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Closed Balloting

Suppose that after the Nov. 7 elections, Richardson Dilworth were named new governor of Pennsylvania and the election figures were not announced. How would you, as a Pennsylvanian, react?

OR SUPPOSE that an all-College election were held, winners were announced, but the number of votes each candidate received were kept secret. As a student, how would you react to that?

In the past, statewide and all-College election results have been announced to the public. Because it is almost inconceivable that they would not be made known, we wonder what is the student reaction to refusal of WSGA and WRA to announce figures in their recent elections.

Reason for not announcing results, according to WSGA and WRA leaders as well as the dean of women, is that it might have a harmful effect on defeated candidates, whose feelings might be hurt. Any candidate who wants to know how large a vote she polled can find out, they say.

WSGA and WRA are governmental bodies, and not private groups. The standard theory is that results should be announced in governmental elections to make for a healthier and more honest atmosphere.

WE DON'T DOUBT honesty of the elections, but it strikes us as a highly irregular practice to be followed by a governmental body. The student body can draw its own conclusions.

Culture Crest

There are evidences of a cultural re-birth on the Penn State campus.

LAST WEEK, PLAYERS opened "Private Lives" at Center Stage. They played to a sell-out house, the first opening night sellout in some time. On the same evening, Ogden Nash was giving the first community forum address before an unusually large audience at Schwab auditorium.

In a one-week campaign recently for community concert membership, every seat in Schwab was sold for the season.

Culture has been sadly lacking at the College for a number of years. From time to time, certain symptoms of this lack have made themselves all too obvious. Thus, literary magazines have died several times, their failure caused in large part by student disinterest. So too the old artists' course died for want of patronage.

IT WOULD APPEAR that the decline in the so-called "finer things" here is at an end, and that culture is on the upgrade once more.

—Ron Bonn

Safety Valve . . .

Stop The Creepers

TO THE EDITOR: To add one more voice to those opposed to the "Creeping Civilization" of our campus:

I believe that most people are resigned to the necessity for destroying some of the beautiful areas of the campus for the expansion of needed buildings. These have been real sacrifices, but for real progress! It is the belief, however, of many people including this writer, that progress too, has its point of diminishing returns!

It has already been stated that Hort woods is a "Natural" as a laboratory for college courses—this needs no expansion. To carry the argument to a higher plane, it is my belief that the destruction of such areas is a reflection upon the ethics of the people responsible. If it is necessary to placate the laziness of the human race in its demands for parking places closer to its football games and classrooms at the expense of the beauty of natural wild areas, then I say that something is radically wrong with the sense of values of Homo Sapiens!

• Letter cut

—Herbert A. Houston

Magnificent Job

TO THE EDITOR: What do you say we give the nurses and doctors, of the infirmary and dispensary, a typographical bouquet of orchids for the magnificent job they're doing?

Being confined to the hospital for the second time in as many weeks, I've reached the conclusion that they richly deserve it.

Pretty smiling nurses answer to your buzz and cater to practically all of your whims and wishes.

Painless shots (ouch), good food and service, so how can we complain?

A new fall bonnet to all the pretty lasses and a bottle of the best Scotch to the doctors; to those who don't imbibe—a case of coca-cola!

—George Homich Jr. and the boys on the 2 floor

Gazette . . .

Friday, October 20

NEWMAN CLUB mixer, Theta Kappa Phi, 7 p.m.

BROKEN WHEEL HAT SOCIETY candidates, pick up hats in Froth office, 5 Carnegie hall.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

Union Carbide and Carbon will interview PhD candidates in organic, physical, analytical and organic chemistry, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, physics and metallurgy on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 30 and 31.

S. S. Kresge company will interview January graduates in arts and letter and commerce and finance on Thursday, October 26.

Aluminum Company of America will interview January graduates in chemical engineering, metallurgy, mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, and electrical engineering on Friday, October 20. The priority system will not be in effect for this announcement.

Proctor & Gamble company would like to have all mid-year graduates in chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, and civil engineering at an M.S. or B.S. level, and chemists at all levels file preliminary applications for interviews. Preliminary forms are available at College Placement service in 112 Old Main. All applications must be filed no later than October 26.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Graduate student in organic chemistry for about 10 hours work per week.

Several opportunities to work in exchange for room.

Carhops for evening work.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"This is the last time I can ask you, Freda—How about a date this week-end."

Pro and Con

By STAN DEGLER

At first glance, the move for exempting seniors from final examinations may seem insincere, since it originates with seniors themselves. The idea probably is basically self-centered since it is unlikely that anyone except seniors would have cared to promote it.

HOWEVER, GOOD REASONS can be found to justify such a move. Probably the best is the time factor almost so dominant in the last hurried days of graduating seniors. It has been the practice to close the deadline for seniors' grades sometime during examination week.

This leaves seniors with only half the regular period in which to study and sweat through their final exams. That is not a very pleasant way to finish one's college career.

The absurdity of examinations is another reason for banning them. If seniors have not acquired the desire to learn, so essential to anyone seeking an education, a final comes too late to form the habit of study.

Presumably, besides being a basis for comparison of students and assignment of grades, finals are for the good of the student, in forcing him to review his semester's work and receiving the benefits of such study. The value of such cramming, as most such review is, seems doubtful, however.

BUT, WE SHOULD NOT ADVOCATE that seniors must not be permitted to take finals. An examination can be a stimulating experience, at some times and in some subjects, as too few students discover. Seniors may wish to take finals for this reason, or to boost their grades.

Some provision for such students should be made if seniors are exempted. Perhaps arrangements could be made with individual instructors, or seniors could be given the option of taking or not taking a final, with the understanding that their grade will be based only on the semester's average if they do not.

At any rate, even though for many seniors reasons cited are only rationalizations of their desire to avoid finals, the subject should be given serious consideration both by the senior class committee and the faculty's senate scholastic committee.

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