

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

It was Ladies' Night at the opening session of the Democratic Convention. Two of the ladies (forgive me, Libbers) acquitted themselves splendidly. The others might have done better to have stayed home—along with everybody else.

As political conventions go, the 1976 Democratic edition has generated about as much interest as a rain-filled tent at a country fair. Seeing that the only item that could spark any excitement is the selection of Carter's running mate, the networks might have given an hour coverage each night and not missed a thing. As it was, NBC began its reporting at 7 p.m., CBS at 7:30 and ABC at 10 a.m.

In order to fill the hours the viewers were subjected to a political cartoon, starring Edward Asner, two horrendous mini-interviews with Carter women, "Miz Lilyun" as Walter Cronkite persisted in calling the candidate's mother and eight-year-old Amy. CBS correspondent Leslie Stahl who is as competent as she is pretty managed to end up looking ridiculous fencing with the 8-year-old Carter matriarch and even worse with the child as she persisted in asking some ridiculous questions about what she thought the state of the country and her lemonade stand. Really, must the viewer be subjected to that kind of garbage in the name of gavel-to-gavel coverage?

Mrs. Rosalyn Carter, the candidate's wife, was another story

Cronkite spoke to her and elicited enough intelligent responses for the viewer to determine that she is bright, unassuming and would be a credit to any husband in any job situation.

Another woman, New York's Lt. Gov. Mary Ann Krupsak, came off no better in her speech than did some other state dignitaries, i.e. Gov. Carey, Mayor Abraham Beame. Her piece of puffery was about on a par with the keynote talk of vice presidential hopeful John Glenn. And if we at home paid no attention to any of the above efforts, neither did anyone on the convention floor, where milling, unattentive crowds were in evidence.

Black Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas changed all that in the second keynote address. Certainly her half-hour talk was the highlight of the evening. Rapt attention, sincere applause and standing ovations were her rewards.

It is always a pleasure to hear someone with a command of the English language and a public presence and delivery to match. It is an even greater treat when that person represents two minorities at one crack. It is a sign that this country not only has the ability to grow and to change but that it is doing so.

Besides Rep. Jordan's talk and the interview with Mrs. Carter, the opening session did provide viewers with at least one other important dimension. The simple fact of putting a camera on a person for any length of time can be so devastating in its exposure that in spite of inane interviews and lackluster anchoring, the viewer finds he has learned something more about any number of personalities whose names he digests every morning along with his breakfast coffee.

Gov. Jerry Brown, for example, has an alarming note of petulance in his voice. Sen. Frank Church seems a mite too eager to please. And Mayor Daley of Chicago still comes off as a personality to approach with caution.

mainstays from New York, Nashville, Topeka, Salt Lake and Dallas.

Most coaches dislike being picked as pre-season choices to win a national championship. Kush is something else. He is delighted. Receiving recognition to fit the record has been a problem for the Tempe outfit.

The Sun Devils being located in the Rocky Mountains means late dissemination of scores on Saturday nights and little publicity with Sunday writers and readers back East.

Arizona State was merely 12-and-0 last season, beating off Big Eight co-champion Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

Kush has 15 returning starters, including all those at offensive skill positions. So Arizona State, lightly regarded and treated in the past, seems on the verge of a breakthrough. Even so, many of its scores won't find daylight in the sports pages before Monday mornings.

Frank Kush belongs up there with the glamor names of the coaching profession, along with the Darrel Royals and Bear Bryants and Woody (ugh!) Hayeses and John McKays, all established, perennial challengers for the national championship.

Kush didn't come out of nowhere, either, although nine of ten college football enthusiasts probably can't tell you whether he played himself and where. He's one of 15 kids from a Pennsylvania coal mine family. He was an All American guard at Michigan State and the Spartans lost only once in his three years.

Remember the names: Arizona State and Frank Kush.

They have nudged into the top echelon, and they plan to stick around for a long while.

Fund Drive Clicking at Ithaca Church

Ithaca — A Sacrificial Offertory Program began at Immaculate Conception Parish on May 1 to raise funds for increased operating costs and repairs to the parish property.

C. L. Lenzi, a financial analyst from Detroit, Mich., donated his time to help the parish in their drive. Over the past 23 years Lenzi has visited 412 parishes throughout the United States and Canada helping them raise money.

The four-phase program is already bringing results. More than 650 parishioners have responded to the program by raising their pledge.

Alumni Board Elects Officers

Daniel M. Meyers of Irondequoit has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the St. John Fisher College Alumni Association.

Meyers, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Regional Council on Aging, will serve as chairman of the 5,000-member association until May 31, 1977.

Other officers of the board are Ronald A. Schoeneberger, vice-chairman, and Daniel Saperstone, secretary-treasurer.

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George Beahon

BUMPER STICKER: "Talk To Your Spouse Today, Football Season Starts Friday Night."

So it's only the College All Stars but all the pros are well into camp routines and the college polls soon will be upon us.

The magazine and wire service polls are stodgy old-hat stuff that almost always include the same teams in the top five, occasionally with a little shuffling in order.

My favorite poll is the one done by the Football Writers Association of America, of which I am a member in poor standing if I don't get up my annual dues in the next mail.

FWAA isn't handing us an Oklahoma or Ohio State or any of those household names for the 1976 college champion.

That's because a new dynasty already is thriving, and don't pool-pooch the Arizona State Sun Devils, under the command of the very colorful Frank Kush.

The FWAA picks Arizona State ahead of Oklahoma, Nebraska, Alabama, Ohio State and Michigan tied for fifth and sixth, Texas, Penn State, UCLA and Notre Dame.

The voters were tired and tired

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