

Editorial Opinion

Platform Contortions

Freshman and sophomore class candidates took to the air-waves last night in an attempt to defend their political party platforms.

They were aided by their respective party chairmen, each of whom—not too surprisingly—claimed that his platform and candidates are best.

Some of the candidates and their mentors went through grotesque contortions of reason in attempting to defend their planks and tear down those of the opposition.

It was claimed that certain planks "have the backing" of individuals, groups and specific agencies—without showing this in any way.

It is not sufficient to say that "such-and-such" has endorsed a specific idea. If the voters are intelligent, they will want to know exactly who, representing what group, said what in relation to which issue.

It was also claimed that certain platform planks were necessary to bring University facilities up to date and/or expand them. Whatever these planks may suggest toward updating and expanding University facilities can be only a drop in the bucket compared with the University's comprehensive program for expansion—which includes most of the ideas mentioned in the party platforms.

Candidates even mentioned Collegian articles describing certain facilities last night in attempts to defend their platform planks. Because a newspaper article mentions that a certain facility exists, does not mean that this facility must be improved, expanded or correlated with something else—as some of the candidates seemed to try to prove.

The voters repeatedly urged to support one or the other party because election of its candidates would "ensure action." This is not necessarily true.

The candidates who are elected will hold two seats on the 25-man All-University Cabinet. Their election in itself means nothing, just as their platforms in themselves mean nothing.

The real test of a good class officer will be how well he can come up with new and beneficial ideas, how well he can present these ideas to the student body and to the Cabinet, and in many cases how well—through personal effort—he can project these ideas into administration thinking.

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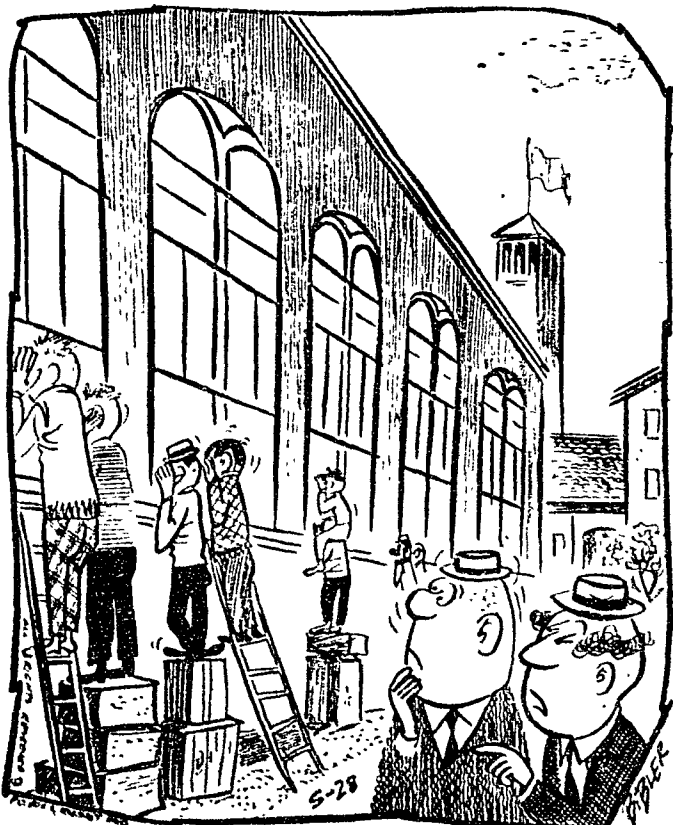
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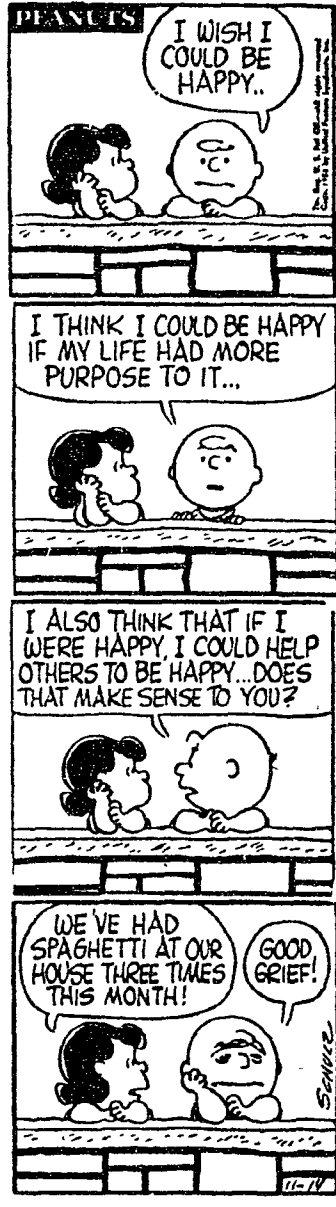
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Biber



