

Party Spokesman Defends Platforms

By BARB YUNK

Yesterday, the views of SGA President, SGA Advisor and the Coordinator of Student Affairs were presented on the suggestion to abolish Political Party Platforms. Today—reactions of the Parties.

Those affected most directly if the Student Government Association Assembly should abolish political party platforms at the University, would be the parties themselves. Reactions from the three existing parties have been mixed with Campus and Liberal parties holding out against the move, leaving University Party as the only party supporting the new plan.

In a statement prepared for The Daily Collegian, Dennis Eisman, vice chairman of Campus Party, said, "The elimination of platforms from future SGA elections would make student government a complete farce." Eisman expressed the opinion that removing the platforms could lead only to the complete breakdown of political parties here.

"Platforms," he said, "are not only pledges of action on the part of the candidates, but also one of the best ways to bring issues before the public for their scrutiny."

If we eliminate party platforms, Eisman said, "Elections will turn into nothing more than the ability of candidates to amass the largest list of activities and pay the most for a touched-up picture of themselves."

Tim Nelligan, former chairman of University Party, and Michael Lazorchak, current chairman of the party, however, felt the change is needed in this field of political parties. "It's a necessity," they said, "because the present system has outlived its usefulness."

"The parties were modeled after those in national politics," Nelligan said, "but those who formed them overlooked one thing — we aren't the national government."

"However," Lazorchak added, "dropping party platforms should not be the result of legislation. The parties themselves should be responsible for dropping them, Assembly should not have to take action."

Nelligan said he felt that dropping the platforms would bring more students into participation in student government because they would no longer fear the strength of party organizations. SGA Assembly, rather than the parties, will become the machinery to get things done, he said.

When asked his opinion on the subject of dropping the platforms, Barry Flashman, vice chairman of Liberal Party, replied, "It's the same as asking Richard Nixon and John Kennedy if they wish to do this."

The students, Flashman said, shouldn't have to vote merely on the basis of a picture and a list of activities. "I'd like to know what a candidate stands for before I vote," he continued.

Platforms keep the party adhering to certain standards, he said. To abolish these platforms would make student elections undemocratic.

Senior Class To Suggest Gift

Any member of the senior class may now submit a suggestion for the class gift. These suggestions will be considered by the class gift committee and the most appropriate will be determined by a vote of the Senior Class Advisory Board.

The policy was announced at a meeting of the Senior Class Advisory Board last night. The newly elected chairman of the class gift committee is Tim Nelligan. Suggestions may be submitted to him or to any member of the committee.

The Board also expanded the functions of the Class Day committee to include graduation. It was felt this would make graduation a "more enjoyable and less confused event." The co-chairmen of this committee are Mary Lu Hill and Marshall Sneiderman.

—Life is very much like Christmas—you're more likely to get what you expect than what you want.

Civil Air Patrol to Meet

An orientation meeting of the Civil Air Patrol, Group 1300, will be held at 7 tonight in 202 Willard.

The Civil Air Patrol assists in local and national emergencies and conducts a series of aviation courses as part of a nationwide cadet training program.

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Meeting: Wednesday, October 5

Topic: We stepped into the Educational Past of Lima, Peru
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. — Home-Ec Living Center

Guthrie Will Open Colloquium Series

A talk by Dr. George M. Guthrie, professor of psychology, will open the colloquium series at noon tomorrow in Dining Room A, Hetzel Union building.

Guthrie will speak on observations he made while visiting a remote mountain village in Northern Luzon, in the Philippine Islands. He will present pictures of the area and some recordings of the villagers' music and religious rituals.

The colloquium is open to all interested persons.

Fisher, Taylor to Attend Cafeteria Conference

Two faculty members in the College of Home Economics at the University will attend a session at the annual fall conference of National Industrial Cafeteria Managers Association at Pocono Manor tomorrow.

The morning session will be devoted to a discussion by Dr. Katherine H. Fisher, associate professor of foods and nutrition, and Mrs. Clarice G. Taylor, professor of hotel and institution administration and director of the Institution Food Research and Services Program on "The Nutrient Wheel."

