

Editorial Opinion

Parties Still Needed

The weakest part of the proposed revised Constitution presented before SGA Assembly last Thursday is the section prescribing the nomination and election of Assemblymen.

No method was included in the Constitutional revision other than to let the nomination and election procedures entirely in the hands of the four community bodies — MRC, AWS, IFC, and TIM.

The SGA Reorganization Committee is currently working on a more specific procedure for conducting nominations and elections of Assemblymen.

The best way to handle these nominations and elections is to continue the party system.

In the proposed Constitution parties are retained only to run candidates for the All-University offices and not the Assembly.

However, allowing parties to run Assembly candidates would help arouse interest in student government in each living area and also let candidates run on a specified platform to which their constituency could hold them responsible.

We have already recommended that the allotment of Assembly seats apportioned to MRC, AWS, TIM and IFC further be broken down to specify so many seats for each living area, such as West Halls, North Halls, etc.

Any students interested in running for Assembly could fill out an application to be given to the area council. Lists of all applicants could be made available to the political parties.

The parties would then hold meetings in the area and students interested in running on a party ticket would have to get out their support to win the party's nominations for the seats to be filled from that area.

This would be the easiest and most democratic way to select candidates. Under the party system, candidates would also be running on a platform so the voters would know what issues the candidates favored and what issues they opposed.

A platform is an important criterion to use in judging candidates if the election is to be more than a popularity contest.

One further provision should be made for any student to run independently by presenting a petition signed by 100 residents of his living area.

Letters

Sr. Questions Record Hop Cancellation

TO THE EDITOR: Like many of my fellow students who waste their time writing these letters, I have decided to tell my troubles to you the student body of Penn State. The reason I am talking to you students is because I doubt if our great leaders ever bother to listen to student opinion or gripes.

What I am complaining about is why in the world the Pollock Record Hop for this Friday was called off. If I stated this question in the words I would like to use, this letter would never get past the censors.

The reason for this action, so I have heard, is that our illustrious Dean Murphy feels that we the students are spending too much of our OWN money in the form of advertisements and prizes

In a way I can see his reasoning. After all, why waste this money, which comes from the students, on such a worthless thing as holding a dance for the students, and even more disgusting, giving away free prizes.

Another point is that there are already enough things on campus to occupy the students. We can dance at the HUB, drink downtown or in the dorms unless we get caught, go to a movie, take a ride if we have a car, or sit and watch the televisions which we paid for.

After writing this letter, I guess even I am convinced that the Pollock Record Hops are worthless. So may I conclude by saying to whomever is responsible for canceling these Hops, "A great thinking person like yourself will go far in this world, maybe."

—Mike Barone '61

Letters

Soph. Asks Halt of 'Chaos'

TO THE EDITOR: The best and only sensible approach that SGA could take in regard to reorganization is to ask for an extension of its present form of government.

SGA should put the proposed reorganization plan into a committee which would have open meetings and publicize what it is doing. Through this a more feasible plan could be worked out. There certainly isn't any need to railroad this reorganization plan through SGA. The plan SHOULD NOT be put in the hands of someone who will use it as a stepping stone to a higher office.

To approve of this plan now would only add more chaos to student government and the approaching elections. The apathy for student government is at an all time high as was witnessed by the turnout in the last election and the poor turnout at the party meetings last Sunday. There is great reason for this apathy. During the first semester SGA spent most of its time embroiled in procedural chaos.

The present Assembly has done very little to evoke interest and the weak executive branch has made a bad situation worse. Platforms have meant nothing to SGA members. Let the SGA show us action, not meaningless words. If the SGA had had positive leadership this year, they wouldn't be in this chaos now.

By his actions Dick Haber has made his position and the SGA look ridiculous in the eyes of the administration and the student body. I strongly believe that Mr. Haber kept the

proposed reorganization locked up to this late date so that he could railroad it through SGA.

If the present plan is approved, Lion's Paw could easily take over student government and all matters of an All-University nature. Hence, there would be no need for student government.

SGA should not be given more power until they use their already existing powers. They will never do this as long as they have a weak executive.

The administration is not always wrong, but neither are they always right. They do not need to tell us what is good for us, whether we like it or not. We are not babies; we are not stupid; and we MUST have someone to tell the administration clearly and forcefully what we think is good for us. Dick Haber has not.

