

Editorial Opinion

Government's Structure Gets Too Much Attention

Reviewing the record of the Student Government Association and looking ahead to the encampment workshop concerning SGA, one sees that a constant preoccupation of student leaders seems to be the structure of our student government.

The new organization, which was set up late in the spring of 1959, barely had time to get underway before over-anxious campus leaders decided that the SGA president ought to take over the vice president's job of chairing the assembly leaving him with little or nothing to do.

This suggestion came out of last year's encampment workshop and took up a major portion of the assembly's time and energy last fall.

Meanwhile, students and faculty across the country were protesting the non-Communist affidavit section of the National Defense Education Act, our administration was considering a calendar change to the quarter or trimester system and the Nittany boy (not yet tired of waiting for SGA action) had not revolted. During this time, the assembly argued over whether or not Leonard Julius should sit in Larry Byers' chair.

Then, in the spring, students across the nation were demonstrating against discrimination in the south and here the concept of community living was growing and the administration began toying with the idea of discarding Thanksgiving vacation. Meanwhile, our assemblymen were worrying about the status of alternate assemblymen. To be sure, these other problems were given some of the assemblymen's time but they were badly short changed.

Does this preoccupation with how the SGA operates mean there is something inherently wrong in the organization's structure or does it mean that those in the organization are not utilizing it correctly?

We understand that when scientists are testing a brand new device, they usually use it for awhile to attempt to discover its weak points before substituting or redesigning.

The structure of our present student government association looks good on paper and it is just possible that the weak points in our system are in its participating members.

When the SGA was organized, it had two years to prove itself but campus leaders didn't even give it six months. In a seemingly earnest attempt to "make SGA work" they have attempted to change and perfect something which hasn't even been given a trial run.

We can hope that the encampment workshop this year works hard at examining projects for SGA to undertake during the next two semesters and that its members forget about moving Dick Haber over two chairs and into Don Claggett's seat.

SGA is here to voice student opinion about the coming calendar change, to develop the community living concept as far as student government association and student opinion are concerned, to consider the discrimination dispute, to perhaps hold a mock national presidential election in hope of arousing student interest. Let's hope assemblymen remember it.

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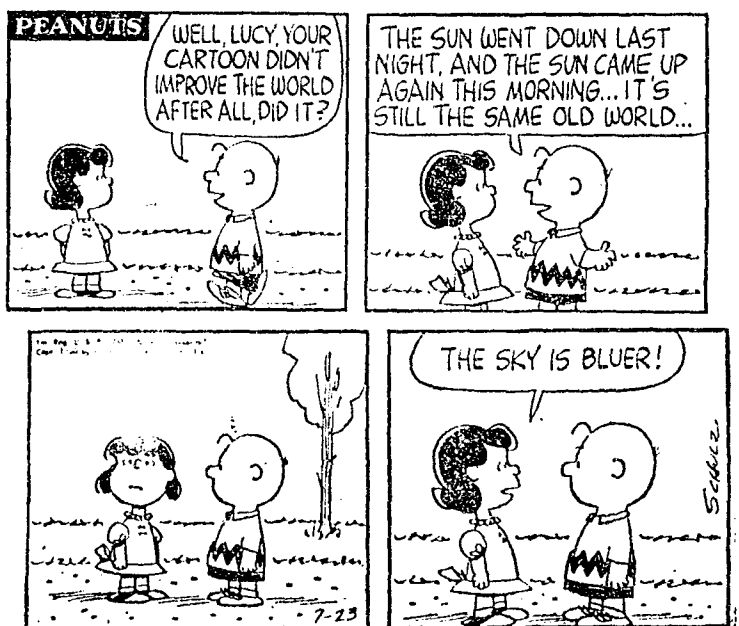
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Like a Well-Built Steamroller

by joel myers

John F. Kennedy, a little known Massachusetts Congressman when he defeated Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. for a Senate post in 1952, has made almost unparalleled political progress during the past eight years to where he is now within a stone's throw of the highest office in the free world.

It wasn't merely pure luck or good breaks that provided the ladder for Kennedy's successful climb to political fame. It was careful planning. For Senator Kennedy is a man who believes in getting what he wants and he nothing to chance.

Kennedy has surrounded himself with a group of expert advisors. The mastery of which few can match. These men plan every move that the presidential aspirant makes. Their careful assessment and decisions rule out the possibility of error. And if one examines Kennedy's Senate record it is very difficult to discover many political mistakes.

The steamroller that brought about his nomination last Wednesday was the result of careful construction over the past four years.

Every gear of this steamroller was checked and rechecked during the past few weeks and it was then well oiled during the first few days of the Democratic Convention.

There is not enough space here to describe the amazing organization which the Kennedy people have put together during the past four years. An organization which is gaining strength at this very moment backed by the untiring vigor of Kennedy himself.

Senator Kennedy has not planned and worked the past few years for nothing. He intends to win in November and he appears to have an excellent chance.

The selection of Lyndon Johnson as his running-mate was the first sign that the Kennedy machine had hooked up its gears to the Democratic party and was in control. There was opposition, but as usual any opposition to Kennedy was futile.

Probably the only ticket that can give the Kennedy team a strong fight in the coming political battle is one that would include New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

But, Mr. Rockefeller cannot secure first place on the GOP ticket and he possesses too much wisdom to take second place on a

possible losing ticket. However, he must not be ruled out.

After all, Lyndon Johnson accepted second place on the Kennedy ticket and few people thought he would.