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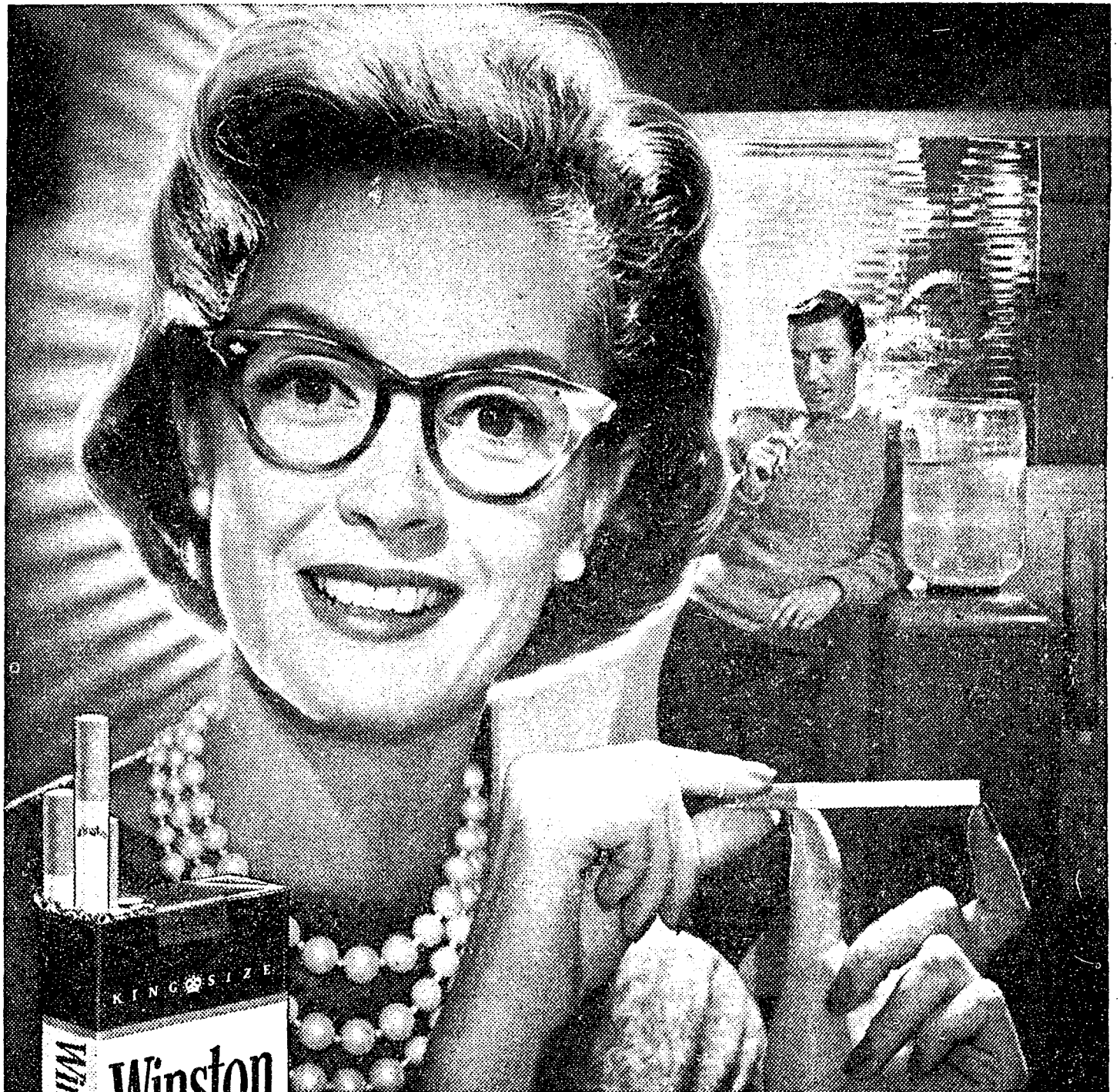
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