

Parties Criticized In Collegian Survey

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Student opinion of the political parties on campus is mostly critical according to the results of a survey taken by The Daily Collegian.

Most of the students polled seemed to feel that there are no real differences between the three parties. One freshman

in advertising commented that "we should not hassle among ourselves over issues when, in the end, the opinions on the issues are basically the same."

Another advertising major criticized the system saying, "It seems that we have political parties at Penn State merely for the fact of having political parties—I can not see their purpose or achievement."

Methods of campaigning and nominating candidates for office also drew criticism from the students polled. One sophomore in physics said "the way the 'primaries' are held often does not bring forth the most capable people."

A freshman in journalism said, "As it stands now, students vote for pictures."

Opinions of SGA were more varied than those concerning the political parties. A junior in history advocated elimination of student government because "SGA is a nurd—it should be something more than a springboard for a hat society—since it has no weight with the administration, forget it."

An opposing view was expressed by a junior in arts and letters who called for more qualified Assemblymen but commented "With more cooperation from the student body, SGA could be made a bigger success; however, it is presently doing a good deal for the students."

The opinions of the majority of the students polled were summed up by a junior in physics who commented that "political parties, if used properly, can elect capable and efficient students to SGA. Once these students are elected as our representatives, they should assume their responsibility and use their voice as the voice of the students."

French Institute Fosters Change For Instruction

Penn State's French Institute, headed by Dr. Simon Belasco, associate professor of Romance languages, is helping to herald a change in foreign language instruction throughout the country.

The institute, which began operating last semester, is designed to improve the teaching of French and the status of language teaching generally, with French culture, history, language and teaching methods being stressed.

Financial support of the program is provided by the National Defense Act of 1958 which allocated \$124,447 to the institute initially. Participants receive a weekly stipend of \$75 plus \$15 for each dependent.

The teachers, although they are permitted to live off-campus, are required to eat one meal as a group. Usually dinner is served in a private room at Redifer Dining Hall to permit the speaking of French without distraction. The students are encouraged to use French both within and outside the classroom as much as possible, according to Belasco.

Four other such language institutions exist in the United States, although only one of them is French. Of the four other institutions, two are directed by former University faculty members.

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Leonides to Cease Within 10 Years—Lipp

Within ten years Leonides, the independent women's organization, will probably not exist, Dorothy J. Lipp, Dean of Women, said yesterday.

Leonides was originally formed to fill the needs of women who did not join a sorority, but as the residence community councils grow, they will be able to fulfill these needs, Dean Lipp said.

Some activities and benefits which sororities and Leonides offer its members include such things as bluebook files, lectures and library collections. Already the community councils have suggested similar activities in which the independent may participate, Dean Lipp said. Thus, the need for Leonides will gradually lessen.

Within the community it is hoped that the students will not split into the two groups—Independent and Greeks. At present the community councils have both Greek and independent members working together, Dean Lipp said.

"In the future there will be less emphasis on the sororities," she said. However, independents and sororities will probably continue to compete against each other. This is because sororities are a compact unit in which the members feel much group loyalty.

"We have put too much emphasis on whether a person is in a sorority or fraternity," Dean Lipp said. "It is membership in a group—period." The reason sororities are blown out of proportion is because of the large number of people belonging to them.

"There is no difference between an independent woman and a sorority woman; it is wrong to classify or generalize

people," Dean Lipp said. The term independent is a poor one to give a girl who simply doesn't belong to a sorority because we are all independent to some degree, Dean Lipp said.

But for the town men who are independent there is a need to remain organized unlike Leonides. They are aggressively independent—independent for the sake of being independent and thus there is something to hold them together, Dean Lipp said.

Readers Hold Ceremony To Initiate 17 Members

Seventeen affiliate members of the University Readers were formally initiated into the group in a recent ceremony.

The new members are David Atkinson, Sandra Schwarz, Janet Bauer, Jeanne Bicking, Janet Clark, Charles Coughlin, Patricia Higgins, Helen Jewells, Sarah Layton, John Manno, Peggy Mitchell, Maureen O'Donnell, Barbara Pace, Carole Pryor, Arlene Weiner, Philip Webber and Suzanne Wertz.

Recordings Available

Additional sets of the Verdi Requiem recorded from last year's spring concert can now be ordered at the Eisenhower Chapel.

The recording features the University Chapel Choir and Orchestra directed by Dr. Hugo Weisgall.

Council Will Sponsor Coed Art Exhibition

The Atherton Community Council is sponsoring an art show in the lobby and lounges of Atherton Hall. It will continue through Sunday.

The 117 exhibits are the original work of 31 women students living in Atherton.

Woodring Attends Meeting

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