

Party Platforms May Be Cut

By BARB YUNK

(This is the first of two articles on reactions to the suggestion to abolish party platforms. Tomorrow—reactions of political parties.)

Political party platforms at the University could be abolished if the Student Government Association takes action on a recommendation from the Encampment committee on Present Problems of SGA.

The committee made the recommendation in a report read and approved by Assembly last Thursday night. This approval indicates only that SGA has accepted the report as valid. Any action to make the recommendation a law would have to come through a bill presented to Assembly.

Although political parties have existed here since the early 1920's, party platforms, as something other than short slogans, have come into importance only during the last 10 years.

SGA President Richard Haber said yesterday that he believes the move, if approved,

would create greater respect for political parties.

"The platforms confused the students rather than helped them," Haber said. "The issues were not within the realm of jurisdiction of a student governing body," he continued. "By using these issues political parties were presenting the students with false credentials."

Haber expressed the opinion that while some worthwhile ideas have come out of party platforms, these ideas would not be lost under the proposed plan. These same ideas, he said, would not be suppressed. They would be brought out in the Assembly for action.

The students will be voting on capabilities, he said, and not a list of nebulous items. "Parties don't find platforms," Haber said, "they scrape them up."

George Donovan, coordinator of student activities, seconded Haber's comments on the weakness of party platforms.

"These platforms have gotten so corny," Donovan said, "that it has gotten to the point where parties will be promising birdbaths in the back of every fraternity house and lickers for every student on the 50-yard line."

All-University Cabinet was

the longest continuous form of student government, he said, and "If you look at their record you'll find that their average for carrying out platforms was poor." "Yet," he continued "they acted on 50 or 60 worthwhile items that no one thought of putting on a platform."

"The party in power must solve the problems before it. Candidates cannot anticipate in April what the issues will be in September. Students should elect candidates to work for a better Penn State," Donovan said. "They shouldn't lie candidates to a platform, but let them take care of whatever comes along."

William F. Fuller, manager of associated student activities and advisor to SGA, suggested that one of the causes of the weak platforms has been the fact that consensus of opinion has caused parties to have almost the same platforms.

"There are only so many student problems," Fuller said. "Platforms have been meaningless in that they were the same. Whoever is in office must face the problems which face the students at that time," he added.

Tomorrow — Reactions of political parties to the suggestion that party platforms be abolished.

Student Voters Now Able To Cast Absentee Ballots

The long trek home is no longer necessary for Pennsylvania students registered to vote in their home districts and wishing to cast ballots in the 1960 election.

Under a new voting law, approved last November, registered Pennsylvania students may obtain absentee ballots

from their home election district.

If a student did not register, however, this opportunity to vote this year has already "gone by the boards" because registration lists are now closed.

Steps for getting the absentee ballots have been outlined as follows by Lee E. Corter, assistant professor of political science:

1. Write a letter to the chief clerk of the county board of elections of your home county explaining your situation.
2. Request that he send you the proper application form for obtaining an absentee ballot.
3. It will help expedite your application if you can include in your letter the precinct or voting district at home in which you are registered. If you can't remember the specific district, be sure to designate your specific home address.

4. In due time (everything being in order), you will receive from the county board of elections a three-part form. Part I (in duplicate) must be filled in and returned to your home county.

You must date and sign this form. You must also check the reason (no. 1) for your request. Part II and III of the application do not require action at this time.

5. The application forms must be returned to the county board of elections between Oct. 8 and Nov. 1, not earlier and not later.

6. The chief clerk of the county board of elections will check part II of the application form. The original copy of the application will be returned to you with the absentee ballot.

7. You as elector mark the ballot and obtain a signature to the affidavit (part III) of the application.

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Ek Ed Now Symbolizes New Course

Ek Ed?? Typographical error? No, not at all. It's just the revised abbreviation for Elementary Education. What???

It all started in the late summer of 1959 when the Department of Education decided that it wanted to make it plain that students enrolled in elementary education could definitely receive training to enable them to teach in kindergarten.

Since the accepted abbreviation for the curriculum was El Ed, no such inkling could be had.

Last fall, therefore, Ek Ed was officially approved by the Board of Trustees as the new symbol for Elementary-Kindergarten Education.

Why didn't it make its appearance on matriculation cards before this fall?

The decision by the Board was not final until after registration last fall. And since the spring matriculation cards are merely a re-photograph of the fall cards, Ek Ed had to wait until this year before it made its debut.

So the next time you see Ek Ed, smile with that certain kind of smile that shows "Ah ha, I know what that means."

Applications For Jr. IFC Now Available

Application forms for officer positions on the reorganized Junior Interfraternity Council will be available tomorrow at the Hetzel Union desk.

