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FIGURES DON'T LIE

In the last issue of this publication there appeared an editorial entitled "THE VOTING PROBLEM," an article which, in the discussion of the newly born rumor of fraudulent methods in the general class elections, made mild accusations of ballot stuffing, claiming that more voters, in a certain school, than were eligible cast ballots. At least the final recapitulation revealed that the number of votes cast in one school exceeded the number actually enrolled.

Students have reacted to the accusation in various modes. Some have sensed insult and demand apology, some have applauded the action and ask for continued investigation, while others, admitting the possibility of truth in the statement feel inclined to believe the action a bit hasty.

Because of the unexpected student interest, the Collegian is resolved to continue the investigation in the interests of fairness and clean politics. No need is felt for apology since an official count was procured from Student Council tellers, an authentic enrollment number was secured from the school concerned and the majority still favors the number of voters. If there was any mistake or misstatement, it lies with the figures of the tellers or with those issued by the suspicious school. And both are taken as official.

TO MOTHER

The unsung and often unappreciated heroine in everyone's life is Mother. Beginning with the swaddling clothes stage she watches over us, ministers to our wants and corrects our failings before they become imbedded in our character. During the age of marbles and spinning tops Mother listens to our petty troubles with the patience of a Job. She encourages us in time of defeat and failure and glories in our victories. Our every action gives her torment or satisfaction. It hurts her when we do wrong. It hurts us when she applies corrective measures for those wrongs. But after all, the momentary sting of a "palming" or a single party is a small matter compared to the importance of teaching us to walk in the ways that are right.

As childhood advances into youth and we feel less need of support, advice and sympathy, we have a tendency to draw away from Mother's influence. We no longer carry every little worry and difficulty to her. We feel, in fact, a certain sense of martyrdom in suffering in silence. But Mother is still as interested in us as ever. She feels that we are drawing away from her and finds it hard to reconcile herself with the fact that we are growing up, and must, soon, too soon to suit her, leave the maternal fireside to forge for ourselves.

During the period of adolescence we often think harshly about Mother because she meddles, we believe, in our private affairs, because she wants us to do things we don't want to do. Later, sometimes too late, we realize that all was meant to make us better men and women and that we owe her a debt of gratitude we can never repay.

The celebration of national Mothers' Day tomorrow gives us an opportunity to show how much we appreciate what has been done for us. If your mother has found it circumstantially possible to be with you at the College on this week-end, a variety of ways by which you may entertain her have been prepared. Tonight there is a musical recital and a vaudeville show at the Schwab auditorium. On the morning she should attend the Penn State Parents' Association to become acquainted with the Mothers of her son's or daughter's classmates and to hear President Hetzel and the other speakers of note. The afternoon and evening offers intercollegiate sports contests, a tea at the Women's Building, the May Day fete and the Player's farce-comedy, "The Family Upstairs."

To the visiting Mothers, we extend a hearty welcome and wish them an enjoyable week-end with their sons and daughters. If Father seems to have been neglected, remember that Father had his day last fall. Tomorrow is Mothers' Day.

MAY DAY

Annual observance of May Day festivities will be made tomorrow night on the front campus and will also be a part of the Mothers' Day exercises. An elaborate program has been prepared for the ceremony of crowning Miss Elizabeth T. Hazel '28 Queen

of the May. In order that the pageantry may be carried off successfully, it will be necessary to confine the onlookers to a certain space on the campus. Students, we hope, will behave themselves becomingly and will not crowd, push or try to break through the lines in their anxiety to see all that is going on.

Again, the students will remember that they are the hosts of their mothers this week-end and will always give preference to their guests. Particularly in the open air theatre, the capacity of which is comparatively small, will care need to be taken to prevent any unfortunate occurrence that might mar the success of the May Day festivities.

RATING THE SPORTS

By a recent action of the Dartmouth Athletic Council partially wiped away the distinction between major and minor sports at the Hanover institution. Instead of awarding a large D for a major sport and a smaller D with the subsidiary small letters for a minor sport, a straight D will be given to lettermen in all sports. The distinction is not entirely done away with, however, for the new D's will be graduated in size according to the importance of the sport for which they are awarded.

The Council took the action because they considered the use of small letters in the minor sports award a sign of snobishness. It seems that the action of the Council was far from removing the discrimination between major and minor sports. The "snobishness" remains. The Council merely altered the method of discrimination. Under the new system it will no doubt be more difficult to distinguish between letters awarded for different sports, but the distinction is still there.

There was evidently another reason for changing the means of distinguishing between sports letters. The new method offers a partial solution to the problem of giving a just amount of recognition to deserving sports through the insignia. It is extremely difficult to classify all sports into two hard and fast divisions, major and minor. The fact that there are sports which fall into a class midway between major and minor standing gave rise to much wrangling. Under Dartmouth's new system there are three divisions instead of two. The football D's are to be seven inches high, baseball, track, hockey and basketball D's six inches, and the D's of all other sports only five inches.

