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## The Other 3,000

Figures from the Elections Committee show that more than 2,500 students voted in All-College elections during the last three days. That number is less than half the student population.

If Collegian were to preach the rest of its existence on the lack of student interest in everything but football, conditions probably wouldn't change. If a big issue involving a change in every student's life were on the ballot, this paper still doubts whether a 100 per cent. vote would be recorded.

You 3,000 who didn't vote. Don't you care who spends your money? Don't you care who runs your government at Penn State? Are you so busy you don't have time to make a few "x" marks on a ballot?

Your 3,000 votes could have put in an entirely different set of officers. But you didn't care.

If college is supposed to prepare students for citizenship, then you 3,000 aren't going to be very good citizens. You 3,000 will join the ranks of those others in the world now who fail to exercise their voting privilege. You may say, "My vote wouldn't mean anything," but when you look around at the other 2,999 saying the same thing, your vote may have meant something.

Admitted election returns probably went the way they would have gone if the other half had voted, there's still no excuse for staying away from the Old Main polls.

Look at the principal of it. Many of your classmates are in Africa, or out in the Pacific, or in some other zone, fighting so that you can keep that right to say who should run the government. What's the use of their fighting for that principal if you don't want it?

This column will have little effect on you 3,000, for next election the same thing will probably happen. All Collegian has to say is "We hope that shell in which you're staying is cozy. A lot of boys are dying so you can stay there."

## What Goes Wednesday?

No doubt Monday morning everybody in town will be broke, with no place to go come Wednesday night. Thursday is Thanksgiving and no classes. Here is the spot for one of those popular Old Main Open Houses that supply entertainment and recreation for thousands of students at little or no cost.

Railroads and bus companies are warning the traveling public that "standing room only" will be the order of the day from the 24th through the 29th of this month. The end of the semester with blue books and finals approaching. Students should think twice before blithely cutting two days' classes for a holiday jaunt to the old home town.

So far, plans for campus entertainment Wednesday have progressed only to the point of providing a full-length motion picture.

Here, if ever, is the chance the OMOH committee has been looking for in the way of dates. With nothing to do, and no classes the next day, the local Lyceum is liable to be overcrowded unless someone gets on the ball and comes through with some first-rate entertainment.

RUE

## One Man's Meat

"No, Woody (short for Paul I. Woodland), I won't do it," we told our dogmatic editor with temporarily assumed bravado.

"You heard me. I mean, you want to get paid, don't you? I mean, what would you like to do?" our genial editor asked.

"I just don't wanta write a gossip column, I want to be like Cassius, and say funny things with big words like "inauspicious," and "iconoclastic," and anyway I don't like exclamation points, and fraternity pins leave me cold.

"I wanta be like Pegler, or Clapper, or even Cassius. I wanta be profound."

Whereupon, an onlooker muttered something about that "being as apropos as a burlesque chorus made up of Dean Ray, Pete Highsmith, and girls don't-have-fun-after-one-o'clock Dotty Brunner."

"Okay," Woody finally agreed, "you can have the Friday morning slot—that'll give you all day Thursday to work on them."

The similarity of the heading of this column, "one man's meat may be another man's poison," is easily explained. Last Fall Stan PoKempner used the contraction for a head over a remarkably entertaining column. Lacking the adroitness to steal one ourselves, we'll let Stan do the plagiarizing.

While campus politicians were endangering passers-by in front of Old Main, Larry Chervenak, of this paper, decided to look in on the proceedings.

Don Davis and the elections committee Gestapo were busily over-looking the balloting.

Noticing that the familiar voting machines had been supplanted by a quartet of wooden boxes, Larry thought "what a chance for somebody with ill intentions"—of course, he meant somebody else.

Passing unnoticed through the back entrance, Chervenak picked up the box containing the ballots of the '45 contestants, walked out the back door, and used the box as a seat for a few moments.

Returning to the poll chambers, our practical joker replaced the box unnoticed by the Gestapo, and made his way homeward.

Allowing our imagination to run away with us, we wonder: "What would have happened if, instead of Chervenak, the joker had been say, Walt Price?"

May we extend a loud guffaw to Rube Faloon for the sarcastic retort thrown his way by Red Smith, sports columnist of the Philadelphia Record.

Rube took offense to remarks Red made about the Penn State football team. In his CDT sports column, Rube answered the Record writer in no uncertain terms.

Yesterday Smith answered our Rube. A master of sarcasm Smith made Faloon—except in the eyes of local sports writers—look slightly juvenile.

After  
JR. PROM—  
SR. BALL

It's  
The  
Corner  
unusual.

## We, The Women Eat, Drink And Be Merry

One more line of defense, unimportant as it may seem, is open to College coeds. According to Dr. Laura W. Drummond, director and professor of home economics, this line is most essential.

Eat all meals... including breakfasts... in dormitories where foods are especially prepared for highest nutritional value by some of the best dietitians in the country. Remember that it is important to get ENOUGH of the right foods.

Drink milk at both meals at which it is offered. Women might even assure dining common officials that milk would be used and appreciated at the evening dinner.

Be Merry in recreational hours and during dormitory hours NOT specified as quiet hours. Why should sororities find it necessary to hold study hours when living quarter regulations are supposed to enforce and supervise such rules?

For tomorrow you may be one of the 3,000,000 women drafted into the army; you may be one of the 4,000 nurses being taken into the service at the present time; you may be placed in a job for which you are totally physically unprepared.

*At The Movies*  
CATHAUM—  
"Now, Voyager"  
STATE—  
"You Were Never Lovelier"  
NITTANY—  
"Manila Calling"

The mass meeting for town coeds will be held in 110 Home Economics at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, November 24, Patricia Deiner, junior senator, announced.



**THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT DEPARTMENT**  
Sunday morning 9:30 A. M.

Three Courses in Religious Education.

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**THE WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP 6:20 P. M.**  
"INTER-AMERICAN NIGHT"

Guests: Elsa Perez—Mexico, H. J. Rojas—Trinidad

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Tuesday, the Fireside Room 7-8

How genuinely thankful are you this year for the mercies you enjoy?



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