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### A Corrected Code

Progressive student government received a shot in the arm this week in the form of an Elections Code containing definite improvements in the mechanical setup for the conduct of elections.

Collegian mentioned once—and student politicians discussed rather generally-five slip-ups in the running of the last election.

Two of the errors, lack of voting privacy and incomplete poll lists, can be corrected only on the day of election; a definite attempt to correct the other three has been made in the new Elections Code.

"Vague campaign regulations" that left the limitations of political cliques not clearly defined have been substituted by a definite enumeration of what constitutes Elections Code violations.

The disfranchisement of the football squad because it was not on hand at the time of voting has become a situation for history; the new code provides that persons or groups of persons representing the College away from campus during the period of voting will be permitted to register their vote with the Elections Committee.

Final objection of politicos of both parties was the closing of polls at 6 p.m. on October 9, when experience and old poll lists showed that the largest student turnout is between 6 and 8 o'clock. The new Elections Code provides that the polls shall remain open until 8 p.m. on each of the three days of voting.

In its preparations for next month's All-College political campaign, the College Elections Commit-· -L.T.C. tee so far is batting 1,000.

#### We, The Women

#### You, The Coeds, Have The Power

Unless precedent is broken (and it can be!), only a small percentage of women students will bother to attend the pre-elections mass meeting in 105 White Hall at 6:30 tonight.

Except when some action displeases them, about 80 per cent of coeds give no attention to the allwomen's student government or recreational association. By "no attention" we mean absence from

polls as well as mass meetings. Last year's elections committee ordered 400 ballots for 100 coeds. Paper was wasted. That means that less than one-third of women students decide what everyone shall do, that leaders are chosen by minorities.

Because decisions made by elected leaders affect everybody, voting and attending mass meetings cannot be classed with other activities when pardicipation is rightfully voluntary.

We think that the masses of women students remain unaware of their potential strength. That statement is particularly applicable to the 50-60 per cent of coeds who are unaffiliated with sorori-

ties. As for the nominees who will be introduced at tonight's meeting, we know that the WSGA and WRA nominating committees were as objective as possible in making decisions and that every effort was made to be fair. We also know that it is unavoidable that some potential leaders remain unnominated—unavoidable because of the big student body and the difficulty of predicting a coed's

untested ability. The women who made the nominations (the senior committees) are more desirous than anyone that coeds turn up at tonight's mass meeting and make additional floor nominations.

At Penn State, we have the foundation and framework for an almost ideal women's student Bovernment. Leaders have worked hard over the plueprints and initial building -but only the masses can finish the job. ...



Nothing BUT The Truth

(The opinions expressed in this column are those of e columnist, and are not necessarily those of The 

The PHILADELPHIA RECORD last Thursday proved beyond a doubt that the day of a real old-fashioned reporter's scoop is far from extinct.

True, it is not often in this day that the large metropolitan newspaper has the guts to print the real truth when it is so much easier and more comfortable for all concerned to take a sheepish middle-of-the-road policy. But thank God there are still a few papers such as the RECORD to uphold one of the principles for which we are supposedly fighting—a free press.

But, before we delve into the nature of this greatest political scoop of the year, it must be pointed out that we are perfectly aware of the fact that the RECORD is a Democratic paper, although it has consistently barked at various measures undertaken by the Administration in Washington such as the New Deal's gold-burying fantasy and the State Department's appeasement policy with Vichyfrance. This fact, however, does. not prohibit a reporter from digging deep into the grime and muck and rottenness of Philadelphia Republican politics and coming up with a truestory account of just exactly what goes on when men connive to elect a Pennsylvania governor.

PARTICULARLY WHEN THE WHOLE STORY SHOWS THE WORKINGS OF THE VERY RE-PUBLICAN MACHINE WHICH WILL ELECT GEN. MARTIN THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE. (That is, of course, unless an intelligent electorate refuses to be bamboozled into joining a false band-wagon.)

But what, specifically, did RECORD reporter Pat Lavey find as he went into South Philadelphia's 36th ward under the guise of a disgruntled Democrat-for-Martin?

1. He found that the police department, the numbers racket, the Civilian Defense auxiliary police force and the Martin-for-Governor machine were all tied neatly together in one of the most under-handed organizations ever to put a man up for a political office in this state.

