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Intelligent Decision, Important Principle

Penn State coeds made an intelligent decision last week in voting 1040 to 390 to release Women's Student Government Association and Women's Recreation Association election figures.

By a margin of 650, the women reversed a decision made two years ago to keep election figures secret. This reversal was a triumph of principle over emotion. Release of the vote figures in itself was relatively unimportant compared to the principle involved.

The complete reversal of the previous decision strongly indicates the poll taken two years ago by WSGA was inadequate, or biased. Many coeds at that time did not know what the problem was. Many women who participated in that vote now feel the question was presented in an unfair manner. Such an overwhelming change of attitude can scarcely be explained in any other way.

This year, WSGA Senate faced the problem of its own accord, without outside influence. No force was exerted and little ill will generated.

ated. This was fortunate, and was probably another factor in the decision reversal.

In the last vote, the problem reached the floor of All-University Cabinet with a recommendation that all groups sitting on cabinet make public their election figures. The question was tabled after much storming. This year, WSGA Senate's decision to meet the problem on its own probably caused less of a feeling of resentment than was caused by the situation before.

Those who still oppose the release, despite the women's decision and the principle involved, may try to force another vote on it next year. This would be not only foolish, but unnecessary.

The WSGA Senate this year was made to believe it had a responsibility to take the question to all coeds. In fact, however, it had no responsibility. And it will have no responsibility in the future to again refer the question to all coeds. Fortunately, a long-standing problem has been wisely solved.

Campus Parking: Cleaning Up Our House

Last week Traffic Court took another step on its rocky way to satisfactory operation as it recommended revising penalties for student traffic violators. James Dunlap, court chairman, took a commendable stand in saying "we must clean our own house first" in response to questions about censoring non-student offenders.

Dunlap and his court and Capt. Philip A. Mark and his Campus Patrol have combined to do good work in the past six weeks. The court has made penalties stiffer and harder to avoid. The patrol has been thorough in ticketing violators and not letting them off the hook. Nearly \$500 has been collected in fines since the semester began. The patrol's success in a crackdown on Pollock road traffic is evidenced by the decline in arrests in a week and a half of operation.

Still, all this has been directed against the students. Graduate students, faculty and staff members, and other violators—such as Student Union building construction workers—have gone free with only requests not to break the rules. And, still the chant, "let's clean our own house first!"

Faculty and staff members not only drive in prohibited areas at prohibited times, but percentage-wise are as great offenders as the student body. On top of that, they use their University positions as excuses to reprimand patrolmen doing their job.

An even greater offending group than faculty

and staff are groups who are not even members of the University family, such as the Student Union workers. They insist on parking in area 23 next to the Temporary classroom building. Their lot is area 50.

Thus, while others continue to flaunt University rules that few would ignore if they were backed by borough, state, or federal power, the students take the brunt of the attack. It seems foolish we must clean our own house and not do something about our negligent neighbors.

—Diehl McKalip

Gazette...

Today

- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main
- COLLEGIAN ADVERTISING STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 6:45 p.m., Collegian Business Office
- COLLEGIAN CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie
- COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 104 Willard
- DELTA SIGMA PI BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi
- EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 206 Burrowes
- GERMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., McElwain Study Lounge
- INKLING EDITORIAL STAFF, 8 p.m., 201 Willard
- POLLOCK COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Nittany Dorm 20

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main: Lillian Taylor Camp on March 23; Abington YMCA Camp on March 24; Camp Onawandah on March 26; Camp Menatoma, Maine, on March 29 and 30; Camp Ma-Ho-Ge, N.Y., on March 30; Clear Pool Camp, N.Y. on April 1; Camp Kiwanis on April 2; Camp Conrad Weiser on April 7. Sign up for interviews in advance.

INFIRMARY

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PLACEMENT SERVICE

This is a partial and unofficial listing. Complete information on placement may be secured at 112 Old Main.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

SEABROOK FARMS CO. of Bridgeton, N.J. will meet with freshmen, sophomores, and juniors interested in summer employment on March 30 in 105 Forestry to arrange interviews for March 31. Seniors interested in employment upon graduation will also be interviewed. THE KROGER CO will be on campus March 31 and April 1 to interview interested seniors. Names should be listed with G.N.P. Leetch, 112 Old Main.

