez Jr., recording secretary.

Nominations for all offices will remain open until the elections at the next meeting.

Open House Reports

The council's committee to investigate the possibility of holding an open house reported that the plan is not feasible because a date could not be found that would be free of scheduled campus activities.

The committee recommended that the council set up a committee in the fall semester to develop the program.

University Given Consultation Fee

The University was named as one of 19 persons and firms under contract to be paid \$31,419 by the Forests and Waters Department for consulting services, according to the Associated Press.

Chairman Norman Wood (R.-Lancaster) of the House Appropriations Committee said the information was forwarded by the auditor general for the committee's study of Gov. George M. Leader's proposed 1957-59 budget. Secretary Maurice K. Goddard of the Forests and Waters Department said the persons mentioned on the list were hired on an hourly basis pending processing of their regular appointment papers.

Lantern Staff to Meet

The Lantern literary staff will meet at 7 tonight in 9 Carnegie. Material for the spring issue will be considered.

Abernathy Wants Equality Now

By DAVE FINEMAN

The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala., said last night, "I want freedom not only for my two-year-old daughter, but I want to be free myself."

In a speech before 500 people in Schwab Auditorium, Reverend Abernathy said that the South wants his people to adopt a philosophy of "gradualism," but, he said, the Negro wants freedom. He does not want to preserve, as the Southerners wish to preserve, "the fine old way of life."

Montgomery Integration

Reverend Abernathy is vice president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the organization that achieved integration for the buses in Montgomery.

As he put it, they transformed the "cradle of the Confederacy" into the "cradle of freedom and first-class citizenship."

The organization sponsored and supported Montgomery's "Walk for Freedom," a period of 381 days in which all of the city's 50,000 Negroes refused to use the buses and walked or ran car pools instead. The boycott won integration for them on the buses.

But, he said, the fight is not anywhere near the end, for "all is not well with our people today."

Future Plans

He said that the Montgomery Improvement Association is now mapping out future strategy for further advances toward break-

ing through the "black curtain of segregation."

The future goals of the organization include extension of integration, gaining the vote, a higher standard of living and better job opportunities.

Reverend Abernathy said all of the South must have integration on transportation facilities and in schools.

Gain Negro Vote

The Negro must be able to vote, he said. At present, he explained, ridiculous, complicated questions must be answered by uneducated Negroes before they can pass the Elections Board of Registrars.

The Improvement Association wishes to raise the standards of their people by teaching habits of sanitation and modern living, Reverend Abernathy said.

Walker Says:

More State Funds Needed to Expand

President Eric A. Walker said yesterday that the University cannot possibly admit additional students unless the Commonwealth assumes financial responsibility for the required expansion of facilities.

These are the same students, he pointed out, who have been crowding the public schools in the past several years and who will, in steadily increasing numbers, seek admission to the University.

Dr. Walker, replying to a question on the adequacy of the \$27.7 biennium appropriation recommended to the General Assembly by Gov. George M. Leader, observed that this figure fell "far short" of meeting even the University's minimum obligations for 1957-59.

Dorm Projects

New men's and women's dormitories planned for 1960 will be among the first projects abandoned if the state indicates a wish to stabilize enrollment at its present figure, the President said.

He explained that the University, to meet the real and projected enrollment bulge which soon will engulf the state's colleges and universities, was confronted with the need of adjusting salaries. This was necessary, he said, not only to attract new personnel but also to hold its present faculty and staff, to modify its program and to take care of more women applicants, and to provide the facilities for such expansion.

"The faculty problem in itself is staggering," Dr. Walker said. "Faculty members have not shared adequately in general wage increases, and the competition from business, industry and government tends not only to keep the number of new teachers down but also to drive highly qualified teachers out of our classrooms and into other occupations."

Fees Recently Boosted

He pointed out that the University only recently had boosted fees beyond the level of most land-grant colleges. He said the increased cost of public education when added to the high degree of selectivity imposed by lack of classroom and housing space was sacrificing the whole philosophy of the state institution—to extend educational opportunities to the young people of the Commonwealth at relatively low cost.

"Even now," he said, "a high school graduate either must finish in the first two fifths of his class or place high in entrance examination to gain admission to the University. As the demand for admission grows, the restrictions will grow increasingly more drastic, and eventually only the select."

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NSA Report Scheduled For Cabinet

All-University Cabinet will hear the second of two reports on the National Student Association at its meeting at 7 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

Lawrence McCabe, NSA coordinator, will present the report, which emphasizes the association's work on campus.

Will Determine Membership

The two reports will help Cabinet determine whether to retain its membership in NSA. Membership in the controversial organization was voted last year following a period of one year when Cabinet was out of the association.

Tonight's report contains no recommendation because, the report says, of the belief that "the essentials must be understood by Cabinet before considering plans to improve upon them."

The report outlines the functions and the work done over the past year by the four NSA commissions on campus. The four groups deal with student government, student affairs, international affairs and educational affairs.

Expenses Reach \$1209

A financial statement included in the report shows the distribution of \$1209.13 in expenses for the campus NSA unit.

The report calls the position of the local unit "somewhat ambiguous to say the least," because it has not been "charged with a specific responsibility such as the Spring Week Committee or the Campus Chest Committee."

NSA Explained by McCabe

McCabe two weeks ago explained to Cabinet the national organization of NSA.

Cabinet tonight will also hear a final report of the Campus Chest Committee. Robert Gellman, chairman of the committee, will report statistics on the group's drive last fall and will present some ideas on next year's campaign.

Ike Receives Mollet Plan For Mid-East Situation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—French Premier Guy Mollet said today he has proposed to President Dwight D. Eisenhower that the West devise a "joint and long-range policy" to safeguard their common interests in the Middle East.

Such a policy, he said, would aim particularly to block Egyptian as well as Soviet Communist designs on the Arab world. Mollet reported this development in a speech to the National Press Club here on what was to have been the last day of his harmony conference with Eisenhower.

Talks Continue

Before he spoke, however, the President and Mollet agreed to extend their talks for another 24 hours, evidently with the aim of taking up again tomorrow morning the latest developments in the Israeli troop withdrawal crisis.

Tomorrow's session is due to be followed by the issuance of a communique which is expected to reflect a considerable restoration of French-American cooperation which was shattered last fall when the United States denounced the French-British attack on Egypt.

Mollet told his press club audience he thinks Israel was entitled to a definite settlement of its

frontiers with the Arab states and a guarantee of its territorial integrity. He also endorsed the concept of a guarantee for free passage of Israeli ships through the Strait of Tiran into the Gulf of Aqaba.

He described Israel's October attack on Egypt as an exercise of the "elementary right of self-defense" and declared, "I refuse to brand this state as an aggressor."

Views Expressed

He presumably expressed these views in his talks with the President yesterday and today, though he did not give any indication of Eisenhower's reaction. The President's position has been that Israel had no right to attack Egypt and therefore is obligated to withdraw its troops from the Gulf of Aqaba area and the Gaza Strip in compliance with United Nations resolutions.