

Editorials

'If Elected, I Promise ...'

Campus politicians are out seeking votes again. And although most campus elections are won on personalities instead of issues, both parties have come up with platforms.

Lion party wants a student opinion committee established, further study of freshmen women's hours, AM facilities for little-heard WDFM and longer telephone hours. The party also endorses All-University Cabinet's Student Welfare Committee which is to study such things as housing and food and health services.

Campus party dislikes penalties for class cutting except for practicum courses; wants a student check-cashing service and a life insurance plan and would like to throw out the compulsory Reserve Officers Training Program.

Lion party, in advocating a student opinion committee, would be just setting up another group with nothing to do. Heavens, there are now enough groups on campus with nothing to do. The hat societies and the class advisory boards prove this. And these advisory boards could serve—and probably do to some extent—as student opinion groups.

Further investigation for extension of freshmen women's hours would be fine. In fact, Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston would undoubtedly be glad to talk to members of the party about this. But we doubt if they get more than talk out of her.

The Daily Collegian has long advocated AM facilities for WDFM, and we are happy to see Lion party agrees.

Lengthening telephone hours would be nice, but this is an old gripe and we would be pleasingly surprised if the party's nominees could accomplish this.

The party endorsing the Cabinet Committee on Student Welfare means little. We suppose the party wants the voters to know it is concerned with the welfare of the students.

The Campus party would like to end penalties for class-cutting except in courses practicums. A similar suggestion (which this newspaper supported) against "artificial" penalties came out of this year's Student Encampment. However, this recommendation excluded freshmen. It is easy to see why freshmen were excluded in the Encampment recommendation: freshmen probably aren't yet responsible enough to judge the effects of cutting class. It also is easy to see why Campus party didn't exclude the freshmen: the party wants the freshman vote.

The party's suggestions on a check-cashing service and a life insurance plan appear to be good ideas but further study is needed. The life insurance plan has been kicked around for the last several years.

The possibilities of eliminating compulsory ROTC, we think, should definitely be studied. We feel there are many strong arguments which could be made against compulsory ROTC. However, according to University officials, the University's contract with the Department of Defense states that ROTC at the University shall be compulsory.

This contract, they say, was signed just before World I, and at this time the Board of Trustees attempted to arrange a contract with the then War Department without the word "compulsory." However, the War Department would not accept a contract without "compulsory" in it.

As it stands, the Board of Trustees could recommend that the Defense Department draw up a new contract without the word "compulsory." Whether the department would agree remains to be seen. However, there are two land-grant institutions, Minnesota one of them, which just "offer" ROTC.

These, then, are the things the parties want. It will be easy to get votes for both platforms. Putting them into effect is another thing.

Interpretation

Russia's Power Causes Jitters In Free World

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The Soviet Union, being the only nation which knows whether new weapons are likely to be used in war during the present generation, is using that position to play on the nerves of other people with impunity.

It's even gotten to the point where Nikita Khrushchev, consistently acquiring more and more power, can cause the jitters just by saying he doesn't think there is going to be a war. He has the power to reverse himself, such power as is not held by any democratic government.

This he has done after stirring up a tempest in the Middle East just to emphasize Russian interests there. None of the required factors for a war were present there. But there is always a danger, in such a situation as Russia created between Syria and Turkey, that it will get out of hand at some point.

There was undoubtedly some connection between the Turkish-Syrian furor and Marshal Georgi Zhukov's ouster, but it may be a long time before we know just what. If Khrushchev is willing to create such an international situation even partly to cover a struggle for power at home, he is indeed becoming a dangerous man.

Another dangerous psychological factor lies in the simultaneous emergence of Khrushchev along with Soviet scientific and military power. Often in history the man, the weapons and the political situation have coincided with what seemed like inevitability.

Throughout all time man has fixed his eyes upon the stars, believing that he would eventually find new worlds among them, or at least some new clues to his own existence.

Yet now, when man sees their visitation as a practical possibility, he drags his feet in the mud of conflict, thinking more of what he can destroy, or of how to defend himself, than of what he can learn.

The American State Department is inclined to look on changes in Soviet political leaders as indicating "stresses and strains" within the Union.

The scurrying of scientists, military and administrative leaders in Washington during the last few weeks indicate some "stresses and strains" over here, too.

When Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said nearly two years ago that Russian post-Stalin policies were a failure he might better have said that some had not succeeded. Their new weapons program certainly shows signs of success. The Western powers can no longer manipulate things in the Middle East without considering Russia's position there.

