Editorial Opinion

A Representative Opinion Would Carry More Weight

How can students who refuse to support their student government even to the extent of voting for people to represent them, expect student government to do anything for them?

For three years, we have been hearing students, who obviously haven't bothered to find out what their student government is trying to do, scream student government is a farce. Student government might be a lot better off if some of these students would channel their excess energy into constructively supporting the system.

The type of attitude which considers SGA a farce is the coward's attitude or that of a person who is afraid to do a job himself and envies those who do try.

At this point, the job of student government must be defined as far as is possible.

Student government must get the administration to consider the student viewpoint, to let students know of proposed changes in advance and its reasons for the changes.

We can hope that the administration will take these views into account when deciding an issue or that they will modify a program accordingly.

If the administration considers every stand taken and still ignores student opinion, then the SGA must look for other means of action.

However, whether the administration places much stock in these student views depends upon how much respect they have for the SGA and how much importance they feel the students place upon an issue.

As long as many students cry student government is a farce, naturally the administration will ignore what it

People who are not interested in voicing constructive opinions and who don't care about what happens at an institution where they live nine months of the year, are like the mobs who are ready for dictators and not de-

No matter which party candidates win the election today, they must have the support of the students, or students will have no effective voice. They will have a voice but it will only be that of one man or a group of men. It was our impression that this was not quite what the designers of the Student Government Association had in mind.

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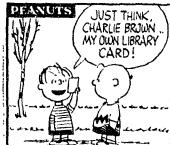


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Letters

Campaigns Climax With Cross-Criticism

Reader Calls SGA Useless

TO THE EDITOR: Many Penn State students will not vote in student elections again this spring. You do not have to look far for the reason.

Just what does student government accomplish? What influence, if any, does it have on the University administration?

We came back this fall, and new, restrictive parking regula-tions were in effect. Now the University has ruled that all transfer students must live in residence halls unless they are affillated with a fraternity or have another reason for not doing so.

After the rulings are announced, the SGA gets excited and debates and finally takes its stand. Students should have been notified before the ruling was passed. Well, hooray for the SGA! They have expressed the students' feelings exactly. So what?

Let's face it. Regardless of what student government says, the administration makes rulings to suit itself and it won't change them because of anything SGA or any other students say!

-John E. Koop, '60

Froth Editors Apologize for 'Inconsistency'

senior board of editors would like to apologize to the student body for the obvious inconsistency between the declaration of "Froth" editorial policy, as outlined in yesterday's Collegian, and the editorial appearing in today's "Froth."

The confusion arises from lack of definition. Should the magazine have a policy of its own by which the editor must abide, or does the editor set the policy for the magazine?

Because "Froth" is a powerful instrument for student voice and opinion, we feel there should be a definite policy by which it can control itself. Lest the magazine fall into the hands of a special group, we also feel that it must remain non-partisan on interstudent conflicts in order to fairly present both sides of an issue in question.

Herein lies the present disparity. Alan Elms' views, as they appear in this issue of the magazine as well as in the handbill which he distributed, are still Elms' views. They do not reflect the opinions of the staff insofar as they state emphatically their pro-Campus bias This may be good; however, it is not justified in the light of the magazine's function.

To this we take decided umbrage; on the other hand we stand firmly behind Elms on those topics dealing with student and administration failings.

"Froth" will continue to assert itself strongly on topics which will serve to benefit the University as a whole. This is our function.

The appearance of Elms' personal political views in this issue are a result of time and financial requirements which we were not able to meet if the magazine was to appear on time.

One can not help but admire the courage of conviction shown in his outspoken opinions. The example will be of some value if it is evidence of a reawakening from the mass indifference of the student body and even the United States as a whole.

-Dale Peters, '61, Associate Editor "Froth"

-Stewart Barmen, '61 and Howard Lincoln, '60 **Business Managers**

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Pledging, Depledging Queried

TO THE EDITOR: As we enter the that he now believes in fraterlast day of Campus party's smear nities as a worthy institution? campaign to win the University elections by casting doubt on the personal integrity of University fraternity brother of mine in an party's candidates, I have come upon some information which makes me wonder about Campus' own Peter Galie.

It just so happens, he recently became a pledge of a fraternity he had earlier depledged. Since the time of his depledging, he has been known to blast the value of insteading and he will be included. fraternities and be yiolently opposed to them.

