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Editorial

The Power Of One Vote

By Van Polhemus

In a recent questionnaire it was found that 72 percent of college students don't care about their future. Seventy-two percent are willing to allow the status quo to be maintained. Seventy-two percent don't plan on voting in the next election.

By way of comparison, a few hundred years ago pre-Americans were willing to fight, even die, for their right to live in a democratic society. Recently, Americans fought, even killed, for the right of others to live in a democratic society. In present times though, the descendants of these self same Americans are becoming complacent, and are willing to allow the future to be decided for them.

Of all the problems facing America in this modern age, this is certainly the most infuriating, as well as the most dangerous. The idea that "one vote can't make a difference" is permeating young minds, and destroying the very fabric of the society in which we live.

Something must be done. The masses must start taking an active role in molding their own future. Education is the key element in getting eighteen to twenty-somethings to vote. We, as whole must start watching the conventions, listening to the issues, and most importantly, filling out those ballots. Until the time that this happens, we will continue to be a forgotten minority. Our voice will be lost among those that shout their opinions, as long as we continue to mumble ours.

The solution to this is simple enough, for those that care: REGISTER AND VOTE. Go to your local courthouse or post office, and add your voice to those that second your opinion. Make your thoughts count, and force the politicians to listen.

Has The Information Super-Highway Gone Astray?

By James Foltz

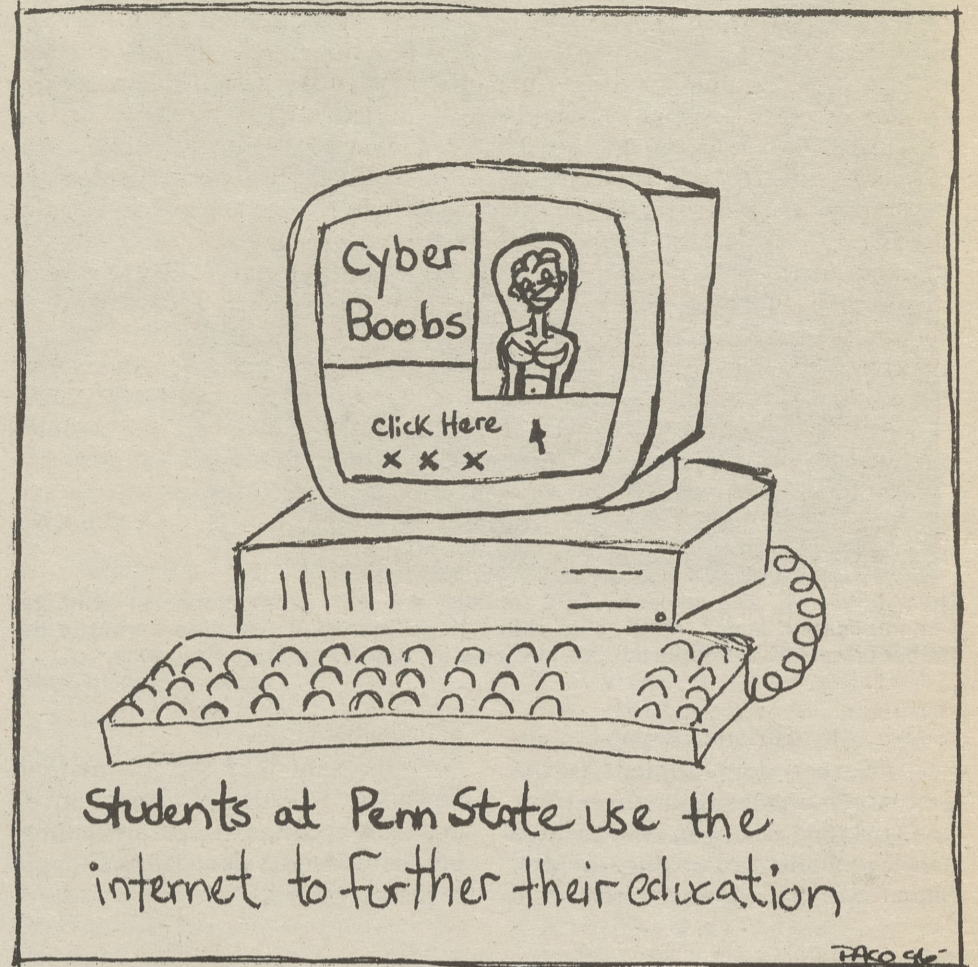
The Internet, specifically the World Wide Web, had become quite a hot topic in the media some months ago. Because it gave anyone easy access to pornographic material, concerned citizens moved to censor it. Censoring the net, however, erupted into more than an issue of protecting children from obscene, adult material; it had grown into a constitutional issue, the first amendment's right to free speech.

