

Editorial Opinion

Plug the Loophole

The legality of a political party's running a candidate who belongs to another party is one of the major weaknesses in the campus' political structure.

Political parties are one of the fundamental ingredients of any workable democratic system of government because they mold and advocate views and philosophies.

A political party in order to be an effective and beneficial instrument in government should be composed of individuals who are interested in furthering certain common ideas and achieving definite goals.

The artificial atmosphere in which campus political parties function prevents their philosophies and goals from being as stable as those of the major political parties of the nation and the world.

However, the political parties on campus do constitute a basic and important segment of student government. For this government to be effective, the parties must operate in the tradition of true political parties.

The loophole in the constitutions of Campus and University parties that permits them to run non-party members for office, helps to undermine both the strength and purpose of political parties.

It was through this loophole that Campus party nominated Katherine Johnson, a member of University party, for secretary-treasurer.

Instead of crystallizing and championing certain ideals and philosophies, campus political parties intent on "winning the election" are relying too heavily on personalities.

In the interest of strengthening the role of political parties and thus the force of student government, we urge the USG Congress to eliminate the right of one party to nominate candidates who are members of some other party in future elections.

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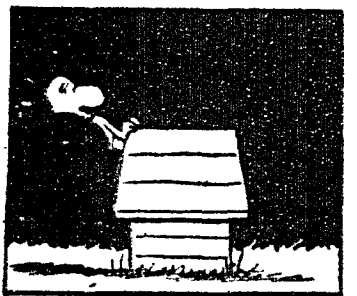
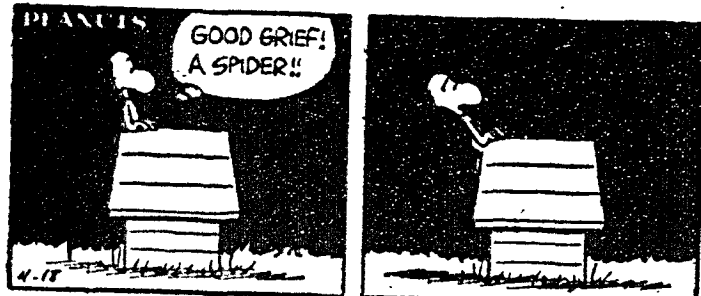
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Letters

Presentation Of Frosh Dink Hit by Jrs

TO THE EDITOR: We consider it very sweet that Master Bobby Barraclough and the rest of the sub-erudite members of the Career Day Committee deemed it fit to present the Vice President of the United States of America, the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, with the cutest little Freshman dink you ever did see.

Not only was the award a dink and "honorary freshman-ship" to the man who holds the second highest office in the land, but the little hat was irreverently placed on his head; judge Mr. Johnson's immediate reaction, to take the stupid thing off.

This presentation should not have been made.

A university should award honorary degrees, usually an LL.D. to political leaders, but not some juvenile cap that is even dying out at Penn State itself.

Possibly, if President Kennedy is able to speak at the next commencement, they could award him an associate degree in Turf Management, an Olympic Drinking Team sweat shirt, and some book covers from "You Can Get It At."

-Christopher J. Vaganka '63

-Dewaine L. Gedney, Jr. '63

Cooperation Requested

TO THE EDITOR: Having long listened to an undercurrent of female discontent on campus, AWS has formed a committee to review and revise women's regulations.

We of the committee are aware of some of the needed changes, but not all. We need your ideas and your help. For this reason, we now have questionnaires available at the HUB desk for your suggestions. Please take one and fill it out. This will be your only opportunity to change for next year those rules which you find unclear or unsatisfactory.

We would like to add... She who does not take the time to help, has no right to complain!

- Barbara Feit '63
-Judy Gottsho '64
-Linda Moritt '63
-Ana Sol '64
-Susie Smith '64
-Susan Starbird '63

Council President Expresses Thanks

TO THE EDITOR: Now that the College of Business Administration Student Council Career Day Program is successfully completed, I would like to thank the people who made this program so beneficial to the students of our college and the University.

The purpose of Career Day is to explore the opportunities for service in the major fields of commerce, industry, labor and government and to learn from leaders of American industry and business. Our purpose has indeed been achieved with the combined help of Penn State's faculty, administration, and student body.

-Howard Needelman
President, Business Administration Student Council

Letter Cut

Senior Comforted

TO THE EDITOR: It is comforting to know that the Vice President of the United States has been made an honorary Penn State freshman.

