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**ON WITH THE POLITICAL BANDWAGON**

"EIGHTY-FIVE PER CENT of the Penn State student body voted in the last election, whereas in the average college only twenty per cent of the undergraduates participate in student government."

This was the statement made by a prominent figure in local student government. The Collegian agrees that this is a high percentage—quite a tribute, on the surface, to the average Penn State student.

But is this heavy turnout at the polls prompted by student interest in government, by student concern with candidates and issues? Or is it a tribute rather to a highly-developed MACHINE ORGANIZATION, to the efficiency with which party politicians herd their respective factions to the polls?

Does the average Penn State student know for whom or for what he is voting? Does he vote independent on Campus because he likes the qualifications of their candidates or the planks of their platforms—or because he was told to vote that way by his political "boss"?

The Collegian wonders. Certain it is that the average Penn State student in the past has not been interested enough in choosing able governmental leaders to devote a few minutes of his time in order to find out what goes on. Political mass meetings have found undergraduates staying away in droves.

Faithfully any democratic government involves some knowledge of candidates and issues on the part of the voter. It is precisely for this purpose that mass meetings like that slated tonight are held—to introduce the candidates and let them present their platforms.

The Collegian hopes that at least a certain percentage of Penn State's student body will sacrifice a small part of this evening to find out what the political hubbub is all about.

—W. E. F.

**EPIDEMIC AFTERMATH**

LAST WEDNESDAY morning the College Health Service opened its doors at the usual nine o'clock morning hour and found an epidemic—the second in five months.

By Wednesday afternoon 134 patients had been treated at the Dispensary for a mild form of gastro-enteritis manifested through diarrhea, vomiting, nervousness, and abdominal pain. It was estimated conservatively that at least 200 more students were relying on home cures. By Thursday that estimate might have been boosted to 1,000 without causing much eyebrow-lifting.

The Collegian has supported Dr. Ritenour through this year, has believed that he and the College Health Service have been the object of considerable unjust criticism, has believed this unfair criticism is impairing the effectiveness of one of the best-equipped college health services in the country.

But, here the Collegian believes Dr. Ritenour's refusal to encourage investigation is wrong. When two epidemics—mild as they may be—strike a campus as large as Penn State within five months the cause seems worth serious and lengthy investigation. Might not more serious diseases be spread as easily?

—A. A. S.

**PEACE IN OUR TIME**

FRESH AGGRESSION in Norway and Denmark brings war once more screaming to the headlines. We who have been lulled into forgetfulness by wishfully imagining a stalemated Germany awake once more to a blitzkrieg.

Let us not in the heat of the moment again save the world for democracy. We fought that war to end war twenty years ago. While yet it is not treason we plead for intelligent neutrality.

Let us have peace in our time.

E. B. R.

**OLD MANIA**

**STYMIED BY A SHRUNKEN Shhhh**  
(A Tale Of Life In The Raw)

By IMA SNOOP '40

All was gaiety and laughter in tradition-steeped Atherton Hall early Friday evening. Chatting gaily among themselves and humming snatches of the song hits of the day, the carefree young female students merrily prepared themselves for their fast-approaching appointments with their young gentlemen of the evening.

But while the shrill giggles and cries of sheer joy of living rang through the corridors of the dormitory, stark, realistic life in the raw was taking place in Room 154.

There a cooed, alone, deserted by her light-heated classmates, suddenly became subjected to grim, gruesome tragedy.

Unaware of the horrid fate about to befall her, she calmly dressed for her date.

From a neatly-laden drawer in her bureau she removed a bit of feminine apparel which she had laundered only the night before with her own dainty hands.

Alas, O horrid fate, it had shrunk in the process of being laundered. With all the might and main she could muster, she tried to force it around her body.

A crack! A cry of pain! Dilemma in Atherton Hall!

Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, of the College Medical Service, set the broken rib.

**The Psychic Mr. Naylor**

Slight, mustached Johnny Naylor of the English Comp Department proved himself psychic the other day, when a knock on the door awakened one of his classes.

"Ah, the troopers must have caught up with me," quipped Naylor.

