

Editorial Opinion

U.S. Senate Race: Clark Backed

Yesterday we presented the views of the candidates for governor and endorsed William S. Scranton, the Republican candidate, for the governorship of the state.

Today we will discuss the views of the two candidates for U.S. Senator—Democratic incumbent Joseph S. Clark and his Republican challenger James E. Van Zandt.

Both candidates have spoken to student groups on campus. Clark spoke during the summer term and Van Zandt appeared on campus several weeks ago. The Daily Collegian has followed this race for senator very closely and after considering the issues involved, we endorse Sen. Joseph S. Clark for re-election.

We support Clark with the reservation attendant to all endorsements—that we do not agree with all of his views nor with every vote he has cast since his first election in 1956. But, we believe he can better represent the views of the citizens of this state, while working in the best interests of the entire nation, than can his Republican opponent, Rep. Van Zandt.

The senatorial campaign has evolved mainly around three issues: the declining economic position of the state coupled with a high unemployment rate, Cuba and the voting records of the two candidates in Congress.

PENNSYLVANIA'S ECONOMY

On the question of the declining economy of the state and the fact that Pennsylvania has the highest unemployment rate of any of the large industrial states, both candidates have stressed that more action, both on the state and federal levels, must be taken to solve these problems.

In this year's session of the 87th Congress, Van Zandt voted for bills to aid depressed areas, the manpower retraining act and the public works bill. These three bills were designed to aid areas of the country, like Pennsylvania, with a high unemployment rate.

He also has said that much of Pennsylvania's unemployment can be blamed on an unrealistic allotment of defense contracts. He claims that since the Democratic administration controls the allotment of these contracts and since Pennsylvania is not receiving its due share of these contracts, Clark has not been active enough in luring these contracts to the state.

But where Van Zandt has been supporting these bills which are very important to his former Congressional district, Clark has been introducing them and has been instrumental in the passage of several of the recent "aid to depressed areas" bills.

The manpower retraining act passed in this past session of Congress was co-sponsored by Clark as was an emergency public works act. He also has supported the other bills giving aid to depressed areas.

Clark has been boosting tourism programs as a replacement of the state's business losses. He has answered Van Zandt's charges on defense spending by stating that during the next fiscal year the state will

receive upwards to a billion dollars in defense spending and that the state did not receive any more defense spending under Eisenhower's Republican administration.

We strongly believe that Sen. Clark, in the past six years, has done an excellent job in working for increased aid to depressed areas. We would like to see him returned to the Senate to continue his work in this area.

CUBA

The Cuban situation has been a hotly debated issue between the two senatorial candidates. Before the President invoked the quarantine of Cuba, Van Zandt had strongly urged that just such action be taken; where Clark was opposed to a blockade before the president announced such a move.

We have editorially supported the quarantine of Cuba. We feel that Clark was guilty of a serious misjudgement of the situation in Cuba in that just seven hours before the President announced the quarantine, Clark said he opposed such action. But, we also believe that he was following the lead of the President in not contemplating serious action until it was proven that serious obstacles to the peace of this nation were being set up in Cuba.

VOTING RECORDS

Both candidates have experience in the Congress. Van Zandt has been in the House for 22 years, Clark a senator for six. In their experience they have faced head-on the major issues of the day.

In the last Congress, Clark voted against the tax reform bill after the Senate dropped the withholding provision on interest and dividend income, but went along with most other New Frontier measures, including foreign trade expansion and medicare.

Van Zandt voted for the establishment of a Department of Urban Affairs and the UN bond issue. He opposed the Reciprocal Trade Act, withholding of taxes on dividends and interest income and the omnibus farm program. He declined to answer yes or no to a Congressional Quarterly poll on medicare, which never came to a House vote. But, he did say there was a need for further federal legislation, but also that the states—especially Pennsylvania—should do a better job of implementing the Kerr-Mills Act.

All in all Clark supported President Kennedy 92 percent of the time while Van Zandt supported the president 64 per cent of the time.

We believe that Clark's voting record, especially his vote for medicare, is more of an indication of the views of the citizens of the state and also reflects action in the best interest of the entire country. The latter is evidenced by his vote for the Reciprocal Trade Act, which Van Zandt opposed.

