

Are USG platforms plywood or maple?

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By rights, campaign promises should not be analyzed. They should be placed under glass, wondrous in their conception and miraculous in their execution. Presidential and vice presidential candidates spend days and even months working to tell the student body where they stand on the issues, and exactly what they plan to do if elected.

But today's promises are sometimes tomorrow's garbage. And just as with garbage, the promises are recyclable; they resurface from year to year in slightly disguised form, fodder for another campaign.

Regardless, the candidates and their platforms deserve a close look and some criticism before this week's vote.

Rick Glazier and Al Leard are running on the slogan, "Not just promises; a plan for action." According to some, the slogan ought to be, "Not just a plan for action; a plan for miracles."

In fairness to Glazier and Leard, their platform is more extensive than those of the other candidates. But at the same time, Glazier and Leard promise a great many things that can only be accomplished by act of God and/or the administration.

Consider: —Their proposal to place voting representatives of the student body on the bodies which determine policy on the budget, research, teaching, advising and curriculum evaluation. The University already has a policy to encourage student participation in academic decision making — it is up to the departments to make it work.

As for placement of students on budgetary committees, the proposal has been met with disapproval from many administrators. As one administrator says, "Students are too transient, they don't have enough time, and they don't have enough prior knowledge of the departmental workings. They would not be very effective."

If that is indeed the attitude of the administration, there isn't much that

Glazier and Leard can do about it. Glazier could set up a student budget committee, as he has proposed. Dion Stewart, student trustee, said such a committee would have as much access to budget information as the trustees.

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encompassing written policy concerning access" to University information. To a degree, there already is a policy. University information is divided into five categories, some public, some not.

Glazier's charge that "Penn State is clearly in violation" of state and federal laws that give the public access to information is a bit murky. As a state-related institution, the University has always maintained that these laws don't

apply at Penn State. And no court has said that Penn State was wrong — yet. Clearly, it will be the courts and the University, not Glazier and Leard and USG who will decide the battle over records and information.

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As for a charge by Glazier that too much money from alumni contributions goes to landscaping and other projects, Engel said about 20 per cent of the unrestricted moneys donated by alumni in 1974-75 went to landscaping. Nearly all the remaining \$122,000 went to student aid, along with the majority of an additional \$700,000 the alumni donated.

Faculty unionization also turns up in the Glazier-Leard platform, in the shape of a proposal to amend Act 195, which allows public employees (including teachers) to unionize.

Any such amendment has not a ghost of a chance, according to sources close to the legislature and the unions. The power of the public employees and faculty unions is second to none in the Commonwealth, and they could be counted on to fight the proposal (which could also allow parents to sit in on bargaining in district schools) to the very end.

On USG itself, Glazier and Leard propose a general streamlining. (continued on page 3)

USG ELECTIONS ANALYSIS

The Board of Trustees has allowed the president of the University to decide what groups he will consult, and University President John W. Oswald has made it very clear that he intends to consult two other boards representing service groups and academic groups, in addition to the USAB, which is made up of student leaders of major campus organizations.

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Willard poll doubtful

The Willard polling station will not open at 9 this morning as scheduled because the USG election committee did not find people willing to staff the poll.

Off-campus students can vote only at the HUB and Willard polls.

USG election commissioner Randy Oppenheimer said Diane Rapport, the town election commissioner, had trouble finding enough students to

staff both Willard and the HUB. The HUB polls will be manned today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oppenheimer said the Willard poll will be opened if several students, acceptable to all candidates, volunteer to staff it.

The delay in the opening of the Willard poll is expected to hurt the campaign of USG presidential candidate W.T. Williams.

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U.S. warned in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Rival Palestinian leaders jointly warned yesterday that should the American Sixth Fleet intervene in Lebanon it would be sunk. They also warned against Syrian intervention.

However, Lebanese Socialists rejected a final cease-fire appeal aimed at averting a Syrian invasion.

Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, embraced rival Palestinian leader George Habash and rebel Moslem army leader Ahmed Khatib and the three chanted, "unity, unity, unity."

"America says its fleet can arrive on these shores within 24 hours," Arafat told a surprise news conference. "But I saw we are now within range of Sixth Fleet artillery."

In Washington, the Pentagon said as of midday yesterday, the U.S. naval force

patrolling the eastern Mediterranean about 24 hours sail off the coast of Lebanon had not been put on any unusual alert status.

If necessary, the naval force could be called upon to rescue the more than 1,000 U.S. citizens still in Lebanon.

The seven-ship force consists of the assault helicopter carrier Guadacanal, with a Marine detachment aboard; a conventional destroyer, a guided missile destroyer, and four support ships.

The support ships include landing craft and a supply vessel for the Marine force.

Intelligence reports reaching Washington said a Russian Sverdlovsk class cruiser was in the vicinity of the task force. It is customary for Soviet ships to shadow American combat ships in the Mediterranean even in quiet times.