Because of the smallness of making any distinction among the insignia awarded for varsity athletic participation, all discrimination might be done away with and the same letter given in all sports. But there is another side to the question. It is certainly more difficult to win a letter in some sports than in others. The football player works through late summer, fall and early spring while the tennis man is active only in the spring. Football, then, deserves more recognition than tennis and in a like manner other sports fall into different spheres of importance. Sports might also be rated according to the amount of general student interest in them. It is still an open question whether sports ought to be rated at all.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Smithers: I have a little surprise for you, Bullosopher. "Surprise." Are you planning to clear your payment on that five?"
Bullosopher: "Hush! Don't be so impudent and listen to reason for once."
Smithers: "From you?"

Smithers: Revel in your imitations if you will, but at least allow me to explain. Readers have been pressing me constantly as to your identity but, of course, without avail. They want to know who this Bullosopher person is, whether young or old, student or sage, they crave a glimpse of your person, of your facial topography, at least. They feel, perhaps, a desire to become better acquainted, more sympathetic, if possible, and believe that your painted features would aid considerably in the matter. And you?

Bullosopher: I hardly know what to answer, the question was so unexpected and surprising. Perhaps, my public (ahem?) might experience serious disappointment. They might even laugh at the thrust and jeer if they felt such an illustration indicated egoism?
Smithers: But I reassure you that I have had requests, numerous requests. If they act according to your predictions, a slight extracting movement will remedy the situation.

"Quite true. I'll chance anything once. I'll report to the photographer within a week."

Students Organize Religious Council

As a means of establishing a voluntary cooperative agency for the purpose of correlating the work of the various religious agencies at Penn State, and for presenting to the campus a united program of religious work, eleven of the student religious organizations have formed a Student Religious Council. Most of the preliminary organization work has been completed in the two meetings held thus far.

The Council will have a double method of procedure. Any member or group may bring any project of its own to the Council asking for its cooperative backing and assistance. The Council may also install a new project on which the members act as a whole.

The membership of the Council is representative of three different classes, being composed of those employed as religious workers, one student and alternate of the opposite sex from each religious organization and three faculty members who are to be elected as associates.

The next meeting of the Council will be Monday afternoon and night at the Andy Lane cabin, at which time officers will be elected, and plans worked out for next semester's Freshman Week.

Students Ballot for A. A. Officers Monday

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Officers will be made the same because of the total competition. The same principle will be applied to soccer and lacrosse.

Cheerleader Elections.
Cheerleaders in the past have been elected by the captains and managers of all the sports, although the system was felt to be unsatisfactory. Under the new rule cheerleaders will be chosen by the student body. The period of competition will also be cut down one week and will give men, who have lost out for first assistants' jobs, a chance to try for the cheerleading position.

Nominations for Officers.
George S. Delp '29 Richard A. Gauder '29 Stephen V. Harnas '29 and Louis D. Reilly '29 have been nominated for the office of the president of the Athletic Association. For the position of secretary Charles D. Foght '29, Bernard Newman '29 and Don C. Steele '29 have received nominations. The names of these men will appear on the same ballot, bearing the list of proposed amendments.

The proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws of the athletic governing body are as follows:

SECTION B

Article XII—Method of Selecting Officers

Article XII, Section 1, changed to read: Immediately following the award of varsity insignia in each branch of sport, as provided in Section D, the varsity men so awarded shall meet and select one of their number as Captain for the following season. The President of the Athletic Association shall preside at all elections of captains and in the event of an even number of men entitled to vote, he shall cast a vote on the first ballot.

SECTION D

Article XV—Requirements for Insignia Awards

Article XV, Section 1, changed to read:

1. The major sports "S" shall be awarded to any member of the varsity football squad who qualifies as follows:

(a) Participating in at least six games and playing a total of one hundred and eight minutes, time played in any two of the three major games counting double.
(b) Playing six quarters in the three major games, but the Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh games shall be two of these.

Article XV, Track, Section 4 (c), changed to read:

Running on a varsity relay team, which wins first place in the Annual Indoor I. C. A. A. A. meet, or running on a winning varsity relay team in the championships of the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival.

Article XV, Track, Section 11, changed to read:

11. Cross Country. The winner of the "S" shall be awarded to the first five varsity team members to finish in the Annual Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships, or to any member of the varsity cross country squad who finishes in the first five places in at least two regularly scheduled meets.