The administration is apparently more interested in succumbing to the will of outside pressure groups than in giving the students an occasional break.

It is NOT our duty to be rabble rousers. We must be responsible and dedicated leaders. The SGA should use a program based on an understanding of the action and scope of student government.

Such a program would include: opening the HUB parking lot on a trial basis, improving the library situation, protesting the lack of an auditorium, criticizing the administration for some of their ridiculous policies only after investigating these matters, enforcing minimum standards in downtown housing, etc.

—Gomer Williams, '63

Proposed SGA By-Laws

The following is a reprint of the by-laws for the revised SGA Constitution now under consideration by the Assembly.

By-Laws

By-Law I. Election System

Section 1. Each major community government (JFC, MRC, TIM, AWS) shall conduct nominations for two candidates for each assembly seat to which it is entitled, and may establish such qualifications or conditions as it sees fit.

Section 2. Candidates for the three SGA offices and Senior Class President shall be nominated by political parties by a majority vote of the cardholding members or by a petition signed by 300 full-time undergraduate students.

By-Law II. Elections Code

Section 1. These by-laws shall apply specifically to elections of the Assembly and SGA officers, and generally to all elections conducted under the supervision of the Elections Commission.

Section 2. The Elections Commission Chairman shall recommend the times and places of nominations, campaigns, and elections to the Assembly for approval, but must notify Cabinet and the chairman of each party at least four days prior to such action.

Section 3. Organization of Parties

a. Any group may form a political party if chartered by the Senate Subcommittee of Organizational Control and after approval by the Senate Committee of Student Affairs.

b. A party must file a copy of its Constitution and all its amendments thereto with the Elections Commission, with the Assembly Rules Committee, and with the Secretariat.

c. Each party will have an official chairman and such other officers as it sees fit.

d. To become a member of a party, a student must attend at least two party meetings a term. A party member shall be issued a membership card by the Elections Commission upon attendance of the second meeting.

e. Any member shall be entitled to vote for party officers and at his party's nomination meeting only if he has been issued a membership card.

f. Party meetings shall be announced by the party chairman at least five days in advance. At least one member of the Elections Commission shall attend each meeting.

g. The Elections Commission shall compile a membership list for each party. Copies of these lists shall be made available upon request.

h. The party chairman shall be elected by the entire party. Persons voting for party chairman shall hold membership cards.

i. A person may not hold an elected or appointed office in, or be a member of more than one party at one time.

j. No party shall be required to run a full slate of candidates.

Section 4. Method of Nomination

a. A candidate must be nominated on dates specified by the Elections Commission.

b. Party chairmen shall submit a list of all the party's candidates and their respective transcripts to the Elections Commission.

c. Any independent candidate shall sub-

mit a copy of his transcript to the Elections Commission.

d. The Elections Commission shall determine by coin toss the position of the parties on the ballot.

e. If a candidate withdraws, a substitute candidate may be nominated by the party at a specifically designated party meeting.

f. A candidate may not run on more than one political party in one election.

Section 5. Methods of Campaigning

a. All publicity materials must be cleared from town and campus in a satisfactory manner at a time designated by the Elections Commission.

b. The Elections Commission will meet with the party chairman after the closing of the polls and before the counting of the votes, when complaints will be heard. Witnesses must be called in on specific case, when that case is being discussed. Witnesses and the accused persons must be present when a party discusses any charges of the validity of the election i.e. persons voting more than once. Any appeals must be made after the final meeting immediately prior to the counting of the votes. Decisions will be made by majority vote of the Elections Commission.

c. Only party chairmen, the Elections Commission members, the 3 SGA officers, Collegian representative, and a representative of WDFM will be present when the votes are counted.

Section 6. Method of Electing

All students must present official university matriculation cards at the polls before being permitted to cast their ballot. The student shall state his place of residence, which shall determine the slate of candidates for whom he votes. The Elections Commission shall record the names of all students who vote. Any student found voting more than one time or voting in place of another person will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

Section 7. Place of Campaigning

a. In town

1. Permanent posters inside store windows are permitted.

2. Painted window displays are permissible if contracted with shop owners.

3. Prohibited are posters of any type on the exterior of a building.

b. On campus

1. Campaigning including the use of loud speakers, band, cheerleading, etc. will be restricted to the hours of 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

2. The misuse of public or private property or campaigning in poor taste shall be defined by the Elections Commission subject to appeal to the Supreme Court.

