

Editorial Opinion

'Commodious Structure'

The crowds of students that were turned away from the two presentations of "J.B." in Schwab Sunday re-echoed what has been a constant cry for years about the gross inadequacy of the University's auditorium.

The auditorium is inadequate in both seating capacity and stage facilities.

The antiquated structure seats less than 9% of the student body.

Taking advantage of the fine opportunity for students to see high-quality actors performing the Broadway hit on campus, several theatre arts professors asked their classes to see the play and write a paper on it. But several members of the classes could not even get in to see it.

And this happens almost every time a noted personality or group is brought to campus by the Artist or Lecture Series. Students who do not cut class to stand in line when the ticket booth first opens in the HUB are usually left out. The demand for tickets is consistently greater than the supply.

On many a sunny Sunday morning persons are even turned away from University chapel services.

As far as facilities are concerned Schwab does not suffice for concerts, or theatre productions.

When the crew arrived to set up the stage Sunday afternoon for "J.B.," they stopped and stared in disbelief. Campus officials had written to them describing the facilities in advance, but they thought the description was surely in jest. They could not imagine a state university the size of Penn State with such poor facilities for cultural education.

The lack of an orchestra pit, the shallow stage, the poor lighting system, and the underground caverns that serve as dressing rooms are examples of the poor facilities.

Maybe Schwab wasn't built to accommodate concerts and theatrical productions but it is about time something was.

In the humble words of W. F. Dunaway, who wrote a history of the University in 1946, Schwab was "a large, handsome, commodious structure seating 1500 persons, erected at a cost of \$155,000 in 1903." How times change.

In the intervening six decades the "large, handsome, commodious structure" has been dwarfed by what we suppose would have to be referred to as the gigantic, colossal student body that has grown around it.

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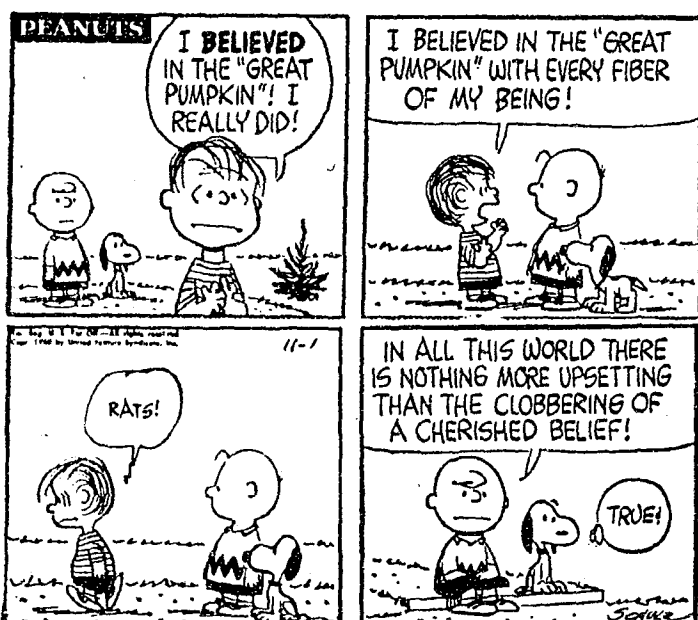
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Kennedy Win Predicted

by joel myers

Unless an international crisis develops during the next seven days, the Kennedy family will move into the White House in January.

The emergence of the Massachusetts Senator as the favorite in what had been billed as the closest election of the century can be attributed to many factors, the most outstanding of which seems to be the face-to-face TV debates between the two candidates.

These debates, while giving neither candidate a striking advantage in the communication of his beliefs to the voting public, provided the mechanism whereby Kennedy could project the image of an earnest, educated man with the necessary vitality to withstand the grueling test of the world's most demanding occupation.

At this time it appears that Senator Kennedy will win the presidency because of the following factors.

Kennedy's apparent dominance of the TV debates sparked new life into the Democratic Party and has inspired party leaders from precinct captains



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to national committeemen. Such new found enthusiasm at such a late date in the campaign is of incalculable value.

The religious issue, first thought to be an obstacle in Kennedy's campaign trail, now seems to be of more value than not. This is because the reaction to anti-Catholic material seems to be greater than the effect of the material itself. Consequently, a large majority of the Northern minority groups will cast their ballots against Richard M. Nixon, believing these votes to be a vote against bigotry.

The so-called Jewish vote, which is often crucial in New York and Connecticut, has been drawn closer to the Democratic Party than usual this year. Henry Cabot Lodge is very unpopular among the Jewish people because of his anti-Israel stand in the UN in 1956.

Jimmy Hoffa's endorsement

of Richard Nixon has tended to neutralize the effect of Kennedy's labor ties with a resultant aid to the Kennedy camp.

One of the most successful efforts of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket has been their unification of the southern Democratic Party. A very impressive organization operation has been performed by the man from Texas and it now appears that most of the Southern states will return to the Democratic fold in November. Johnson has been conducting an old-fashioned back-woods core-poning campaign and the Southerners seem to love it.

