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Letter From The Editor

It's November 3, 1982 and do you know where your vote is? That's the question you might be asking yourself the day after election day, if you didn't vote.

Voting is a responsibility that is not enforced or mandatory. some people may still think that politicians are elected by a popular vote, but the fact is that every vote counts. To give you an example, consider the 1978 Congressional race between Congressman Robert Edgar and Upper Darby Mayor Eugene Kane. In that off-year election, Congressman Edgar barely won by a margin of 1,368 votes. The number of 1,368 votes is not a very healthy one. In that off-year election race, either candidate could have won, and it could happen again this year. A township or college campus could decide the outcome of an

election. That is, if an entire college campus was registered and did vote. On a commuter campus problems with time, exams, and travelling could excuse students from voting. However, those able to vote should exercise their right to do

It does not take much time to vote if you are registered, know where to vote, and know who to vote for. In the next issue of the Lion's Eye, the staff will present a Voter's Guide; telling you where to vote, and who the major candidates are. Unfortunately, by the time

this issue is printed, the October 4 registration deadline will have passed. Anyone who is not registered for this election year will have to register for next year's election.

Peter D. Cook **Editor-in-Chief**

The Writing Center

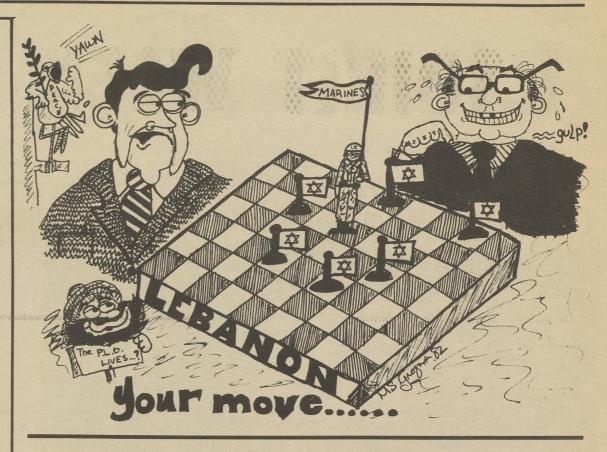
by Patricia Matkowski

Does the onslaught of college compositions have you down? There's no need to worry. Just take a trip down to the Learning center where you can get help in learning writing and math skills. You might ask yourself, "Can the Learning Center help me?" If you need help in organizing lectures, remembering grammar and math skills, learning techniques for taking essay exams, finding important information in text books, or organizing ter papers, the Learning Center is the place for you.

For extra help, tutors are available 30 hours a week in Room 109 of the Library-Learning Center. No appointment is necessary, just walk in. A note will be sent to your pro-

fessor to let him know that you're making an extra effort. So far, students have been down for help in journalism, speech communication, RECLED, and even engineering graphics classes, so it's not just for help in English. Foreign students are also welcome to come down and converse in English with Peter Cook, a student tutor in the learning center.

A new computer is also available in the library in which a student can check out a disc on word structure or reading skills (math programs are coming soon) and put it into the Apple 2 plus computer. Dr. Tomezko, associate Director for Academic Affairs says, "The program is more fun than PAC-MAN and costs less too.



The First Term Freshman vs. The Resident Veteran

by Mike Grogan

One of the oldest traditions to survive the fast-paced modernization of America's university system has got to be without a doubt the constant battle which rages between the freshman and the upperclassman. The freshman, throughout all of recorded history, has been portraved as a wimpering, cretinous low life whose runny-nosed existence has forever been degraded by the vanguards of his or her particular institution (namely the seniors). However, this stereotypical view of freshmen does not come unwarranted when these intellectual novices are contrasted with the experienced, sophistication of the highly evolved upperclass.

Unlike the seasoned veteran, who only shows up for class to see movies, take an occasional exam, and the final if possible, the freshman attends each and every scheduled class period with a religious urgency. Through rain, sleet, snow, and potholes they come, ever fearful that if they should perhaps period Hist 20 class the instructor would unleash the secrets of the universe in the span of seventy minutes, and they will have missed it.

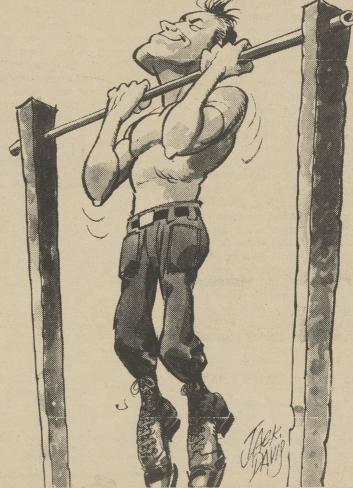
Of course, when you stop and think about it, they could have slept late that day and just asked a friend in class to loan him the cassette from his tape recorder. The Japanese business community must be overcome by waves of joy from the money spent by freshmen on these devices. When used properly, these technological wonders can catch every noun. verb, sneeze, burp, and bodily noise the instructor can make. The freshness of the sound cannot be compared. The upperclassmen also has his hand in the realm of electronic devices for classroom use. However, his cassette tapes are usually transmitting the newest Who or Pink Floyd releases, not the latest lecture on chemical bonds.

Also, one dead give away to telling a freshman class from any upper one is its personality and composure. A first term

sleep late and miss their first freshman class looks tense and alert. They are attentive and huddle near the front of the room so as to be able to jot down all the information the instructor writes on the board. This enables them to cross each "t" and dot each "i" when they are suppose to. On the other hand, our resident veteran knows he must position himself as close to the door and back row as possible in order to have an unobstructed route to freedom. Their class is also more relaxed than that of the freshman's; so much so that even the instructors have trouble staying awake. And when it comes to taking notes the upperclass can't be beat. In fact, if some one could translate the 'margin graphitti' in their note books, you could see the wisdom being passed on.

Never fear freshman class, all is not lost. By the time you reach your second year, hopefully, a metamorphosis will take place. At least I pray it will. Why do I care so much? Why? Well I'm a sophmore now and (God help me) I'M STILL WAITING! DO YOU HEAR I'M STILL WAITING ...

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