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Women's Vote Poll Is a Farce, Insult

In today's Daily Collegian we are informed of the results of a "poll" taken by the Women's Student Government Association to determine whether or not it is the sentiment of Penn State's women to release the returns of elections sponsored by WSGA, WRA, and Leonides.

We are informed that this "poll," conducted by WSGA, has found that Penn State's women are by almost a two-to-one margin in favor of keeping the returns a secret.

This so-called poll is nothing but a farce, a fraud, and an insult to the intelligence of the Penn State student body.

If a poll is to be a poll it must meet three basic requirements: the question asked must be uniform, the question must not be leading, and the poll takers must be impartial in their procedure.

Let us look at the WSGA poll in the light of these three prerequisites.

No uniform question was set up, so that what question was asked and how it was asked was left to the discretion of the pollsters.

With no definite question set up, then, just how was the issue presented to the women and some of the procedure followed in this spurious poll?

In one case in Atherton Hall, the women recorded their votes on a sheet of paper in full view of those who were voting in such a manner that those who were about to vote were able to see how the vote had been going, so that the natural inclination would be to vote with the majority.

For an example of how the question was prejudiced, one floor president presented the issue this way: the men on campus seem to think that women's election returns should be released and WSGA against that.

Another comment—they (meaning the men) are just trying to kick us (meaning the women) off cabinet.

The comment of another floor president: the men are trying to interfere with women's student government; they're trying to make us release our votes.

In view of the results of the poll conducted by WSGA, it is interesting to compare the results of a sampling conducted by three Daily Collegian reporters. All three, asking the same question, "Do you feel that the election returns of the Women's Student Government Association, the Women's Recreation Association, and Leonides should be released to the public?" brought in the following results: of the 87 persons interviewed, 57 answered yes, 18 no. Fourteen of the 25 women interviewed answered yes. In way of explanation, 62 men and 25 women interviewed in line with the approximate ratio of 2.5 men for each woman on campus.

Since the poll conducted by the Daily Collegian was only a sampling, we make no all-inclusive claims for it. Since it was conducted, however, on what was intended to be an impartial, fair, and somewhat scientific basis, the Daily Collegian sampling would seem to indicate that general campus opinion does not jibe with the "poll" conducted by WSGA.

Drinking Problem

A story of recent vintage concerning a university's fight against alcohol within its own community brought home to us the fact that Penn State is in extremely fine shape in regard to the drinking problem.

The University of Maryland, in the person of its officials, went to court recently to try to prevent the licensing of what would have been the community's 20th liquor-selling establishment. These places sell not only beer but liquor as well, and the population numbers only 11,000.

Place this situation beside the "problem" which has confronted our own administration at times. The comparison is silly.

The writer of the article decrying the plight of the Maryland school stated that such things were disgracefully common throughout the country. If this is only partly true, the clamor which occurs in this locale over drinking seems a bit over-exaggerated.

Perhaps a better perspective would go a long way toward lessening the excited clamor which occurs locally when a student gets drunk.

—Bud Fenton

On July 28, 1870, a few alumni met in the chemistry lecture room in Old Main and organized the first Alumni Association.

Textbooks Should Not Be a Burden

Last week, less than 24 hours before a faculty committee was scheduled to meet to hear complaints on textbook abuses, All-College Cabinet was asked to submit a list of cases in which students had been required to buy books which were not used, books that had been revised with but few changes, etc. To ask cabinet to submit such a list in so short a period of time was ridiculous.

The faculty-administration group which has set up regulations governing the procedure under which textbooks can be changed has worked on the problem for months. The program appears to be a good one, basically, one which will protect the students from unwarranted expenses in the purchasing of textbooks.

There are certain aspects of the regulations, however, which are in need of modification and are now being worked over. But it should not be forgotten that the principle behind the entire program—that there are many textbook costs which can be cut—is still sound.

Textbooks are a substantial part of a student's expenses. And textbooks are by no means inexpensive, so the more used books the student can purchase, the lighter the financial burden.

Remember, gentlemen and ladies, of the faculty, it was not too long ago when you were buying textbooks for college courses. The books were an expense then, and inflated prices have certainly not made them less of an expense today. Textbooks are a necessity, but they should not be a yoke about the necks of students.

If the faculty feels that the regulations are not necessary, then ask All-College Cabinet to make a complete, thorough study—and give cabinet enough time to do the job.

