

Editorial Opinion

Elections Code Improvement

The proposed elections code that will be presented to the USG Congress tomorrow night is a comprehensive collection of rules and regulations that should govern a student government election.

On the whole, the code seems to provide the Elections Commission with a satisfactory tool to be used in dealing with the controversial and complex problems that confront it around election time.

The proposal that the Elections Commission shall compile a public list of each party's members is a good one. Much unnecessary confusion and suspicion was created in the past election by the secrecy that shrouded the list of party members.

The requirement stating that the times of party meetings must be announced at least five days in advance and that any changes must receive approval and sufficient publicity is necessary to insure fair nominations.

In the past, controversies between party factions have been precipitated by last-minute changes in meeting times.

Although the proposed elections code is basically sound, we believe that certain loopholes must be closed before the code is adopted by USG.

The sections dealing with party registration do not go far enough toward eliminating the possibility of a recurrence of the undesirable practice of party-switching, which cast a dark shadow across the last election.

The code should specifically prohibit a member of one party from being "drafted" by another party by requiring that all candidates run by a party be members of that party. This requirement would also tend to put party ideals above personalities in campus elections.

We also suggest that the number of signatures required on an independent TIM candidate's petition to run for the Congress be lowered from 75 to 50.

It should be realized that it is much more difficult for a TIM candidate to obtain signatures than it is for a residence hall dweller or a fraternity member.

The proposed elections code fixes a \$100 limit on party campaign expenditures per slate per election. Basically, this is a good requirement, but its language needs reworking so that it is stated clearly that this expenditure limit applies to each slate of candidates and not to each party.

We also believe that USG should appropriate a specified amount to each party annually. This would strengthen the party's position in campus politics. It would also provide the base for year-round party operations, which is a necessary condition for a strong student government.

We strongly urge USG Congressmen to carefully consider our suggestions before adopting an election code.

La Vie's Contribution

We wish to commend the editors of La Vie for their action last night in approving a new policy for the 1963 yearbook.

Graduating seniors who came to University Park after attending a Commonwealth campus will now be recognized in La-Vie for their outstanding achievements while at these campuses.

We feel this will be a definite asset to La Vie's modernization plans and that it shows a mature recognition of the increased role which Commonwealth campuses must play in the future expansion of the University.

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for the record

Proudly She Waves

by carol kunkleman

Those of us hurriedly walking past Old Main today will probably take little notice of the American flag hoisted on a pole on the lawn in front. Yet on this particular day, Memorial Day, flags of this same design will be raised with

special reverence as symbols of the patriotic spirit on which our country has built its traditions.

The colors of the flag symbolize the lofty ideals we often hear but do not always ponder over. Red is for valor, zeal and

fervecy; white is for the hope, purity, cleanliness of life; blue is for reverence for God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth.

The stars, one for each of our 50 states, are placed on a field of blue as emblems of us as a people united under our Federal Constitution. The seven red stripes represent the blood shed by citizens of the original 13 states in the fight for independence, and the six spaced white stripes reaffirm our complete separation from our mother country, Great Britain.

But besides representing our ideals in colors, the flag represents us in the entire sense of America; it is a symbol of the coming together of all races, creeds and colors to strive for the good of all people in one united effort.

When Congress authorized the use of the flag as our symbol on June 14, 1774, these ideals were recorded as the common goals the flag represented.

The ideals were, and still are, lofty, to be sure. And the goals in themselves may not always be attainable. Patriotism is itself a word that is difficult to define, let alone practice.

Nevertheless, the flag is a symbol of our feeling for patriotism and the ideals we hold as common. "Old Glory" may be a material object, able to degenerate or be destroyed with time, but it is the thinking behind the use of it as a symbol that we as a nation must preserve.

Maybe just a few moments of our time to reaffirm these goals on this, our Memorial Day, is what we need to resolve our faith in the country our ancestors sought to establish.

Letters

Reply to Sauer Resignation

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is prompted by articles which have appeared recently in the Daily Collegian concerning the resignation of Professor Sauer as head of the Department of Physics.

In the Collegian of May 29, President Walker is quoted, "You can't stop a man from resigning." In the light of the situation as it has developed, President Walker's statement, as it appears in the Collegian appears to be misleading.

The first paragraph of the faculty resolution passed on May 9, 1962 by a unanimous vote of the 27 members attending, and the first paragraph of the graduate student open letter to President Walker and the members of the Board of Trustees, signed by 88 graduate students of the physics department, illustrate this point perfectly.

The faculty resolution states . . . "We were informed that the Vice President for Research and the Vice President for Resident Instruction have suggested to Professor John A. Sauer that he resign as head of the Department of Physics. Professor Sauer stated that he intends to accede to this request."

