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Why Vote at All?

Sophomore elections, scheduled for today at the TUB, bring up one of the most important questions in student government, why vote at all?

Far too many students seem to adopt the attitude that these elections concern only those immediately concerned with the political parties—the clique members, officers and nominees.

Since all sophomores are neophytes to campus politics at Penn State, it is essential that they realize that it is a must for them to participate in the election today.

A truly democratic election cannot be successful unless there is widespread common interest in it. This interest must arise from the voters. In the past there has been a lack of interest. The turnout at recent elections was only 20 to 30% of the eligible voters.

If you want student government that you can be proud of, one that truly represents the students enrolled in your class, cast your vote today.

But casting your vote is not enough, you must cast it wisely. This does not mean a careful study of the candidates' photograph and then voting for the better looking guy or girl, neither does it mean to vote a straight party line.

It does mean, however, inquiring into the past record of the candidates and gaining a personal knowledge of their character and personality. Past abilities usually foretell future potentialities.

Don't stray aimlessly to the TUB today but know whom you are going to vote for and why. It is your duty to vote and vote wisely, and not until you do exactly that can today's election be termed successful.

—George Vadass.

Steamlined Giving

The perennial "charity drive" season will open soon. Following rapidly one after the other, the pleas of many "worthy causes" irritate the giver and exhaust the resources of the quota-harried promoter.

A satisfactory method of eliminating the disagreeable characteristics of a multitude of drives, and of increasing the efficiency of the very American custom of cheerful giving, has been practiced successfully in most cities and in many other universities.

"Why not a Campus Chest?" was asked editorially by the Daily Collegian in May. National Student Association committee has mentioned the institution of a "chest" at Penn State.

Unfortunately, action has not passed the talking stage, although it would appear that such a program would be enticing to all groups contemplating a drive for necessary funds.

Probably little need be said about the obvious efficiency of the chest plan. Workers from the co-operating organizations, by pooling their efforts, prevent duplication of solicitation, and enable a more efficient and concerted coverage of all students, faculty and administrative personnel.

Students in the past have shown that, even even though they must be dollar-conscious, they are still willing to "give 'til it hurts" to worthy causes. They should appreciate the fact that their money will be more beneficially given, under the chest plan.

Student objections to contributing to causes and organizations with which they are not in sympathy can be overcome by permitting them to earmark their donations for specific uses in which they do have an interest.

Perhaps the soliciting organizations will feel that students will be unable or unwilling to contribute as much at one time as they would over an extended period. An installment system should adequately meet that objection.

Charitable groups may think that they will not receive an equitable share of the solicitations. Considering that they are cooperating, instead of competing for the available funds, more money should be obtained by each. Distribution could be made on the basis of need and participation in the drive.

Someone—All-College Cabinet, NSA committee, or interested organizations—should instigate action at once, before the drive season begins. Let's simplify and streamline our giving.

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Non Political Ballot



In the Land of Jim Crow

By Ray Sprigle

Ray Sprigle, Pulitzer prize-winning reporter and staff member of "The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," recently disguised himself as a Negro and for four weeks "lived black" in the South among his fellow Americans. This is the sixth of a series of twelve articles in which he presents his findings. Mr. Sprigle has changed the names of persons and places in some instances to protect those involved.

When they call the roll of Americans who died to make men free, add to that heroic list the name of Private Macy Yost Snipes, black man, Georgia, U. S. A.

Death missed him on a dozen bloody battlefields overseas, where he served his country well.

He came home to die in the littered door-yard of his boyhood home because he thought that freedom was for all Americans, and tried to prove it.

It wasn't that he didn't get fair warning. He knew what to expect. And he got just that.

Early in July the white folks passed the warning through the Negro countryside around the little sun-warped country hamlet of Rupert, in Taylor County, Georgia. It was brief and to the point. The first Negro to vote in Rupert would be killed, ran the word.

Macy Yost Snipes hadn't even thought of voting, so his friends told me. But when the word came that he'd die if he did—then he decided that he'd vote. He had never voted. He didn't know where or how to do it. He went to Butler, the county seat, to register. There they told him he'd have to go back to his home town of Rupert to register, and later, vote. The white folks in Rupert let him register. There were already a few Negro names on the registry lists.

Bright and early on Election Day Macy appeared at the polling place—and voted. Afterward Macy told a friend that the white folks on the election board appeared "sorta dazed" as he cast his ballot. "It was like they thought a dead man was voting," Macy said laughingly to his friend who told me the story of how a Georgia Negro died.

Private Snipes didn't know it, but the white folks were right. He was already dead when he dropped that ballot in the box. The white folks just let him walk around another week before they buried him.

Just a week later four white men drove up to Macy Snipes's home, called him out, and after a

few words riddled him with bullets and drove off.

Taking courage from the fact that the white folks had promised to kill only the first Negro who voted, another black man voted after Private Snipes. He was right. The white folks didn't kill him. They just ran him out of the county.

But even after they had murdered him, the white folks weren't finished with Private Macy Yost Snipes. The Snipes family owned a little burial plot in a Negro cemetery near Rupert. The mother and father of the dead soldier arranged with a Negro undertaker to bury their slain son in the family plot. But the day of the funeral the undertaker got word from Rupert.

"You try to bury that nigger here and you better have another grave ready for yourself." The undertaker had a plot in another cemetery at the other end of the county. That's where Macy Snipes rests.

