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## AA Voting: Sour Note in Elections Results

Today is April Fools' Day. The ones who got fooled are the candidates for offices in the Athletic Association.

Women students were free to vote for these men whose organization is governed by a constitution stipulating only men students may cast ballots. This came about when the automatic voting machines used in the elections were set up in such a way that the keys for AA officers could not be inactivated when women voted.

It is too late now to attempt to fix the blame for this undesirable and complicating mistake. We can only hope it does not happen again. Also, we can wonder what will happen in the Association now.

There should be a re-vote. Not only is this ballot unconstitutional, according to what we have been told, but it is not fair to the candidates. Any of the nominees can loose on votes cast by women.

The All-University Elections Committee, which assumed the responsibility of executing the elections, is taking a poor attitude in the issue. Opinion is that the members ran an election, and the Association can take it or leave it. If the AA wants a new election, the group can

run its own, the story goes.

Elections Committee obligated themselves to run a satisfactory vote for AA officers when they set up the machines with AA candidates included. This obligation is not fulfilled until winners have been obtained according to the AA constitution. This was not achieved in the two-days voting, and therefore the committee should conduct another election.

As it stands now, the results, unknown and sealed in an envelope, have been turned over to AA officials. It has been left up to them to declare the findings valid or void. They dare not, and if they do, the candidates would surely protest the fact they are winning or losing by illegitimate ballots.

In an otherwise peaceful, though surprising, election time, this fiasco strikes the one sour note. It is made all the more aggravating by the Elections Committee's indifference to the situation. It is truly shirking a duty assumed two days ago when the polls opened with the AA officers on the voting machines.

Today is April Fools' Day, men who ran for AA offices, and Elections Committee is attempting to fool you. It is attempting to do this by giving you an election that is nearly a farce. In the bargain it is also trying to fool the voters.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I know you made an 'A' on the test—but you just LOOK like a 'C' student."

## Short Rush Period Is Backward Step

Panhellenic Council's move to shorten the formal sorority rush periods to ten days next year shows lack of wisdom. In an effort to save sororities time and expense of the new program (which calls for two formal rush periods) Panhel has created an even more unfortunate situation than the one it was trying to remedy.

Formerly the formal period lasted two weeks. Under the new code, it will last ten days—one week with a weekend included at beginning and end.

Ten days of formal rushing is not enough time for sorority women and rushees to make selective decisions.

The reasoning behind shortening the rush periods next year apparently centers around finances. Proponents of the new code maintain that sororities could not afford in one year two periods including the functions in this fall's program—open houses, coke dates, at homes, parties, and coffee hours.

As a result, the at homes have been cut from the new program, and coke dates (which incur the least expense) have been extended to 9:45 p.m.

Further attempts to compensate the shortened period are the firesides and panel discussions on sororities in general that Greeks have been holding this past month with freshman women, and a series of open teas scheduled for this

spring. Theoretically, these are to provide the initial get-acquainted opportunities left to the formal rush period in past years. Again theoretically, sororities are to gather recommendations over the summer on potential rushees met at these teas, and freshmen are to consider information offered as a basis for deciding whether they wish to become sorority women.

These innovations admittedly are advances in the Panhel rush program, but can be commended only as a supplement to an extensive formal period. In no way can they pass as a substitute.

Panel should reconsider this new code it has passed. In doing so, it should remember the complaints that its members themselves have voiced against the shortness and superficiality of past periods. It should remember the confusion and the drop-outs from the program by rushees in past years because they "just didn't have time to make up their minds."

If the question of expenses continues to block lengthening the rush period, then perhaps coke dates (which cost little or nothing) be extended for two weeks.

If Panhel is looking for an effective rush period next year, it has no alternative but to lengthen its program.

—Peggy McClain

## Ghost Walk Known As Mystic Retreat

By PEGGY McCLAIN

Some 40 years ago, the black shadows of the Ghost Walk formed one of the eeriest and most mystic retreats on the campus.

For 64 years, the narrow woody path sheltered secrets of untold rendezvous from students whose fear forbid them to enter the lane.

The Ghost Walk was a path lined with a double row of evergreen trees. It started behind the old Botany Building, in back of Old Main, and ran north in the direction of Burrowes Building.

It had its origin in 1856, when William G. Waring, working under the Board of Trustees, planted a tree nursery on land now occupied by Sparks Building and the West Dorms. Although the nursery was chiefly an experimental project, it was also to help increase College funds. The trees were to be cut and sold with instructions for growing.

Some Standing Among the nursery trees were the evergreens planted behind the old Botany Building. For some reason, these were allowed to stand, while others from its section were cut and sold.

