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Let the Voters Complain

Usual procedure on the opening of any elections is to urge the students to vote either way they like but, above all, to "get out and vote."

On this campus this line has been repeated in every conceivable way for more years than we can remember. It never has gotten any concrete results. The students who stay away from the polls still continue to outnumber the voters—whether in the spring or fall elections.

On this election eve we wonder about the many students who gripe and groan about this useless student government setup we have at Penn State. Of course, we realize this thing of apathy goes around in a vicious circle. The students rap the leaders because they do nothing. The leaders, in return, say that they can get nothing done because the students aren't interested and because they haven't got student support.

Both sides have points.

However, the impending election still brings us to the point that no student should gripe if he hasn't taken enough interest in student affairs to vote.

In this election two Cabinet seats are going to change hands. Both parties will be aiming at these offices with the utmost care. These two are examples of the students who will be under fire during the course of the year when someone writes a letter to the editor blasting Cabinet for wasting time, or doing nothing, or being biased, or some other age-old charge. Chances are the student has been personally affected by

some particular action of Cabinet and now feels that he must expose the whole incompetent mess to the student body. The chances are also great that the same student has not voted when he had his chance to really express his opinion.

Of course, the old story of, "Why should I vote, my one little vote won't matter," is always brought up. This has a stereotyped answer also. "But what if everybody took that attitude."

The way the voting percentages go on this campus we are beginning to think that nearly all of them do take this attitude.

There is at least one more time-worn argument a non-voter will give. This is especially prevalent among the more studious folk; those who spend most of their time in the library or in other academic poses.

These people say that the student government does nothing to benefit the general student body and that the only ones interested in Cabinet and the class officers etc. are the student leaders themselves.

This will be so, to a certain extent. However, when an issue like a half-holiday or an extended Christmas vacation comes up then the so-called general student body rises up and asks for action by student government.

So if any freshmen and sophomores are not planning to vote please don't let us hear any further squawking about the inefficiency of student government. Let the voters complain. They are the only ones who really have the right.

—The Editor

WDFM Silence Is Expensive

The silence of WDFM has been constant and continuous.

The only students who can hear the student radio station are those with FM radios. Yet every student pays 20 cents every semester for the support of the station.

At present it would seem that students are supporting a practice laboratory for the speech department. This should not be the case. Either the students, each and every one, should be able to hear WDFM or it should become strictly a practice laboratory as it is now. This should mean that it would drop the pretense of a student station and would be supported by the speech department, not by the student body.

It has been said that members of the WDFM staff prefer to keep the station on FM because it gives a better and more clear broadcast. They seem to want perfection in their performances. We suggest that the staff try for more perfection in getting their broadcasts across to the students and less in the quality of broadcast they present.

The attempt to get WDFM broadcasts to the students through WMAJ is acceptable only as a temporary measure. We suggest it become no more than this. We would hate to see WDFM

become permanently dependent on WMAJ for getting their broadcasts on AM.

For several years many man hours of work and slightly over \$2000 were poured into the transponder project in an attempt to convert FM to AM frequency so that the students could hear the station. Not only was this a waste of time, it was also a waste of money. Even if the project has been successful it would have fallen last spring when the Federal Communications Commission outlawed transponders and other uncontrolled devices for radio.

However, the fact that the station has given up on the transponders should not mean that they should accept the present situation as even nearly satisfactory. Members of the staff and members of the radio committee should work on obtaining an AM frequency, and if this is impossible, the station should become a practice laboratory for the speech department, supported by it.

We see no reason for the present situation to stretch into years as the transponder episode did. WDFM should start facing reality. While living in its present dream world it is spending many student dollars without giving them anything in return.

—Sue Conklin

Safety Valve

Funny Editorials?

TO THE EDITOR: Miss Conklin, as evidenced by her past editorials, fails to realize that the editorial page of a newspaper is a powerful weapon for influencing people's opinion only as long as its editorials remain free of inconsequential issues that bring derision and ridicule on the writer.

In the past she has blasted telephone operators and now the HUB counter employees for being impolite. I do not dispute the validity of these charges, but I do dispute that these are issues to be placed before the readers of a newspaper.

If Miss Conklin has a complaint she should write a letter to the telephone company or to the head of the snack bar for satisfaction, not give her grievances in our college newspaper.

If Miss Conklin feels that she should continue such tactics in our college newspaper, abusing the intelligence of her readers, then I feel she should be replaced by a person more able to direct the power of the editorial page.

I will even offer a substitute for her editorials. Why not have a roving reporter team asking more students their opinions of affairs, both collegiate and national, which concern us here at the University.

This may not have as high reader interest as Miss Conklin's editorials but it would again give Bibler's cartoon the number one funny spot in the paper.

—George Hafer

Ed. Note—The constantly-crowded Lion's Den gives us cause to believe that the matter of poor service there is a matter which involves many students. The Collegian has also received many complaints concerning University telephone service.

