

Editorial Opinion

Why the Pledge?

The six candidates for the top USG offices and the three party chairmen signed a fair campaign pact on Tuesday night pledging themselves to conduct a clean election campaign and to "refrain from statements and actions contradictory to the principles and ideals of our University and our student government."

We ask the signees: "Why was such a pledge necessary?"

Political parties on this campus are a very valuable and essential ingredient in maintaining an energetic and responsible student government. Parties can and should provide a basic training ground in democratic procedure for students.

But when party leaders and candidates for the top All-University offices find it necessary to bind each other through a signed pledge to insure a fair and clean campaign, we feel it is time for them to take a close look at their respective party's tactics and evaluate whether or not they are living up to the high ideals they must represent.

Support WUS Project

In these "if you test your nuclear bombs, I'll test mine" days it is enlightening to find a truly benevolent organization.

WUS (World University Service) is such a group. It is an international student agency to which the students of any country can turn in time of crisis.

WUS provides basic needs for the education of many students in other countries. Books and supplies, classroom buildings, health clinics, and hostels for housing and feeding these students are just a few of the large number of services provided by WUS.

WUS works chiefly in the growing Asian, African and Latin American nations which are currently coming under self rule. Small cores of educated men are leading these nations and WUS is trying to help to expand this small core.

WUS can complete these projects only with financial aid from college students in the United States.

Today the local members of WUS will hold the first of two fund-raising projects this term — a "Penny Mile" drive in the blocked off portion of Pollock Road.

The goal of this project is a small amount, a mile long line of pennies or about \$792, when compared with the goals of other charitable campaigns.

We, who in comparison with these foreign students have so much, should give, if only the pennies in the bottoms of our pockets or those in the back of our desk drawers, to WUS so it can continue to expand its valuable services to college students in many underdeveloped parts of the world.

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Interpreting

Retaliation Theory

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The "second strike" theory under which the United States, with one type of exception, would prepare to endure a surprise nuclear attack and then retaliate, is being incorporated in the new code of foreign policy being drawn up for the guidance of all government departments.

Because complete information on corollary protective measures may not and probably

will not be available to him, the layman is hardly in position to pass judgment on the validity of the idea, but nevertheless is entitled to his doubts.

The public—and the enemy as well—has been told that the United States will not make "a pre-emptive attack of aggression." That seems to involve a definition of aggression, something which also is not available.

The position has been officially qualified by the explanation that "all available" means

would be used to counter a conventional arms attack on the United States or her military allies which threatened to overrun them without nuclear attack. That sets a rule under which the United States might fire the first nuclear shot.

In 1941 the United States took an awful shellacking at Pearl Harbor because, knowing that Japan intended to start a war, we sat still for the first blow.

In 1940, having known for months that the Nazis planned to strike through the lowlands of Holland and Belgium, those countries and the allies sat still for the first blow, even for several days after the German armies had left their bases for strikes at the borders at points which were known to the victims. Holland and Belgium, standing on their neutrality, didn't even ask for British or French reinforcement. They, and France, were wiped out.

Obviously, then, there is the possibility, especially in the light of recent reports of Soviet advancements in the application of nuclear weapons, that this business of standing around on principle can get you killed.

Under the so-called code of the Old West, before there was law, self-defense began the moment an enemy reached for his gun. You didn't have to wait for a shot to absolutely prove intention.

There is now no law in international conflict. So-called surprise attack has become the rule. But few of them have been, really and truly, surprises.

No principled nation can make a pre-emptive attack to avoid aggression merely on the basis of a feeling, but there are ways of knowing.

The question is whether the United States, in a situation of knowing, would be able to wait, and whether a well-prepared position before the world should contain a loophole for action as it does in the case of conventional and open aggression.

2 cents worth

Conservative Congress

by dave runkel

The three-month-old Undergraduate Student Government Congress has been a complete surprise to many people. It has proved to be a very cautious legislative body and would have to be termed "conservative" as opposed to the usually "liberal" tendencies of college student governments.

The Congress has not approved proposals without long discussions both in and out of the Congressional meeting room, and serious debate on the floor about the benefits or harmful effects of a bill.



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For example, the Transportation Bill, providing bus service for students to the largest cities of the Commonwealth, although a basically good proposal, was handed back to its sponsor, President Dennis Foinini, when Congress felt there were not enough facts on the service to consider the bill responsibly.

The conservatism of the Congress is probably most dramatically shown by the almost complete lack of material progress accruing from the Congress' first term. Instead of taking immediate action, which could have proved harmful, the Congress depended upon com-

mittees to investigate possible alternatives.

Also the original loose budget of student government, which accounts for appropriations to agencies and other USG-supported activities, but not the detailed expenditures of each aided group, were brought under attack early in the Congressional session by John Witmer, fraternity representative. But, as Witmer gained support in his budgetary battle, the Congress decided that a complete record of expenditures should be presented in writing and in detail to each Congressman at the beginning of each month.

This conservatism on the part of the Congress, will be a strong power with which the new USG president, whether it be Campus-Liberalite Allison Woodall or the University party's Dean Wharton, will have to contend.

Letters

Twist Record Called 'Poor'

TO THE EDITOR: Come on everybody, let's do the Penn State twist. What a tribute to an institution of higher learning! "The Penn State Twist" record is being distributed with cartons of a certain soft drink in the State College area.

I think that the officials of this University should take some severe measures to see that this record, which is in very poor taste to say the least, is taken off the market before Penn State is branded as "the twist College."

Such a title is taking away the prestige and pride in our University which I feel we all want to build, not destroy.

—Ralph Guokas '64
—Ralph Anderson '65

WDFM Schedule

Table with radio schedule for FRIDAY and SATURDAY. FRIDAY: 6:00 News, 6:05 Dinner Date, 6:55 Weatherscope, 7:00 Spotlight, 8:00 Light Classical Jukebox, 9:00 Marquee Memories, 9:45 News, Sports and Weather, 10:00 Ballet Theatre, 12:00 News, 12:05 Night Sound, 2:00 Sign-off, 12:00 Sign-off. SATURDAY: 2:00 Texaco Metropolitan Opera, 5:00 News, 5:05 Saturday at State, 6:55 Weatherscope, 7:00 Hi-Fi Open House, 8:00 Offbeat, 1:00 MTGOOB, 1:15 King's Corner.

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Party Politics Hit by Sr.

TO THE EDITOR: I am in full agreement with your editorial opinion of April 18, "Plug the Loophole," and I do not write as a backer of any party since I am a graduating senior. Furthermore, I have validated your statement that Miss Katie Johnson is both a Campus Party candidate and a University Party member.

This candidate seems to be quite an unstable decision-maker. Yet, she has chosen to run for a position which requires the handling of a large amount of money.

This position also requires that she be a member of the appropriations committee which allocates money to all student activities and analyzes student activity budgets.

I would like to hear from Miss Johnson, Dennis Eisman, or whoever chooses to sign his name to an answer that might explain this candidate's inability to make up her mind with which party to become affiliated, and still consider herself capable and stable enough to make the decisions which are required of a USG secretary-treasurer.

I would like to thank the Collegian Board of Editors for continuing to point out the fallacies in our student government system. Only by these valid criticisms and through the cooperation of everyone, will there be efficient and strong student government here at Penn State.

—Bill Malleson '62

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



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