Article XV, Wrestling, Section 12, changed to read:

12. The major sports "S" shall be awarded to any member of the varsity wrestling squad who participates in all the regularly scheduled meets, and is undefeated, provided there are at least four meets scheduled.

The major sports "S" shall be awarded to any member of the varsity wrestling squad who wins an individual in the annual meet held by the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.

Article XV, Basketball, Section 14, changed to read:

14. The major sports "S" shall be awarded to any member of the varsity basketball squad who participates in thirty per cent of the time in the regularly scheduled games, time playing in four major games counting double. The Executive Committee on Basketball shall designate the aforementioned major games.

Article XV, Lacrosse, Section 15, changed to read:

15. The major sports "S" (1st) shall be awarded to any member of the varsity lacrosse squad who has played a full half, or the equivalent in three-quarters of the regularly scheduled games, provided there are at least five games scheduled.

Article XV, Soccer, Section 16. The major sports "S" (1st) shall be awarded to any member of the varsity soccer squad who has played a full half, or the equivalent in three-quarters of the regularly scheduled games, provided there are at least five games scheduled.

Article XV, Boxing, Section 19, changed to read:

19. The major sports "S" (1st) shall be awarded to any member of the varsity boxing squad who has participated in at least one-half of the regularly scheduled meets, or who has participated in the annual meet held by the Intercollegiate Boxing Association.

Article XV, Rifle, Section 20, changed to read:

20. The major sports "S" (1st) shall be awarded to any member of the varsity rifle squad who had participated in at least two-thirds of the telegraphic matches, and one-half of the should-

er-to-shoulder matches, or to any member of the varsity rifle squad who has competed in the Annual Intercollegiate Championship matches.

Article XV.—Omit Section 21, and advance 22, 23 and 24 one number.

Article XVII.—Forms of Athletic Insignia, Section 6

6. Include Cross Country (cSc) in the first paragraph and omit Cross Country in the second paragraph.

SECTION F

By-Laws

Article I, Section 2, changed to read:

2. The minor sports shall be Wrestling, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis, Boxing, Rifle, Golf and Cross Country

Article V, Section 2, changed to read:

2. The head cheerleader and his assistants shall be elected from the Junior assistants by ballot of the four undergraduate classes at the time of the election of officers of the Athletic Association. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be head cheerleader and the one receiving the second highest number shall be his assistant.

Article V, Section 3, changed to read:

3. Within ten days after election, the head cheerleader shall issue a call for Sophomore candidates. The time remaining before the close of the second semester shall be used to instruct the candidates in the methods of leading cheers and songs, and at the end of this period, the cheerleader and his assistants shall select at least four of the candidates as their assistants for the following year.

Article V.—Omit Section 4.

Pittsburgh Professor Takes Charge of New Electrification Bureau

As the first step in an attempt to find uses for electricity on the farm, Professor W. D. Hemker, Pittsburgh, Pa., has just taken charge of the newly created Rural Electrification Bureau in the department of farm machinery.

Professor Hemker graduated from Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas, in agricultural engineering with the class of 1925. Following his graduation he was employed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, Pa., in charge of their agricultural engineering work.

The problem of cheap dairy refrigeration by the use of electricity will be studied first. Experiments with portable electric motors as a source of farm power will be tried later.

DR. DUTCHER ADDRESSES INDIANA COUNTY CLUBS

Addressing a joint meeting of the Indiana Kivans and Rotary clubs, Dr. R. Adams Dutcher, professor of agricultural and biological chemistry, spoke on the subject "Some Recent Developments in Human and Animal Nutrition" Monday night.

The occasion marked annual farmers' night. Each Rotarian and Kivanian brought a farmer as his guest. County Agent John W. Wainer, graduate of Penn State, had charge of

Prominent Engineers Will Attend A. S. M. E. Banquet Next Friday

The close of a successful year the student branch, A. S. M. E. here will be celebrated by a banquet at the University Club on Friday which promises to be an event of unusual interest. Many prominent engineers are expected to be in State College that day and some of these have accepted an invitation to meet with the student society.

One of the visitors who will speak is Mr. L. K. Silcox, a prominent engineer of this country. Mr. Ernest Hartford, assistant secretary, A. S. M. E., will be present and speak. Mr. William Elmer, special engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, H. B. Oates, vice-president, Superheater Company, Mr. Roy W. Wright, A. I. Lipetz, and others have accepted invitations.

This banquet will be in the nature of a farewell event to the Seniors in Industrial and Mechanical Engineering and a large attendance of students is expected.

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SATURDAY—Cathaum—Pola Negri, Warner Baxter in "THREE SINNERS"

SATURDAY—Nittany—"HONOR BOUND"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—Matinee Monday at 2:06 First Pennsylvania Showing of Lon Chaney in "LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH!" Special Prices: adults 50c, children 25c

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