The reaction of the faculty and graduate students to this administrative demand is only one small indication of the extremely important role that Professor Sauer plays in the physics department.

Furthermore, in the May 19 issue of the Daily Collegian, based upon an airing of the contents of the graduate student letter by Wilmer S. Kenworthy, executive assistant to the President, the letter was said to concern three topics:

"Expressed regret at Sauer's resignation
Requested that Walker not accept the resignation
Suggested that all facets of the resignation be thoroughly studied."

Nowhere above is mention made of the implication of the sentence in the first paragraph of the letter which states the feeling of the students that

Memorial Day Values Hit

TO THE EDITOR: Today, millions of Americans will be paying tribute to the countless number of American soldiers who gave their most precious possession to their country—their lives.

But, what are we, the students and faculty of the Pennsylvania State University, going to be doing on this honored day? Paying tribute to the Unknown Soldier? No!

Instead we will be busy getting ulcers for the sake of an average that I'm sure would not suffer considerably with the loss of this one day's studying.

Last week, Beta Theta Pi was placed on probation for an act that was "unpatriotic" and "stultifying" to the American flag. While I am not excusing the actions of this fraternity, it was the University that chose to give so much publicity to this "unpatriotic" act.

If the University is so chauvinistic why don't they recognize what has come to be a day dedicated to the ideals of freedom in a country that is striving to spread these ideals throughout the world?

—Louis E. Slawetzky '64

"his (Sauer's) continuance in this role is essential to the health of the department."

Nowhere is mention made of the essential content of the second paragraph wherein concern is expressed over the "recent state of affairs which has seriously affected the academic character of the department" and alarm is expressed at the "large number of resignations, of late, of prominent and capable members of the departments of Chemistry and Physics."

The graduate student letter was signed by 88 graduate students of the Department of Physics who feel that the request for Dr. Sauer's resignation is not in the best interest of either the department or the University.

—Thomas J. Kurey Jr.
—Paul B. Griesacker
—Raymond G. Saba
—Joseph G. Connor Jr.
—William S. Bickel
—Stanley Jernow
—John Cushman

Editor's Note: Every effort was made by this newspaper to obtain the complete contents of the graduate students' letter, but none of the signees or recipients of the letter that were contacted would reveal its full contents.

World At A Glance

Grain 'Jungle' 2 Disappear Called Unfair In Houei Sai

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Dallas, Tex., Agriculture Department official yesterday portrayed the grain storage business in West Texas as a cut-throat jungle of competition, with Billie Sol Estes in it right up to the neck.

C. H. Moseley, head of the Dallas commodity office, told of warehousemen offering "kickbacks" to farmers, as well as free storage, no deductions for grain shrinkage, and even trading stamps as inducements to use their elevators.

Moseley told a House subcommittee looking into Estes' tangled affair, "We've had a great many complaints that Estes was guilty of unfair competition. Estes has been the subject of endless conversations ever since he first started his expansion."

But on the other hand, Moseley said, in West Texas the practices are a universal thing, "I referred to it as unethical, but not illegal," he said. "It is a competitive thing. They don't want to do it but they are forced into it. If we got one to stop we would be hurting his business."

Foreign Stocks Fall With Wall Street Dive

LONDON (AP)—London and European stock exchanges yesterday suffered their worst price break since World War II as investors registered alarm at Wall Street's tumble.

Tokyo's exchange also had a selling rush with broad but moderate declines, while Canadian markets rallied after an early battering.

Economists and market experts characterized the price dive as psychological. They suspected most of the selling was coming from small investors who feared a new depression was being born.

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—Two U.S. military advisers are missing at Houei Sai, and defenses only two miles outside that northwest border town are cracking under rebel Pathet Lao probing attacks, American sources reported yesterday.

Names of the missing men were withheld.

Two American noncommissioned officers attached to the royal Laotian army at Houei Sai disappeared Sunday when fighting flared up again in that sector, the military sources said.

The two members of the small military advisory mission in Laos, were stationed at an outpost about nine miles outside Houei Sai. The position was overrun by the rebel Pathet Lao and its Communist North Viet Nam allies.

These were the first Americans reported missing in Laos since more than a year ago when four other advisers disappeared during a rebel assault at Van Vieng, 80 miles north of Vientiane.

Court Rejects Appeal; Eichmann Faces Death

JERUSALEM (AP)—Only the slim chance of presidential clemency stands between Adolf Eichmann and the gallows.

Israel's Supreme Court rejected yesterday the former gestapo officer's appeal from the death sentence, declaring even death is an inadequate penalty for his crimes in the Nazi massacre of six million Jews.

At the time of Eichmann's capture two years ago, however, Premier David Ben-Gurion said: "The purpose is not to hang Eichmann, but to get on the historical record the full story of the catastrophe which befell European Jewry under the Nazis."