Some claimed that the evergreens were left to shelter the one pretentious dwelling house on campus, Oak Cottage, from the strong western winds that swept directly across the house. Others say there were no buyers for the trees.

Tradition Is Born Whatever the reason, the irregular row was left in its original position, and was soon established as a tradition of the campus.

The thick branches of the bordering trees hung low over the path, leaving it dark and at night very spectral looking. In summer, the breeze made light whispering sounds through the boughs, but the winter winds blew loud and ominously along the path. And as far back as anyone can remember, the path was called the Ghost Walk.

The reputation of the walk was as fearful as the name. Mere mention of the Ghost Walk sent shivers down the backs of coeds. The young women walked beneath its trees in the safety of daylight, but only the bravest dared enter the path after dark . . . and then, only

with the protection of a chap-erone!

No record was ever made of escapades among the dark trees. Once, in the late eighties, in the days when great political parades were staged, the Ghost Walk harbored two campus politicians, young Democrats bent on attacking the enthusiasm of the embryo campus Republicans.

GOP vs Democrats The attack came in the fall, when the Republicans were driving bandwagons with flying banners around campus and staging a great show. George Meek, Class of 1890, and George Linsey, Class of 1892, who were two of the most daring of the eight or ten Democrats on campus, watched the parade pass and then threw stones at one of the bandwagons, destroying a banner.

The culprits then ran into the Ghost Walk, and no trace of their identity was left. However, Linsey lost his gold watch among the leaves on the path and couldn't report the loss for fear of detection.

One Gold Watch The next spring, Johnny Carrigan, an Irish workman on campus, found the watch and returned it to its owner. Linsey once again escaped punishment, because by now his political assault had lost its timeliness.

About this same time, in 1893, Albert Tuttle, Class of 1868, was visiting his old friend Dr. William Buckhout, professor of botany at the College. Tuttle, who was called "Uncle Al," was a man of great intellectual curiosity and had a hunch that by snapping pictures rapidly with a camera he

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:25 Sign On  
7:30 Starlight Serenade  
8:00 Weekly News Roundup  
9:30 Scenic  
10:30 Thought for the Day

## Safety Valve—

### On Publicity--

TO THE EDITOR: In the past the Daily Collegian has always played an important part in elections by giving non-partisan information to voters, but this year it appears to have shirked its duties.

The poor voting turnout during the All-University elections was due largely to a lack of publicity in the Collegian. During campaigning, the only mention made was in reference to the campaign schedule for that particular day, and this was very dry reading.

Candidates' pictures did not appear at all even though they had been taken for that purpose. No election headlines were used until voting had actually started. Even editorial discussions of the elections were at a minimum. It appears that the Collegian motto "For a Better Penn State" has been forgotten when there is so little support for one of the most important events on campus.

—Stuart Horn  
Lion Party Candidate  
for All-University  
Vice President

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the 1955 spring elections, 203 inches of editorial material were run; in the 1954 spring elections, 190 inches of editorial material were run. Nine pictures dealing with elections were printed this spring, 56 last spring. The 56 pictures were chiefly of candidates; pictures of this year's candidates were distributed thoroughly by the parties themselves.

## Gazette . . .

Today  
NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rotary, 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 11:20 a.m. and 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church; Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
John Arnst, James Bates, Stephen Behman, David Car-

## On Good Taste

It is unfortunate Spring Week committee found it necessary to put such an emphasis (325 points) on "good taste" in carnival booths. But the step was inevitable if carnival is to be with us again next year.

The entire judging process for the carnival has been revised this year. Instead of selecting winners according to the number of tickets taken in at the booths, judges will base decisions this year on a point system, broken down into four divisions—good taste, ticket sales, originality, and adherence to theme.

"Good taste" is the division which will receive the highest number of points and hence the strongest emphasis.

It is somewhat doubtful just how well "good taste" will lend itself to point system judgment. It is certainly not difficult to single out a show or booth in "poor taste" but to determine degrees of "good taste" is a different matter.

However, this move is a step to clean up Spring Week carnivals. The need for such action is shown clearly in the records of past carnivals—two years ago all booths warned generally to keep shows above board and one show closed because six students had alcohol behind the booth; and last year ten of the 45 shows given warnings the first night to clean up their shows, when a second warning would have meant closing down the shows.

At the same time it is hoped such action will be necessary on a temporary basis only. If after this year it is still necessary to enforce "good taste" so strongly or to make it appear attractive by rewarding those who practice it (when this "good taste" should exist without threat of an axe dropping) then it is time to do away with carnival.

—P.M.

vey, Thomas Clair, Henry Cox, Charles Kiehl, Jane Lechner, Marjorie Miller, David Millner, David Nash, Rochelle Nathan, Robert Sitko, Harriet Steinman, Joseph Warnick.

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