3. All campaigning shall be subject to the regulations of the borough or University.

Section 8. Violations

In the event the Elections Commission decides that a violation of the code merits disqualification of a candidate (s) the case will be taken before the Supreme Court for approval. If the Commission decides the violation is not serious enough, the case will be dismissed. In the event of a dismissal, the case may be appealed by the parties concerned to the Supreme Court. Persons involved in infractions of the code may be subject to disciplinary action through the proper administrative channels. If the candidate (s) is disqualified before voting takes place, another candidate may not be substituted for him. Violations which merit consideration for disqualification are the following:

a. Buying of votes whether with promise of money or other forms of bribery.

b. Electioneering at or in the immediate vicinity to the polls.

c. Stuffing the ballot box.

(Continued on page five)

English Prof Hails DARE

TO THE EDITOR: The American college student has long been criticized for what has euphemistically been called his "apathy." Unlike his counterpart in the foreign university, he has too often been content to allow his elders to manage (or mismanage as the case may be) the social affairs of the nation.

It is thus particularly refreshing when a student organization asserts its rights to leadership in social affairs.

The proposals advanced by the organization known as DARE represent such an assertion. It is of course, both impossible and undesirable to attempt to force fraternities to admit individuals unacceptable to them.

Nevertheless, the very existence of discriminatory clauses in fraternity charters is, per se, evidence of a faulty morality; it is symptomatic of the process by which America has lost

(Continued on page five)

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Bluesets, 8 p.m., 111 Boucke
Alpha Lambda Delta, 8 p.m., HUB assembly room
Angel Flight Drill; no uniforms, 6:30 p.m., Redifer
Biological Science Lecture Series, 4:15 p.m., 112 Buckhout
BX Candidates, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
Chess Lessons, 7 p.m., HUB card room
English Colloquium, 7:30 p.m., Nittany Lion Inn
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:15 p.m., 111 Boucke
Graduate School Lecture, 8 p.m., 121 Sparks
High School Tour, 10 p.m., HUB assembly room
IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Jazz Club, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Lecture, "Thought on Creativity," 4:15 p.m., 12 Sparks
Matins and Breakfast, 7 a.m., Wesley Foundation
Penn State Ed Association, 7:30 p.m., 106 Home Ec South
Queen of Hearts, Spring Week, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Sociology and Anthropology Informal Tea, 3 p.m., Simmons lounge
Table Tennis, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
University Party, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Young Democrats and Young Republicans, 7 p.m., 214 Boucke

A Student-Operated Newspaper
56 Years of Editorial Freedom
The Daily Collegian
Successor to The Free Lance, est 1887
Published Tuesday through Saturday morning during the University year. The Daily Collegian is a student-operated newspaper. Entered as second-class matter July 5, 1934 at the State College Pa. Post Office under the act of March 3, 1879
Mail Subscription Price: \$3.00 per semester — \$5.00 per year.
Mailing Address — Box 261, State College, Pa.

Member of The Associated Press and The Intercollegiate Press
JOHN BLACK Editor
Business Manager CHESTER LUCIDO
City Editor and Personnel Director, Susan Linkroum; Assistant Editor, Gloria Wolford; Sports Editor, Sandy Padwe; Assistant City Editor, Joel Myers; Copy and Features Editor, Elaine Miele; Photography Editor, Frederic Bower.
Local Ad Mgr., Brad Davis; National Ad Mgr., Hal Deisher; Credit Mgr., Mary Ann Crans; Assistant Credit Mgr., Neal Keltz; Classified Ad Mgr., Constance Kiesel; Circulation Mgr., Barbara Nolt; Richard Kitzinger; Promotion Mgr., Elaine Michal; Personnel Mgr., Becky Kohudic; Office Secretary, Joanne Huyett.

STAFF THIS ISSUE: Headline Editor, Joan Mehan; Wire Editor, Sandy Yaggi; Night Copy Editor, Karen Hyneckal; Assistants, Al Sharp, Lillian Berger, Susie Robbins, Vicki Caplan, Winnie Boyle, Gloria Magida, Bobbie Schepps, Dottie Spahr, Susan Linquist, Su Hooley, Janice Chrabas, Faith Popkin, Ieva Sleicers.

