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Voting Privilege For 18-Yr. Olds?

The realization that the November elections may be conducted in Korea and Western Germany as well as in New York City and Podunk Falls, U.S.A., gives rise to the speculation: Will people again begin to feel that old enough to fight is old enough to vote?

This was a popular cry during World War II, one which caused a great deal of controversy across the country.

A cartoon published around the time of the 1944 presidential election depicted a voting booth under a palm tree on a South Pacific island. The official was shaking his head to the young soldier standing before him as he said: "I'm sorry, Colonel, I don't care if you did shoot down 29 Zeros. The law still says you have to be 21 to vote."

Such cartoons, debates, and newspaper and magazine articles aroused much public sentiment in favor of the idea of lowering the voting age to 18. It was pointed out that ancient Greeks and modern Mexico enfranchised their citizens at this age, and why shouldn't the United States?

As a result of this controversy, Georgia lowered the voting age limit early in the 1940's and in 1943, and the late Arthur H. Vandenberg, Senator from Michigan, introduced into Congress a constitutional amendment to enfranchise citizens at 18.

A provision in the bill stated that if it had not been ratified by three-fourths of the states by 1950 it would be void. It was not ratified. In fact, a check on guides to periodical literature for 1948 and thereafter reveals not a single article bearing on the controversy. People had lost interest in it.

However, this year, there will probably be reason for reviving the issue. Men between the ages of 18 and 21 are fighting in the armed forces again. Will they, like their big brothers in World War II, claim "Old enough to fight, old enough to vote?"

—LaVonne Althouse

Unsigned Letters

Every week the Daily Collegian receives letters to the editor. This is a good sign of student interest in many subjects, both local and international, but unfortunately for the Collegian, many of these letters cannot be printed.

All letters to the editor MUST be signed by the writers in order that the Collegian staff may check the names to avoid "crank" notes. If the writer wishes to have his name withheld for any reason (or for no reason at all) his wishes are complied with.

An example of a letter which unfortunately we cannot print is one received from an employee of the College which cites the union's side of the wage increase problem.

Aside from space limitations and other mechanical factors involved in newspaper production, the Collegian attempts to publish letters soon after they arrive in the Carnegie Hall office. If, for any reason, the letter is not acceptable for printing, it is filed.

Regardless of the content of any letter, signatures must be placed on each letter. Names will be withheld at the writer's request.

—Bob Fraser

Cabinet Auto Plan Sound Suggestion

The acceptance by All-College Cabinet of the parking plan which would close the campus to the majority of student drivers was a move dictated by the simple fact that Penn State has a parking problem.

With twice as many cars being used by faculty, staff, and students as there is parking space, we would be foolish to pretend that there isn't a parking problem.

The proposed solution calls for limiting campus driving on weekdays to commuting students, and faculty and staff members, with some limitations being placed on the number of persons in the second category.

One of the questions raised in cabinet concerning the plan was this: Tribunal will punish by fines students who break the rules, but who will punish those faculty and staff members who break the rules? Apparently this will be done by department and school heads, but we wonder how effective this setup will be.

Limiting campus parking to some 500 student commuters and 1500 faculty and staff members appears to be the only solution to the current problem. But, as we have indicated in the past, it is not a long range solution. The goal of any long-range parking plan should be to provide facilities for all who wish to use the campus.

Reaching this goal of a parking place for all who wish to drive will not be easy. And when that goal is reached it will not mean that drivers will be able to park their cars right next to the buildings in which they have business. Because of the highly centralized nature of the Penn State campus, new parking areas—when they are built—will of necessity have to be in outlying areas. So even with additional parking space, drivers will have to walk from the areas to classroom and office buildings.

Nonetheless, a long-range plan is needed. It is for this reason that cabinet tagged two conditions on its acceptance of the plan. Cabinet accepted the plan, providing:

"1. The College establish a long-range policy of providing sufficient parking on the campus as conveniently located as practical, for all drivers who wish to use the campus.

"2. The College maintain the present restrictions on the use of student and faculty cars only as a temporary expedient until adequate parking for all may be provided."

Cabinet's insistence on the long-range program is a sound recommendation, a recommendation which the administration and the trustees should consider with care.

