

# Vote Wisely

Sophomore and Freshman Class elections, scheduled for the balcony in Old Main today, bring up one of the most vital questions in effective student government, namely how to get the student body to cast its vote.

During last year's sophomore voting, held at the TUB, slightly over 30 percent of the eligible voters made the trek to the ballot box. To remedy the situation, this year All-College Cabinet has approved a plan whereby only those second-year students who vote today will be eligible to receive, gratis, a ticket to the forthcoming Soph Hop.

Most likely that will be a drawing card; still too many students seem to adopt the attitude that elections concern only those immediately connected with the political parties . . . the big-shot politicians and clique members.

Opposite to belief, an election concerns everybody. A democratic election cannot be successful unless there is a widespread interest in it. This interest must arise spontaneously from the voters.

But it is not enough that votes are cast. If the sophomores and freshmen want officers they can be proud of, a truly representative student government, they must vote wisely.

Voting wisely does not mean voting a straight party platform. It means studying the candidate's background, potential capabilities, his speaking ability and character.

It also means gaining personal knowledge of his attitude and personality, if at all possible.

Not until everyone considers it his or her duty to vote, and vote wisely, will the election be completely successful.

Now is the time for all good sophomore and freshman men, and women, to give a lift to the aid of "better student government."

—George Vadass

# Others Say...

(From the Daily Kansan, Lawrence, Kans.)

There has been some talk lately of scattering coke machines throughout the buildings of the campus. We want to go on record as opposed to the entire dangerous conspiracy.

Such a plan, if carried through, might well mean the end of higher education as Kansas knows it: for with the introduction of the coke machine to K. U.'s halls, the foot of commercialism would be thrust firmly in the door.

Supposing the classic outlines of the coke dispensers were to find a resting place in Watson library. Surely cigarette machines and bubble gum bowls would soon follow. From this stage, to move on to the blazing, clicking pinball machine would be a short and easy step. The Western Civilization quonset hut could easily accommodate 200 machines, and it's not hard to visualize the addict banging away for free games with a copy of "The Prince" resting on the glass . . .

"Gol-durned country club down there at Lawrence . . ."

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Song of Surrender.  
NITTANY—The Quiet One.  
STATE—Red Danube.

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"I Was Only Kidling"



# The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

With the promise of a real, honest-to-goodness student union building in the near future, there's grave danger the administration will leave me with nothing more to gripe about.

ONCE THE PROPOSED steel and concrete structure replaces the rickety Army surplus service club, behind the infirmary we will need only a president to be just like all the other big, populous universities in the country.

Even asking for a president may be considered heresy now. After all, it took years merely to get a promise that a student union building would be built. Penn State has only been without a president for 25 1/2 months now.

Nor can it be said progress is not being made. A year ago Acting President James Milholland told "Casey" Jones, president of the Alumni Association, and I quote, "progress is being made."

NOW, 12 MONTHS later, we again hear "progress is being made." As Churchill might say, never has so much progress been made so often with such infinitesimal results.

It's not the fact that we don't have a titular head that puzzles the student body so much. Most of the students on campus have never experienced the sensation and to give them one, suddenly, might have results as dramatic as invoking a bill of rights in the USSR tomorrow.

But the appalling lack of information, even though such information might contain no more in substance than a report on the activities of the special trustee committee, is, I think, a bit off the norm.

The job of selecting a college president is a serious task and one not to be entered into lightly. Even students must realize that. It can be understood, then, that if the trustees desire secrecy about candidates being considered, such secrecy should be respected.

CERTAINLY NO ONE expects them to divulge information which might be harmful in picking a suitable man for the job.

I fail to see, however, how a progress report to the student body, even though it be in skeleton form and lacking specific names, could harm the project.

Beneficial efforts, on the other hand, would probably be forthcoming.

For one thing it would stop the endless speculating and rumor now current on the mall and in the Corner Room. For another, it might give those people most concerned, the students and faculty, more confidence in the activities of the committee and make them feel that, indeed, "progress IS being made."

A report might even lend some air of expectancy to the day when a president is finally named.

I have little hope that a full-time chief executive will occupy the president's chair before I graduate in June. But along with other members of the class of '50 I would like to leave here with the knowledge, or at least hope, that if I have an heir or heiress who attends my alma mater, he, or she, will find in the office marked "President," a man who can lay claim to that title.

