

Editorial Opinion

Spring Week: All-University Event

A recommendation that the Interfraternity Council assume responsibility for the management of next year's Spring Week was made to the Council on Monday night.

Richard Pigossi, past president of IFC, argued for the recommendation saying that since the main source of support and participation in Spring Week comes from fraternities, IFC should manage the event rather than USG, which now has ultimate responsibility for Spring Week.

We disagree. If IFC managed Spring Week we believe this fact would tend to brand the event as a "Greek affair" and eliminate the already dwindling participation of independents.

Fraternities and sororities have a separate "Greek Week" in the fall and we feel it is important that Spring Week remain an all-University affair. Independents should be encouraged to participate in the traditional event, rather than discouraged.

We repeat our proposal for a student-operated activities agency, created by USG, which would initiate and coordinate activities in the HUB and assume responsibility for managing Spring Week and Homecoming.

We feel such an agency would relieve USG of these non-governmental projects while maintaining the events on an all-University level.

Plan Ahead

We regret the sudden decision of Elections Commission Chairman Allen Feingold to cancel last night's scheduled "floating poll" in downtown State College because he could not locate enough cars to carry through the project.

Certainly, the necessity of having something on which to make the polls "float" was realized before late yesterday afternoon.

Since the schedule for the floating polls had been announced in advance, students in the downtown living area, both fraternity men and independents, were depending on this service.

During elections when students are strongly encouraged to get out and vote, such poor planning is extremely detrimental to the promotion of student government.

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for the record

What? Me Worry

by carol kunkleman

Pay your tuition; room and board fees, fraternity dues. Go to classes, study, take blue-books. Attend to these matters for the required length of time, pick up your diploma—either at commencement exercises, or, if you think that's a silly waste of time, in absentia—pack your bags and leave.

It's very simple. If you work it the right way, you can even find a job without the University's help and make a pile of money. And if you smile at the right girl, you may even get married and lead a happy, comfortable life.

You don't have to worry about a nonsensical campus organization like student government. It's ineffective, pretentious, a conglomeration of status-seeking, egotistical quacks who are looking out for their own interests. They're just practicing for the shrewd political deals

they'll participate in when they're out of this place occupying offices in your local, state or federal government.

You don't have to bother about them when they represent you there, either. They'll just do the same thing they're doing now—nothing.

In either case, voting for these people, especially on campus, is a farce. All elections are personality contests. The issues involved are over your head. Most of the campaign planks will never be put into effect anyway.

We all know the administration will do what it wants. No policies will go into effect unless it implements them. Why worry about starting a bus service for students going home on vacation or expanding WDFM's facilities or pushing for a doctor in residence at Ritenour Health Center?

You know this doesn't mean anything to you. After all, what's a few extra dollars to pay the bus company if you can't find a ride home? And if it's 2 a.m. and you're seized with a sudden pain, rush to the infirmary and find that a doc-

tor is not available to attend to your emergency case, so what? All you have to do is suffer a little.

When you come right down to it, why worry at all, either here or when you're out of school. You're just one inconsequential entity and it's Friday. The Skeller opens at 2 p.m. When you're out of this isolated institution, you can sit back and let those "guys in Washington" or the "block-heads in City Hall" make the decisions. You'll have to decide what time you're leaving for the poker game.

If you feel this way, fine. I'll agree. You don't have to worry about a thing. The point is, no one will care about you either.

Just do me one favor while you're here. Keep your mouth shut and don't criticize, question, or evaluate what your fellow students are trying to do for you. You haven't used the intelligence that got you into this place, or the inquiring mind that marks an educated person who has benefited from knowledge if all you can make is generalizations.



Letters

Candidates Clarify Positions

TO THE EDITOR: We, the University Party candidates, would like to clarify our position on several matters concerning the election which began yesterday.

First, we have investigated the feasibility of what we propose to do. Everything we propose can be done, and if we are elected they will be done. Particularly we have looked into the possibilities of our proposed grading system, which is a five-point system with direct equivalent grading, and a great many students, faculty and administrators are in favor of such a change.

The University purchased new IBM machines last fall and winter and they could be converted quickly, easily, and economically. This plank is at the top of the list of things to do.

Our other planks are in areas where the student government can and should operate. Stone Valley development, improved communications through an effective Student Opinion Bureau, more phones, publication of judicial procedure and rights of a student in a judicial case, women over 21 in downtown apartments, and boosting Penn State spirit by spotlighting our alumni who are outstanding in their field are all solid things which will be done if we are elected.

A brief word about our opponents' platform. There are areas on it which are already being looked into by the USG; why propose something which is already being done? We will certainly continue investigating in these areas, as well as continuing all other USG committees which are now functioning.

We doubt the feasibility of several of their other proposals.

Student government has finally been established after a year of struggling to formulate an effective governing body. Now is the time to do some concrete things for the student body through USG. We feel we have ideas which should be put into action. We can do what we propose, these things should be done, and if we are elected, we will work, for you, to accomplish our goals.

—Dean Wharton '63

—Morris B. Baker '63

—Margo F. Lewis '63

Demonstrators Ridiculed

TO THE EDITOR: It is simply amazing that the high powered nuclear weapons testing program has been solved right here by "a group of concerned students and townspeople." Their answer is very, almost too, simple—just stop testing. But we would challenge one statement printed on their "Today Sheet": "If we are still militarily superior, then testing is unnecessary."

If, and we say if, we are militarily superior to all other countries, then, please God, allow us to continue our testing program. Let us not be involved in another December 7, 1941. Isn't it true we were superior then too?

Also, how about Hitler, Mussolini and Castro? They were a little more powerful than we thought they were.

If these people want to dictate to the majority, then let them go to Moscow and inform the deluded there that ending the testing program is a real step forward. Thank the good Lord above that our missiles and planes are ready to go any second.

—Jack McCann, Grad student  
—Robert Sherwin, Grad student  
—Stanley Brubaker, '62

Fry Thanks Candidates

TO THE EDITOR: I, as former president of TIM Council, would like to thank University party for asking to speak to the TIM Council about their ideas and ideals concerning Penn State student government. This is an indication to me that the people of the University party, if elected, will communicate and cooperate with other governments and councils.

This has not been the case with the present USG administration of Campus party. The President, Dennis Foinani, has announced through The Collegian that he would call together, for the first time, a group of student leaders for a discussion. This has not been done.

He also said he would contact these people individually. This also has not been done.

I hope the next government will communicate with the leaders of various student organizations. I feel this would be beneficial to the student organizations and the University as a whole.

I would also like to thank the Campus-Liberal for coming to speak to TIM Council at the council's request.

—Robert E. Fry '62

Letters

Frosh Urges USG Action

TO THE EDITOR: Certainly the students of Penn State do not need to be reminded that we are living in turbulent times in which our way of life is being threatened, but we do need to wake up and rise to the responsibilities that a democratic society imposes on us. We are now confronted with the problem of choosing our student leaders for next year.

As university students and United States citizens, we have an obligation to relate ourselves to world problems: communism, disarmament, common market, foreign aid, etc. Rather than limiting its goals to "boosting Penn State spirit," the USG should mobilize interest in world affairs.

Student apathy need not exist! Our USG must serve as a vital leader for students who are aware of our pressing responsibilities.

—Deborah Schubert '65