But it wasn't enough to murder the returned veteran and deny his body burial because he had sought to overthrow white supremacy by dropping his ballot in the box. The white folks decided that they wanted none of Macy Snipes's family in their midst, either. The Snipes family were hard-working and respected farmers owning 150 acres which provided them with a better-than-ordinary competence. They were warned that they had better get out of the county. "Remember" one note read.

So the Snipes family sold their farm and fled North. They live in Ohio now.

And what about the champions of racial purity who murdered Macy Snipes? Well, one William Cooper proudly claimed the honor of having fired the shots that dropped the young veteran in front of his own threshold. He hunted up the coroner and explained that he and his friends were just trying to collect \$10 from him. When Snipes told him that Macy Snipes had borrowed

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Edit Briefs

While waiting for a date in Atherton Hall last weekend the word "cocktail" printed on a menu struck our eye. Shades of Dean Weston! Cocktails served in dining commons. Happily, though, the drink seemed to consist of only grape juice and ginger-ale. Do girls who drink grape juice get more dates than the non-drinkers?

Safety Valve

Another Landmark

TO THE EDITOR: Many Penn State people—students, alumni, faculty—would like to see the "Hort Woods" area of our campus preserved in a natural state. While there has been no announced intention of placing buildings in it, disturbing rumors to that effect keep cropping up. Nobody has said that buildings will not go there. Even now the largest of trees in it are being felled with ominous frequency. In its way the situation is not unlike the forgotten case of Mt. Nittany, when a landmark was saved from despoliation in the nick of time.

The Hort Woods tract, too, is worth preserving. It is the last remaining portion of this campus to retain the wilder tang of a Penn State which has vanished. All the rest has been transformed into a well tended and landscaped suburban lawn on a large scale. Only in Hort Woods can the leaves now fall in autumn to lie throughout the winter, instead of being scooped up by gasoline powered leaf rakers.

Preservation of this spot can only be assured by making it officially untouchable. All Penn State graduates and undergraduates might in some manner bring pressure to have these woods set aside and dedicated as a memorial grove—perhaps as a living memorial to soldiers, but in any case as one to an older Penn State. No funds would be needed. Little should be done to the place other than to keep it intact as a natural retreat for plant and animal life. But surely steps ought to be taken to do this before other irrevocable decisions are made and we are left holding nothing but regrets.

—H. E. Dickson, '22,
 Professor of Fine Arts

Good Scouts Know

TO THE EDITOR: Why doesn't the ROTC get on the ball? Even the Boy Scouts know that a flag at half-mast is lowered to the ground before being raised to its full height.

—Name withheld.

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Tuesday, November 16

WRA BRIDGE CLUB, WH Playroom, 7 to 8 p.m.
 WRA FENCING, 1 WH, 7 to 8 p.m.
 WRA BOWLING TEAMS, WH Bowling Alleys, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, Collegian Office, 6:45 p.m.

MEN'S BRIDGE CLUB, PUB, 7 p.m.

DRUIDS, 409 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

College Hospital

Admitted Saturday: Ruth Neiman.

Discharged Saturday: John Post, Irwin Robinson, John Folk and Ruth Neiman.

Admitted Sunday: George Gushner, Donald Gibson, Emerson Leiter and Ruth Gebhard.

Discharged Sunday: Gordon Cunningham and Joe Mazza.

Admitted Monday: William Ruth.

College Placement

General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and Timken Roller Bearing Co., eighth semester men from CE, EE, IE, ME, Arts and Letters, C&F, Metallurgy, Mining Eng, Chem Eng, Physics.

General Electric Co., November 15 and 16, eighth semester men from EE, ME and IE.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., November 17 and 18, eighth semester men in EE, IE, ME, Metallurgy, Chem Eng, and Chemistry.

Linde Air Products Co., November 16 and 17, eighth semester men from EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng, Physics, and Chemistry.

West Penn Power Co., November 16 and 19, eighth semester men in EE and ME.

Monongahela Connecting Railroad Co., November 22 and 23, eighth semester men in CE.

Pennsylvania Railroad, November 23, eighth semester men in EE and ME.

United States Civil Service Commission, November 23, eighth semester men in Aero Eng, Arch Eng, CE, EE, IE, ME, Sanitary Eng, Metallurgy, Petroleum & Natural Gas Eng, Chem Eng and Chemistry.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., November 22, eighth semester men in IE, ME, Fuel Tech, and Metallurgy.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., November 30, eighth semester men in CE, EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng, and Chemistry.

Philadelphia Electric Co., December 1, eighth semester men in EE and ME.

North American Aviation Corp., November 30, eighth semester men in Aero Eng, Civil Eng, EE, and ME.

Douglas Aircraft Co., December 2 and 3, seventh and eighth semester men in Aero Eng, EE, ME, and Physics.

J. C. Penney Co., December 2 and 3, eighth semester men in IE, C&F, Arts & Letters, Advertising, Education, Hotel Adm., Ind. Ed., Psychology.

Ingersoll-Rand Co., December 2 and 3, seventh semester men in IE, ME and EE.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., December 3, eighth semester men in IE, ME and C&F.

Student Employment

Contact Mr. Allan Reese, TUB

Men interested in restaurant work at night.

Substitute waiters and dishwashers.

Experienced clothes presser.

Men with upholstery experience.

Man or woman with experience as a dental assistant.

Girls for modeling.