It has since been ruled that the United States has no right to block the adult material from being uploaded onto, as well as being downloaded from the net. Unfortunately though, with all of the aforementioned negative, media publicity, the Internet has been somewhat stereotyped as a

vulgar apparatus for twisted and perverted people, specifically men, to continue a collection of sexually explicit pictures and other lewd materials. This, of course, is untrue. The Internet has much more to offer the public than distasteful material.

Even the most ignorant computer users have heard of the phrase "information superhighway." This is a very apt name for the Internet, being that it is nearly an endless supply of information on virtually any topic in multiple forms. A typical user of the Internet can take advantage of "on-line" books and magazines, video and audio clips, "chat rooms" and software, plus E-mail to name only a few.

While "surfing" on the net, a user can research for a college paper, read a review on the latest movie, print up



statistics on a favorite athlete, or simply go on an "on-line" tour of a particular place. The Penn State Delaware County Campus Homepage (www.de.psu.edu) is one such place.

On the Penn State Delco Homepage, a person could find out about professors on campus, degree programs the campus offers, special events, the Vairo Library, Project

Vision, and various student clubs and organizations including *The Lion's Eye* and *Penn in Hand*.

To fully take advantage of the Internet and all that it entails, simply go to any computer lab - IBM or Macintosh - in the Main Building (second floor), or the Vairo Library, and ask for assistance from one of the lab assistants.

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Inactivity On Campus; Delco Needs an Enema

By David Metcalf

Many Penn State DelCO students were like myself when they started here. They applied to University Park and were instead assigned here. They proceeded to whine and curse over the alternate campus- about how small it is, no on-campus housing, either living at home or having to work harder to maintain an apartment. There are many ways that DelCO doesn't compare to main campus and several ways it never will. But what people do not understand is how the success of the campus, the success of the students, and the morale of the students is in control of... who? The students!

The campus cannot be at fault for not living up to the lofty position people place University Park. It is the main campus, and this is a branch campus. The reason people aren't interested in coming here is the campus is there is not much to do. Well, for your information, there are now two lounges- one in the Main building devoted primarily to studying, and the other, in the Commons building, for student entertainment with pool table, air hockey table, ping-pong table, video games, pinball machines, big screen TV and VCR, and most importantly other students to meet outside of classes. If you don't meet people here you have to be just plain

antisocial.

This campus also has activities out the wazoo. You may visit one someday and see only a few people there, and if you go to more than once you'll see the same people, and think "this sucks, no one's here!" and that is because fifty other people came along one at a time just before you and each said "this sucks, there's no one here!" and that is because...

There is one thing that this campus seriously lacks and that is student participation. There is one thing that could make this campus so much better and that is student participation. There is one thing that could make this campus much more like University Park and that is student participation. It is obvious that this campus needs student participation.

Every student's goal, aside from making good grades, should be to get involved and just plain have a good time. If you do not have a good time it is your own damn fault. It is in your hands, as the student, to not only make your tuition worthwhile, but to enjoy college. Don't be miserable for a semester, a year, two years while you're here. I had a horrible time when I first got here. I got involved and now this is not really "Penn State Community College" anymore. You are a Nittany Lion at this campus, too, so take pride in a part of your life you will carry with you forever!

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