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## Election Figures Should Be Given

Before too long, the women's student government bodies on campus will be holding their elections to determine next year's officers. Last year, however, neither the Women's Student Government Association, Women's Recreation Association, nor Leonides would release the balloting figures in their election results.

The Daily Collegian has long felt that the whole student body is entitled to know the results of the balloting. The whole controversy, which is what the matter has boiled down to, came to a head in the fall of 1951 with a proposed amendment to the All-College Constitution which would have required all organizations represented on All-College Cabinet to release election figures within 24 hours after ballot boxes were closed.

After a great deal of discussion, the amendment was tabled indefinitely and was never brought to the floor of cabinet again. During the discussions, however, several interesting points were raised.

The women then gave, and still give, two reasons for not releasing the voting results. The first was in regard to the proposed amendment—to which the women said "It's none of cabinet's business." Their other argument was that the release of the election returns would hurt the feelings of the women who lose. Now the coeds also say that anyone who wants to see the figures may ask to see them in the Dean of Women's office.

The women's first argument need no longer be considered. But whether or not the feelings of the losing women candidates are hurt is an interesting and quite inconsistent part of their argument.

In the first place, it should be pointed out that there should be no shame in losing an election. Instead, a woman should feel proud that she was nominated to run in the first place and that whether she was beaten by a large or small margin, she put forth her best efforts to win. Secondly, if Penn State women feel they are capable of sharing things equally with the men, they should be able to face the release of election results without "feeling funny." If they are mature enough to run for office in the first place, they should also be mature enough to accept defeat without hurt feelings. Finally, we doubt that hurt feelings are grounds enough to keep information from the public.

But there is also a matter of inconsistency in the women's stand. In the 1951 elections, the results of the WRA race were released. Last year they were not. Why? Another point of inconsistency arises when women take part in the All-College and class elections. Here the election figures are released, and so far, the defeated women have accepted defeat gracefully and without complaint over the release of the balloting results.

Furthermore, if the women are willing to allow people to look at the voting figures in the Dean of Women's office, why shouldn't they be made public to everyone once and for all? The publication of the results would prevent false rumors of the margin of victory or defeat involved from beginning.

The three women's organizations have plenty of time to review the present situation before the coming elections. We hope after they do so they will follow the precedent of democratic elections and release the voting figures.

## Invasion USA

The recent movie, "Invasion USA," was a poor motion picture in many respects. Not only was it poorly acted, but many of its technical points were rather ridiculous.

The theme of the picture—the imagined invasion of the United States by an enemy force—was one which, despite the poor quality of the picture, should be taken seriously by all Americans. All too many, however, fail to accept the fact that the United States will be as vulnerable as any country of Europe and Asia when and if the next war comes.

"Invasion USA" was not by any means an eloquent plea for American preparedness, but it was at least an attempt to awake the American public from its current state of self-confidence and lethargy.

As much as we hate to face the facts, we must. It can happen here! And the sooner we realize it and begin preparing for it, the better off we'll all be.

## Don't Let Excuse Gripes Worry You

Gripes will be gripes. And Penn State students have plenty of them since the beginning of the gripe (or flu) epidemic. The argument is that if a student is advised by the Dispensary to rest in the dormitory because the Infirmary is full, the Dispensary should give that student an excuse for the classes missed.

True, this probably could be done. But, let's not become neurotic about the whole thing. When an individual has been sick, particularly during the recent epidemic, most persons will agree that it isn't difficult to tell such. If a student missed classes, it should have been easy for a professor to know the individual was sick—once he looked at the individual closely.

No doubt, there will be some kind of a compromise regarding the excuses. But, in the meantime, we do not have to get worked up over the problem of the few professors who are "bull-headed" and don't believe the student, or permit no absences in their classes. How many of these professors could there be?

Too often, we over-emphasize our problems and create new ones. The Daily Collegian has received no letters from any of the students concerned saying that professors would not believe they were ill. If there are many cases, we will be surprised.

