

With the Editor—

Absentee Voting? Why Not? All But Six States Have It

When election day rolls around next month the 2,000 Penn State students who are of voting age will have to travel home if they are to exercise the prerogative to vote.

Pennsylvania is one of only six states which allow no absentee voting whatever. The others are Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey and New Mexico. South Carolina allows absentee voting only in its primary election.

The students this year will have to go home to vote and this year more than any other year it is their duty to do that. The decision in November is going to have a far-reaching effect on American history, more far-reaching than normal decisions in normal times.

But after November it will be time to raise a cry for something else: Absentee voting for Pennsylvania.

The only provision Pennsylvania has made for anything like absentee voting is one guaranteeing absentee vote to men in military service: "Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States or by authority of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in all elections, by the citizens, under such regulations as are or shall be prescribed by law, as fully as if they were at their usual places of election."

There is no reason why Pennsylvania can not and should not enlarge on this service. At the last session of the state legislature such a bill came up for passage it had passed the previous legislature but, because it had to be an amendment to the constitution, it had to be passed again. It failed of passage, he reasons being that (1) absentee voting would be very hard to administer, and (2) that in other states a very small number of voters take advantage of the enfranchisement they receive.

These are not reasons. They are excuses. If there is no more objection than that, Pennsylvania needs and must have absentee voting.

Interestingly, the last bill for absentee registration had some of its origins in State College. In 1937, 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.

The 2,000 Penn State students who are of voting age will do well to send postcards home in the next few days reminding their candidates for the General Assembly that they want absentee voting, that \$5 or \$10 to go home to vote is too much. These postcards should be sent now. It is a political truth that they will be more important before election than after.

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CAMPUSEER

The outhouses have reverted to the farmers, the Mountaineers are back in the hills caressing their still, the lovely coeds are again speaking to undergraduates, Hickey's business has slumped back to normal, and Jack Dixon is recovering from the black eye he got fighting with an alumnus for his bed.

Alumni weekend (god bless it) is but a jangled memory, and the picturesque hamlet nestled in the Nittany mountains is once more a symbol of serenity.

Heil houseparty!

Love Made His Life A Living Hell

Romance . . . the tender musings of a youth in love . . . an exotic spirit maiden floating through his dreams. What could be more fragrantly sentimental than the following epistle d'amour, penned by a freckle-faced idealist in Econ. 21 class:

Darling Snuffie,

Please stop haunting me, how can I concentrate? "Spitter" is talking about value and other complicated things and I sit here and dream of you. Let's get married and stop torturing each other. I better be careful or I will tell you just how much you mean to me and that's bad . . . so the older boys tell me. Darling, Saturday just can't come soon enough for me, so that I can again hold you in my arms.

Lovingly yours, GINGER

Little Boy Love Again!

It remained for Beatrice Mensch, Alfichio, to come through with the neatest bit of philosophy in Speech 200 class as she spoke eloquently on the subject, "Why I Came to Penn State."

Said the charming Miss Mensch, "I came here with the idea of being a teacher—but now I've decided to join 50,000,000 other American women and let the teachers teach MY children."

p.s. She goes steady with a sigmanu.

Confessions of a Columnist

We are at the head of one of the most nefarious fifth columns ever to terrorize a college campus.

Our spies are everywhere. Nothing can escape them. Behind their glazed eyes and apelike features keen brains plot literary annihilation for you and you and you!

Campy for dictator!

Our spies know three lovely Thetas will leave tomorrow for Annapolis . . . they know why Charlotte Miller will date a certain graduate counselor this year . . . they are watching Earl Johnson make Marion Eberts an Alpha Zeta tradition . . . they have discovered what fatal charm Harriet Stubbs holds for Don Taylor.

The secret of the empty AOPi house is an open book to them . . . as is the baffling mystery of Bud Smyser and the alumni mailing room. They know the thrilling story behind Sally Searle's returned Delta Sig pin . . . why Wally Patton was sitting in the Cornerroom at 3:30 a. m. Sunday . . . why Dottie Savard is going home this weekend . . . Why Bob Lane hangs around the Gammafoobeta house . . . where Jane Lindemuth learned all the answers.

They predicted that all of last year's graduates of a certain sorority would get married toute de suite except Jane Romig . . . they read in Boy's Life, October issue, why Penn State boxers have lots of zip, according to Dr. Leo Fred Florian Houck himself . . . they knew Marsh Miller was going to pin Jane Firestone . . . they know what sorority is doing cutthroat rushing . . . and why Dalton and Cramer are moving into a third floor closet in the KKG house.

Beware! You may be next!

Join Our Lonely Hearts Club!