## Exchange News and Views

**PITT NEWS:** Students climaxed their first Chest Fund Drive several weeks ago. In previous years two separate drives were held, one during each semester. Nearly 100 organizations will benefit by the drive. A four-dollars-per-student goal has been set by the Fund committee.

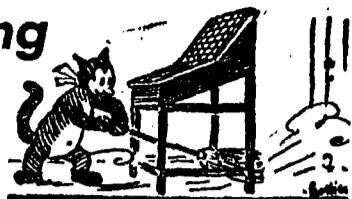
**THE SMU CAMPUS:** The Arden Club, student actors' group, presented Ferenc Molnar's "Liliom" several weeks ago. (Players here at the College will present "Liliom" in January.)

**NORTHWESTERN NEWS:** The student council recently unanimously passed a faculty evaluation program. Fourteen faculty members, were asked in a survey on the evaluation program how they felt about a system of faculty evaluation by the students.

A majority of them were in favor of the idea, but several recommended minor reservations. The council definitely decided that the results will be known only to the individual teachers.

Several of the deans were also skeptical of the idea, believing that it would deteriorate into a popularity poll.

# Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

In a cold classroom on Ag Hill a coed fought a losing battle with a stubborn open window while her male classmates looked on disinterestedly.

Finally, the professor took pity on her and stopping his lecture helped her close the window. The rest of the gals broke into applause while the fellows turned pale pink.

In explaining his grading system to one of his classes a certain education professor told them that they should aim for a well rounded college career. He said that social life helped studying, and pinnings, engagements and marriages would raise each students grades proportionally. Sorry, girls, prof's name withheld for obvious reasons.

One Atherton coed has discovered a way to study without constant interruptions from her friends. When her first German quiz was returned with a bar-2, she wrote a little note and fastened it on her door. "Think twice before coming in here to disturb me," was the warning. The next quiz mark was a bar-1 and the note read, "I'm improving, but still need more." Apparently this system is effective, for her latest mark was a 1.

Professor Sheldon C. Tanner was telling his Commerce 30, Business Law class about a recent verdict passed the Pennsylvania Court which states that a man is held responsible for the acts of his beast. Ye gads, cracked an engineer from the back of the room, so now I'm responsible for my girl, too!

# Safety Valve...

### No Kicks

TO THE EDITOR: After reading too many hysterical letters concerning the sad plight of the coeds on this campus, I've begun to wonder whether anyone has any kick coming or not.

Personally, when I decide to attend a dance or party here or anywhere else, I also intend to escort anyone I darn well please. It makes no difference to me where she lives, works, goes to school, or buys her toothpaste, if she provides a decent date. I maintain that, so long as our female students (?) here retain their present attitude, I, for one, am a sucker. If I buy a pig in a poke.

I'll go where I can get a good date, and a sure one.

I'm proud of my name—it's, —Bill Ray

### Forgotten Females

TO THE EDITOR: Will you accept a bid from a "Third party?" We're not coeds—nor imports, but just lowly secretaries. How do you get on the "inside track" with this big ratio of men??? We're available—and we don't live in the dorms. (We're not too horrible looking—if they're used to sudden shocks!)

Some Curious Secretaries

Names Withheld

# Gazette . . . .

Tuesday, November 15

COLLEGIAN PROMOTERS Staff, Collegian Office, 6:30 p.m.

PENN STATE Club, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

VARTS 9538, Flight B, 111 CH, 7 p.m.

L. A. STUDENT Council, 409 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGY Club, 312 Sparks, 7 p.m.

BOWLING Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN SOPH, Junior Ad Staffs, 9 CH, 7 p.m.

PRE-VETERINARY Club, HE Bldg., 7 p.m.

M. I. STUDENT Council, 225 M. I., 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN CHEM Society, 119 Osmond, 7:30 p.m.

PENN STATE BIBLE Fellowship, 418 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN EDIT Junior Board, 9 CH, 7:40 p.m.

DRUIDS, 405 Old Main, 8 p.m.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Saturday: Clarence Nordisiek, Donald Craul, Edgar Stark, Thomas McIlwain, and Richard Dumm.

Admitted Sunday: John Storer, and Patrick Heims.

Admitted Monday: George Simon, Mary Lou Larpenteur, and Edward Smucker.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

The National Supply Co. Nov. 18 February grads in accounting.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. Nov. 17, February grads for non technical sales work. Single men only.

Sharples Corp., afternoon Nov. 30, February grads in ChemE and ME for development work. Applicants must have 1.55 or better average.

New York State Civil Service, now, February and June grads who are legal residents of that state