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**The Real Politicians**

Approximately 1,000 students turned out to vote in the All-College elections yesterday, ushering in with a flourish the first of three days during which the polls will be open.

The principle value in student government is the opportunity granted the student body to exercise their right of franchise in this manner. What could be a more valuable lesson to members of a democracy than that of learning the importance of casting their votes for the candidates who will best represent them?

If a student becomes aware of the importance of his vote in college, is it not more likely that he will take an active interest in his government when he takes his place in a local precinct.

Of course it takes some effort to go to Old Main, wait in line possibly for ten minutes and then cast a vote. Yet 1,000 students felt it important enough to make this effort yesterday. Certainly this shows a healthy interest in student government. And there is no reason that every student in college could not make this effort today or tomorrow. Polls are open in Old Main lounge today from 12:30 to 8 p. m. and tomorrow from 9:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Although much valuable experience is gained by those working inside the cliques and the candidates up for office, we repeat that the primary value of student government at Penn State lies in the student electorate taking full advantage of their right to vote.

With the nomination of candidates residing entirely within the cliques, it is naturally a tendency for nominees to be considered primarily as vote-getters and secondly as the students best suited to fill the responsible positions of campus leaders.

Casting no dispersions on the present candidates up for office, might it not make for even better student government if this same electorate went a step further than that of merely casting their votes in the general elections?

And if the student body as a whole would show more interest in these nominations and make their wishes known at the cliques' nominating meetings it is possible that candidates could be chosen with the most important thought in mind; that they would make the best student government leaders.

When the back is removed from the last voting machine Thursday night and the final results are tabulated, both candidates and voters will have another valuable opportunity to learn the ways of a democracy. Only one candidate can win for each office; such is the way of majority rule. And the ability to accept this majority rule without bitterness is one of the hardest of democracy's teachings. Yet it is vital that the victorious and defeated alike join forces once the last vote is counted. Without complete accord on this principle of majority rule, democratic government has no claim to existence.

—D. W. D.

**Think Before You Throw**

Glass is one of the most difficult of materials for the College to obtain under present war-time priorities. And yet the student breakage of campus lights continues unabated.

Confronted by this problem of obtaining enough glass to replace broken lights, the grounds and buildings department has requested that students refrain from this practice of using these lights as targets in their contests of prowess. Innocent as this might be in ordinary times, it presents a real difficulty with new glass so hard to obtain.

A brief editorial of several weeks ago requesting students to cease the breakage of insulators on the power line was sufficient to stop this waste and damage. And to paraphrase an old adage, a word to the students in regard to breaking campus lights should also be sufficient since there is a good reason behind the request.

—D. W. D.

**Back In "Nineties" Armory Was Hangout**

Back in the "Gay Nineties" when mixed drinking was unheard of and Teddy Roosevelt was the MacArthur of his day, student pranks, activities, and rallies centered about the Armory.

Built in 1888, the Armory was originally designed for 200 students and served as a combination Old Main, Rec Hall, and Corner "hangout." Whether it was a boxing match, wrestling, basketball, a play, dance, or class "scrap," students knew it would take place inside or around the Armory.

The stately, ivy-clad tower, located in the southwestern corner of the building, contained offices and storage rooms for equipment. The balcony was used as a branch military library filled with U. S. Army maps and books.

On the parade grounds where students now practice drill and marching stood two dormitories dubbed "Devil's End" and "The White Angel." The first was later moved behind the Armory as a locker and shower room. "The White Angel" was taken apart, placed in the woods near the site of the Water Tower and utilized as an infirmary for isolating sick students.

Years ago, it was the custom of each sophomore class to climb up the steep, slanting roof of the Armory and paint its class numerals. The custom died out because new regulations, and a roof, forbade it.

Another class scrap was the frosh-sophomore cider battle. The freshmen would steal a barrel of cider in town, wrap it up, and bring it to the front of the Armory. A battle royale ensued in which the class that had the most hands on the barrel at a given signal won the glorious prize of drinking the cider.

**Sale of Eggs, Chicks As Easter Toys Discouraged By Knandel**

Now even the kiddies have a way of contributing to the nation's war effort.

Easter chicks and colored eggs are popular toys among American children in this time of the year, but their use as playthings during the present need for increased food production should be discouraged, according to poultrymen at the College.

Each year, claims Prof. H. C. Knandel, head of the department of poultry husbandry, thousands of tiny chicks are sold in small lots to families whose youngsters simply "love" the tiny "peeps" to death.

Since the government has asked for an increase in poultry products of 17 to 18 per cent, it is folly to utilize so many chickens as toys when they might be grown for meat products or layers if put into the hands of experienced poultrymen. Professor Knandel pointed out.

