

Editorial Opinion

# Action on Alternates Needed Before Elections

Here's to the abolition of the unrestricted substitution of alternates for Assembly members. It will happen if Assembly approves an amendment to the SGA bylaws.

This current attempt to keep Assemblymen where they belong, namely in 203 HUB on Thursday evenings, instead of allowing them to substitute alternates at will, can contribute to a growing competence of SGA members

The amendment requires each Assemblyman to submit the name and qualifications of one alternate following his election to office. This one alternate would be the only person constitutionally qualified to replace the elected member. The measure would thus invest responsibility for actions at Assembly meetings in both the elected and appointed persons.

This would also give both persons an awareness of the duties in occupying an Assembly seat. Random and hurried selections of replacements preceding the meeting would be eliminated, also getting rid of uninformed alternates.

Another proposal would have a candidate intending to be absent from this campus for an extended period of time include the name and qualifications of his alternate on the campaign poster. This is only fair to the voters who deserve information on a person other than the candidate who will represent them for eight or more weeks.

The necessity for such a rule can be easily understood when one considers that eight weeks or representation by someone other than the elected official is too lengthy a period in student government functions to be disregarded or ignored.

In deciding to run for an Assembly position, a student should be aware of the duties and responsibilities entailed in assuming that position. As such, absences other than those because of sickness, tests, and business out-of-town should not be accepted as valid reasons for missing a meeting

The Reorganization Committee to whom the amendment was recommitted cannot fail to see the necessity for controls on the seating of alternates. In recognizing this problem as it now exists, the Assembly should take positive action before the spring election.

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Campus Beat

# Lazy Cops, Scalpers and Ground Hogs

Hello again students: Now that the Collegian weather forecaster has been replaced by a groundhog, it is safe to start planning for spring.

But it will be a long time before the warm spring air can get rid of all the snow. We know at least one student that wishes it would leave soon. He got a ticket for parking across a white line which designated a crosswalk in the HUB parking lot. However, the white line was covered by snow.

You guessed it. The traffic violations officer answered: "Rules are rules"

A Collegian reporter got some indication Monday night that spring is almost here. The reporter walked into a second floor room in the HUB expecting to find SGA Cabinet meeting there. Instead the reporter slightly embarrassed a couple in the dark room. They said they were arguing.

Penn State coeds fought for years for later hours. Now some freshman coeds are complaining. If they have a "loser" for a Friday night date, they can't say: "Well, I'm sorry but I must be in by 11." Of course, coeds, the men can say the same thing.

This has been a banner year for scalpers. First the Syracuse football game; now the National Gymnastics Championships. Next month it'll be the Olympic Wrestling tryouts here.

It's something with those State College cops. The usual traffic tie-up resulted early Sunday morning at College Ave. and Shortlidge Rd., and the borough policemen were on the scene. But they weren't helping the traffic problem any. They were sitting in a patrol car with motor running undoubtedly waiting to pounce upon the first car that didn't make a complete stop at the traffic sign.

We understand a blinker light is being installed at this corner to help the traffic flow. A blinker light is nothing more than an electric stop sign. Big help!

Rumor has it that one of Penn State's more infamous politicians is now known as Boss Tweed by his Tammany Hall fraternity brothers.

Well, that's the end of today's lecture. I must hurry up to Rec Hall. I have a couple of extra gymnastics tickets.

—Prof Wayne

# Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



Letters

# Campus Party Men Blasted

TO THE EDITOR: At the Campus Party Assembly on Sunday night, James Kridel and Earl Gershenow were prepared to bring impeachment charges against the present temporary Campus party chairman, John Brandt, for the best interests of the party and as "interested" students.

These obviously trumped up charges of "violation of the party constitution" and the questioning of the legality of Mr. Brandt as chairman were obviously moves to create disunity within the party.

Unfortunately for these two gentlemen, either through an oversight or a lack of knowledge of parliamentary procedure, they failed to adhere to the Constitution themselves in attempting to bring impeachment proceedings to the floor. However, they did manage to get a lesser charge on the floor after their motion for impeachment was ruled out of order by Carl Smith, presiding chairman. This charge questioned the constitutionality of Mr. Brandt being in office.

After some discussion this motion was defeated. Immediately thereafter, the proponents

of the bill left the assembly while there was still much important business of vital concern for the students to be discussed and especially to those "interested" persons.

However, as a result of this futile attempt on the part of Kridel and Gershenow there are several questions on my mind which remain unanswered:

1. Was their "interest" confined solely to their plot so that upon defeat of it there was nothing of interest remaining?

2. If these actions were not to create disunity among the party members, then what was the real objective other than the superficial points brought up in discussion?

3. Why did these two gentlemen, upon making their grand exit, gesture for Robert Umstead, the Elections Commission chairman, to follow? Could there have been some questions that they could not ask in the presence of the rest of the assembly? Is there any connection between these two gentlemen and Umstead in these plots?

4. Finally, just what explicitly are these two "interested" gentlemen interested in?

—Angelo Ortenyl, '61

# ... And in University Too

TO THE EDITOR: In the last University Party meeting, we saw the results of "behind the scenes" activity carried on by a few party members and potential candidates. Of this we had had no prior knowledge. As members of the Executive Council of University party, we were supposedly responsible for these unethical actions which were carried out without the council's consent.

We feel that these actions were not representing the ideals of the majority of University party's governing body. It seems clear to us that a minority of leadership has been influenced by certain interest

groups in a manner which we feel is detrimental to political parties and to the democratic system as a whole.

Moreover, we feel that apparent changes in the party structure will not eliminate the present type of activity to which we so strongly object. The personalities whose thoughts and activities have guided the party in recent weeks have not changed.

It is with these thoughts that we submit our resignations to University party executive council and ask, "Can we have honest student government based on secret deals?"

—Mary Ann Crans, '61  
Edwina Hill, '61

# Gazette

TODAY

- American Chemical Society, 7:30 p.m., 110 Osmond
- ASAE, 7 p.m., 206 Ag. Eng.
- Bavarian Schuhplattler, 8 p.m., 3 White Bridge Club Newcomers, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
- Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Freshman Dance Committee, 6:15 p.m., 212 HUB
- Greek Week, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
- Research Committee Academic Affairs, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Riding Club meeting, 7 p.m., 105 Army School Board, Banquet, 6 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Sigma Theta Epsilon, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
- Sports Car Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
- Society of Agriculture Education, 7:30 p.m., 111 Spring Hill Lane
- TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
- Twentieth Century film strip, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
- WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- WSGA Publication Staff, 8 p.m., 205 Boucke
- Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 105 Frear

# Summer Camps

The following camps will interview at the student employment service, 112 Old Main:

- Clear Pool (N.Y.), men, March 15 & 17
- Conrad Weiser (Penna.), men, March 17 & 18
- Wonderland Farms (Del.), men and women, March 18
- Norwich (Mass.), men, March 19
- Wequahtic (Penna.), men and women, March 26
- Adahi (Penna.), women, March 30 & 31

# WDFM Program Schedule

WDFM 91.1 megacycles	THURSDAYS
6:55 Weatherscope	6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Marquee Memories	7:00 Just New In Arts
7:55 News	7:15 Postmark: United Kingdom
8:00 Jazz Panorama	7:30 Album Review
9:00 Forum of the Air	7:55 News
9:30 Artist Series Preview	8:00 This is the Subject
9:45 News and Sports	9:00 The Jazz Sound
10:00 Virtuoso	9:30 Forest City Footnotes
11:30 Sign Off	9:45 News and Sports
	10:00 Chamber Concert
	11:30 Sign Off