

Editorial opinion

Once again it's time to play "Elections," that age-old game of chance that decides which crooks will be running the country next year.

Actually, not all politicians are crooks, even in light of Watergate and all that has revealed. And "Elections" certainly is no game.

These selections were made by a vote of Collegian editors eligible to vote in each race. Their reasons appear below.

You the voter are free to follow the Collegian's suggestions or to ignore them. Whatever you decide, vote tomorrow.

Voting for the candidates of one's choice is the responsibility of every American citizen 18 years old or over. It is a responsibility that must be taken seriously.

In this election The Daily Collegian is endorsing five of

the candidates whose names will appear on the ballot tomorrow: Milton Shapp for governor; Richard Schweiker for U.S. Senate; Yates Mast for Congress; Joseph Ammerman for state Senate; and Galen Dreibelbis for state House of Representatives.

Shapp for governor

Four candidates will be vying tomorrow for the prize of Pennsylvania's governorship. But the real contest is between only two — Democratic incumbent Milton Shapp and Republican challenger Drew Lewis.

The candidate with the most experience and strongest leadership ability already has won the prize once. Although Shapp's superior skill is obvious, Lewis questions it.

Lewis had questioned the virtue of some of Shapp's appointees: "I see corruption in the Shapp administration, not in Shapp himself. I can understand that corruption exists in government. But what I cannot understand is why Mr. Shapp puts up with it."

Granted, Shapp had made some mistakes in his appointments, most notably Frank Hilton as secretary of property and supplies, and Rocco Urella, who was fired, and Shane Creamer, who was forced to resign, because of their involvement in the King of Prussia wiretapping case.

But at the same time, Shapp has made some excellent appointments — Herbert Denenberg, who originated the no-fault insurance fight, John C. Pittenger who has succeeded in passing through the State Board of Education guidelines to end discrimination in school athletics; and Joel Weisberg, who extended the services of the Consumer Protection Bureau.

The state Supreme Court did void hundreds of Shapp's interim appointments — not because they were bad, but because it did not agree that the period when he appointed them was a legislative recess. Appointments made

during such a recess do not need the approval by two-thirds of the Senate which is otherwise necessary. Governors of both parties have appointed many officials during recesses, to avoid having the Senate play politics with them. The approval system is bad — not Shapp's use of it.

Lewis had questioned the Shapp administration's spending. He points out that Shapp has doubled the state budget in four years and has spent more than his two predecessors combined.

But while the state payrolls grew by 32.5 per cent in the first three years of the Shaffer administration and by 12.2 per cent in the Scranton administration, they have grown by only 6.9 per cent under Shapp.

Shapp was able to reduce the corporate net income tax twice, enabling Pennsylvania to compete with other states in encouraging industrial development. Under Shapp the six per cent tax on residential gas, utilities and home necessities such as soap was eliminated.

While Shapp had the expensive compassion to provide free public transportation for the elderly and grant tax and rent rebates to the elderly and the disabled, he had the business sense to provide a lottery to pay for them.

When Shapp entered office, the state government was spending \$1 million a day more than it was taking in. To end deficit spending, Shapp worked to implement the personal income tax and later saw that it was reduced from 2.3 to 2 per cent.

Lewis has questioned Shapp's not paying income tax records to the Gleason Committee investigating alleged irregularities in state con-

tracting practices. Shapp explained to the satisfaction of both parties that he did not pay personal income taxes because he was actually losing money. The committee has proven no wrongdoing by Shapp.

Lewis' ability to implement his commendable ideals is questionable. He has never held an elected position, and his involvement in government and politics is limited to five years as Sen. Richard Schweiker's campaign manager.

