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Voting Enters Final Day After Hitting 12-Year Low

The spring elections entered their third and final day this morning after recording a 12-year low of 1891 ballots during the first two days of voting.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. today. To vote, students must bring their current matriculation cards with

them to the polls.

A thick layer of gloom settled over the polls yesterday as a trickle of 945 students—compared to 970 on Tuesday—made their way to the four election machines set up in the cardroom of the Hetzel Union Building.

15.8 Per Cent Vote

The 2-day percentage of eligible voters came to what may be an all-time low of 15.8. Last year 2738 or 26.6 per cent of the voters cast their ballots during the first two days of the spring elections.

Not since 1945, when 1502 students voted in the "All-College" elections on Nov. 13 and 14, has a 2-day total been so low. But the 1502 figure represents almost 50 per cent of the students who were then enrolled and eligible to vote.

In all elections before last year, the 2-day total represented the complete election returns. But William Johnson, chairman of the All-University Elections Committee, said last night he sees no prospects for brightening the picture today.

Cites 'Student Apathy'

Johnson said he could ascribe the low voting total to no other cause than student apathy. He said he did not expect a last-minute flurry of votes today.

The machines will be opened and the votes counted tonight following an Elections Committee meeting where representatives of both political parties will have a chance to file complaints.

Members of the committee will open the machines in the presence of representatives from both parties and a reporter from The Daily Collegian.

500 Vote in Afternoon

The voting yesterday followed Tuesday's afternoon-dominated balloting.

About 500 students cast their ballots yesterday afternoon. Approximately 300 voted before noon and about 150 after 6 p.m.

The lead in voting by class switched yesterday from the freshmen, who recorded 283 tallies, to the sophomores, with 287. But the frosh still held a 2-day lead of 625 over the sophomore's 591.

Juniors cast 238 ballots yesterday to bring their 2-day total to 459. Seniors were last with 113 for a 2-day total of 216.

Tri-Service Concert

The Tri-Service Concert Band and the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Glee Club will give a combined concert at 3:15 p.m. today in Schwab Auditorium. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

Walker Cites Crisis In Lack of Funds

PHILADELPHIA, March 20—President Eric A. Walker said last night that sharp increases in enrollment and much smaller increases in appropriations are matters of deep concern to the University.

Dr. Walker, speaking at a meeting of class agents for the 1957 Alumni Fund, said he had chosen to discuss this crisis in higher education in Pennsylvania because it is a matter "of the gravest concern, not only to alumni, but to all Pennsylvanians."

He said that if we are to provide an education for the same percentage of Pennsylvania youth in the future as we do now, we shall almost have to double our facilities for higher education by 1970.

If the same percentage of Pennsylvanians enroll in colleges in 1965 as are enrolled today, there will be 75,000 more students enrolling in 1965 than today, Dr. Walker said, and explained there is every indication that the state-supported colleges and universities will have to absorb the great share of these students.

Submitted Budget

"As the first step in preventing the disenfranchisement of a large segment of Pennsylvania youth in the years to come, the University presented to the Governor, at his request, a performance budget for the 1957-59 biennium in which we spelled out the services we intended to perform and put a price tag on them," Dr. Walker said.

"This budget was about 23 per cent higher than the total operating budget for the 1955-57 biennium. About 45 per cent of the Commonwealth's share of this increase was for salary adjustments, another 11 per cent was budgeted to take care of the increased cost of operating present programs, almost 34 per cent was to provide the faculty and staff for the additional students we felt we should accept in the next two years, and 10 per cent was earmarked for new projects to serve various elements of the Commonwealth's economy and culture."

Appropriation Cut

"Governor George M. Leader, operating under tremendous pressures to balance the Commonwealth's budget without imposing new taxes, found it impossible to implement this performance budget," Dr. Walker continued.

"Rather, he recommended a flat 10 per cent increase over the 1955-57 University appropriation, an increase of \$2.5 million."

"We consider this to be a disaster budget," Dr. Walker added, explaining "it would barely permit us to maintain our present programs, to make almost no salary adjustments, and to accept none of the additional students necessary to maintain the current ratio of college-going in Pennsylvania in the next two years."

Explaining that Governor Leader is sensitive to Pennsylvania's needs for higher education and is well aware of the responsibilities of the Commonwealth for the education of its youth, Dr. Walker said he felt that the University had his tacit approval to go directly to the Legislature and this has been done.

"In so doing, we have reduced our request for funds for new students by three-fourths. We have made this reduction quite simply because the admission of

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Student Uninjured In 2-Car Crash

Joseph M. Prospero, graduate student in chemistry from Pottstown, escaped injury when his car collided with another at 11 p.m. Tuesday at Rt. 322 and Branch Rd.

The driver of the other car, Mrs. Forest Evey of Lemont, was also uninjured.

Damage amounted to about \$500 on each car.

Mrs. Evey was turning onto Branch Rd. and Prospero was going straight on Rt. 322 when the collision occurred, police said.

Dag May Negotiate For Nonbelligerence

CAIRO, March 20 (AP)—Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the UN, due in Cairo tomorrow on a new peace mission, probably will try to persuade both Egypt and Israel to proclaim nonbelligerency.

Proclamations of nonbelligerency could end a state of war sustained since the Arab-Israeli Palestine warfare of 1948 and vastly simplify dickering in the months to come over Suez.

Israel probably would agree readily. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion has repeatedly proclaimed his readiness to talk peace with all his Arab foes, though warning that Israel would not stand for renewed Egyptian assaults.

Egypt's President Gamel Nasser will not agree—at least not without a long-drawn argument. The state of war is the basis for the Arab boycott of Israel and any Egyptian bar to Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal and Aqaba Gulf.