"That's the science building—we have the music conservatory over there—and I think this is the girls gym."



Gazette

TODAY

- All-Campus Bryan Green Committee Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Chapel
- Alpha Pi Mu, 5:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- American Chemical Society meeting, 8 p.m., 111 Boucke
- Artists Series program by the Canadian Players, 8:30 p.m., Schwab
- Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card-room
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Faculty of College of Agriculture, 4:15 p.m., Room 109, Armsby
- Hillel Sabbath Eve services, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- Hub-za-poppin, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
- Larry Sharp Fund collectors, 5:15 p.m., HUB auditorium
- Lutheran Student Association slide (pictures) party, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Student Foundation
- Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
- Newman Club Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel; Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center
- Scarab, 5 p.m., 212 HUB
- Wesley Foundation Square Dance, 8 p.m., Wesley Foundation

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

John Borick, John Busch, Michael Carey, Ronald Castellanos, John Craig, Robert Davis, Louise Dombroski, Helen Harlow, Wayne Hocking, Patricia Kampmeier, Joan Lash, Mary Lehman, Constance Litow, Stella Macaro, Dorothy Querry, June Savick, Barry Schullker, Sally Seidman, Edwina Theis, William Tydings, Robert Umstead, Donald Williams, Gail Winklevoss, Victor Riva.

Employment Office Receives Requests

Many requests for persons with special talents or experience have been received by the Student Employment office.

Students with advanced training in electronics and physics are needed for part-time work.

Those with supermarket experience of any type are also being sought.

A barber and a girl to serve as a knitting instructor are among other unusual requests.

Anyone interested in applying for part-time employment can visit the Student Employment office in 112 Old Main.

Gamma Sig Will Meet

Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters and pledges will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Hetzel Union assembly room. The meeting is compulsory.

Letters

Garban Seeks Help for Sharp

TO THE EDITOR: It is my privilege to thank all the students who have in the past contributed so generously to the Larry Sharp Fund. Most of the upperclassmen need no introduction to Larry Sharp; however, for the benefit of the new students, Larry was a former student who was seriously injured in a physical education class.

At the Holy Cross game on Saturday, a collection will be made to alleviate Larry's medical expenses. I need not impress upon you the vital importance of this fund. The students of Penn State have always shown cooperation and generosity when given the opportunity to help a classmate.

I saw Larry at the Penn game and his gratitude toward the students of Penn State cannot be expressed in words. His smiling face was enough to tell me that the Larry Sharp Fund was a worthwhile and successful project. Let us show Larry how much we do care for him. Give generously, for there isn't a more deserving guy in the world.

—Steve Garban, '59

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve Garban, All-University vice president and captain of the football team, is also chairman of the Larry Sharp Fund Committee.

Nittany Men Blast T-Shirt Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: Selecting coeds as your representative group to comment on the results of the Nittany referendum was quite foolish.