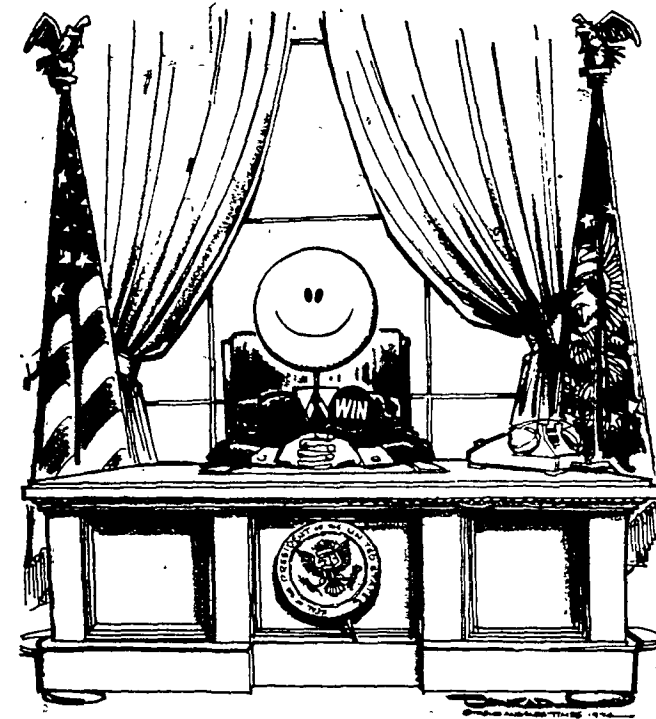
Lewis says three major areas need reform: the highway department, agriculture and the welfare system. He has not revealed how he will improve transportation while at the same time cutting the highway department "to the bare bones." He has not explained how he will give both consumers and farmers a break.

Lewis says he will take all the ineligible people off the welfare rolls. But Shapp has already reduced the rolls by 100,000.

Lewis' ability to provide strong leadership is questionable. Shapp's is not. He was always there when Pennsylvania needed him.

Shapp had the courage to veto both the capital punishment and abortion bills. He provided an innovative flood relief program and personally became involved in helping Pennsylvanians recover from Hurricane Agnes. During the gasoline shortage Shapp went to Washington to make sure Pennsylvania got its share. During the truckers' strike he listened to legitimate grievances and helped bring about a tentative solution.

The people of Pennsylvania need Shapp for another four years.



This side of the truth

Hold the pickle, hold the lettuce

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For her birthday, I decided to take my sex education teacher out to dinner. Because it was late and we were getting ready to study, we decided to go to a fast food joint.

Originally I wanted to buy her a pair of earth-socks, but I only had enough money for a cheap dinner. That's how we found ourselves walking into Universal Burger.

Miss Smith and I (she's assured me her real name is Smith) walked into the place about 9 p.m. The only people there were apparently employees—all of them were wearing blue uniforms reminiscent of those worn by hospital workers and members of the Nazi Youth Party.

We were greeted at the door by the manager, who was wearing a yellow body suit, a red wig and red oversized bedroom slippers. His face was painted white with grease paint, and he was carrying a plastic hamburger.

"Hi, there! Welcome to the land of burgers," he said, smiling furiously. "Please sign right here." He handed me a legal form and ushered me over to a notary public dressed the same way he was.

"Wait a minute," I protested, "what am I signing?"

"This is our Universal Burger guarantee. It says that if you agree to eat here, we guarantee you your money back if we're not the most FRIENDLY place in the world. We'll serve you hot food or we'll replace it with fresh food. We'll clean your table or we'll refund your money, and if we forget to say a courteous 'thank-you,' there's no charge for the meal."

It sounded good, so I signed. The notary public stamped the form with a pickle and the manager took me over to the food counter.

The girl behind the counter, smiling like a goof, asked me for my order.

"Well," I began as she wrote, "we'll have two Cosmic Pounders, no cheese. Two small Cokes and an order of french fries."

"How would you like your fries?" she beamed. Rare, medium or well done? "I didn't have a chance to answer. She walked off to gather up my order and came back with 30 or 40 different articles of food, each individually wrapped in five layers of paper, each in its own bag, on

each piece of which was printed the inscription 'put litter in its place.'