Why, then has he again decided to become a fraternity man? Was it because he has seen the light,

NO, I say, he hasn't come to see the innate value of fraternalism. But by his own admission to a informal discussion, he said it was advantageous at this time for him to be a fraternity man.

As I said, I wonder. Is this man. as virtuous as he says? Does he not have goals that he is willing to become 2-faced about? Before Campus party and its publicity agencies start to question its opponents' integrity and reasons for their actions, it had better be sure of the personal integrity of its own men.

-Ben Bronstein, '\$1

Greek, LP Affiliations Hit

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Galie, this campus in a long time. Campus party candidate for SGA president, was quoted in yesterday's Collegian as saying that he would not join Lion's Paw, a men's honorary made up of outstanding senior men, if he was extended a bid.

His reason for not joining was that Lion's Paw "is a secret organization one would have to join to find out about.

How in the world can Mr. Galie and his colleagues justify their belonging to social fraternities, organizations which you not only have to join, but pledge a semester as well to find out about, with such reasoning.

Either Mr. Galie and his colleagues are trying to make a meaningless political grandstand play or else they are the biggest political hypocrites to appear on

To turn down a bid to one of the most respected (not always by the students, but always by outsiders) organizations in campus one must have a very good reason, especially when his party has as ambitious a platform as that of Campus party.

An organization is only as good the people who make it up. If the officers of SGA are going to be responsible to the students that elected them, they will be responsible whether they are members of Lion's Paw or not (unless, as Mr. Brandt must believe, Lion's Paw has some magic potion they give good student leaders that turns them into tools of administration as Mr. Brandt implies the present Campus SGA officers have become).
--William Whitlatch, '61

Soph Does Not Find 'Slander, Libel'

TO THE EDITOR: University party has said that the Froth editorial written by Alan Elms was "slander, libel" and "mudslinging." However, upon rereading the editorial, I can find no statements which are essentially un-

Mr. Elms' central thesis was that University party would be more likely to submit to Lion's Elms' central thesis was Paw and administration pressure than would Campus party. This seems very reasonable since University party candidates have said that after 3 years at Penn State, they still don't know enough about Lion's Paw to decide whether they would accept a future bid or not.

On the other hand, Campus candidates have stated emphatically they will not accept a bid to any such secret organization since student government should be completely open to public view.

Again, concerning administrative pressure, University party defends its insignificant platform by saving that anything stronger would not be considered "practical and feasible" by the administration.

It also states that such specific Campus party planks as a trialbasis voluntary ROTC plan and a student book store are "nebu-lous and improbable"—not because they don't represent student opinion but because the administration has been pressured by outside groups into objecting to them.

It will be noted that neither Mr. Haber nor the other University party_candidates have attacked Mr. Elms personally. I urge all students to reread the editorial in Wednesday's "Froth" and decide for themselves whether agree with it or whether it is agree w....
"mudslinging."
—Henry Luciano, '62

Defending Elms' Position

TO THE EDITOR: Tuesday's issue of the Collegian had quite a lot to say about the SGA elections. There were six (count them) news items, editorials and letters to the editor that concerned the handbills that were passed around campus, criticizing certain University party leaders.

Most of the articles greatly criticized the remarks made by Alan Elms, the author of the handbill and "Froth" editor. I am inclined to agree that Mr. Elms' feelings were perhaps too vehemently stated in his "expose." However, he did bring out some controversial points that at least could have been mentioned in the reporting. Page seven of the Collegian contained a report on Dick Haber's sharp-worded attack on Elm's handbill, but there was no information in any of the articles about what was actually said in the

Most interesting, however, is the

fact that the Collegian seemed quite annoyed about Elms' onesided attack on the University party, but then the Collegian came out with its own editorial criticizing certain Campus party leaders.

Certainly we should expect to see our college publications take strong editorial opinions, but how far they should go in a campus ey should campus election is an extremely impor-tant question. From my personal contacts I feel there are excellent candidates in both parties, and I think it must be difficult to feel justified in supporting the candidates of only one party.

Was it necessary for the Collegian to counteract a biased attack on the University party that almost appeared in "Froth" with its own attack on Campus party leaders? Two wrongs don't make

-Robert Toplin, '62

Gazette

TODAY

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