The first true test between Nixon and Kennedy will come in Chicago at the Republican National Convention. If Nixon can persuade Rockefeller to accept the vice presidential position, it will be a personal victory for the Vice President to match Kennedy's triumph in getting Johnson for a his running-mate.

But, on the other hand, if Nixon cannot convince Rocky to take the No. 2 position, it will be the first failure in his campaign.

A corollary of American politics has always been that the party in power at the time of election has a distinct advantage in the presidential balloting. This corollary will not be valid this year, since both Democratic nominees are Senators in a strongly Democratic Congress, whereas previously, few nominees have been chosen from the ranks of Congress.

The extraordinary session of Congress that follows the conventions gives the Democrats a strong tool which will play an important role in the coming election.



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Will Rocky Gamble Or Help Party?

By JOHN BLACK

Editor

The Republican convention, traditionally more quiet and less ostentatious than the Democrats' convened last night with apparently only one vexing question—will Rocky take second?

When the popular vocal governor of New York started his verbal attacks on the present administration's policies some weeks ago and took the opportunity to express some of his own liberal views, he did it so successfully that his stock (personal, not business) boomed. He shot immediately to the top of the heap of the GOP potential leaders and even rivaled for a while vice president Richard M. Nixon himself.

Although his threat to Nixon has never been regarded seriously, his short but vigorous campaign into the nation's headlines completely obscured all other GOP hopefuls and had party stalwarts waking with visions of a Nixon-Rockefeller dream ticket.



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Rockefeller is now a name that is known politically in every hamlet. He would have been an important candidate in the first place if only to carry the votes from the nation's most populous state into the GOP camp. But now he has a vote-getting potential across the nation.

With Rockefeller, the GOP ticket would provide a strong challenge to the Democrats' formidable lineup of Kennedy and Johnson. Without him the challenge will be considerably diminished.

It seems that the main determinant as to whether Rocky joins the ticket or not is a strictly personal one—would he rather be vice-president in 1960 or have a shot at the presidency in 1964. Figure the odds.

If he takes the No. 2 spot and the Republicans win, he's there for eight years unless ousted by the Democrats in '64. Regardless, he would not have a chance to run for President with his incumbent boss still around. It would be 1968 before he got his first shot at the top spot. He'll be 60 years old. It might be a long time to wait for an ambitious politician.

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Gazette

TODAY

- Chess Club, "Lessons for Beginners," 7:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Concert, Claremont String Quartet, 8 p.m., HUB Ballroom
Golf for women, 4:00 p.m., Holmes Field
Mater Playhouse, "Twelfth Night," curtain time 8:40 p.m., Route 305 at Neffs Mills
Swimming, Men and Women, admission by matric card, 8 to 9 p.m., Glennland Pool
Tennis for women, 4:00 p.m., Nittany Courts

TOMORROW

- Golf for women, 4 p.m., Holmes Field
Mater Playhouse, "Twelfth Night," curtain time 8:19 p.m., Route 305 at Neffs Mills
Outdoor Movie, "Mister Cory," 9 p.m., back of HUB (in case of rain—Recreation Hall)
Puppet Show, "Hard in Glove," 8 p.m., Schwab
Swimming for men and women, 4 p.m., Glennland Pool
Swimming for women, 7:30 p.m., White Hall Pool
Tennis for women, 4 p.m., Nittany Courts

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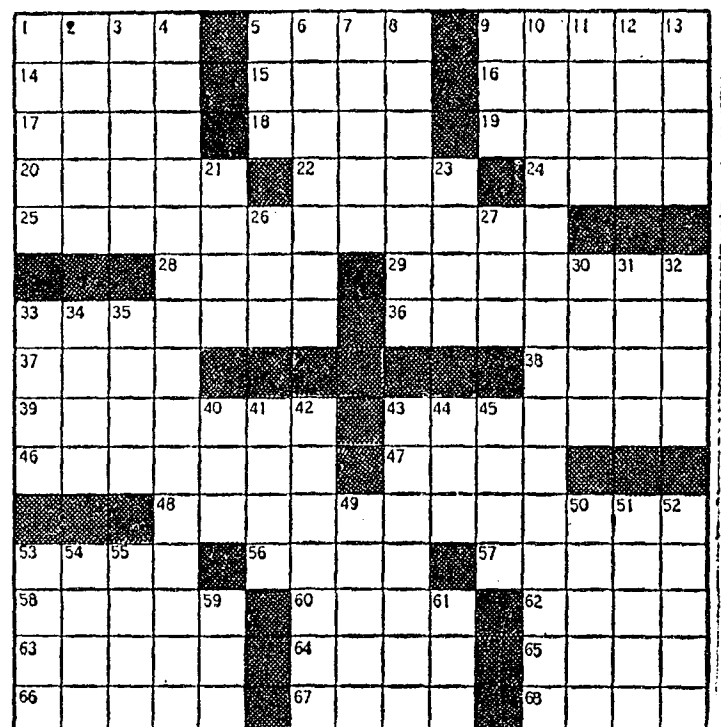
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15 Glazier's handiwork.
16 Official decree.
17 Wild plum.
18 Piedmont city.
19 Chairman's weapon.
20 Compendious.
22 In the stratosphere.
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29 Describing savants.
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11 Experience.

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13 Favorable.
21 Majestic.
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34 King's title.
35 K. P. sergeant's command.
40 Open a keg.
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43 Opens.
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45 One of the Channel Islands.
49 Court-martial.
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