One of the stronger busboys helped me carry the meal to my table. No sooner had I set the packages down when two guys on the clean-up crew, grinning like gremlins, came running over with mops, rags and detergent and started to wipe the table.

"Clean table, sir?" asked the one.

"Table clean, sir?" asked the other.

I shoved them away, and Miss Smith and I started opening packages. After I had gotten through three layers of paper, the table was full of refuse. Like smiling vultures, the two table cleaners swooped in and whisked the paper off the table.

"Paper too much," said the one.

"Too much paper," said the other. They just stood there smiling like idiots.

and then in unison they said, "Put litter in its place." They ran off with the paper and threw it in a trash can.

Some crumbs had fallen on the table as a result of all the paper shuffling. The manager saw the crumbs and went running off to have the cashier make out a check.

He came back and handed it to me. "In restitution for this grave transgression of clean dining," he said, weeping gently, please accept this check for the exact amount of your meal."

His makeup started to run, so he went off to fix it. The busboy called after him as he walked away. You didn't smile and say 'thank you.' Horrified, the manager ran back to the cashier and made out two more checks. He walked over to me and handed me the checks. This time smiling violently through his tears. He backed off muttering courteous thank-yous for a few minutes.

By this time our food was cold, so I asked for my free replacement dinner. It was 9:30 and I was weakening from hunger. They brought over the hot food, and as soon as they put it down, the two table cleaners came running over.

"Table clean, sir?" the first one asked. The second one started to open his mouth but I put litter in its place. He walked off smiling.

We finally finished our meal. I had walked into Universal Burger with \$3.50. I was walking out with close to \$25.

I turned to the manager and smiled. Thinking of the earth-socks, I said "Thank-you" as courteously as I could. Happy birthday, Miss Smith. And smile.

Schweiker for U.S. Senate

A big-spending Republican and a cheap-skate Democrat are running for the U.S. Senate.

The Democrats, it is said, are running Pittsburgh Mayor Pete Flaherty, who was able to cut taxes there, because they want to get him out of Pittsburgh. Even though Richard Schweiker is known for not voting along party lines, the Republicans are running him because of his good voting and attendance records.

Flaherty lists in his platform a 10-point anti-inflation program and says, "Don't let anyone tell you that when you cut the budget you are going to lose vital services."

When Flaherty cut the budget in Pittsburgh, maybe no vital services were lost—but no new, innovative programs were gained either. That is why the Democrats want to get rid of him—so they can't get rapid transit and other necessities in

Pittsburgh before inflation makes them any more expensive.

Schweiker, on the other hand, is a big spender for new projects such as Social Security and minimum wage increase, disaster relief of more than \$300 million after Hurricane Agnes, pension reform, and tax credits for the cost of college education.

Schweiker also voted for revenue sharing, which Flaherty used heavily in Pittsburgh along with the higher property assessments he pushed, which together yield more revenue without an obvious tax increase.

Schweiker saves the taxpayer money by voting against such projects as the SST and ABM and by working to close tax loopholes which have allowed some of the very rich to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. Schweiker has

sponsored legislation to set a ceiling on government spending, much of which appears in the new budget-control bill.

Schweiker voted to cut military and Vietnam spending. Maybe that's why he got one of the honored positions on Former President Nixon's enemies list. But Schweiker also was one of the first senators to speak out against the Watergate mess and to call for Nixon's resignation. He called the pardon "a tragic mistake."

Schweiker has first- and second-place honors in his favor. He is the first Pennsylvania senator in 40 years to sit on the Appropriations Committee and he has the second-best attendance record in the Senate (98 per cent).

Schweiker has another first-place honor. He has maintained the highest bipartisan voting

record in the Senate. He votes for bills that will help the people, not necessarily the bills his party wants him to vote for.

While voting for the good of all American people, Schweiker has helped Pennsylvanians specifically. During the gasoline shortage last winter he was instrumental in getting Pennsylvania more gas. He has protected such Pennsylvania industries as mushrooms and specialty steel from unfair foreign competition, thus saving jobs. And Schweiker won, after a long battle, a five-year federal program to fight beach erosion at Presque Isle.