He opened the door, revealing two uniformed minions of the law. But they were after only information, kiddies, not our Mr. Naylor.

**The Jewelry Mart**

Nora Lantz kappa is spotting Bob Crowell's fiddler pin. Helene Snyder '42 is wearing the engagement ring of the Anchorage's Bud Bidding.

Miss Elwood Cooper wants it known that columnists have neglected for months him and his pinee, Frances Rosnick. (Alfalfa! Ruth Kennedy senior ball queen, remember?) was spe-ed by Dick Rubner last week-end.

**Success Story**

The mob that attended the Glee Club concert Sunday afternoon had nothing but praise for the pianist of Andrew Szekely, refugee student from Hungary. Which makes timely once more the tale of how Szekely's talent became known here.

Early in the year, Dean Grant found himself without a pianist at a Glee Club rehearsal. He called for volunteers from among his singers. Szekely said he could play. When the good Dean asked for a demonstration, the likeable Hungarian started to play Chopin, without benefit of music, that brought a terrific round of applause and excitement that shook the music department.

**Flash! Stinker Club Revived!**

Dormant for over a year, the historical, traditional Stinker Club here and now is revived.

Our nominee Samuel George Gallu, the over-stuffed songbird.

Our reason: The one-man exhibition of how to lose friends and alienate people that Stinker Gallu put on at the above-mentioned Glee Club concert.

Forty Glee Clubbers sang, and well Gallu, alone, pantomimed as he warbled, obviously tried to steal the show from the other 39.

Andrew Szekely played the piano, and well Tom Waring sang and well. Meanwhile Gallu stood in a doorway at one side of the stage, and pantomimed again, in full view of about half of the audience.

Need we go on?

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**BULLETINS**

**TODAY**

Phi Eta Sigma candidates report for registration, 209 NLA, 7 to 9 p m today and tomorrow.  
 Dr. C. S. Rossby, assistant chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, will address American Meteorological Society and Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Room 121 Mineral Industries Building, 3 10 p m.

**THURSDAY**

Dr. J. F. Williams of Teachers College, Columbia University, will speak at the annual School of Physical Education and Athletics banquet, Autoport, 6 30 p m.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Applications will be considered and physical examinations given for the Army Air Corps by a traveling Board of Examination at the Infirmary until Saturday.

Student Union dances, Armory, 4 to 5 p m, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**Women in Sports**

Mildred Lucey, phys ed instructor, and Margery Harwick '41, Eleanor Benfer '41, and Helen Mazur '42, WRA officers, will attend the Northeast Conference of the Athletic Federation of College Women at Ohio State University from Thursday to Saturday. Marge will discuss co-recreational activities.

Grace Nolt '40 won the bowling championship with a three-game score of 432 in White Hall Saturday afternoon. Louise Collins '40 placed second with 387, and Mary Jenkins third with 372.

Ping pong finalists Natalie Cooperman '42, Harriet Hirschfeld '43, and Ruth Moore '43 will compete this week.

A week's practice for interclass baseball began on Holmes Field at 4 p m yesterday. Two practices are necessary for major and college games.

Managers selected were Muriel Engelke, Elizabeth Succop, Betty Widger, juniors, Katharine Lorech, Virginia Penrod, Dorothy Rhoads, and Evelyn Wiley, sophomores, Jean Burch, Martha Duffman, Nancy Gossett, and Elizabeth Munroe, freshmen.

**Co-Edits**

Theta Sigma Phi elected Jane Fulton, president, Vera Kemp, vice-president, Joyce Ferris, secretary, Ruth Goldstein, treasurer, and Dorothy Reeves, archivist.

Chi Os will entertain Kappa Sigs at a buffet supper tomorrow night.

AOPs pledges gave a "goat party" for actives last night. Kappa pledges suppered the actives at the house Sunday.

AEPHus were given a tea-dance by the Gamma Sigma Phis on Sunday afternoon.

Aileen Holtz, Rita Rosini, Florence Smith, and Irene Toth represented TPAs at their Province Convention at Syracuse last weekend.