Want to get mail from strange women? It's easy—Campy will fix everything. Look what he did for the notorious corner room cutie featured in last week's column, who received the following epistle in this week's post from Knox School, Cooperstown, N. Y. Dearest Eddie:

Reading about your rare exploits in the Collegian I thought you would make an interesting correspondent. How far is it from a ping pong table persons (male of course) that I never knew under persons (male of course) that I ever knew under the ping pong table of the Roney Plaza in Miami.

I just adore lacrosse and you being a manager makes me even more interested in knowing you. Life is so boring!! The only future I have is the Army-Navy game, Cornell week-end, and Lake Placid for a week . . . Any chance of joining me under a table at Lake Placid?

All yours, (practically) BETTY KALLET.

Letters to the Editor— Correspondent Asks Story Correction

To the Editor,

In fairness to the local telegraph office I would like to make the following correction and observation regarding the incident of the delayed Life message reported in your column "A Lean and Hungry Look."

1. Receiving time on the telegram was 7:46, not 7:30.

2. Since one messenger boy only is on duty at night, and this messenger was out at 7:46, there was necessarily some delay in delivering message.

3. Ordinarily the office, placed in this position, could telephone message in Rec Hall. But there is no way to receive a telephone message in Rec Hall.

Special note to column writer: Our renowned soccer coach spells his name "Jeffrey."

Sincerely, Ridge Riley

Two Girls Challenge Butler's Statement

To the Editor,

You, in your editorial of October 8, expressed the belief that, "It is time for us to forego democracy." Because we live in a country that is still democratic, it is our privilege and our right to reply to those sentiments.

Although your prime purpose to second the convictions Dr. Butler expressed before the Columbia University faculty last week, you added opinions of your own which were both confused and confusing.

In the first place, Mr. Editor, it may be true that the New Deal has taught us dependence, but it is a moot question whether the New Deal has made us dependent on the state, as you so blithely assume. Rather has it not made us more dependent upon a democratically-controlled and regulated government? In a totalitarian state the words "government" and "state" are synonymous, it is true, but in this country, still laying claims to democratic ideals, government means "expression" of the will of the people." Therefore your statement that the New Deal converges toward fascism is open to much question.

Your assumption that "we are so near the brink of socialism and fascism . . ." was stated as a fact. But is it? We challenge you, Mr. Editor, to take an objective survey of this, a typical college campus, for the purpose of determining how many students would prefer a socialistic or fascistic way of life to the democracy we now have. And, after all, Mr. Editor, since we are still a democracy, the will of the people is the way of the government!

"The signs say now that we can't stay out." Such a negative prognosis is unjustified. In the first place it is pure defeatism, founded upon irrational fear. Is such an attitude worthy of an American, whose fundamental right is "life," as well as "liberty, and the pur-

Graul '41 Elected Lion Club Prexy

Robert "Spanky" Graul '41 was elected president of the Cody Manor Lion Club at a meeting Monday night.

Other officers chosen for the '40-'41 term were Steve Zayack '41, vice-president; Bill Freet '43, secretary; Jack Ligo '41, treasurer; Jack Freet '43 and Gene Skweir '43, social chairmen; Larry Chervenak '44, club reporter; and John Ogrydziak '41, athletic chairman.

Immediately after the elections, the club began plans for an extensive program of activities, including a fall house party, frequent informal dances, and participation in intra-mural athletics.

Town Churches And PSCA Conduct Worship Study

The churches of State College and the PSCA are cooperating in conducting study of worship. The group will meet weekly until November 9, in an attempt to discover the value and purpose of worship.

Various approaches to worship and methods of making it more effective will be studied. Doris E. Ives '42, student chairman, announced that Miss Ione V. Sikes, associate director of Westminster Foundation, is resource leader of the group.

suit of happiness?"

In the second place, to say now that we can't stay out is the same as for Great Britain to have said several months ago, "France has been conquered; we can't win. Let's surrender now." Are we to be guilty of less courage?

Therefore, is it time to start fighting now? Is it time to forego democracy to save democracy? Because Dr. Butler propounded these identical theories in 1917 does not mean that he was right then or now.

No, Mr. Editor, Dr. Butler is wrong!

Sincerely yours, Lois Notovitz, Gertrude Hecht

"Unhand Her, You Dastard!" CRIBBS the Dastardly Conspirator, Who Gloriously Sought the Ruin of the Trusting Edward, and Who Hounded the Chaste Mary. Only to be Unmasked by the Loyal William with the aid of Hazel who had Bats in Her Belfry. ZOUNDS! "THE VILLAIN STILL PURSUED HER"

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