2. He found that the police captain of the ward spent little or no time on the job he was supposed to be performing. Rather he busied himself with getting Martin into the Governor's

These are, the points that concern us who are far removed from the other graft exposed by Lavey in his brilliant story.

But, not being the kind of a person to read only one side of the picture, we turned to Republican papers for an explanation and justification of the findings of Mr. Lavey.

But there weren't any.

Then, anticipating a mud-slinging from the Republican side to drown out Mr. Lavey's story, we watched for stories about Democratic candidate

But there weren't any. At least to amount to

And the arguments of our Republican friends that the RECORD story was so much mud-slinging tripe were quickly dispelled when the FBI moved into Philadelphia for an investigation which is now in progress.

Please remember this fact: The political machine with all its dirty aspects flourishes best when the people's mind is concentrated on another problem such as winning a war.

Therefore the question presents itself: Are we going to sit quietly back and permit a man to be elected who is backed by this type of rotten politics and who is aware of and has done NOTHING

about this kind of political backing? We believe the answer is YES. We hope the answer will be NO! -George Spelvin, Jr.

Bulgarian teachers have been informed they can't resign, and those who have been AWOL because they objected to Nazi schooling for Bulgarian youths "will be immediately subjected to

civil mobilization." Job security at last.

# Looking For A Job?

If you've taken some engineering courses and have some practical electrical, mechanical or shipbuilding experience you may qualify f or a job in the Navy Department as a ship inspector. They're badly needed. Pay ranges from \$2000 to \$2600. Apply to Civil Service Commission.

#### Letters To The Editor-

#### **Forester Revolts Against Criticism**

October 27, 1942.

Dear Editor:

In response to a recent article appropriation and an information and a second article appropriate article in "We The Women" and to the present day controversey concerning the actions of a certain group (commonly known as the "stumpjumpers)" I, as a senior forester have a few opinions to express for myself as well as I Home Ec., 7 p.m. believe the rest of my classmates.

· Said column stated "the forest- Hall playroom, 6:30 p.m. ers should come out of the woods and realize that such acts of van- Hall, 6:30 p.m. dalismu etc." In retaliation I night say that why don't the Liberal Artists and the Home Ec's come out from behind their white columns of Sparks and the Home Ec Building, and realize business meeting, Stock Pavilion, that there is an organization on this campus with a lot of push and drive to put their dance

Around 100 students are enrolled in the forestry department here at State. Certainly this is not as large as most of the schools on the campus, but it is the only department to give a dance and legian and a few other organizaas many people other than forest- tions have done the same thing. ers have remarked a damn good A certain "higher up" in the

the new library was not done to care unless somebody got on his thumb ones nose at campus regu- neck. lations, but was done purely as a We foresters are proud of being good advertisement. The vener- foresters, probably more than any able campus patrol accosted the of you in the other schools could during the evening and strolled by a mutual bond which, I beby with a "goodevening" and the lieve, borders on fraternalism. only warning passed was not to We went out Thursday nite and

regulation. If my probably poor the dance was a swell success. memory does not fail me, it seems es though I remember the Col-

TODAY

WSGA House of Representatives meeting, 305 Old Main, 5 p.m. Worship Study Group, 304 Old Main, 4:10 p.m.

'46 Campus Clique meeting, 110

WRA Bridge club meets, White

WRA Rifle club meets, 2 White

WRA Badminton club meets, White Hall gym, 7:30 p.m. Campus '45 meets, 405 Old Main,

7:30 p.m. Riding Club riding tests and

7 p. m. Lakonides open forum discus-

sion, WRA lounge, White Hall, 6:30

WSGA, WRA nominations mass meeting, 105 White Hall, 6:30 p.m. Coeds in all classes urged to at-

Grounds and Buildings was heard The act of painting the steps of to say that he personally did not

painting parties several times know. We are banded together paint the sides of the buildings, removed the whitewash from the which certainly was followed out, steps of the library not for our-If the campus patrol does not stop selves, but for the reputation we such acts of "vandalism," who are proud of. There are none of us that are B. M. O. C.'s so I ex-They say its against college pect this will never see print, but

> Another Wood-hick, but proud of it



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