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Forget Parties

Now the voters (or machines, according to the viewpoint) have spoken, and have decided who will direct next year's student government activities.

As usual in our competitive society, whenever there are winners, losers also exist. While a certain amount of disappointment is natural, candidates in the past have recovered in time to contribute part of their talents to the betterment of student government.

THE RECENT CAMPAIGN has been a bitterly-fought one, which could conceivably result in lasting bitterness and recriminations, to the detriment of student government.

However, we feel that such will not be the case this year. From past knowledge of the character of both Ted Allen and Bob Gabriel, rivals for the All-College presidency, a healthy, whole-hearted cooperation for common goals of improved student welfare is to be expected.

Our contention recently has been that political cliques are necessary as mechanisms to allow the best available candidates to be chosen, and to make their comparative merits known.

That this ideal is only approximated in practice results naturally from the many human elements involved, yet the system has many merits over the general scramble that would result from its abolition.

HOWEVER, PENN STATE HAS BEEN FORTUNATE in recent years, that the ideal of individual, instead of party line, government has been the rule. Progress results from cooperation, not antagonism, obstructionism or patronage.

(Incidentally, for the benefit of those who perennially complain because the outcome is always decided by the better-oiled machine, or that student government is ineffectual, you destroyed your legitimate grounds for complaint, unless you took the trouble to cast a vote—with careful, discriminate thought.)

Lost His Appetite



Bridge Team Places Third

Representing Penn State, a team of two senior mechanical engineering students placed third among 150 pairs in Eastern play-offs of the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament recently.

Robert Harris and Richard Fisher, who had previously won duplicate bridge eliminations at the College, missed second place in the Eastern by a fraction of a point. The fraction of a point prohibited them from making the expense-paid trip to the national finals in Chicago. Two-man teams from Howard University and Franklin and Marshall College finished first and second to capture this honor.

Competing in the Eastern play were 150 pairs representing 36 colleges in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

The annual tourney at the College to decide Eastern contestants is sponsored by the Men's Bridge Club. Robert Tobias, president, announced yesterday that plans are laid and a trophy bought for an all-College bridge tournament, the dates of which will be released later.

The bridge club meets at the TUB at 7 p.m. every Tuesday for a duplicate bridge session.

The Safety Valve

Protest Voting Method

TO THE EDITOR: As members of the senior class we are voicing our protest against the method of voting for the senior class gift—a matter that involves the amount of approximately \$8000.

Balloting was supposed to coincide with the ordering of caps and gowns but, seemingly, this procedure has not been carried out in that no check has been kept on who votes or how many votes each person casts.

If the system had been carried out correctly, the ballots should have been given out with the receipt for cap and gown in order to eliminate the possibility of stuffing the ballot box. Our recommendation is that the results of this voting be declared invalid and that a new vote be taken.

—Ten Graduating Seniors.

Better Business Education

TO THE EDITOR: We unanimously support the plea made by Mr. Manbeck in Collegian for a separate School of Business at Penn State. As a professional commerce fraternity it is our aim to promote the idea of greater and better business education.

Another point for the new school is the remark made by a representative of a famous business machine company that Susquehanna University offered two courses in machine accounting where State had none. Another complaint that occurs time and again is the fact that a business student has to wait until his senior year before he has all the prerequisites out of the way in order to begin to major in some specific business field.

We wish to congratulate the economics department in their work over the last two years in installing over ten new subjects in business and economics. This shows that progress is being made toward a better curriculum as well as laying the groundwork for a School of Business.

—Delta Sigma Pi.

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Of Lifelong Value

NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION is probably backing a sure thing when it calls for Federal aid to college education.

College and government officials have come to realize that the constant demand for better facilities and better teaching, coupled with the anticipated fading out of veteran enrollment, make mandatory some new source of money for American colleges.

Educators agree on the principle of Federal aid, but disagree on the question of what form this aid should take. For example, some favor a yearly Federal grant of 2% of the total value of college buildings and equipment. This would bring roughly \$100,000,000 to the colleges.

ALL COLLEGE HEADS rightly insist that independence from government influence must in no case be sacrificed. The NSA-backed "Civilian GI Bill" appears to be free of any danger of government thought-control. In fact, a far greater threat may lurk in our fears and wild talk of a war that must never happen.

Before the NSA scholarship plan materializes, certain aspects of college education should be scrutinized. Recent statements by educators have voiced dissatisfaction with teaching methods, aims, and content of curricula.