So far, the chief hope for peace lies in the deterrent value of the new weapons which themselves cause so much fear. But the world will not live for long, no matter how frightful the alternative, in a peace composed only of constant fear.

It is this on which Russia seeks to play. If war is unthinkable, then peace must be had by other means.

The Russians want to make it coexistence with slavery. The problem of the free world is to convince Russia—not India, or Afghanistan, or Syria, but Russia—that the true goal is economic cooperation amid freedom for all.

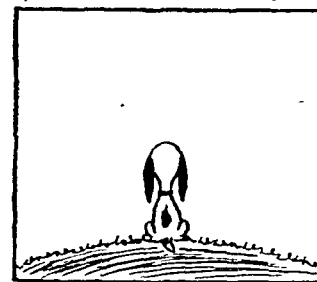
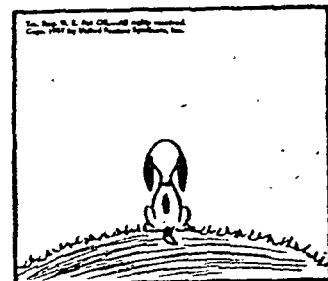
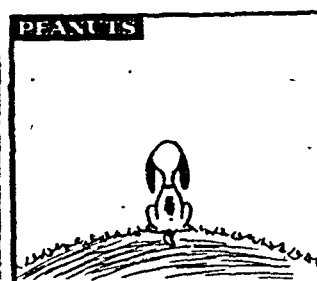
Campaigns—

(Continued from page one) impose a penalty on each candidate of the offending party.

"The party shall be held responsible for the proper conduct of the clique, both internal and in campaigns."

Fishburn emphasized that matriculation cards will be required for freshmen and sophomores to vote for their class officers Nov. 13 and 14. Elections Committee members will punch the cards as students vote.

Elections Committee will meet with the clique chairmen at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in 216 Hetzel Union. This will be the final meeting before the elections.



Gazette

TODAY
Collegian Ad Staff, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie
Collegian Business Staff, 6:30 p.m., 202 Willard
Collegian Business Staff Candidates, 6:45 p.m., 305 Sparks
Collegian Editorial Staff Candidates, 7:45 p.m., 9 Carnegie
Collegian Promotion Staff, 6:30 p.m., 209 Willard
Economics Club, 7 p.m., 109 Boucke
Gamma Sigma Sisters, 6:45 p.m., 119 Osmond
History Round Table, 7:30 p.m., 217 Willard
International Relations Club, 7:30 p.m., HUB Auditorium
Psychology Club, 7 p.m., 214-215 HUB
WSGA Judicial, 5 p.m., 214 HUB

TOMORROW
Association For Childhood Education, 7 p.m., Grange Playroom
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Donald Abraham, Joseph Barefoot, William Bliss, Frank Eliot, John Felus, Marlene Ferranti, John Hess, Ronald Kinch, Lynn Kinnier, Charles Koons, Kenneth Kunkle, Howard Lincoln, William Medico, James McDowell, Elizabeth Prough, Aaroh Sandler, Jay Shoop, Dominic Tremonte, Mary Wolfe, James Norton, Samuel Gates.

TONIGHT ON WDFM
6:45: Sign on, news and market reports; 7:00: The Home Ec. show; 7:15: Folk Music; 7:50: State news and national sports; 8:00: Invitation to Relax; 8:00: Open to Question; 9:00: Campus news and sports; 9:15: As You Believe; 9:30: Cabinet Reports; 11:00: National and international news; 11:05: This World of Music; 11:30: News and sign-off.

Sechrest to Speak To Psychology Club

Dr. Lee B. Sechrest, assistant professor of psychology, will speak on "Pointers on Graduate School" to the Psychology Club at 7:30 tonight in 214 Hetzel Union.

Sechrest also will answer questions pertaining to admission problems, choice of schools for a particular branch of study, cost of graduate school and other related problems.

Foreign Relations Group To View African Film

The International Relations Club will present the Edward R. Murrow film "Report on Africa" at 7:30 tonight in the Hetzel Union auditorium.

Foreign students from that area will participate in a panel discussion.

Econ Club to Meet

Dr. Vaclav Mares, associate professor of economics, will discuss Russia's foreign aid program at a meeting of the Economics Club at 7 tonight in 109 Boucke.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



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