Double Growth

Tangible evidence that the University has an eye toward growing not only in size, but in quality, was seen earlier this month.

Figures showing Penn State academic salaries have increased 20 per cent since 1950 have been released by the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Increases range from 21.4 per cent for associate professors to 25.6 per cent for professors.

The pay increases are an important part of the University's continued attempts to improve quality of education offered at Penn State. In the past, critics have said the University is growing too large, and too fast, for its own good. Those who do not have much faith in educational opportunities at the University decry the lack of quality, the over-emphasis on quantity.

Proof that the University is seeking growth both in quantity and quality is shown by the salary figures. Increased academic pay will result in more attractive teaching positions. More attractive positions must eventually result in better teachers, and better instruction.

Students, then, should be aware such strides are being taken. To them and the Commonwealth, these strides are important now and for the future. In this way we may be sure the University is growing not only in monetary, but intellectual, value.

Phi Eta Sigma Meets Tonight

Phi Eta Sigma, freshman men's scholastic fraternity, has invited 125 men to attend introductory meetings at 7 tonight in 316 Sparks and tomorrow in 312 Sparks.

Men are chosen from any curriculum. They must be first, second, or third semester students, and have had a 2.5 average last semester.

Franklin B. Krause, faculty adviser, Francis J. Tschan, faculty

Local Police Launch Fight Against Speeders

Preparation for another attack against fast driving is being launched by State College police, who are oiling their speed trap equipment and revising their work schedules, according to Burgess David R. Mackey.

The enforcement of the speed laws will begin on a daily basis as soon as the working hours of the force can be shifted, due to the requirement of four policemen for the operation of a speed trap, he said.

adviser emeritus, and John Ball, student president, will speak at the meeting.

Coed Swim Night Set for Friday

The third co-educational swimming session of the year will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at Glensland Pool.

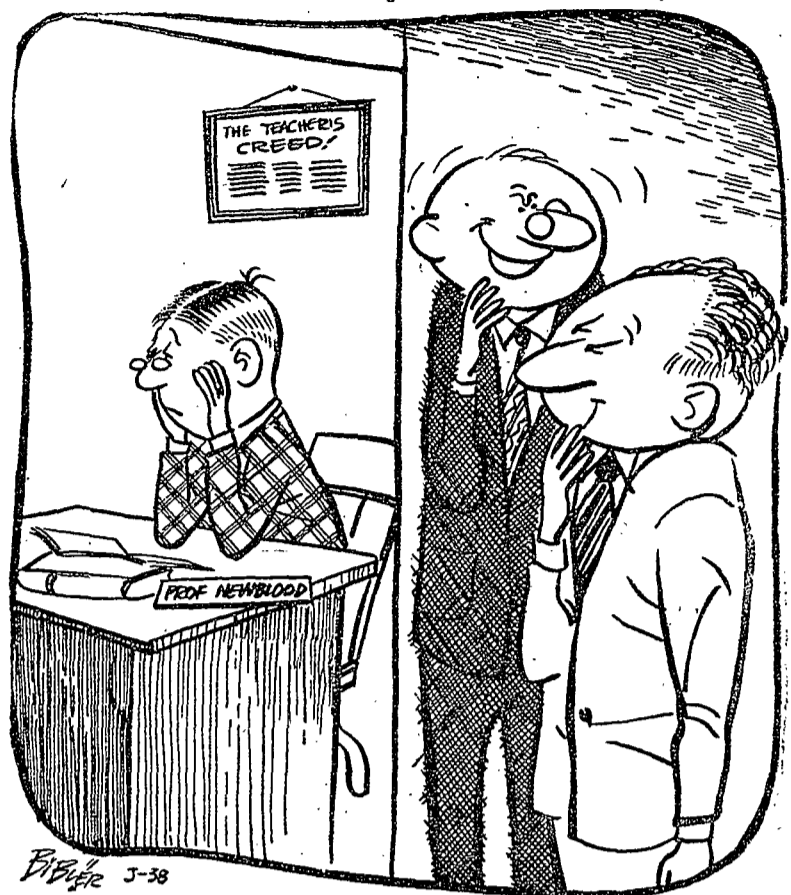
Only the first 50 couples will be admitted. Students are requested to bring matriculation cards and swimming suits.