Baby chicks with department store experience usually suffer a high mortality, Knandel said. Few suburbanites have the facilities for growing chicks, nor do they know how to care for them. The impossibility of keeping a small lot at a profit is well known to most poultrymen.

The practice of coloring eggs for the Easter season should also be abandoned "for the duration," Knandel believes. These eggs are too often handled until they are unfit for food even though the dye used may be non-injurious.

An enormous number of eggs are being used by the armed forces, and more will be needed, he said. As an example, an American battleship often carries as many as 360,000 eggs.

**Penn State Alumnus Finds Position On Rubber Plantation In Liberia**

Penn State men cover the globe! Liberia, West Africa, is the latest spot in the news with Penn State men on the scene. Chester E. Snyder '41, one of last year's cross-country stars, writes from the Firestone Plantations there.

Sailing in October for his new position as division superintendent on the Firestone Plantation, Snyder said he went to work the second day he was there. His boss is also a Penn State alumnus, Arthur W. Lotz '37.

And in addition, there are two more recent graduates from the College at work at the same place. They are Gilbert C. Spangler '38, who does research, and Rodney M. Hoy '40, who has a position similar to Snyder's.

Then, too, about twice a year it is necessary to go to the hospital to be "dewormed." They are easy to get there, he says. Cock roaches are as big as half-dollars, and there are lots of harmless lizards around.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

All-College elections, first floor lounge, Old Main, 12:30 to 8 p. m.  
 Penn State Riding Club instruction meeting, stock-judging pavilion, 7 p. m.

Lenten Morning Watch service, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 a. m.

Current Events Forum, Dr. Marion R. Trabue, "Do We Have Democracy in Collegiate Education?" 110 Home Economics, 8:15 p. m.

Deadline for Interfraternity Ball booths at Student Union, 12 noon.

WRA Bowling Club, White Hall alleys, 7 p. m.

Artists' Course tickets on sale, A.A. window in Old Main, today and tomorrow.

Girls' Rifle Club meets, 3 White Hall, 6:30 p. m.

Talk on Centre County Red Cross and Civilian Defense work, by Dr. A. C. Marts, president of Bucknell University and director of the State Council of Defense, 121 Sparks, 8 p. m.

Pi Lambda Theta will meet in northeast lounge, Atherton Hall, 6:45 p. m.

**TOMORROW**

Fraternities may buy tickets for IF Ball at Student Union, beginning at 8 a. m.

Dr. N. B. Guerrent, professor of bio-chemistry, will speak on B vitamins, 119 New Physics, 7:30 p. m.

Round Table, "What Would be the Results of an Axis Victory?" 110 Home Economics, 7:30 p. m.

Student-Faculty Relations Committee meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:30 p. m.

Hillel Foundation Coffee Round Table discussion, Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

**Trabue Will Lead Informal Forum**

Marion R. Trabue, Dean of the School of Education and Director of the Summer Session, will lead an informal discussion group of the Current Events Forum on the subject, "Do We Have Democracy in Collegiate Education?" in 110 Home Economics Building at 8:15 o'clock tonight.

Dean Trabue is the first speaker for the campus forum which has scheduled several lectures on subjects of current interest.

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**Letters To The Editor—Red Cross Group Thanks Senior Class**

To the Editor,  
 The State College Red Cross wishes to express publicly, through The Daily Collegian, its appreciation of the \$450 gift made by the senior class last week to the War Relief Fund.

This example of student interest and cooperation not only is most encouraging to the local community in its effort to reach the quota set by the American Red Cross, but also promises a helpful attitude toward the affairs of their own communities by students when they are graduated.

The chapter takes this opportunity, therefore, to acknowledge its gratitude for their generous assistance with Red Cross work to the student body in general and at this time particularly to H. Leonard Krouse '42 and the Senior Ball Committee.

Mrs. J. Stanley Cobb,  
 Chairman  
 State College Chapter  
 American Red Cross

**Trip Applications Limited To 75**

All applications for the PSCA social inquiry trip to Washington on April 19, 20, and 21 are to be in the PSCA office by Saturday, Corinne Deutsch '43, co-chairman of the trip announced.

Miss Deutsch stated that the trip is open to everybody. It is planned to limit the number to 75 students.

All those going will leave State College Sunday afternoon and return late Tuesday night by bus. Arrangements have been made to lodge at the American University during the stay in the capitol. It was also announced that excuses for absence of Monday and Tuesday night would be granted.

The total cost of the trip is expected to be \$12 or \$13. This will include transportation, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous expenses.

Some of the many points of interest to be visited are the Senate, National Art Gallery, Pan-American Union, Department of Labor, and the embassies.

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