Everyone on campus knows that 90 per cent of our beloved coeds will go out with anything that crawls as long as he drives a car, sports a wad of money, and has a fraternity pin. I don't believe anyone in the Nittany area will lose any sleep over this.

Your editorial yesterday, therefore, served only one purpose. It further defamed a group of your fellow college students who are being unjustly criticized. One will find, on close observation, that very few Nittany men wear T-shirts to dinner, and that a good number wear sport coats to Sunday meal.

Why don't you come down into Nittany and review the situation yourself, sir. We'll try to chain up all of our violent savages; then you won't have to worry about being bitten.

—James T. Roberto, '62

TO THE EDITOR: For the past two days we have watched you attack the standards of the Nittany residents, and have decided to "straighten" you out on the basic issues of the dispute so that in the future you might condescend to look into the heart of an issue before you run off at the mouth about it.

The dispute at Nittany has no bearing whatsoever on the wearing of "T" shirts in the dining area. This was merely a ruse of the council to throw the weight of student opinion in its favor and insure the bill's passage.

The heart of the issue is the ultimatum, contained in the bill, issued by the Nittany Council concerning the wearing of suits or ties and sport-coats to the Sunday noon meal.

Indeed, this may seem appropriate by the students who have never resided in the Nittany area, for dressing to meet the occasion only exemplifies good taste and training; in other words, is good form. But as a person with the proper background and training would refrain from wearing a tuxedo to a wrestling match, so would

he also rebel against the wearing of a suit in a pig sty, which the Nittany dining area approaches in a grand manner. When the dining area is improved, the Nittany students shall rise to meet the occasion.

The residents of the Nittany area have no desire to rebel against authority or wallow in oceans of slovenly behavior, as the uncouth creatures you so skillfully, though unjustly, described in your articles.

This vote was a demonstration of their interest in maintaining an even balance of power between council and students.

In closing, Mr. Editor, we would just like to say that in the future, before you decide to play God and pass judgment upon the world, it would be a wise thing to step down from your ivory tower and take the time to look at the facts.

- Daniel G. Leshock, '60
- Merle D. Elkins, '62
- Secretary-Treasurer, Nittany 38
- Edward Di Tomas, '62
- Ronald S. Koot, '62
- Vice President, Nittany 38
- Richard A. Bair, '62
- Charles J. Galley, '62
- President, Nittany 38
- Ralph Rudolph, '62
- James Longo, '61
- Nevin Lausch, '60

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TO THE EDITOR: Your editorial yesterday was really the last straw. It seems to me and to many of the men around me, that your paper is conducting a campaign to show the world that the men of Nittany are, as you put it, "slobs."

It was in your paper that the first mention was made of T-shirts and it has been your paper that has carried on the fight, armed with a ready supply of completely exaggerated and false facts.

A perfect example of this exaggeration and falsification was the issue of Nov. 7, which included a picture of one boy in a T-shirt together with a story telling how he was defying the horrible new rule. The story went on to tell how almost everyone in the dining hall had on either a T-shirt or a "ragged" sweat shirt in defiance of the new rule.

We were not told of the rule until a dorm meeting later on that evening (and) the boy in the picture didn't know that he was defying anything.

Also, I must admit that I have eaten in the hall every day since then and have yet to see anywhere near an impressive number of students eating in "ragged" sweat shirts and T-shirts.

Some of us do not happen to feel that we need to be regulated. The passage of the bill would have, in effect, said; "Yes, we're slobs, but we promise to be good guys and not wear our T-shirts anymore."

—William H. Kraft, Jr.

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Mardi Gras Aides Thanked by Scrolls

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of Scrolls, senior women's hat society, we extend our sincere thanks to all those who participated or contributed to the 1958 Mardi Gras.

We hope that everyone feels as we do—that working with a group and with other groups for Mardi Gras has been a very worthwhile experience and, most of all, a lot of fun!

—Arlene D'Onofrio, '59
—Janice Smith, '59
General Co-chairmen

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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