Help Hungary

TO THE EDITOR: As a recently returned veteran from Germany I have seen and talked with numerous refugees from Communist-dominated countries. These people are a grim reminder that we Americans, especially students, enjoy a very soft life. These threadbare fugitives from Russian force have spoken gratefully of how much American contributions to the relief agencies have helped make their escape a reality and given them hope for life.

We have all been following the tragic, heroic uprising in Poland and Hungary. These desperate graspings for freedom were originally fanned to action by student activity. Our European counterparts have shown us the value of freedom. Would we fight as hard with complete disregard for our own safety for our ideals? Our ancestors did! I sincerely appeal to all students to send a contribution, even a very small one, to: Admiral Richard E. Byrd, International Rescue Committee, 62 W. 45th St., New York 56, New York.

—Orrin Main

Gazette

Today
ALPHA EPSILON DELTA, 7:15 p.m., HUB dining rooms
HOME ART INTEREST GROUP, 7:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
LANTERN LITERARY STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie
LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE, 6:30 p.m., 199 Osmond
NEW BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTERS, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7-10 p.m., 7 Sparks
PENN STATE RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
PENN STATE SLAVIC CLUB, 7 p.m., 203 Willard. Talk by Prof. Valclav Mares of the University Economics Dept. and the Russian Area Study Program Committee on "Revolt in Eastern Europe." The public is invited.
PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA, 9 p.m., 177 Carnegie
SAME, 7:15 p.m., HUB dining rooms
University Hospital
Francis Abraham, Charles Darragh, Dennis Duffield, Larramour Freeman, Ruth Howland, James Macinko, Margaret Pearce, Juan Porras, Glenn Ruby, Lowell Salmon, Anita Willie.

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"—because I'm skipping classes today an' I don't want any of these Profs to recognize me."

According to Moyle

—by mike moyle

Sticker Campaign

The student government-administration slump in the extend-the-Christmas-vacation agitation has not bothered the general student body we are glad to see.

Apparently they are still thinking about the absolute lack of shopping days they will have come this Yuletide

season and also about the possibility that they are going to have to fight not only poor driving conditions but the height of holiday traffic when they journey back to school at the end of an oh-so-short vacation.

Anyway it has now gotten down to the seemingly-popular method of placing the little stickers on doors at strategic places in Sparks and Willard and other well-traveled classroom buildings. Many of us remember these from the days of the famous (or infamous C. V. Tummer and Clyde Kluttz.

It's beginning to look bad for the chances of even extending the holiday even one day. We hope that the students won't give up and will still try and show the administration that this is not just a student whim but a necessity.

Overheard among a group of freshmen after a recent Chem. I exam: "Hey, how did you do tonight?" Answer: "I think I got a D.....IR."

We keep seeing more and more newspaper stories these days about various scientists and doctors linking cigarettes and cancer.

Many people scoff at this and we are also inclined to do so, too. However if these qualified men continue to display these findings we will begin to feel sorry for the people who persist in smoking and scoffing.

The freshman-sophomore elections begin today and the thought up to this time has been that Campus party has the upper hand. However, we've heard rumblings that Lion may be ready to spring a big surprise. We won't be a bit surprised if they do.

Noticing the quantity of classified ads in the Collegian this week we feel compelled to utter a complaint against fraternity cloakrooms—or lack of them. This weekend seemed to be worse than usual with quite a number of topcoats missing from several houses.

Lantern Staff to Meet

The Lantern literary staff will meet at 7 tonight in 9 Carnegie to discuss articles submitted for publication.

Journ Society Initiates Seven; Pledges Six

Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism society, has initiated seven seniors and pledged six juniors.

The new initiates are Mary Dorman, Alberta Hoffman, Anita Lynch, Pauline Metz, Evelyn Onsa, Nancy Showalter and Lillian Wright.

Junior women pledged are Barbara Budnick, Judith Harkison, Anne Friedberg, Patricia Grossman, Elizabeth Marvin and Nancy Wisely.

The requirements for membership of Theta Sigma Phi are a 2.5 All-University average, 3.0 journalism average, participation in a major campus journalism activity, and the intention to make journalism a career after graduation.

Theta Sig members are now selling raffle tickets for a twin boy-girl shetland wool crewneck sweater set. The name of the winner will be drawn at the North Carolina State pep rally Friday night.

UCA Will Discuss European Seminar

Members of the University Christian Association will report on the 1956 European Seminar at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Memorial Lounge of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel.

The discussion, "Encounter with Europe," will be illustrated with color slides.

Plans for the European Seminar to be held next summer will also be announced at the meeting, which is open to the public.

Tonight on WDFM

6:55	91.1 MEGACYCLES	Sign On
7:00		Telephone Requests
7:50		News
8:00		Music of the People
9:00		Invitation to Relax
9:30		Informally Yours
9:45		News
10:00		Virtuose
11:00		Sign Off