Candidates for president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer will be picked from pledge classes of the current semester by the IFC executive committee. Final appointments will be made after interviews with the executive committee.

Junior IFC is being reorganized this year to better fulfill its purposes as a training ground for would-be fraternity members.

Purposes of the reorganized body include: Promoting the social fraternities; familiarizing these pledges with their responsibilities as fraternity men, familiarizing them with the operations and functions of IFC and developing a closely knit, unified group to develop and strengthen the future IFC.

Officer applications must be returned by Wednesday, Oct. 12 to the HUB desk.

Indie Week Forms Available at HUB

Applications for the AIM-Leonides Indie Queen Contest and Indie Week Talent Show will be available at the Hetzel Union desk today through Friday.

All interested independents should fill out the forms and return them to the HUB desk no later than 5 p.m., Oct. 8.

Independent women wishing to enter the queen contest may self-nominate themselves or be sponsored by a group.

Independents may also sign up at the HUB desk for the Indie Week Hike planned for Oct. 8.

Student Dealers Wanted For Las Vegas Night

Students interested in being dealers for Las Vegas Night may sign up now in the Town Independent Men's office, 203G Hetzel Union.

The first 70 to apply will be accepted, according to Frank Janosky, Las Vegas Night chairman.

Las Vegas Night, a night of mock gambling at the HUB sponsored by TIM and Leonides, will be held Oct. 15.

—The smallest good deed is better than the greatest intention.

Foderaro Gets Faculty Position

Dr. Anthony H. Foderaro has been named associate professor of nuclear engineering.

A native of Scranton, he is an honor graduate of the University of Scranton with a bachelor of science degree in physics. His doctor philosophy degree, also in physics, was conferred by the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to his appointment to the faculty, he was senior nuclear physicist and research associate with the General Motors Research Laboratory in Warren, Mich., and earlier was senior scientist with the Westinghouse Atomic Power Division.

His research has been in the fields of upper atmosphere physics, reactor physics and engineering, radiation shielding and radiation effects on solids. He has published numerous technical papers on this research in professional journals.

He is member of the American Nuclear Society, American Physics Society, American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

—We have no quarrel with the man who has lower prices. He knows better than anyone else what his services are worth.

UBA Will Return Money This Week

The Used Book Agency will return money from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Hetzel Union cardroom.

According to Larry Abrams, chairman of the UBA, the agency took in 15,000 books and about 14,500 of these books were sold. Abrams said, "The sales were higher than last fall."

Books, as well as money, will be returned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Books and money will be returned from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday of next week.

A salesman from a private book concern will be on hand to enable students to sell their unsold books.

Livestock Judging Team Receives Top Honors

The University's livestock judging team took top honors at the Eastern States Exposition, recently, having the high team and high individual in all three divisions of beef, sheep and swine.

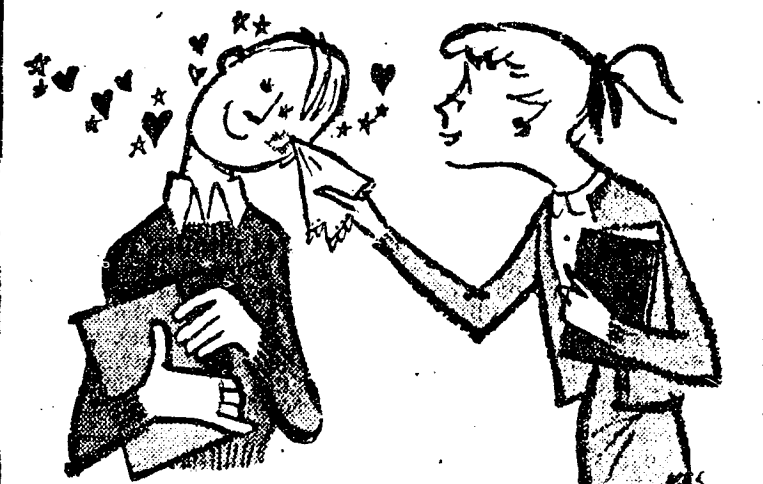
Under the coaching of Herman R. Purdy of the Department of Animal Industry and Nutrition, the livestock judging team returned with every major ribbon and prize in the contest.

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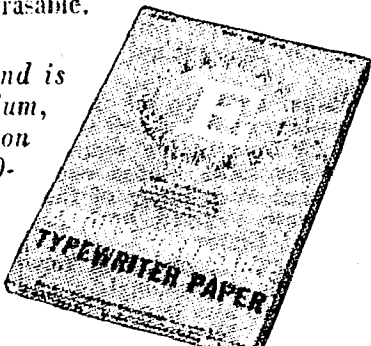
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