Weekending alums were AOPs Ruth Burrage '39 and Betty McVicker '38, Chi O Clara Jones '37, and Gamma Phis Marie Plather '34, Dorthea Ruth '34, Betty Alexander '39, and Janet Lynch '39.

Mrs. Marjory S. McDowell, of the home ec department has returned from a conference at Chapel Hill, N. C., Duke University and the University of North Carolina on teaching marriage courses in college.

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**TODAY and WEDNESDAY**  
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**Town Children Named Flower Girls, Seniors Sign For Chain On May Day**

With town children named flower girls, and train bearers and senior women signed up to carry the homelock chain, May Day plans progressed this week. Senior women may still sign for the chain, according to Chairman Norma P. Sillwell '41 and Sub-chairman Margaret R. Roberts '42.

Mary Ann Edwards and Mary Elizabeth Anderson will strew flowers in Queen Jane A. Romig's path, while Darryl Wright and Peter Fishburn carry her train.

Green was the color selected for Maid of Honor Gloria M. Knepper's dress. Senior Attendants Ruth E. Kennedy and Margaret E. Warnaka will wear blue. Junior Attendants Betty Ann Albright and Janet H. Vandervice will be in orchid. Sophomore Attendants Dorothy E. Salzman and Barbara Torrence in yellow, and Freshman Attendants Margaret C. Seeds and Margaret K. Sherman in rose.

**45 Women Named Senior Sponsors**

Selected By Students To Supervise '44 Women

Forty-five junior women have been selected as next year's senior sponsors from a poll sent out by the Dean of Women's office to senate members, seniors, and freshmen. These sponsors will hold weekly meetings with groups of 10 to 12 freshmen women next fall to help orientate and adjust them to campus life and aid them in solving any problems.

Those named are Catherine C. Albert, Betty A. Albright, Mary H. Ashby, Katherine E. Bender, L. Eleanor Benfer, Annabelle Boyd, Betty M. Brown, Jeanne M. Chew, Helen B. Cramer, Josephine E. Condon, Harriet L. Dayton, Mary J. Dalton, Beitha M. Douthett, Eleanor L. Fagan, Madeline M. Fiorello, H. Jean

Fov, Rosemary E. Harris, Margery A. Harwick, Virginia C. Heath, Arla L. Hefferan, Gertrude L. Hellmers, Grace M. Hendershot, Frances E. Hohn, Janet N. Holtzinger, Jane B. Hoskins, Ruth E. Houser

Vera L. Kemp, Ruth K. Kistler, Leslie A. Lewis, Justine Lougee, Arlene A. Mackley, Miriam T. Miller, Dairline A. Neuhouser, Janice M. Owens, M. Agnes Peables, M. Isabelle Pfeiffer

Gail B. Pope, Rosemarie C. Rednagle, Dorothy B. Reeves, Harriet Singer, Mina A. Smith, Marie B. Somers, Beth M. Swope, Elmor L. Weaver, Rosemary Williams

**Us Gals**

It's one a. m. Sleepily the women's dormitory checker-in makes her way to the door to admit an apologetic late-comer.

Only one more person not signed in. Why not stay up? But fighting sleep is not for one who has been awakened at two the night before and twelve the night before that. The checker-in nods quarter to three. Clang, clang, clang. Must the door bell make such an ungodly noise? She gropes blindly for the lock, opens the door, and makes her way back through the silent hall and to bed. But now sleep has fled and she tosses fitfully, listening subconsciously for the bell.

Very efficiently on its nightly round of women's dormitories the campus patrole check the lights, doors, and windows. Could they not time their rounds so as to be at the dormitory at one, two, and three o'clock to admit late-comers?

While we're supplying dry handkerchiefs, we vote two to the harassed co-chairmen of the May Day committee. Sad but true, they've got a May Queen, attendants, and the photographers all set for the big event—but where, oh where is the May Queen's team?

And now is the time for all good women to register for the intramural discussion. If you've been griping about too strict regulations or worrying about too lenient ones this is the opportunity to win friends and influence people. And there's a loving cup for the winner.

—ERB

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