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"If Elected, I Promise..."

In the midst of the political campaign we once again take up the old tradition of the campus newspaper and attempt to comment on the party platforms. We do this, not with an eye to poking fun at or ridiculing the political parties. Heaven knows, they are having a hard enough time trying to stimulate some semblance of interest in student government. We are only giving our views on the validity and feasibility of the planks which sometimes have a tendency toward the impossible.

Campus Party

Campus party is a new political party at the University which caused quite a stir two years ago when shortly after its formation, it swept to total victory in the All-University elections. Last year it lost only one office to Lion in the spring elections. It has not fared so well in the fall elections.

The Campus party platform advocates:
1. Community Living. Campus party gives fullest support to promotion of a more realistic living program which would have men and women dining together and holding more joint social functions.

This is evidently a coming thing at the University since there have been administrators who have spoken in favor of this type of plan. We hope that Campus party will not forget their pledge to bring this about at the University.

2. Physical education for veterans. Campus party asks for complete exemption of veterans from required physical education classes.

Where have we seen this plank before?

3. Pre-registration for seniors. This will prevent the menace of seniors being prevented from scheduling necessary courses for graduation because of closed sections.

This is already in effect in some curriculums. It could be expanded upon, although we feel that few seniors have really been crowded out of graduation by some freshmen.

4. Scholarship and Loan Bulletins. To eliminate lack of student information about scholarships and loans, a plan should be set (and run by students) whereby all students receive a periodic bulletin listing aid available to him.

This is one of the better planks in the campaign in terms of feasibility and of worth to the students. If run right, this could be valuable.

5. Freshman pre-college socials. Cooperation with the Alumni Association on holding local dinners and socials to acquaint future students with customs, dress, traditions at Penn State.

This may be hard for students on the campus to do anything about, but suggestions to the Alumni Association may bring about something of worth in this plan.

6. Extension of time between classes. Rapid expansion of the University in distance between classroom buildings necessitates more time to make these long walks.

This is really a basic change in the University's past policies. It reflects a measure of thought on the part of Campus party. At present we doubt that there are enough consistently long walks which give justification to an extension. We admit those walks from Ag Eng to Mechanical Engineering are tough. This is something the students should keep on top of.

7. Penn State Boosters. Campus party proposes a student organization to publish and promote all Penn State affairs through newspaper and other media both on a state and national level. This group would work in communication with the Department of Public Information.

We, since it is partly our job, are all for gaining more fame for Penn State. However, the Department of Public Information here is one of the best and most efficiently-run in the entire country. This plank is one of the most redundant we've seen. Public Information has been doing this publicity job quite well for a number of years.

—The Editor

Lion Party

Lion party, the older of the two campus political parties, has been on the losing side of the All-University elections for the past two years. However, they have taken the fall freshman and sophomore elections traditionally.

The Lion party platform advocates:

1. Decentralized voting. This paves the way for greater student participation in voting, according to Lion party. Since decentralized voting went out voting percentages have been 11 per cent lower.

This has been a traditional plank in Lion party platforms. We can see some good points to decentralized voting. It will put polling places in the path of more students. However, it is a much harder job for the All-University elections committee to run an election with polling places strewn all over campus.

All in all, this is not a bad plank. They had decentralized a while back and the voting percentage was nothing to rave about, however.

2. Eighth semester finals. Agreeing with All-University Cabinet Lion party can see no necessity for eighth semester students to take final exams if they have a good average in the courses.

This is popular with all students (especially seniors.) We couldn't find fault with this if we tried. But the administration can and does. Prospects are looking brighter every year, though.

3. Physical education for veterans. Lion party asks for an option for veterans on the matter of required physical education classes because the veteran's time is limited due to marital and/or financial difficulties.

Where have we seen this plank before?

4. Student discount service and air conditioning in downtown theaters. This will be done in conjunction with the Cabinet Committee on Joint Town Affairs.

Downtown merchants have evinced a definite willingness to improve town-University relations, but have excluded a student discount service as a means to this end. (At least that's what an NSA committee tells us.)

5. Striving to keep campaign promises. Through elected class officers, Lion party will continue to present plans for lengthened women's hours for freshmen, extended phone hours for dormitories, and a permanent half-holiday.

We are gratified to hear that some of our humble opinions have been taken to heart. This is a noble plank and we have already noticed the good timing Lion party has employed by sending one of last fall's elected officers before Cabinet a few weeks ago with a half-holiday motion.