-J. E. Tomasky '63

Interpreting

Britain Re-evaluating European Connections

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst
Britain, already negotiating for membership in the European Coal and Steel Community and in the Atomic Energy Community in addition to the Common Market, is now attempting to arrange her thoughts with regard to her relationship within a unified Europe.

Only a couple of years ago Britain was warning the Europeans against extending their commercial unification into the political field. A short time before that she was organizing what became known as the Outer Seven in an effort to protect nonmember interests against the Inner Six.

Then came last year's historical recognition that Commonwealth or no Commonwealth, Britain must become a European nation, at least economically. She applied for membership in the European Economic Community then, and last month for coal and steel and Euratom, all of these stem back to the Council of Europe which, as community interests are gradually amalgamated,

promises to take on many of the aspects of a supra-national parliament.

International discussions in Europe during the last week or two have disclosed that France, who has provided the chief leadership for the idea of an eventual formal European union, is dragging her heels about supra-nationality. Now there are reports that Britain is thinking along similar lines, tentatively preferring confederation to federation.

As Britain and France define this term, it would mean united action on all common affairs by an assembly representing governments, rather than creation of a central government as envisioned by those who talk of a United States of Europe.

All this is some years off. As originally scheduled, the Common Market itself will not achieve full integration for another seven years. Consideration now of the ultimate implications, however, comes with recognition that the market already is advancing its adjustment program at a rate far greater than originally expected.

Rift In Algerian Government May Effect Cease-Fire Pact

By ANDREW BOROWIEC

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—The Algerian Nationalist government in exile is seeking to close ranks in the face of internal difficulties and the continuing right-wing terror and uncertainty in Algeria.

The uncompromising revolutionary spirit of Vice Premier Ahmed ben Bella has shaken the unity of the Nationalist regime and its efforts to prepare Algeria's independence in cooperation with France.

Consultations between Premier Ben Youssef ben Khedda and various ministers went on Tuesday, but a plenary working session was postponed twice before it finally got under way.

For the Algerian Nationalist leaders, the stakes are enormous—prestige of their regime and unity in the face of approaching independence and

their plans for takeover in Algeria.

The divergencies have become sharper and frequently embarrassing since Ben Bella, released by the French after more than five years of captivity, embarked on a tour of the Middle East.

In statements and interviews—some with Communist newsmen—Ben Bella stressed the need for continuing revolution.

The statements clashed head on with the increasingly moderate attitude of the rebel regime which believes it is necessary to have economic and cultural cooperation with France after Algeria's independence.

Since Ben Bella's arrival in Tunis last Saturday, it became clear that his strong personality was at odds with the round table attitude and methods of the government-in-exile, where most decisions are reached collectively.

Letters

Advertiser's Logic Hit

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to answer the "Sane Navigators" who advertised in the Collegian April 3. No matter who wrote the advertisement (although it is regrettable that those thirteen who put in the open letter would not sign it openly) the point is well made—if one accepts the analogy that life boats are like fall-out shelters, that icebergs are like nuclear weapons.

I feel that analogy is poor for the following reasons:

An iceberg is a natural disaster which man can not eliminate or overcome at this time. The impending disaster in the case of civil defense is, in fact, man-made and can be removed by man.

The presence of life boats will not cause icebergs to get larger or hit any ships more heedlessly, while fall-out shelters are just another step in the fatalistic arms race going on at present.

Mankind today is challenged by quite enough natural disasters for which much needs to be done—both prevention and, where prevention is not possible, protection against possible tragedy.

To spend our energies instead in first building up a potential disaster and then protecting ourselves against the same seems to be most futile.

-Jane Moss
Grad Student

Short Memory Hit by Jr

TO THE EDITOR: Methinks Dzvonic (University party chairman) protests too much. Methinks he also hath a short memorie. For while terming the Campus-Liberal coalition "conniving," he doth forget that of late his owne party did attempt, albeit unsuccessfully, to force Liberal into an outright merging with itself. Though perhaps submerging is the better word.

There was no question of a meeting of equals, as in the case of the present jointure. It was intended simply as a political coup, to decrease the opposition.

On the matter of financial arrangements, with visions of an opposition budget twice the size of his own, Mr. Dzvonic's memory does him better service. He has perfect recall concerning his own party's effective substitution of cash quantity for candidate quality in past years.

Richard Haber's campaign brochures were a noteworthy example. But, now, faced with the prospect of their own mercenary medicine, quoth Chairman Michael, "j'accuse!" Oh yes... Neither party can produce a full slate of candidates without the help of the other. Liberal, the smaller of the two, has 66 registered members. A slate requires six (that's one-eleventh of 66) people. Forsooth, Mr. Chairman.

-Kurt Simons '63