Finally, one of Kennedy's most valuable aids on election day will be the AFL-CIO's get-out-the-vote machine entitled COPE. This organization demonstrated its effectiveness earlier in the year when it renominated Senator Estes Kefauver to office in an uphill battle.

Interpreting

As Campaign Issue, Religion Remains Alive

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press Analyst

Hardly a man is now alive who can remember just what it was like when it began, and even fewer will be sorry when it's all over a week from today.

This campaign began soon after the 1956 election, perhaps even before President Eisenhower's inauguration for his term.

By the summer of 1959 practically all the Republican politicians knew what they were going to have to do. That fall Nelson A. Rockefeller took some polls and paid some visits and decided he couldn't beat City Hall.



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Things were a little bit wider open among the Democrats until the West Virginia primary. When the religious issue failed to outweigh John F. Kennedy's economic promises there, Kennedy joined Richard M. Nixon in running for the presidency rather than just for the nomination.

Things were awfully dull. When Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson were nominated, at a time when the Republicans were taking it on the chin over U2 and the collapse of negotiations with the Soviet Union, it looked like an unbeatable ticket.

Many people thought that 32 years of mass education would

have leveled off religious intolerance, and that West Virginia proved it.

Nixon started behind in the post-convention estimates. But solid organizational work and religion began to tell. He pulled ahead.

Then came the morning-after game "Who looked best last night?" in a series of four television debates. A lot of people got to "know" Kennedy for the first time and checks indicated a small but firm majority thought he looked best.

The issues developed didn't get very far. Both candidates began making mistakes and, when caught up, were quick to compromise, so that frequently they would up traveling the same way under banners bearing only slightly different words.

Now, barring some unexpected event, there being no war that either candidate can stop, nearly all the voters are ready to be counted. There is a feeling that Kennedy is ahead. But the religious issue remains an important intangible.

Letters

Interest In Politics Discussed

TO THE EDITOR: We, the members of the students for Kennedy-Johnson, feel that the student body has really displayed a keen interest in the coming national election, but we have noticed the same faces coming by our booth every day.

Several times we have exhausted our supply of literature, but we still feel that we have not done an adequate job in keeping with the coming Mock Election being sponsored by SGA. So we have taken it upon ourselves to try to reach the educational goal sought by SGA.

The election results are not as important as the learning of the philosophies and platforms of the parties, therefore, to inform all Penn Staters, this organization has come to you. We have unofficially proclaimed today as D-Day (Democratic Day), and last night you should have received a pamphlet from one of our members.

Letter cut - John F. Bonella, Young Democratic Club

Gazette

TODAY

- Alpha Kappa Psi, business meeting and panel discussion, 7 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi
Angel Flight, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Delta Sigma Pi, business meeting and rushing smoker, 7 p.m., Phi Mu
Delta, 500 S. Allen St.
Education Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Elections Commission, 8:30 p.m., 215 HUB
Grad Student Association, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
ICCB Elections, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
IV Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Liberal Party, 9 p.m., HUB first floor
Mineral Industries Student Council, 9 p.m., 214 HUB
Newman Club, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
Newman Club Fall Forum Series, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Nittany Council, 7:30 p.m., Nittany 20
Nittany Gratto, 7 p.m., 121 MI
Pan-hel, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 213-214-215-216 HUB
Phys Ed Student Council, 11 a.m., HUB assembly room
Seabard and Blade Executive Committee, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
SGA Coffee Hour, 3 p.m., HUB main lounge
SGA Traffic Investigation Committee, 8:30-9:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Young Democrats, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
Young Republicans, 7 p.m., 10 Sparks

Letters

Departments Can Help Too

TO THE EDITOR: We of the Pollock area agree that the students can help to lower costs. However, we feel that the problem isn't only up to the students but also to the Department of Maintenance and Utilities.

Last month the campus lights in the Pollock Circle came on at 4 p.m. and stayed on until morning. This will perhaps be necessary during EST but is hardly helpful when the sun is still blinding. This month the lights have continued to burn all day for quite a few successive days. Certainly the weather isn't that drab!

Another source of waste is concerned with food. Many times we find the oatmeal and some starchy vegetables are half cooked. This contributes to much of the waste. If the employees in the dining halls would take a small amount of pride in their products, much of the waste would be eliminated. If the Maintenance and Utility, the Department of

Housing, and the students cooperate we can all lick this problem together.

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Jr. Questions Survey's Secrecy

TO THE EDITOR: An open letter to the Young Republicans Organization of Penn State.

An innocent uncommitted voter wishes to know why the present administration will not release for publication a survey taken by a government statistical agency right after the collapse of the Paris summit conferences.

This survey, as reported in "The New York Times," was taken among ten nations and questioned the falling prestige of the United States. Why are the results of this survey being kept from the public at such a crucial moment as this?

Howard Schimmel '62