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### Black Tuesday

Yesterday, November 2, 1948, should be remembered in Penn State history as "Black Tuesday."

While millions of Americans participated in one of the important duties of the citizens of a democracy, hundreds of Penn State students were effectively barred from casting their all-important ballot.

The blame for Penn State's failure to live up to its position as a "pioneer in education for our times" must be shared by the student body, and its leaders, as well as by the College Senate, which failed to grant an election holiday.

Two student members of the Senate calendar committee had ample time to report to Cabinet between the November 1947 meeting when this year's calendar was proposed, and the December meeting, when it was adopted.

Another chance for action was presented when the Senate reviewed the election holiday question in March. Again the students' representatives did nothing. Collegian, too, failed in not prodding Cabinet into considering the question while there was still time.

Surely it is commonly accepted that political awareness and participation are desirable, as well as sadly lacking, even among College students, who are supposedly being trained for leadership.

How can political science and history profs correlate their teachings about voting with the College Senate's ruling?

Now we're not trying to lock the barn door after the horse has been stolen, but desire to begin a campaign to institute election holidays, every other year as a tradition. (Elections must be at least as important as a Pitt or Penn football game.)

Since the last-minute petition methods of the American Veterans Committee failed this year, they no doubt would again. Immediate action is the only way to assure that the College never again handicaps potential voters.

Absentee voting in Pennsylvania, however, is the best answer to the problem. Politically-minded students should start the ball rolling to correct an inequitable situation that affects college students throughout Pennsylvania.

### Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the safety valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

#### Quiet, Please

TO THE EDITOR: Intramural football is a fine thing, I am sure. It undoubtedly gives the fraternity athletes a chance to exercise their non-varsity sports talents.

However, it is a pain in the neck to Tri-Dorm men, who upon occasion have serious study to be done. For the past month the intramural squads have taken over the practice field and raised holy hell from seven to ten.

Today they have a brass band and a group of vociferous pledges disturbing the peace. It is impossible to study while they are raising such a fuss. We are sure that the pledges' study period must suffer by having this artificial hullabaloo forced upon them and upon us.

Would it be too much to ask the fraternities to hold the noise to a minimum while the games are being played? I am sure that the fraternities would resent such interference in their study periods if independent men were to invade their neighborhoods.

What an excellent opportunity for the officers of the Tri-Dorm and Interfraternity Councils to get together and solve a problem amicably.

### Autumn leaves



### A Sheep's Tale

A long, long time ago a group of little black sheep decided they wanted to go to college so that they could learn to be better citizens in the fine democratic country in which they lived. They were good little sheep, intelligent, hard working and came from good flocks. But because they were black and in the minority, all the other white sheep in the country considered them an inferior breed.

When these black sheep entered Sheep's College they found there were few of them compared to the big purebred white sheep. Yet they made friends with many of their white brothers, they went out for many of the extra-curricular activities, they played sheepball and they were well liked by the white sheep.

So one day some of the black sheep wanted to get their wool shorn. They walked to one of the sheep shearers to get rid of their wool.

But no . . . the man with the shears said that he could not cut black sheep's wool because he was afraid that if he did, he would lose all the shearing business of the white sheep. It was a sad and disappointed black sheep that walked out of the shearing place.

So one day the little black sheep, along with a group of white sheep, decided they were going to start a campaign to show the local shearers that most sheep at Sheep's College disapproved of the breed discrimination that was shown by the local wool clippers. The campaign was a success.

Although most of the shearers were still reluctant to clip black sheep's wool, one of them, a very fine and cautious old goat, decided to open his place for both black and white sheep.

Yes, a place where both black and white sheep could get their wool clipped together. Through close cooperation the shop flourished until the other shearers in town started to lose business, until they thought it best to change their policies. They did!

The shearers at Sheep's College set an example for other shearers' to follow. They took a big step forward in eliminating breed and color discrimination.

—George Valdaz

### Collegian Gazette

Wednesday, November 3

- WRA BADMINTON Club, WH Gym, 7 to 8 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING (Beginners), WH, 6:30 p.m.
- WRA MODERN Dance Club, WH, 7 to 8 p.m.
- WRA CONCERT Group, WH, 8 to 9 p.m.
- CHESS Club, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- DEUTSCHER Verein, Ath Hall, 7 p.m.

#### College Hospital

Admitted Monday: Thomas Reagan, Richard Hess and Theodore Bunnell.

Admitted Tuesday: Phyllis Kistler and William Ceser.

Discharged Tuesday: Phyllis Mowrer, Nancy Neusbaum, Thomas Paul, Pius Dillon, Raymond Schultz and Bob Anderson.

#### College Placement

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., November 1 to 5, seventh and eighth semester men from Chemistry, Chem Eng, ME and Mining Eng.

Proctor and Gamble Co., November 2 and 3, eighth semester men from ME, EE, IE, Chem Eng, Chem, and Commercial Chem.

Brown Instrument Co., November 9 and 10, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., November 8 and 9, eighth semester men from ME, IE, EE, CE, Metallurgy and Chem Eng.

Calco Chemical Division of American Cyanamide, November 3, eighth semester men from Chem, and Chem Eng.

Sylvania Electric Co., November 8, eighth semester men from EE, ME, Chem Eng, Chem, and Ceramics.

Armstrong Cork Co., November 11, 12 and 13, seventh semester men in IE, ME, Ph.D. in Chemistry, Chem Eng and Physics.

Bell System, November 9, 10 and 11, eighth semester men from EE, ME and IE. B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. men in EE and Physics.

Shell Oil Co., November 11 and 12, men graduating in January with B.S. in Physics and Chem, M.S. in Pet. and Natural Gas Eng, Mining Eng, Chem Eng, EE, ME, Physics and Chemistry. Ph.D. candidates in Physics, ME, Physical Colloid or Analytical Chem.

Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Co., November 15 and 16, eighth semester men from CE, ME, EE, IE and Chem Eng.

Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp., November 15 and 16, seventh and eighth semester men in Chem, Chem Eng, Physics, EE, ME, Metallurgy and Mathematics.

#### Student Employment

Students interested in working as substitute waiters and dishwashers, etc., over the week-ends. Girls for light housework.

Veteran's wife to make beds.

#### At the Movies

- CATHAUM—Larceny
- STATE—I, Jane Doe
- NITTANY—Her Sister's Secret

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