Safety Valve—

Apostrophes Are Important In Determining Ownership

TO THE EDITOR: The Wednesday, Oct. 31 edition of the Collegian was favored by the appearance of an editorial "Truman is Subject to Dirty Attacks." In the last paragraph of this editorial there appeared the statement, "Col. Robert R. McCormick's (Chicago Tribune) Mutual Network."

We were taught in English Composition that an apostrophe indicates possession. So, according to Mr. Bonn, Colonel McCormick owns Mutual Network. The question we would like to raise is whether Thomas F. O'Neil knows the liberty that is being taken with his property? In the Oct. 20 issue of Business Week appeared the following statement: "The big wheel in the new Mutual Broadcasting Company will be Thomas F. O'Neil, Vice President of the General Tire and Rubber Company. He will control nearly 60 per cent of the network stock."

If the accuracy of Mr. Bonn's statement concerning Col. McCormick is in keeping with the accuracy of the remainder of the editorial, we feel that this editorial should be filed for future reference in the proverbial waste-basket.

—Don Frankenfield.

H. L. Moore, R. Reber

Ed. Note—The switch in ownership from the Tribune to the General Tire and Rubber Co. seems to have had small liberalizing effect on network policy, nor is it likely to in the foreseeable future.

Gazette . . .

Sunday, November 4

NIITANY BOWMEN, field shoot, Forestry parking lot, 1:30 p.m.

HILLEL, record concert, 3 p.m.

HILLEL, town meeting, 8 p.m.

Monday, November 5

NAVAL RESERVE RADIO UNIT, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, Home Economics living center, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Richard Armstrong, Carol Babb, Richard Kartlick, Edna Kline, Paul La Barr, Jean Mears, George Pelkey, Katherine Scheetz, James Stitt, Louis Webster.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Texas Carnival

STATE: Saturday's Hero

NIITANY: Law of Panhandle

STARLITE DRIVE-IN: The Milkman—plus Cavalry Scout.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Boeing Airplane Co. will interview January graduates in Aero. E., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E. and M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Phys. and Math. Monday, November 12.

Factory Mutual Engineering Division will interview January graduates in Ch.E., Phys., Aero. E., Arch. E., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., S.E., Min.E., and Arch. Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Bell Telephone System will interview January graduates at the B.S. level, and 1952 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in M.E., I.E., E.E., and Phys. Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Texas Co. will interview M.S. and Ph.D. candidates, who will receive their degrees in 1952, in Chem. and Ch.E. Thursday, Nov. 15.

United States Rubber Co. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Organic Chemistry Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Air Preheater Corp. will interview January graduates in C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., and Fuel Tech. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

General Electric Co. will interview January graduates in E.E., M.E., Phys. and I.E. Thursday, Nov. 10.

Philco Corp. will interview electrical and mechanical engineers at the B.S. and M.S. level Tuesday, Nov. 13.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Man to set pins for bowling league. Piano player for Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

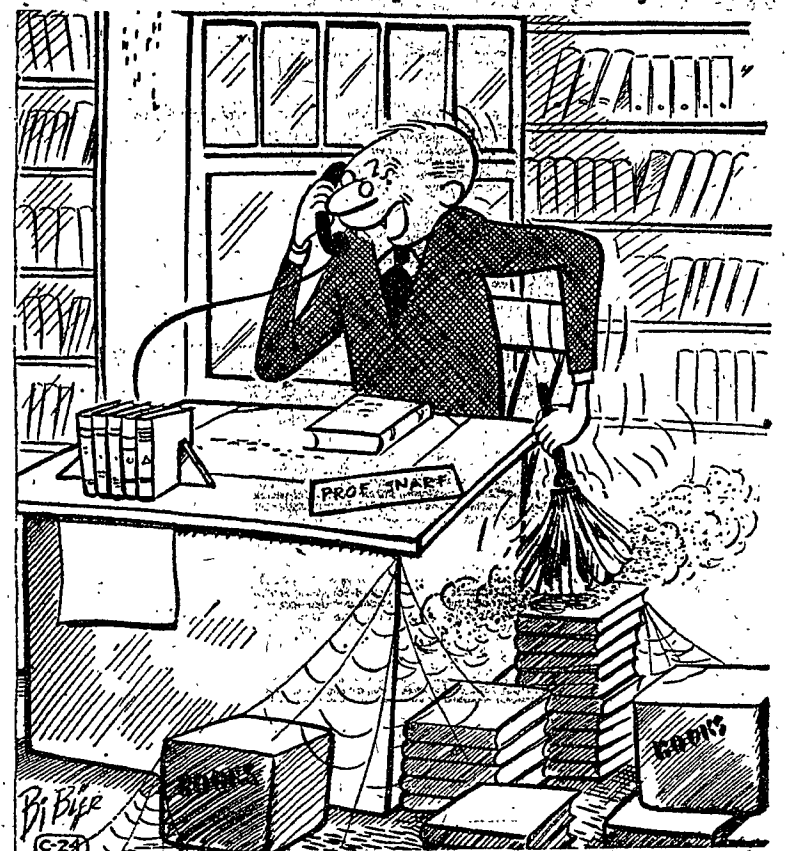
Graduate Student in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering for special project.