Fresh developments bearing on the crisis included:

1. The British Foreign Office termed Egypt's six-point memorandum on ground rules for the reopened Suez Canal disquieting in that it made no reference to six principles adopted by the UN last October as the basis for negotiations on the canal operations.

2. The United States reserved judgment, but said it expects "a satisfactory interim arrangement will be arrived at" during Hammarskjold's talks with top Egyptians.

3. Eight major oil companies, concerned over the crisis created by the canal's closing, set up committees in London to study routes, financing and equipment for new pipelines to link the Middle East's oilfields and tanker ports.

4. UN Emergency Force troops dismantled some encampments within the Gaza Strip and moved out to reinforce further the UNEF lines guarding the Gaza-Israeli frontier against infiltration from either side.

Fraternity Men May Register For Ugly Man

Fraternities may register their candidates for the annual Ugly Man contest today and tomorrow at the Hetzel Union Desk.

The contest is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, national men's service fraternity.

Only one candidate may enter from each fraternity, but he may be supported in a skit including fraternity brothers and pledges. The candidate must register in person and will be required to pay a \$2 fee.

The contest will begin with a parade April 9, and will continue with penny voting April 9, 10 and 11. The voting location has been moved from the bulletin board on the Mall to the sidewalk in front of the Armory.

The four finalists will be announced at 5 p.m. April 11, and their skits will end the contest on April 12. The contest has been extended one day longer than last year's, giving the finalists more time to prepare their skits.

The chairman of the contest committee is David Allison, sophomore in hotel administration from Pittsburgh.

Two Movies on Bombs To Be Shown in Schwab

Two movies will be shown at 1 p.m. today in Schwab Auditorium.

"The Atom Strikes" describes the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

"Operation Ivy" tells the story of the first hydrogen bomb test on Eniwetok Atoll.

Cabinet to Consider \$11,660 Budget

All-University Cabinet will consider a proposed \$11,660 budget for next year at its meeting at 7 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

The budget, which is \$380 higher than the scheduled allotments for the current year, is one of the items of business held over from Sunday's meeting, which was cancelled when only 14 of the 24 Cabinet members appeared.

The only item of business scheduled for tonight's meeting, which was not on the agenda for Sunday, is a report of the Sophomore Advisory Board on its survey of campus parking conditions.

The report, which will be presented by Sophomore Class President John Sopko, indicated that 11 areas are not used beyond an average of 78.2 per cent of their capacity.

It said at least 374 parking spaces of a total 1715 were available at all times during the two days the parking areas were checked.

The report did not make any overall parking recommendations, but suggested three immediate changes. They are:

• That the lots next to the Jordan Fertility Plots (Area 50) and the skating rink (part of Area 43) be hard-surfaced;

• That Shortlidge Rd. be open to one-way traffic only from midnight to 1 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings;

• That an entrance to the lot behind Grange Dormitory (Area 23) be constructed from Pollock Rd. through an existing driveway next to the Hetzel Union Building.

Cabinet will also hear a report on the book exchange and downtown bookstores, which recommends that the book store hire a

full-time manager and that the Used Book Agency adopt a ceiling price of 75 per cent of new-book costs.

Edmond Kramer, president of the Business Administration Student Council, will report on his progress in studying a group insurance program for University students.

Kramer has said one plan he is studying, offered by the Mutual Insurance Co. of Omaha, would offer students all-year around coverage at a cost of \$9.90 per annum. It would provide \$1000 life and \$500 illness coverage.

Cabinet will vote for the second time on a constitutional amendment which would raise the minimum All-University average needed for membership to 2.4. The amendment, which was introduced by Lash Eaves, president of the Association of Independent Men, was approved March 7.

Survey May Prove Need For Airport

The Airport Authorities of State College and DuBois will jointly conduct a survey "to prove to the state that the area would best be served by two airports—one in the State College-Bellefonte area and one in the DuBois area—rather than by an airport in Philipsburg."

The state decided in 1956 to erect an airport at Philipsburg—as an enlargement of Black Moshannon Airport—with or without federal aid.

Mostly Area Passengers

Dr. M. K. Gingrich, vice chairman of the State College Authority, said that few passengers at the present Black Moshannon Airport come from Philipsburg. Most of them are from the State College and Clearfield area.

He also said that the DuBois Authority feels that its own airport, which it will start building in July, would lose many passengers to Black Moshannon Airport.

Federal Aid Sought

The State College Authority is seeking federal aid in addition to state aid under the National Airport Plan.

Representatives from the federal Civil Aeronautics Commission are presently making a survey of possible sites in central Pennsylvania. The offering of aid will depend on the outcome of their survey.

Lion Foresees Fair Weather

The Nittany Lion had little time to celebrate the beginning of spring this morning, because of political commitments.

The Lion is still standing vigilant at the polls, scrutinizing the crowds clamoring to get to the voting machines.

Reports from behind closed doors indicate that the Lion is attempting, by any means at his disposal, to pass a rule through Cabinet whereby all abstentions would be counted as votes for his party. If his plan goes through, the Lion feels sure his slate will be swept into office by the greatest margin ever recorded in campus politics.

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and mild temperatures. High should be between 45 and 50.

Greek Poster Contest Entry Date Extended

The deadline for entries in the Greek Week poster contest has been extended until 5 p.m. Friday.

The entries may be submitted at the Hetzel Union desk.

Greek Week Chairman Robert Nurock yesterday said 39 entries have been submitted.

Hat Society Applications

Hat Society Council has requested freshman, sophomore and junior men to fill out application cards for hat societies at the Hetzel Union desk.