In collecting our views, we believe Senator Clark has served the state and the nation well in the past six years and should be returned to his office.

We urge that each student attending this University, show his individual preference by voting today in the campus mock election being held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Hetzel Union Building and that those students who are registered to vote in the general election Tuesday consider heavily the issues involved.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR GREAT PUMPKIN,
COULD YOU PLEASE BRING
MY GOOD GRADES FOR HAL-
LOWEEN. I WOOD LIKE
IT VERY MUCH. I WOOD
LIK A PENN STATE FROTH
TO. AND A FOOTBALL BID
TO THE PUNKIN BOWL.
YUR FREIND,
CHARLES

Froth Alum from Minnesota
Calls Ban 'Immature' Action

TO THE EDITOR: I just returned from a Homecoming Weekend at Penn State, and I feel a deep personal sense of loss. My loss, of course, is in reference to the complete censoring of Froth by responsible, well-meaning members of the Penn State University administration. I feel that the final action taken by those people responsible was as immature an act as was the lack of editorial responsibility on the part of the Penn State Froth co-editors in the September issue. I agree with several members of the administration whom I recently spoke to who suggested a complete change of editorial policy. The responsibility of editorial policy should remain in the hands of the advisor who should certainly be able to find the time to check all issues prior to monthly publication.

During the last 52 years of the existence of the Penn State Froth, I am sure many things were writ-

ten from time to time that were offensive and irresponsible, but generally speaking, the more than 400 issues published contained farcical, corn-ball, and satirical type humor.

It seems quite unfair to me as one of the several thousand alumni of both Froth and Penn State, that this type of final action should come so swiftly and completely to an important part of Penn State campus life.

There is no doubt in my mind that the September issue of Froth was not a credit to the University, but neither was the decision by the administration which certainly should exercise more mature judgement in these matters.

I hope that these in authority will reconsider their decision and will again permit a reorganized Froth to operate as a credit to a great Penn State University that we all held high as an institution of education and tolerance.

—Ronald Lee Saffier
1955 Froth Business Manager

Dress Edict Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: We fail to believe it! At our Monday night unit meeting in McElwain, we, the undersigned, along with the rest of our dorm presidents, were told that "dresses only" is the latest edict concerning dress for special dinners. Skirts and sweaters of any kind (worn with heels and hose) are considered improper attire.

In fact, Mrs. Leiper, the McElwain-Simmons community coordinator, stated in this new rule that if we girls choose not to wear dresses with the usual heels and hose, the night scheduled for the special dinner is our "night to eat out."

We vehemently protest this new regulation. We feel that a presentable skirt and sweater outfit worn with heels and hose should be acceptable to our staff. We are paying for all our meals. We do not believe that we should be told to "eat out," incurring further expenses, merely because our coordinator's choice of dinner dress does not coincide with that of the girls in the dorm. Will Mrs. Leiper henceforth inspect each coed's outfit as the girls en-

ter the dining hall for these "savory" special dinners?

In closing, we wonder: Do salad No. 1, juice No. 2, and mystery meat No. 8 warrant a dress? Sweaters and dungarees would be more like it.

—Hedda Edwards, '65
—Lorri Siegle, '65
—Edie Wilson, '65
—Barbara Burton, '65
—Nan Kearney, '65
—Lpis Becker, '65
—Paula DeFronzo, '65
—Ann Townsend, '65
—Jane Townsend, '65

Sophs Ponder
Vacation Need

TO THE EDITOR: We are again approaching the day of the term when all thoughts turn to turkey! As last year, most students will again realize that the University has given us but one day in which to celebrate Thanksgiving.

How many of you students have realized that although the University has been kind enough to give us this day off from classes, they have also been kind enough to let us make up these classes on Dec. 3.

It seems to us that if the University is going to re-schedule these classes anyway, why have a vacation? It would be just as convenient for the administration to hold classes on Thanksgiving Day and move up the final exam period one day.

Perhaps next year the University administrators will work out an adequate arrangement for this particular holiday.

—Florence Kesselman, '65
—Madeline Smith, '65
—Linda Sieg, '65
—Cathi Scuderi, '65

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