

Editorial Opinion

Party Platforms Good, But Not Inspiring

Campus Party

The planks which Campus party has chosen to run on in the fall elections are the following:

• "Because of dissatisfaction expressed by many students regarding the food service, we advocate a revision of the present policy to include the following: 1) better prepared food; 2) wider selection; 3) payment by the student on an individual meal basis; and 4) improved service."

The plank is purposeful in that there have been many complaints waged against the present food service. However, as presented to the SGA Assembly two weeks ago, the plan drawn up by the party was still lacking in many fundamentals necessary for implementation.

• "Since there is a recognized desire to see and hear many events which innumerable students cannot attend because of over-taxed facilities, we recommend that a closed circuit television system be instituted to include Artists Series, Lecture Series, and all other timely and important events when necessary."

This plank recognizes a very acute problem presently demonstrated in the limited number of tickets available for events of widespread appeal. Since our auditorium cannot reasonably accommodate even a majority of the student body, and since a larger auditorium cannot be built soon enough to meet this problem, closed circuit television is one of the best solutions to the problem.

• "In answer to the overwhelming consensus that some University parking and traffic regulations are unrealistic, we will give our support to an improvement of these regulations."

Action on this problem has already taken place in the form of a committee to investigate the parking situation. This committee will be reporting back to the SGA Assembly shortly after the new Assembly members are installed.

Candidates running under this plank should give their support of the recommendations on parking—worthwhile support for the most controversial problem of the fall semester thus far.

• "Due to the greater number of students living in residence halls there is an increasing demand on the University telephone system. Therefore, we recommend that town-campus trunk lines be established. Also, that the possibility of off-campus dialing privileges for residence hall students be investigated."

It can be said that a lot of planning went into implementation of the present system and it will take a lot more planning to revise the system. Give it a chance to prove its worth.

It is to be hoped that that these planks are not cast away as soon as the elections are over. They should serve as influential mandates of the student body to the Student Government Association.

University Party

University Party is campaigning on the following planks for the fall elections which begin today:

• "That a sound-proofing device be installed at each telephone in University living units."

This is a good plank in that it would eliminate the noise and congestion problem in the halls. It would also provide the necessary privacy, especially required for long distance calls.

However, the cost of installing booths at each telephone in every residence hall would be very high. The feasibility of this makes it doubtful if it can be worked out.

• "That the Assembly appropriate SGA funds to install at the HUB desk a telephone which can be used for downtown calls."

While this is needed, it is hardly important enough to be included as a campaign plank. It may be possible that a mere mention of this to the Hetzel Union Board, which is composed of 25 students, would be enough initiative needed to have the telephone installed.

Planks of this type which have relatively little importance are reasons for much student apathy in voting.

• "That SGA organize a committee to coordinate all student transportation to and from the University. This would include:

1. Maintenance and coordination of all ride sheets.
2. Chartered buses to metropolitan areas at vacations.
3. Bus, train and plane schedules available at a central location to all students."

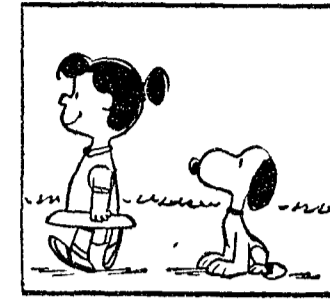
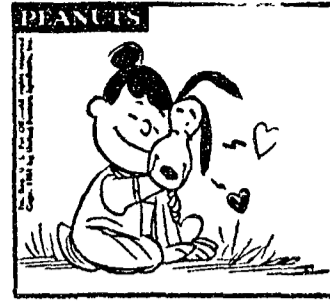
These have been a sore spot for students for many years. Several attempts have been made to attack these problems individually. It would be good to have these studied jointly.

It would be very difficult to coordinate the ride lists. The ideal situation would be to register at one place and then to have the names listed in each residence area. However, this would almost be impractical since many students do not decide until late in the week on final plans going home.

Insofar as chartered buses are concerned it is now possible to make arrangements for express buses to larger cities which would have the same advantages of chartered buses.

It would also be a simple matter to obtain traveling schedules from transportation companies and have them distributed throughout campus.

In general, the planks are good, however, they are unimpressive to the average voter. A more dynamic platform is needed to inspire students to vote.



Letters

Grad Airs Parking Views

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to add my voice to the voices of those already protesting the new parking regulations.

It had been my custom over the past four years to bring my car on campus in the evenings, and to park it in the lot next to my laboratory. The only times I remember seeing the lot full were at those times that there was an Artists' Series presentation at Schwab, directly across the street. These events took place about five times a semester and I was always able to find parking in another nearby lot at such a time.

Now, however, the lots I had once been able to use are closed to me. They remain relatively unused in the evenings, since most of those who are able to use them are college faculty, who seldom come to campus at night.

I must park in an out of the way lot or run the risk of getting a parking ticket. Should the HUB parking lot, which is relatively close to my lab, be full, I must use the next closest lot, lot 50, which necessitates a 15-minute walk to my lab.

I am sure that when the snow comes, there will be few students willing to walk through it for 15 minutes just for the "privilege" of bringing their cars on campus. Indeed, there will be few coming on campus at all, once the snow comes and they are unable to drive directly to the places they wish to go.

One of the problems the new parking regulations was to have overcome was the stopping of cars along campus streets during the 5 o'clock rush hour. One has but to look, to see if the situation has been in any way alleviated.

I suggest that the new parking regulations have been detrimental and have lowered the morale of the student body in general, and of the graduate students in particular.

I further suggest that if any effort be made by the student body to have the regulations changed, it must be a concerted effort by the whole student body.

—Edward Sacher, Graduate Student

Syracuse Student Enjoys Hospitality

TO THE EDITOR: I'd like to express myself to all the students I came in contact with while at Penn State.

As a means of identification, I am the "brave soul" in the Syracuse jacket who, along with my girl and a good friend, entered the HUB the Friday night before THE game. I had been warned of causing a little commotion, but I had no idea how much!

...What amazed me was the good spirit and courtesy shown us by the many students there.

I know most of them would have enjoyed tearing to shreds or burning my jacket, perhaps with me in it, at that particular moment, and quite understandably.

We were treated wonderfully, both at the HUB and afterwards. Even those who recognized us after the game were friendly. This, to me, is an outstanding example of good sportsmanship and a credit to your student body.

•Letter cut
—John Kelly, '63 University of Syracuse

Junior Makes Suggestions to Politicians

TO THE EDITOR: I don't have time to write, and I realize your lack of space to print, a letter long enough to express my opinions of the disgusting procedures of the respective campaigning parties. Therefore I will present just two of my pet peeves on the subject.

First, in reference to the

Campus Party's freshman campaign poster:

I thought the contest for the Indie Queen was over. (In other words—So what?)

Second, a plea to the respective parties concerning their platforms:

Please give the students something to vote for besides people.

—David Shemeld, '61



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