However, the long range principle cannot be entirely dismissed by the administration. Certainly, for the few professors in the group described above, there must be some program devised whereby students who are ill, but cannot be admitted to the Infirmary, would have proof for their professors that they were ill.

—Mimi Ungar

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"May we introduce ourselves? My fraternity brothers and I just couldn't help but notice you're wearing our pin."

## Gazette...

Saturday, February 21  
FENCING CLUB, 1 p.m., Water Tower.  
FIRESIDE PARTY, 8 p.m., University Baptist Church.  
WRA PLUNGE HOUR, 7:30-9 p.m., White Hall.

Monday, February 23  
ENGINEERING 3 LECTURE, 4:10 p.m., 110 E.E.

NAVAL RESERVE ELECTRONICS UNIT, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 300 E.E.  
NITTANY COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Dorm 20.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL  
Nancy Bennett, Harry Blansett, Victor Buckley, Richard Call, Raoul Casciari, John Clark, Robert Derr, Yvonne Fino, Lana Gerhardt, Lowell Gonano, Hans Hoelzl, Huber Kline, Gerald Koons, Margaret Lamaster, Nancy Levitt, Donald Lund, Horace Mann, Jesse Rieberman, Fred Romig, Michael Roselli, Donna Sober, Dorothy Swanson, William Sweeney, and Andrew Subashi.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
Complete lists of visiting representatives are available at the College Placement Office in 212 Old Main. Interviews can be arranged and information secured at the office.  
Phile Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E. and M.E., Feb. 26.  
Imperial Works, Oil Well Supply Division of U.S. Steel Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in I.E. and M.E.  
U.S. Steel Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Ag. Eng., Chem. Eng., Aero Eng., Arch. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., and San. Eng., Vocational Ed., Ceramics, Fuel Tech., Metallurgy, Mineral Preparation and Mining Eng., Feb. 26.  
Eastman Kodak Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates and also juniors interested in summer work in Chem. Eng., M.E., E.E., I.E., Chem., Phys., E & C, and Accounting, Feb. 26 and 27.  
Shell Oil Company, Research Division will interview B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Eng., and M.E., Feb. 26 and 27.  
Ohio Power Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E. and M.E., Feb. 26.  
Linde Air Products Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., Chem and Phys., also Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Engr., and M.E., Feb. 26 and 27.  
Pennsylvania Power & Light Company will interview B.S. candidates in E.E., M.E. and Ag. Eng., Feb. 26.  
Shell Oil Company will interview B.S. candidates in A & L and E & C and Accounting, Feb. 26.  
Shell Oil Company, Manufacturing Division will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry, Chem. E., and M.S., Feb. 27.  
Sun Oil Company will interview B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem. E., Chemistry, and M.E.; juniors and grad students in Chem. E. and Chemistry for summer employment, Feb. 27.  
Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company will interview B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., M.E. and I.E., Feb. 27.  
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company will interview B.S. and M.S. candidates in I.E., M.E., E.E., Chem. E., Physics, Chemistry, Ceramics, Accounting and Business Administration; and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry and Physics, March 2.  
Columbia Southern Chemical Company, Division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. will interview B.S. candidates in Chem. E., C.E., I.E. and M.E., March 2.  
Paint Division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company will interview B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. E. and Chemistry March 2.  
George A. Hormel & Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates interested in a sales career, Feb. 27.  
General Motors Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., Ind. E., C.E., Chem. E., Metallurgy, Physics, Math., and Commerce and Economics, March 3 and 4.  
Scott Paper Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in M.E., Chem. E., Chemistry and Accounting; and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry, March 3.  
Aetna Life Insurance Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Arts and Letters, Commerce, and Economics and Math., March 3.  
Bakelite Company will interview B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Chem. E., M.E., E.E. and C.E.; and M.S. candidates in Chemistry and Chem. E., March 2 and 3.  
Toledo Edison Company will interview B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E. and M.E., March 2.  
Hamilton Standard Division will interview B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., Aero. E. and Metallurgy, March 2.  
Colgate Palmolive Peet Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E. and Chem., March 3.  
Clark Brothers Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., March 2.  
Kurt Salmon Associates will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in I.E., March 2.  
Scott Paper Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem., Accounting, Commerce and Economics, L.M.R., Chem. Eng., and Industrial and Mechanical Eng., March 3.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Couple without children wanted for summer job near State College.  
Wanted: Tutor for 2d year high school Latin.