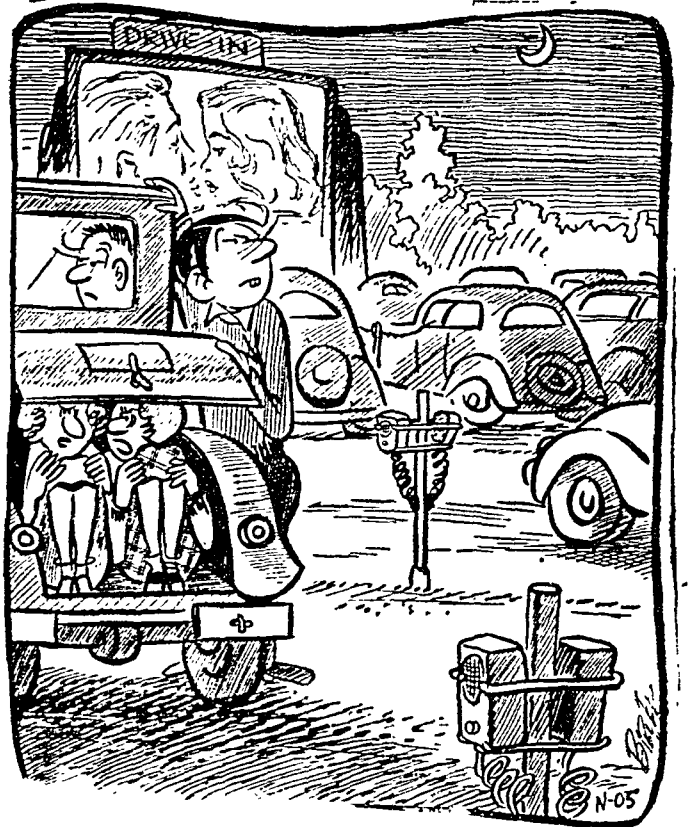
The other planks are good although they tend to be a bit dreamy. They sound good, but we are afraid it will be quite a while before they are put into effect.

6. Elections Committee control of platforms. Lion party believes that this control is essentially the same as censorship of student opinions.

We are the first ones to speak out against censorship of student opinions. However, many times the political platforms are as far from being student opinions as the Washington Senators are from the New York Yankees on Sept. 30.

—The Editor

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"I thought you said fraternity boys had more spending money?"

'Round the Rim

Coeds Cry Distortion—Men Cry Gold-Diggers

By BECKY ZAHM

Looks like spring has finally breezed its way back to Pennsylvania. (I'm saying this with crossed fingers). Actually, the mild sunny weather and bright blue skies aren't the most significant indicators of spring at Penn State. The most definite signs are the couples casually strolling over campus and students lounging on every available place in the sun.

And typically the students' fancies have turned to thoughts of what have you. Take for example this letter to the editor:

Dear Mr. Editor:

There has been a grave misrepresentation of facts. It is widely known that the ratio of males to females is 3.5 males for every female. We have been here (Penn State) for two semesters and as yet we have not received the matriculation numbers of our 3.5 males.

We thought if this was brought to your attention something could be done about it.

Hopefully yours,
Marie and Janet

Did you try the Hetzel Union desk?

Perhaps the reason that these two luckless lasses haven't met with success is that student government hasn't taken an interest in this particular student problem. Perhaps one of the political parties will pick this up and incorporate it in its platform. Just visualize the slogan "3.5 Males for Every Coed." That's even better than "A Chicken in Every Pot."

Or possibly another reason for their predicament is this statement I overheard one of the local members of the stronger sex mutter. "Penn State girls are all gold-diggers!"

As a point of clarification I want to stress that I don't make a practice of eavesdropping—not unless it happens to be a statement of controversial interest, such as this gem.

Do all campus coeds really have that gleam in their eye? A short poll of the editorial staff and a few other campus BMOC's who were lounging around the office reveals the consensus of opinion is that not all coeds are gold dig-

gers, but most of them are. Thanks fellas.

Getting back to the nostalgic air of spring—it obviously has not hit the campus telephone operators yet. Just lately a local coed was hustled to the phone for a station-to-station call from her fiancé. As she breathlessly exclaimed "Hello, Darling" into the mouthpiece, she heard a voice that definitely did not belong to "Darling."

A flat sharp voice greeted her with "Jane Doe, it is now seven minutes 'til one. You have to be off the phone in seven minutes or you'll be cut-off."

Who said that all the world loves a lover?

At this point I'll throw in some items of general interest, or more likely, no interest at all.

Did you know that Thailand has 8000 TV sets, but 1000 are out of order, and no one is equipped to repair them! Any enterprising engineers looking for a captive market?

People say that Collegian comes out with some corkers of headlines occasionally, but the New York Journal American came through with a winner.

The Headline:
Report U.S. Grant Offered to Israel

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

6:50 Sign On
6:55 News
7:00 Contemporary Concepts
7:25 Sports
8:00 Hubzapoppin
8:30 Just For Two
9:00 News
9:15 Just For Two (cont.)
9:45 The Keyboard
10:00 Light Classical Jukebox
11:30 News
11:35 Sign Off

Williamson Will Speak At Foundation Dinner

Dr. Merritt A. Williamson, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, will be the dinner speaker on March 28 for the semi-annual meeting of the University's industry-advisory committee of the Foundry Educational Foundation.

Interlandians Will Show Dances of British Isles

The British Isles will be featured countries at the Interlandia Folk Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 tonight in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

A native of England will teach several Scottish dances and will talk on England and Scotland. The public may attend.

Schilling Given Position On Education Committee

Dr. Harold K. Schilling, dean of the Graduate School, has been named to an advisory committee of the State Department of Public Instruction which will study ways and means to meet the demand for scientists and engineers.

PHI KAPPA announces its annual Saint Patrick's Day Party

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