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THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

UP BEFORE the State Legislature in the near future will come a proposed amendment to the constitution which would give that body the power to establish a system of absentee voting...

To Penn State, the proposal means more than the complete enfranchisement of more than 2,000 students—approximately 35 per cent of the student body.

For it was less than two years ago that two students—Frank W. Ruth, Jr., '39 and Francis H. Szymczak '38—introduced a measure advocating absentee voting before the Intercollegiate Conference on Government, held annually in Harrisburg.

The measure was approved by the collegiate group and thereupon the Penn State students requested Senator Frank W. Ruth of Berks County to introduce the proposal to the General Assembly and make it law.

WHEN IT WAS learned that constitutional provisions barred the adoption of such a measure, however, Senator Ruth initiated a drive for an amendment to provide for absentee voting.

The resolution was passed last year by the General Assembly by an overwhelming vote. Over the week-end, the Senate General Judiciary Committee gave its unanimous approval and reported it out to the floor.

According to the state constitution, the resolution must now be repassed by the Assembly and placed before the electorate for a general referendum in November before it can become part of the constitution.

IF THE PROPOSAL should be accepted it would mean that more than 2,000 undergraduates who are 21 years of age or more would have the right to exercise their voting privileges without being forced to cut classes and pay as much as \$5 and \$10 to go home.

Whatever the result, it is easy to see that the youth of Pennsylvania—the educated youth—would become a powerfully vital force in the movement to reshape the destiny of its millions, a movement to democratize a state so grounded in political despotism and corruption that for more than a half-century it resembled the one-party systems of European dictatorship and Southern bigotry.

Let's drop a post card to our Senators and Legislators during the Easter vacation, and insure the establishment of the unequivocal right to vote in this state, a right without which democracy itself ceases to exist.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT of the Recreational Planning Board and the subsequent proposal of an All-College Lodge in the nearby mountains, student recreation here has taken a big step in the right direction.

Planned as a focal point for student sports, hobby and outing clubs, the proposed Lodge would be available to all student organizations for cabin parties, dinners and get-togethers.

Some will criticize the project on the basis that "it's not a mountain lodge that we need—it's a student union building."

True, Penn State does need a student union building. Everyone on the Recreation Planning Board will admit that. In fact, it is next on the Board's list of projects.

But the Board also realizes that, with financial conditions as they are, it would be almost impossible to raise the \$500,000 or \$600,000 necessary for the construction of such a building.

ONE OF THE CHIEF assets of this Lodge is its cost.

Such a structure, large enough to accommodate 125 students with both food and lodging, can be built for less than \$8,000.

And where is this money to come from? The Board has already a small sum earned through roller skating sessions in the Armory this winter. Contributions in both labor and money have been offered. The Board is now working on further financing plans.

But the present senior class could go far in solving this problem of the Board by awarding the annual class gift fund to the furtherance of recreation at Penn State. It would be a worthwhile project, the financing of this Lodge. It would benefit the entire student body. It would be a permanent and useful memorial to the Class of '39.

Seniors, soon you will be called upon to help select your glass gift. When that time comes, remember the All-College Mountain Lodge and give it your full consideration.—H.N.

OLD MANIA

Brickbats and Brickbats:

Last Friday Campy made a futile attempt to gain a few readers by putting out OLD MANIA heading at the top of his column, but even the prestige of our headline couldn't make readable matter out of that pillar of tripe.

Bouquets and Bouquets:

There was only one thing wrong with this IF week-end—it was our last one. LARRY Clinton was even better than we expected. The band sounded even better than their recordings.

From Yale's Blue Bard:

Spring is here The grass is green I wonder where The epistles lie —Jim Seesel, Yale '41

Special Announcement:

To all Penn States who expect to be in the vicinity of Manhattan on Easter Monday, April 10th, there will be the regular meeting of the Penn State "Home From School" Club at the German-American down on 3rd avenue at 17th street.

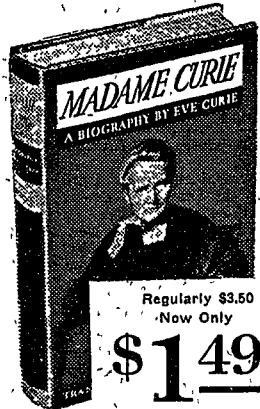
Sing For Your Supper:

We think a lot of our glee club. They're good. But our idea of nothing at all is their annual trip, this year's edition of which was just completed.