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COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., Com. and A&L Friday, April 4.
Eastern States Cooperative Exchange will interview June graduates in A.E., P.H., D.H., Agron., Ag.Ec. and Ag.Ed. Friday, April 4. Further details may be obtained in 112 Ag. Building.
National Lead Co. will interview June graduates in the upper half of their class and 1952 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Ch.E., and Cer. Monday, April 7.
New Holland Machine Co. will interview June graduates in I.E., Ag.Eng. and Aect. Friday, April 4.
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. is interested in June graduates in M.E., E.E. and C.E. Applications may be obtained in 112 Old Main before April 6.
Lukens Steel Co. will interview June graduates in Metal., M.E. and I.E. Friday, April 4.
Procter and Gamble Distributing Co. will interview June graduates in Com. and A&L interested in sales Friday, April 4.
General Steel Castings Corp. will interview June graduates in Metallurgy Monday, April 7.
Glenn L. Martin Co. will interview graduates at all levels in Aero.E., M.E., E.E. and C.E. Monday, April 7.
North American Aviation Inc. Aerophysics, Electro-Mechanical and Atomic Energy Research Div. will interview June graduates in Phys., C.E., M.E., E.E., Aero.E. and C.E. Monday, April 7.
North American Aviation Inc. Columbus Div. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., E.E. and Aero.E. Monday, April 7.
North American Aviation Inc. Engineering Div. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Aero.E. and Arch. Monday, April 7.
Philadelphia Electric Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., C.E., I.E. and Phys. Monday, April 7.
Westinghouse Airbrake Co. will interview June graduates in M.E. Monday, April 7.
Jeffrey Manufacturing Co. will interview June graduates in Min.E., M.E., E.E., I.E., C.E., and Ch.E. Thursday, April 3.
Philco Corp. will interview graduates at the B.S. and M.S. levels in M.E. and E.E. Thursday, April 3.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Room and board for man with car.
Married couple without children for permanent summer job near State College.
Night watchman for permanent job in Boalsburg.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.—Lao-tse

—Patmore

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Class—didn't I announce in this class that I wouldn't tolerate 'ponies' during an examination."

Interpreting the News

Red Conclave Plan Brings New Issues

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One of the great issues between the Allies and Soviet Russia in Germany is whether Western Europe is to remain free to establish itself as a community rather than a group of competing states.

The Allied note replying to Russia's suggestion for a peace conference takes this into account.

Russia has suggested a newly nationalized Germany. She has upset her communist followers throughout Europe by proposing to let Germany have a national army. She would, however, bind this army to neutrality between Germany's former enemies.

This would almost surely nullify the effort, led by France and supported, not always with full agreement among his constituents, by Western German Chancellor Adenauer, to establish a cooperative if not yet federated Europe.

France, of course, would reject out of hand any peace treaty which allowed Germany to have an army. The Russians know that, and merely injected the idea to stir up the Germans against the international army to which Germany is now expected to contribute.

The Allies have come right back, saying no deal can be made except with a Central German government established through free elections in the Russian zone and Berlin as well as in the West.

On the matter of elections, the Allies and Russia ran into an impasse aside from the peace conference business. The Allies want any election to be supervised by the United Nations; Russia sticks to her old contention that everything concern-

ing Germany must be a four-power action. They barred a UN survey of their zone to investigate the possibilities of free elections.

One thing to be remembered in all this is that neither side is laying its case entirely on the table. The whole business is a part of the constant maneuvering incidental to a situation in which war between them is a constant danger if not an immediate prospect. Both are determined, if anything like that happens, to have Germany, or as much of Germany as possible, on their side.

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Wednesday, March 26

CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
COFFEE HOUR, dean of men and cabinet, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
GERMAN CLUB, McElwain study lounge, 7 p.m.

LION PARTY publicity meeting, 215 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

LION PARTY steering committee, 215 Willard Hall, 8:30 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, Prof. Case in charge, Rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.

Woody Herman
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CONCERT
Friday, April 4 3:30-5:30
Schwab Aud. \$1.25 per person
Tickets On Sale Today at
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135 S. Allen, St. College

What is April 4?
That is the **IFC BALL**
WHEN EVERY COED WILL WANT A CORSAGE FROM **Bill McMullen, Florist**
122 E. COLLEGE AVE. PHONE 4994