The sessions are sponsored jointly by the Athletic Association and the College of Physical Education and Athletics.

Nine men from Pennsylvania signed the Declaration of Independence.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"He's worried about breaking up his beautiful teacher-student friendships—he has to turn in below grades today."

Excursion 6: The Democrat

Walden Sea

By LEN GOODMAN

How much the individual becomes the democrat is directly proportional to quite a number of things. Of course, we are speaking of the small "d" democrat, and not for once posing the question of the relative merits of any political partisan.

For instance, the individual becomes the democrat depending upon how he might classify himself in society—possibly according to native ability, education, or social status. It becomes a view of "self," but not in the philosophical-psychological sense of establishing one's true identity. Rather, it is a problem of a socio-psychological nature. Whether the "I" is that which is recognized by one's neighbor as oneself, or whether that almost indefinable "I" is that subconscious personality and amalgam of motives, or that portion consciously recognized as the inner "us," bears no direct relation to the discussion at hand.

Granted a definition of the "self" is a real problem; for it can be shown that it is one that troubled the philosophers for centuries, and now for a few decades the psychologists.

And, neither today presumes to have the answer, neither the philosopher—wisely, nor the psychologist—graciously.

How much, then, the individual, or the individualist (the true individual), becomes the democrat seems inevitably dependent upon his view of his own place in society, or in more general terms, his view of man. The view could be: man as a "naturally" social animal, an animal sufficiently wise to realize social living as the most useful and/or necessary evil, or an animal that must be kept in the cage of social prohibition to restrain an "inherently" evil nature.

The view one takes—and all have been vigorously defended at one time or another—will eventually decide how much democracy one might advise for his contemporaries, or for any given social setting.

Of course, there are considerations of environmental factors; and it often happens that one such factor decides for various individuals how much democracy is advisable: such factors as the effects of education, a changed technology, or the development of transportation and communication.

But, unless a view of man is subscribed to, either implicitly or explicitly, such considerations seem useless.

What if it be assumed—as do most of the social scientists today—that the individual is born a literal blank, with a mind of "tabula rasa" upon which either goodness or badness may be impressed, depending solely upon the environment and some small capacity

of the individual for absorption of stimuli?

Isn't it still true that a tacit belief in the inherent goodness of man is held, a belief that man in society has infinite potential?

When all these factors are considered, including both environment and the nature of the individual, a curious thing results: neither a philosophical-psychological analysis, nor a socio-psychological synthesis. Rather, the resulting amalgam might be termed a "social philosophy"—truly curious animal. A political theory, and an end purpose of society are usually included, and many times suggestions for corrective legislation.

The works of Rousseau, Locke, Marx, and our own "Founding Fathers"—such as Hamilton, Madison, and Jefferson—represent efforts in this direction. In our own day, Huxley, Russell, and almost any sociologist make the attempt—a rather frantic one in some cases.

Thus, when a view of the nature of man is taken, the measure of the expression of individualism to be allowed within the citizenry naturally follows: or, in other words, how "democratic" one can afford to be, given the conditions, results.

I can not accept that Society as an organic whole gives its own answer to such questions. Only in that each member of society decides for himself, and the collective opinion is termed the answer for that society, can one say Society answers the questions.

There is a world of difference between the two concepts—the world of the fascist as opposed to the world of the democrat.

Final Tryouts Scheduled Tonight for 'Happy Time'

Final tryouts for Players' production of Samuel Taylor's "The Happy Time," will be held at 7 tonight in the Little Theater, basement of Old Main.

The play is scheduled to open May 6 in Schwab Auditorium for a three-day run.

Tonight on WDFM

7:25	Sign on
7:30	Record Review
8:00	UN Story—"Eight Years After"
8:15	Call Card
8:30	Tops in Pops
9:15	News
9:30	Music Hall
10:30	Sign Off