

Editorial Opinion

It's Time to Throw Out A Vague Elections Code

With the smoke of battle cleared and the campus more-or-less "back to normal," an analysis of the freshman and sophomore class elections is in order.

The results of the elections are significant in three categories of student activity: representation on All-University Cabinet and in the class offices; student interest in elections; elections practices.

University party won four of the six offices, although Campus party polled 51.4 per cent of the total vote of 8549. The two class presidencies—the two seats on All-University Cabinet—went to University party nominees by narrow margins.

Donald Claggett defeated Keith Carlson for the Sophomore Class presidency by 22 votes, 543 to 521, Jay Kahle defeated Herbert Goldstein for the Freshman Class presidency by 29 votes, 906 to 877. The two presidencies were the closest contests.

Freshman and sophomore interest in the elections hit a 7-year high, with an average of 43.7 per cent of eligible voters casting ballots. A total of 53.1 per cent of the freshmen voted, and 33.7 per cent of the sophomores voted.

The higher percentages may be attributed to more vigorous campaigning, more controversy over issues, decentralized voting, get-out-the-vote drives by All-University Cabinet and student radio station WDFM and perhaps to more student interest in politics.

Perhaps the most important result of this year's fall elections is yet to come.

That result may be a wholesale revision of student elections practices at Penn State. For the blowup over two minor violations of the All-University Elections Code proved conclusively the total vagueness and inadequacy of the code provisions. These rules attempt to reach far beyond the Elections Committee's power to enforce them or the need to regulate political parties.

Campus party committed two violations of the spirit—but not the letter—of the code, both financial in nature. A freshman candidate, apparently ignorant of the code's provisions, received as a gift campaign material which was not paid for by the party. And the clique chairman charged the photographs for posters to the individual candidates instead of to the party.

The expenses for these items would have put the party over the \$150 allowed by the code for a fall election campaign.

The elections committee—aided and abetted by the almost completely unenforceable elections code—has for years dwelt upon pifayune political party violations while larger breaches have been hidden from the committee's eyes.

As long as the elections committee is forced by the Elections Code to try to limit campaign spending, this University will experience a spectacle of wholesale violations, double-billing, party irresponsibility and personal financial troubles—although little of this will break into the news.

It is time to scrap the entire Elections Code and start over with legislation which will direct the Elections Committee to do the only things it has a need or a right to do: register the party members, man the polls, count votes and find ways of improving these functions.

In 25 Years

Man May Hit Mars, Venus

By JOHN A. BARBOUR AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Colonies of earthmen will occupy the moon, Mars and Venus.

Rockets will be burning their way toward the outer planets, more than 3 billion miles from earth.

Engineers will fashion huge space transports, capable of carrying hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of people on space expeditions that may last most of a life-time.

These are among the predictions for the next 25 years—the coming generation—made recently by a panel of nine space experts in Astronautics, the journal of the American Rocket Society.

The experts were agreed that the earth would be ringed with satellites and space stations.

Huge rockets would roar between continents carrying cargo and passengers in minutes.

"The stars themselves will still be out of reach 25 years from now, but perhaps by then we will have reached the same state with respect to interstellar travel as we have just passed in respect to earth satellites and interplanetary travel," said Dr. Herbert F. York, chief scientist of the Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"We hope to have a man circle the globe in a satellite within a few years," said Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

In 25 years, he said, man will have closed, self-sufficient systems for space travel over long periods of time.

"Perhaps about 25 years from now we will be commencing man's real entry into space and man's emergence as a 3-dimensional space being," wrote Dr. Simon Ramo, president of Space Technology Laboratories.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



—She'd make ya swell blind date. Ask Worthal—I fixed him up with her earlier this evening.

Letters

Karn Views Women's Role

TO THE EDITOR: Thanks for the vehement response of your readers. The situation of women deserves sympathy.

However, until the biochemist can find a substitute mechanism, perhaps in the manner described in "The Brave New World," the role of childbearing will continue to cause women to come out on the short end of the deal.

Perhaps their role is the more important one and consequently carries greater responsibility. The reproofs, indeed, apply just as well to men.

Industrialization and warfare of the past century have cast people loose. They have become mobile. Some move into higher economic and power strata carrying a less disciplined code with them.

Women in this situation seek to imitate men and select the loosest personal code as an expression of their coming into equality. There are also the nouveau riche in the intellectual world. They are torn.

Down with personal frustration and up with freedom was their cry. They are obliged to attack the old to gain power, for such is the nature of a revolution. Once securely in power they become more royalist than the king for the status quo now works to their benefit.

They don't deserve easy victory. The first generation never loses its taint entirely until those with long memories are dead. The brave new resembles the stately old so much that it invites occasional sniping to renew its discomfort.

—William Karn, graduate student

Reader Deplores Moral of Movie

TO THE EDITOR: The real moral perversion of our day is in our thinking about patriotism. Note the moral of the movie, "Torpedo Run."

"It's OK to murder one's wife and child" if in the end the enemy carrier is sunk.

The cliché about civilians starting wars is only partially correct. Rather wars are begun when militaristic values as in "Torpedo Run" twist normal minds that resist militaristic hate even on the battle field. Witness the non-large hate of "John Q. American, civilian-soldier," for his Russian counterpart.

Militarism is a disease; it begins in a few twisted minds and spreads, if unchecked by education and positive action, until we actually can accept the rational and military justifications for wholesale murder, "country above family," "devotion to duty" (which should have been in prevention of the disease), and other forms of perversion.

This is the path for us to travel if we are to follow the garbage in "Torpedo Run."

—Robert Reeder, graduate student

WDFM

Table listing WDFM radio program schedule for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights, including programs like Hi-Fi Open House, News - Campus Beat, and Pennsylvania News.

Gazette

TODAY

Club Hubana, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
Junior Class Advisory Board, 1:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Student Movies, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Women's Chorus, 1 p.m., HUB assembly hall

TOMORROW

Cabinet Judiciary Evaluation Committee, 4 p.m., 213 HUB
Film: "The Burden of Truth", 3 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Folk Song Club, 2 p.m., 217 HUB
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 1:45 p.m., 212 HUB
Newman Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Spring Week, 4 p.m., 212 HUB
Student Movies, 8:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Swedish Services, 10:30 a.m., 212 HUB
William Penn Foundation, 3 p.m., HUB assembly hall

MONDAY

Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Home Economics Extension, 8:30 a.m., 212 HUB
Jr. IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Leonides Council, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 215 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Walter Barnes, Ronald Castellanos, Mary Alice Cimmons, Lawrence Dull, Robert Fee, Margaret Fisher, Alice Gilpin, William Haugh, Richard Hoak, Richard Lucas, Arthur Naugle, James Pringle, Christopher Kopernik, Virginia Kirkwood, Lois Neubarth, John Parks.

Christian Ministry Will Be Discussed

Seminary students from seven theological schools will meet with students interested in the Christian ministry or other areas of full-time Christian work at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The meetings will be held in the small lounge of McElwain, the Wesley Foundation, the Lutheran Student Center, the Baptist Student Center, Alpha Zeta fraternity, Delta Chi fraternity and Koinonia, 117 E. Nittany Ave.

In addition to the 3:30 p.m. meetings, individual appointments may also be arranged by calling Adams 8-8441, ext. 541.

Jr. IFC to Meet, Take Christmas Tree Orders

The Junior Interfraternity Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Hetzel Union assembly hall.

Orders will be taken for the sale of fireproofed Christmas trees which the group has undertaken as its first project. Committee appointments will also be made.



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