Man to work two hours every morning Monday through Friday as a messenger.

Student wife or student to cook noon meal. Receptionist for doctor's office in mornings.

Woman for demonstration work in store. Nov. 8, 9, 10.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Hello, Bookstore? You say you have enough second hand texts of my 1945 edition to meet student demands? Well, send a truck over—My required text next-semester is my 1913 edition."

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES

Trouble in Russia



By LEN KOLASINSKI

Nationalism, for better or for worse, is a powerful motivating force. It is one of the bases on which the modern states system was founded. It has caused wars and near wars.

From time to time reports coming out of Russia admit there is a feeling of nationalism in some of its lesser republics. A case in point is Moscow's constant concern with recurring nationalistic attitudes in the Ukraine. Intellectuals of the Ukraine during different periods of Russian history have urged a separation from the Soviet.

For that reason, it seems the Kremlin's policy of re-educating the minority groups has failed. That failure may well be the downfall of the Soviet.

Recently, scattered groups of peasants of Kazakhstan, a central Asian republic of the Soviet Union, arose against further attempts at farm collectivization. The new farm policy called for the confiscation of land, sheep, and horses. Although these outbreaks were local, observers point to similar acts by other minority groups in Russia. What these localized uprisings could mean if war came between the Western bloc and Russia is that bands of guerillas intent on destroying the government in Moscow might overrun the country.

Possibly with that view in mind, Voice of America broadcasts have been aimed at capitalizing on the discontent of Russian-dominated minorities. Meanwhile, the peoples of the satellite countries, who have been accustomed to self-rule and who

feel keenly a nationalistic spirit, are grumbling ominously. The people in countries now forcibly aligned with Russia, particularly the workers, are increasing the number acts of sabotage. The threat from this sabotage has become so great that there have been removals and replacements of governmental officials and labor administrative heads.

Work absenteeism has lowered the output of coal in Czechoslovakia and consequently is curtailing the production of iron. Attempts by "people's educators" to revitalize the faltering Russian indoctrination program in the satellite countries is also failing.

In the final analysis, Russia's bid for a communistic empire of the world has stalled. Security police and thought control are antiquated methods for holding territory and the promises by Russia of equal portions of production under communist rule have been proved false.

It must be pointed out, however, that the disintegration of Russia internally is not to be thought of as a sure thing in the near future. The foundation of Communist control is not so weak.

Players Workshop Prepares Backstage Talent for Shows

By PAT NUTTER

It has been said that everyone has a little grease paint in his blood, but members of Players' Workshop think this attitude applies, not only to acting, but to the jobs behind the floodlights.

The workshop, set up this semester by Players, gives enthusiasts the chance to learn fundamentals of stage, sound, makeup, props, costumes, lights, technical sets, or advertising. Now in its fifth week, the workshop has 70 new members plus students who have worked in shows before.

According to Betty Lou Morgan, president of Players, the workshop plan originated because students interested in helping with production did not know enough fundamentals to try out for Players' crews. She said that the new plan will give more students a chance to work on crews.

Miss Morgan said that students may sign up for the workshop

weekdays from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Green Room in Schwab. She added that freshman may sign up for the course.

Senior managers, students who have managed several shows, instruct the workshops. As workshop members learn the fundamentals, they are placed on Player's crews whenever vacancies occur. Students can switch workshops any time during the six-

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