Schweiker must not be replaced with Flaherty because Pittsburgh wants to get rid of its mistakes. Vote for the big spender who spends your money in the right places—Richard Schweiker.

Mast for Congress

For the past 11 years, the residents of the 23rd Congressional District have been represented by Albert W. Johnson. This year, as in the past several elections, Johnson is running for re-election mainly on his record in Congress.

Johnson certainly is experienced in dealing with people and politicians. His seniority in Congress has allowed him to become the second-ranking minority member on the House Banking and Currency Committee and third-ranking minority member on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Experience is not merely valuable to a legislator; it is vital. Yet even an experienced legislator can do his constituents little good if he is not attuned to their interests.

The truth about Johnson is that he is not working to provide for the needs of the 23rd district. No matter how impressive his credentials may seem to the banking interests of the Republican Party, neither his seniority nor his committee memberships are doing much good

for the people of the rural district he represents.

It is time for the voters of this district to change the situation by changing the representatives.

Yates Mast may not be experienced in the ins and outs of legislative and party politics, but he does have valuable experience elsewhere to contribute to the people of the district. He has acquired legal and financial expertise in 21 years as a practicing attorney and four years as a tax lawyer for the U.S. Treasury Department.

More important, he has gained experience in dealing with the people he will represent.

There is little question that Mast can represent Penn State students. As the University's student legal adviser since 1972, he has been in contact with students every day for more than two years, during which he has come to understand their ideas and their needs.

But Mast is more than just the students' candidate. He can also represent the "little man" of the 23rd district.

He has pledged to work toward eliminating the tax loopholes which allow the wealthy to escape their tax burden while the poor pay more than their fair share. He has pledged to work for reforming campaign practices, better economic planning and preserving the environment. He has pledged to help make life more livable for the nation's aged and handicapped through providing grants for senior citizens, promoting mass transit, raising the minimum wage and establishing a legal services corporation. Johnson has opposed many of these measures.

The 23rd District can no longer afford to be represented in Congress by a man who places banking interests and his own seniority above true concern for the people he represents. It needs a representative who will work to improve the quality of life in his district and throughout the nation.

Yates Mast will be that kind of representative. Give him his chance. Vote for Mast tomorrow.

Ammerman, Dreibelbis for Assembly

The state legislature probably affects Penn State students more than any other governmental body. Most students here are Pennsylvania residents, and even out-of-state students are subject to Pennsylvania laws.

Like all citizens of the state, students need a responsible legislature, which in turn needs good legislators. Sen. Joseph Ammerman and Rep. Galen Dreibelbis, this area's representatives in the General Assembly for the past four years, have proven themselves to be capable, and responsible legislators.

Ammerman has risen to a position of authority as secretary of the Senate Democratic Caucus. He is a member of two important committees — The Rules Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

Since his election to the Senate, Ammerman has constantly fought for funds for Penn State. He supports revising the state government's budget policies — policies that have often left state-funded agencies with no appropriations at the beginning of a new fiscal year. He has advocated public financing

of political campaigns and believes that current landlord-tenant laws must be reformed. He supports lowering the drinking age to 19.

Ammerman's opponent, J. Alvin Hawbaker, also has some good points. But Ammerman's first four years in the state Senate have been so productive for the people of his district that his fine record as a senator outweighs Hawbaker's promises.

Similarly, Galen Dreibelbis has proven himself as a legislator, despite some claims that he is the puppet of the Democratic Party.

He has supported full legal rights for 18-year-olds, including lowering the drinking age. He has voted for pro-abortion bills. He believes in increasing state scholarships to middle-income students as the best way to help them overcome the costs of higher education.

Ammerman and Dreibelbis have worked hard in the past four years for the people they represent. Tomorrow, show them that you appreciate their efforts. Re-elect Ammerman to the state Senate and Dreibelbis to the House. Let them continue working for you.

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