## Strictly from -- Ungar

The new Student Union Building is already a "blasting" success. This week a new construction trend has come about—known as blasting. The physical end of the blasting is an ordinary happening to most persons on campus. Where the amusement enters is when the men are getting ready to blast and they run up to the sidewalk opposite Osmond Laboratory and act as campus patrolmen.

One case of this drew a laugh from the crowd of students stopped. Here was one of the workers warning them and enforcing the warning not to pass by the area that could be splattered with physical elements from the blast. The students waited, rather apathetically, at that. The suspense was building up as students waited for a "big blast" to come—but nothing was happening.

It finally came. The "blast" turned out to be a "poof" and had more of a "blasting" effect on the patient (?) students than if there had really been a blast.

Because of the amusement derived from the incident, one student we know wasn't even angry because she had to wait for the "blast" and as a result, was late for an eight o'clock—of all things. She's still enjoying the story—she told us as we passed by Holmes Field the other day.

Never underestimate the power of a woman—yes, you've heard that at least ten times before and you're still having fun underestimating the power of the woman. This, of course, is in reference to the men. But, never fear men, we're really climbing up that ladder for recognition in this world "molded for men."

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, revealed in an interview over the Mutual Broadcasting System last week that women might be drafted. (At this point we can't help but expect a smug grin and a few words or two from draft-eligible men—perhaps accompanied by the phrase, "Now, THIS I don't mind!") Hershey said women will be drafted only if the present situation changes. The married men will take precedence over the women, if more persons are needed to keep our armed forces large enough. But, if the situation gets worse, (which is the last of our hopes) women, too, may be bothered by local boards, deferment tests, and the like. Wouldn't that be a novel development?

Strange things happen every day of the week—newspapermen are constantly on the look-out for feature or human interest material concerning these happenings. An odd one caught the eye of a United Press reporter and got its place in newspapers throughout the country. It concerned parking violators on Valentine's Day in Reno, Nev. (that famed city!)

Instead of giving tickets for a violation on that day, policemen left a Valentine for the violator. The Valentine replaced the usual coldly-worded ticket. Printed in red letters (in addition to "parking violation") was the following poem:  
"Dear over-time parker:  
"Won't you be our Valentine  
"And help us with our work?  
"You'll save yourself a fine  
"And a visit to our clerk."  
Pretty good psychology, huh?"

The younger generation gets attention from state legislatures every now and then. Adults seem to be preoccupied with the possible uncouth conduct youth could demonstrate. The North Dakota State Senate came up with a good one last week.  
The legislature passed (by a wide margin) a bill banning the sale of candy cigarettes on the ground that they might encourage juvenile smoking. This is a new and different approach, you must admit.  
But, the North Dakotans came up with another one, too. They decided to endorse an already existing measure banning dancing in the dark. There was no strenuous objection to this move.  
However, a pretty good statement regarding the banning of the sale of candy cigarettes was made by one of the North Dakota senators. He argued that if the Senate planned to keep children away from candy cigarettes they should also consider banning baby bottles. "They might become drinkers," he said.  
Modern living is capable of doing so much regarding the discovery of details. For example, an electric computer to measure the traffic flow on a highway between Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Va., has revealed that the morning traffic peak has been exactly 21 minutes earlier since Eisenhower got in.  
You might call it efficiency (Those who claim us to be a Democrat will appreciate our compliment.). Eisenhower has given strict orders to government workers to be at their desks on time. And that they are! They don't get out any earlier either. The homeward traffic peak has remained the same.