Arafat warned against intervention in Lebanon by anyone.

"All conspiracies will be broken on the rock of Palestinian-Lebanese unity," he said.

As Arafat spoke, the Christian Phalangist radio reported that Israel was massing troops and armor along the Lebanese border and had set up checkpoints inside Lebanese territory.

No confirmation was available, but witnesses in the area said that Israeli reconnaissance planes were active there.

Syrian peacemakers earlier made an eleventh hour appeal to Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt to agree to a one-week cease-fire to allow parliament to elect a new president to replace President Suleiman Franjeh, who has refused to resign.

Ford gets defense funds

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Budget Committee voted yesterday to give President Ford nearly all he asked for in defense spending next year.

The panel approved 1977 defense budget authority of \$113 billion, only \$300 million less than Ford's revised figure. The President first asked for \$114.9 billion but last week scaled his own request down to \$113.3 billion.

Budget authority represents a commitment to spend money, but not all of it in one year. The committee approved actual defense spending in 1977 of \$100.9 billion, \$2 billion less than Ford asked.

Ford said Monday he would veto any defense spending bill which made major reductions from his request, but did not say exactly what figure he would accept.

A proposal by Sen. Joseph R. Biden, D-Del., to knock about \$3 billion from Ford's request for weapons procurement and modernization of forces failed 4 to 9. His proposal would have delayed the B1 bomber program a year, put emphasis on conventionally-powered rather than nuclear-powered ships and emphasized less costly types of airplanes.

The committee then voted 9 to 5 to grant Ford's request for \$9.6 billion in

"real growth" in the defense budget over current levels, most of it in new weaponry.

The House Budget Committee also is working on the 1977 budget this week. Its chairman, Rep. Brock Adams, D-Wash., wants to cut \$7 billion from Ford's request for defense budget authority and \$1.5 billion from actual spending.

Earlier yesterday, the Senate budget panel voted 11-1 to endorse a series of controversial steps the President said would lead to savings of \$5.4 billion.

The action includes limiting pay raises to 4.7 per cent.



Photo by Tom Peters

End of March

University students hiked to the foot of Old Main's steps where John Strand encouraged them to avoid another hike — the tuition one.

Coalition walks for low tuition

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Despite the threat of rain, University Coalition marched through campus yesterday pleading for student support in its fight against rising tuition. The planned rally on Old Main Lawn was canceled and rescheduled for tomorrow.

After the march, Coalition voted to picket Old Main at noon today. Another march will begin at the HUB tomorrow, followed by the rescheduled rally.

More than 100 persons took to the streets in support of the Coalition in yesterday's march. A police escort led the chanting marchers, from the HUB through each dorm area. Shouts of "Join the fight, stop the hike" and "Fight to learn, learn to fight" echoed from the dorm walls.

Some shouting matches occurred in the dorm areas but no violence developed.

Reactions to the march, one of several demonstrations planned this week, were mixed. Sue Reich (3rd-biochemistry) watched the march go by East Halls and said the place to march was Harrisburg. "This won't help here," she said.

Terri Beers (6th-community development) agreed: "They're talking to the wrong people." Alice Pope (3rd-individual and family studies) added, "The only thing you can do is write letters."

Elaine DeBlender (6th-art education) didn't know if the students would support the rally but said at least somebody was trying to help. Glenn Rowland (grad-business administration) said he

wouldn't enter the march and was undecided about the rally. "Inflation and the state are creating the problems," he said. "The decision has already been made and I don't think this rally will help anything."

Milton Brown (6th-human development) said students will have to come out because they are affected by tuition increases. He added, "As more students are forced to leave school, more students will support the fight against increases."

Gerald Moser, professor of Spanish and Portuguese, said if he were a student he would support the rally but wondered where the money could come from. He hedged on the suggestion that taxpayers pay more taxes but said tax money already collected should be redistributed.

As the protesters walked through Pollock Union Building, bystander Mark Huber (10th-history) claimed tuition is not the major problem right now. "The problems are the highway coming through and the graft and corruption in development companies in this place," he said. He added that students should unify behind these major issues.

Coalition vice president Roger Davis said, "I'm sure students can become involved. If I wasn't sure, I wouldn't be here." He raised the possibility of a tuition strike fall term. "The Commonwealth Association of Students (students attending state branch campuses) threatened a tuition strike last December and the legislature gave them more money," Davis said.

In Waring Hall, Sharon Peck (9th-early childhood education) said she isn't worried about the increases because her father owns the whole place. "My tuition will be paid by God," she said. "He is my father and he owns the place."

An alumna from the class of 1922 couldn't blame the students for protesting. She said that money going for remedial courses was wasted. "High schools have the responsibility for those courses, not colleges," she said.