One college president said: "Higher education (may) become one massive quiz program." The student finds "an extension of high school, with . . . fraternities and . . . the same subjects he has been learning in high school, taught less well than before."

SUCH AN INDICTMENT may be exaggerated, for emphasis. However, another Eastern professor who charges that many colleges "fail to provide education with a mission," has a scarcely disputable point.

He advocates the "problem" approach to education, wherein students would learn all about social, economic, and political ills, then try to solve them.

The goals of college education probably will come in for broad discussion in the near future, along with college financing, conduct of fraternities and the proper role of college athletics.

ONE HOPES educators will find ways of making college an experience of lifelong value, insofar as it is within the power of anyone but the student himself to do so.

—John Bonnell.

Very Brief

• In spite of the above artistic assertion that Mr. Inflation has lost his zest for life, we haven't noticed any State College prices taking a nose dive. Just one of those exceptions, probably.

Research Unit Forms

There will be a meeting of all Reserve personnel interested in joining a Volunteer Naval Research Unit in 107 Main Engineering, 7:45 p. m. Tuesday.

Eligible persons are those who are members of the Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve, including Waves, women Marines, and Spars.

Commander J. H. Graham, USNR of the New York offices of the Office of Naval Research, will be on hand to discuss the procedures involved.

St. Andrews Episcopal

Palm Sunday services will be held at 7:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 7 p.m. The college student supper will be held at 5:15 p.m., followed by the Canterbury Club program, the Reverend John N. Peabody in charge. All are welcome.

At 7 a.m. Wednesday, there will be a Corporate Communion and breakfast for students. Holy Week services will be conducted daily at 12 noon.

Thousands of students in Madras, India, sleep on railroad station platforms and in empty railway cars every night because of the lack of hostel space.

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Sunday, March 10
 PENN State Bible Fellowship, 410 Old Main, 4 p.m.

Monday, March 11
 CWENS, WSGA room, WH, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
 Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main Charles W. Bright Organization of Pittsburgh, April 11, June grads in CE interested in building construction field, particularly in estimating.

Kendall Refining Co., April 11, June grads (men only) in Chem Eng and Chemistry (1.5 average).

YWCA, April 13, students for director-Health Education Department, teen-age director, and camp counselors.

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., April 11, June grads in ME and Chem Eng, and Ph.D. candidates in chemistry.

Atlantic Refining Co., April 22, June grads in EE and ME for positions in engineering and construction departments.

Reliance Life Insurance Co., April 20, June grads interested in life underwriting.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation, April 26, June grads in ME, Chem E, IE, and Accounting. (1.6 average.)

Burroughs Adding Machine Co. is still interviewing June grads in LA and Accounting for sales positions.

Fidelity & Deposit Co. wants applications from students interested in the bonding field. (Single men under 30 preferred.)

AT THE MOVIES
 CATHAUM—He Walked by Night. Monday—That Wonderful Urge.

STATE—Letter to Three Wives.

NITTANY—Last of the Wild Horses. Monday—La Reina del Tropic.

Save Our Grass!

Now the grass is greener and lusher, so cool, refreshing and inviting to the eye. But at the same time its tender shoots are more easily bruised by gee-eye brogans or four-inch spikes—and the muddy gashes in the greensward look especially ugly by contrast with the lovely green.

Signs, barb-wire fences and whistles have been used in the past to remind study-minded students that their wayward feet are crushing the life out of the generous beautifying grass.

All these means have been termed fascistic, and perhaps they are, except that they've been generally ineffectual, but what could be more fascistic than the ruthless, sadistic unconcerned murder of thousands of innocent blades of grass?

And anyway, the signs and barb-wire are nearly as unsightly as the paths, while the whistle-blowers must have felt even sillier than the whistle-ees.

What this College needs are students with an eye for beauty . . . below foot-level that is . . . students who are proud enough of their boast that our campus is the loveliest in the East to walk a few extra steps to maintain its position.

Besides they'll save on shoe polish and the effort needed to clean their shoes.

Save our grass!

• Apparently Virus "X" isn't the only thing that can spread from community to community. West Virginia University's newspaper, **The Daily Athenaeum**, this week carried two letters from coeds protesting an earlier appraisal by a male student in the letter column of that journal. The male had accused coeds of being "smug" and of having "stagnant personalities." Is all this a precursor of "biological" warfare?