

Editorial Opinion

Political Reorganization Must Take Place Now

The establishment of a Legislative Assembly to replace All-University Cabinet as the top student law-making group will mean not only a big change for student government but a new concept in campus politics.

Until now, politics has been almost completely divorced from student government. Except for the junior, sophomore and freshman class presidents, all the members of Cabinet have usually been seniors.

In the new Assembly, however, seniors will make up only 29 per cent of the group, while juniors will make up 26 per cent; sophomores, 24 per cent; and freshmen, 21 per cent.

This means that 71 per cent of the Assembly members will be at the beginning or in the midst of their campus political careers. They will have been nominated and helped to office by their parties on platforms they are pledged to fulfill.

Coupled with this new power in the parties is the new hands-off policy adopted by both All-University Elections Committee and Cabinet. Parties are no longer to be restricted as to the amounts they may spend in campaigns nor is there any longer a strict, enforceable Elections Code.

With these changes, the political parties cannot possibly remain the same. They will become more mature—or less mature.

The parties must realize these alternatives. The members must accept their new responsibilities. Too often in the past the party has been merely a vehicle for electing students to office; consequently, too little attention has been paid to the selection of party officers with the result that many, but fortunately not all, campaigns have been mismanaged.

And the inactive period between campaigns will not exist any longer. The party steering committees will not fold up their work after the elections are over, but will be exercising what control they can over the actions of their candidates after the candidates begin their terms in office.

But perhaps even more important—and this should be realized now that nominations for candidates will soon take place—is the fact that the candidates themselves will have to take a really functional interest in the control of their parties. They will find it to their advantage to have more than a slight hand in platform making, in the conduct of campaigns and in other party activity.

If parties fail to accept their new responsibilities, politics will remain the childish, pointless game it has sometimes become in the past.

If, on the other hand, the parties grow in maturity and scope, politics and student government will become even more useful to student welfare and will prove to be truly a training ground for future citizenship.

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Letters

WDFM Denial Called Injustice

TO THE EDITOR: If the Board of Trustees unwisely kills the possibility of having a campus AM station, they will be doing a great injustice to the Class of 1958 as well as to the present and future students of this University.

The University has absolutely nothing to lose by giving the students an AM station, and much to gain. Such a facility would be extremely valuable to the students, their organizations and their student government, not to mention the effect it would have on school spirit.

Using WMAJ's facilities on a contract basis stands to benefit only WMAJ and to hamstring WDFM. By taking this course of action, the Trustees will sentence the future of WDFM to that of status quo, sacrifice the interest of the students, and disregard the expressed intentions of the Class of 1958. It is now the responsibility of every student and faculty member who wants a better Penn State to protest this action.

—Thomas A. Decker, '62

Letter Cut

Champs Deserved Better Recognition

TO THE EDITOR: The reception that the gym team received at Recreation Hall Monday afternoon was so bad that I am almost ashamed to admit that I am a part of such a student body. It is hard to imagine that out of a student body of 14,000 students only 50 would show up to welcome back the National Champions.

Whether this is due to ignorance on the students' part as (to) when they were coming or the lack of spirit I am not sure, but it seems that the latter is the case. The time was publicized in the Collegian and broadcast over the radio. I am sure that not all of the remaining 13,950 students had classes or couldn't spare ten minutes to give their fellow students the recognition they deserve.

—Richard Doyle, '61

Gazette

TODAY

Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB Ed Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB Freshman Regulations Board, 12:30 p.m., 212 HUB German Club, 7:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel lounge Judicial, 5:15 p.m., 217 HUB Newman Club, Mixed-marriage Instructions, 7:15 p.m., Student Center Science Fiction Club, 7 p.m., 214 HUB Wesley Foundation, Communion 5:15 p.m., choir rehearsal 6:15 p.m., Wesley Foundation

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Job Interviews

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Sanders & Thomas, Inc.: BS: EE, ME, CE, ARCH ENG, ARCH. U.S. Forest Service (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture): BS: CE, ME. Johnson Bronze Co.: BS: ME, IE, METAL. BUS ADM. JRS: ME, IE, METAL for summer employment. Celanese Corp. of America: BS & GRADS: CH E, ME, CHEM, IE, PHYS, ACCT. Aro, Inc.: BS & GRADS: AERO E, EE, ME, ENG SCI, PHYS. Worthington Corp.: ME, CE, CH E, EE, IE. The Glidden Co.: BS & GRADS: CH E: MS & PhD CANDIDATES: INORGANIC CHEM, PHYS CHEM.

Camp Interviews

The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Appointments must be made in advance. Camp Weequehic, Lakewood, Pa., Apr. 4. Camp Adahi, Reading, Pa., (Women), Apr. 9, 10. Clear Pool Camp, Carnel, N.Y., (Men), Apr. 10. Camp Conrad Weiser, Reading, Pa., (Men), Apr. 13, 14.

Speaker's Outlines Available

Outlines are available at the Hetzel Union desk for all those participating over the vacation period in the High School Speakers Program, sponsored by the Senior Class Advisory Board.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Awww college ain't so tough—I'da got a strait 'A' if it hadn't been for that stupid shop course."

et cetera

Poets Immortalize Penn State

by Dave Fineman

I never even knew A. E. Housman, the poet, had ever visited the HUB Lion's Den, let alone written lines about it. But evidently he has, or I miss my guess.

A few lines from his "Terence, This is Stupid Stuff," were enough to convince me that Mr. Housman had the

Lion's Den in mind. Frinstance, could he be talking about anything except the Den juke box when he says:

"We poor lads, 'tis our turn now To hear such tunes as killed the cow."

And could he be doing anything but quoting a HUB regular upon his entrance to the Den in:

"And nothing now remained to do But begin the game anew."

He doesn't neglect the coffee-server in the Den during the breakfast hour, either:

"'Tis true, the stuff I bring for sale

Is not so brisk a brow as ale: Out of a stem that scored the hand

I wrung it in a weary land. But take it: if the smack is sour,

The better for the embittered hour."

Mr. Housman evidently ran into a few BMOC's while here, too, and he recorded his thoughts on them when they finally recognized his presence:

"'Tis late to hearken, late to smile,

But better late than never: I shall have lived a little while Before I die for ever."

Robert Frost, too, must have paid his visit to Penn State. In fact, it seems he followed through on a case of a couple of freshmen caught drinking at a fraternity house. First he recorded their delight while in the bar:

"We make ourselves a place apart Behind light words that tease and flout,

But oh, the agitated heart Till someone find us really out."

And then, in the same poem, their appeal to the Board of Control for leniency:

"'Tis pity if the case require (Or so we say) that in the end We speak the literal to inspire

The understanding of a friend."

Ironically and finally in the next stanza, the frosh find out that some of their own number, who were rushing a rival house, had rattled on them and they wail:

"But so with all, from babes that play

At hide-and-seek to God afar.

So all who hide too well away

Must speak and tell us where they are."