The Coalition urged students to take their problem to the administration.

According to Coalition member John Strand, the protest has to go on the entire term. "The administration doesn't consider us enough of a power," Strand said. "They snicker at us now, but they won't laugh at a few thousand students."

2nd faculty group to petition PLRB

Ag college against faculty union

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A group from the College of Agriculture told the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PLRB) yesterday that it wished to be excluded from any collective bargaining organization that might be formed to represent the Penn State faculty.

Ernest Bergman, professor of plant nutrition, presented to the PLRB a petition signed by 212, 62 per cent, of the 340 faculty members from the "College of Agriculture Faculty Organization," an organization approved by the University Faculty Senate.

"Existing collegian procedures," the petition said, "will satisfy our needs more than any widely diverse group which would represent the entire University faculty."

PLRB hearing examiner Sidney

Lawrence said, "this is not a petition for a separate unit, but rather a position paper." It is both a plea for non-unionization and a request to be excluded from a unit, Lawrence said, and later the group must offer proof of being a separate unit if they are to be excluded.

A faculty group from the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences presented a similar petition at the hearings last month and received recognition as a "limited intervener," giving them the right to be heard on certain issues.

Ronald Watzman, attorney for the Pennsylvania State University Professional Association (PSUPA) said the College of Agriculture petition "seems to be statement against unionization rather than an intervention."

To officially intervene at the hearings, a faculty group must collect "consent

cards" from 30 per cent of the members of what they deem to be an appropriate faculty bargaining unit. A petition presented to the labor board by PSUPA resulted in these hearings to decide on an appropriate unit to vote in a union representation election.

In yesterday's testimony, the University tried to show that the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center has the same relationship to the central administration of the University as the other 10 colleges at Penn State. The University wants Hershey faculty members included in the voting unit determined by the PLRB, while PSUPA feels that the Medical School does not have an identifiable "community of interest" with the other colleges and should be excluded from the unit.

Dr. Harry Prystowsky, dean and provost of Hershey, testified on the wide range of administrative policies that

apply to the medical center. Health insurance, liability insurance, budget planning and computer tie-ins are among the areas in which Prystowsky said Hershey has a direct relationship with the University's central administration.

Hershey has 11 representatives to the Faculty Senate, Prystowsky said, making the college the fifth largest representative in the Senate.

Prystowsky also testified that not all of the students at the medical center take "clinical" science courses. Nursing and graduate students not in the medical program study at Hershey, Prystowsky said, with 83 of Hershey's 247 non-administrative faculty members teaching non-medical, "basic" science courses such as biochemistry.

Prystowsky's testimony continues today when the hearings resume at 10 a.m. in 311 Keller.

USG campaign ends with heated debate

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The Undergraduate Student Government presidential campaign drew to a close last night with more than the issues being questioned at a debate in East Halls.

W.T. Williams and Rick Glazier exchanged accusations that administrators would be unwilling to work with the other candidate because of participation in past anti-administration activities.

Williams said University President John W. Oswald would oppose Glazier's platform issue calling for two additional meetings of the Student Advisory Board.

Williams said Oswald would be unwilling to accept Glazier's SAB proposal because of a letter sent last year asking for his resignation. The letter was signed by 32 student leaders, including Glazier and his running mate Al Leard. Williams

said Oswald would never honor a request submitted by a student who had signed the letter calling for his resignation.

Glazier defended his SAB proposal by saying the extra meetings he was suggesting would not involve conferences with Oswald.

"As for the letter," Glazier said, "it was a last resort by a group of people who were frustrated by beating their heads against a wall." The letter asked Oswald to resign if certain changes were not made in University policy. Glazier said, "At the time we felt it was the only thing left to do."

Glazier ended his rebuttal by saying administrators would be reluctant to deal with Williams as USG president because he had taken an active part in organizing the tuition rally at Old Main last year. "Oswald was not too turned on by that," Glazier said.

Glazier's financial aid platform also came under question. During a question and answer period, he was asked what purpose would be served by his proposal for financial aid peer counselors if similar counseling could be obtained from professionals in the Office of Financial Aid.

Glazier said the Financial Aid department was severely understaffed with only 10 counselors being responsible for over fifty thousand state-wide University students. He said the peer counseling program could easily make up the deficiency.

Williams platform proposal establishing a State College food stamp center was the subject of some controversy. A spectator at the debate asked Williams if he was aware that a representative from the Bellefonte food stamp center came to State College once a month to provide the same service

Williams was proposing. Williams said he had been assured no such service existed and questioned the reliability of the spectator's source.

Later in the debate, Joe Augustine said he had received the same information and said he would give out the source's name later.

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Weather

Wet weather returns to State College. Cloudy through tomorrow with rain developing during the morning hours, heavy at times, and continuing into Thursday. Temperature remaining near 50.