Throughout the whole trip the boys have the feeling that they're imposing on these very kind and gracious people who put them up. They're not at ease—naturally. They don't feel free to take a shower even though they need it badly, and it gets sort of tiresome trying to be entertaining.

Meanwhile, our dear debaters who don't draw flies, enjoy the proceeds of an annual 50-cent debating fee from each student. \$2,500 or thereabouts. How about splitting it? We think the Glee Club should get a cut.

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Women To Vie In Discussions

Delta Alpha Delta Will Hold Intramural Debating On April 24-27

"Life! Who gets more fun out of it, men or women?" will be debated at the seventh annual intramural discussion contest sponsored by Delta Alpha Delta, women's debate honorary, April 24-27.

Two-girl teams from any societies or organized groups may compete for the Delta Alpha Delta intramural cup, won by Alpha Chi Omega last year. Speeches will be limited to ten minutes and contestants may take the same or opposing points of view.

The committee in charge of the discussion is: chairman, Florence V. Watkins '39, Managers: E. Barnett '39, Martha M. Marvasal '39, Claire Y. Danke '40, and Marjorie E. Witsil '40.

Coes In Radio Meet With W.-J. Debaters

Debating over station WRAK, the women's debate team met the Washington and Jefferson men on the subject of "Isolation" in the Locomobile Hotel, Williamsport, at 7:45 p. m. yesterday.

In the debate, sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association of Lycoming County, Emily J. Hinchman '40 and Barbara A. Joseph '40 upheld the affirmative in the question. Resolved, that the policy of the United States towards all nations involved in international or civil conflict shall be one of isolation.

Florence V. Watkins '39, and Gertrude H. Hecht '41 will go on a debate tour during Spring vacation. They will be accompanied by Clayton H. Schug, women's debate team coach. Miss Watkins and Miss Hecht will uphold the negative side of the same question mentioned above when they meet the women's teams of Ohio University on April 11, Ohio State on April 12, and Western Reserve on April 17.

Ag Library To Open Sunday Afternoons

On three successive Sundays, April 16, 23, and 30, the Agricultural Library will be open from 2 to 5 p. m. A petition presented by a committee from the Agricultural Student Council resulted in the adoption of these experimental opening hours.

We Women

Cwens, under their new recommendation lists plan for choosing outstanding freshman women, is getting away from the stigma attached to too many honorary groups—of being just a matter of politics.

With lists from debate organizations, the Dean of Women's office and numerous other organizations and individuals who are in close contact with freshman women, Cwens will have the opinions of those who know in choosing their new members.

Since its establishment on this campus, Cwens has chosen freshman women to be tapped on May Day on the recommendations of its sophomore members. Under this system, they still have the final word, but will be guided largely by the consensus of opinion in the recommendation lists.

Cwens To Use New Method Of Election

Cwens, sophomore women's honorary, will select new members this year from lists of recommendations secured from women and organizations that have had contacts with freshmen women, according to Ruth K. Kistler, president.

This manner of selection will take the place of the system which has existed up to this time. Previously the Cwens themselves elected their successors.

New Cwens will be tapped by the old members during the May Day ceremony, May 13.

of council, said the action was the result of agitation coming from the various student clubs in the School of Agriculture.

The use of the library by students and faculty during the experimental period will determine the future policy of the Library as to Sunday hours, he said.

Ag Frolic Scheduled April 29 In Armory

Ag Frolic, spring carnival sponsored annually by the Agricultural Student Council, will be held on Saturday, April 29, it was announced yesterday by Donald G. Leich '40, council president.

As per custom, the carnival theme will be featured at this year's Frolic. Colorfully decorated booths surrounding the dance floor will offer a variety of exciting chance and games. Paper money will again be plentiful.

The Campus Owls will play for dancing from nine to twelve.

Officers Installed By Delta Sigma Pi

Delta Sigma Pi, honorary commerce and finance society, installed new officers for 1939-40 at a



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luncheon in the Old Mam Sandwich Shop recently. New officers are: president, Clarence H. Evans; secretary, Andy D. Warcholak; treasurer, John P. Stevens, Jr.; senior warden, Robert E. Schuler, junior warden, Boyd Harrington, Jr.; senior guide, Robert W. Hayman; junior guide, Ray P. Johnson.

Reunion with a Trombone



"I don't know how it happened, but you can realize how a musician feels when he's left his trombone on the train. Luckily the separation wasn't for long. I telephoned to the next station and soon had my trombone back."

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