

Editorials

The Rebels Will Vote

A small group of freshmen and sophomores plan to vote for their class officers today and tomorrow. We wonder why.

After all, this small group of freshmen and sophomores is in the minority. There is a much larger group of freshmen and sophomores who do not plan to vote.

And practically nobody these days, it seems, wants to be in the minority. Conformity is the fad. So why does this small group of freshmen and sophomores want to be rebels?

Well, it could be that the students in the small group care about which members of their classes represent them. But this is indeed unusual. After all, apathy also is the fad. This is not being apathetic. And not being apathetic puts them in the minority again. And, again, who wants to be in the minority these days?

There must be another reason. Well, it could be that they feel student government needs the best possible persons. But this too is unusual. After all, student government never does anything and never will, as the much larger group believes.

Well maybe this small group of freshmen and sophomores who plan to vote realize that small voting percentages hurt the effectiveness of student government. But why should they care about the effectiveness of their student government. The majority group which won't vote doesn't care.

Well, maybe the freshmen and sophomores who comprise this small group which plans to vote feels it's their democratic duty to vote. But again, this puts them in the minority. The majority group which doesn't plan to vote apparently doesn't feel this way.

There's one main thing we want to tell these freshmen and sophomores who comprise this small group which plans to vote: Go to the polls in the Hetzel Union Building with a smile of pride on your face.

And, remember, you can split your ballots if you wish.

Art for Our Sake

Collections of great art will be brought to the University this year by the newly-formed Artists' Series.

Now on exhibition in the Hetzel Union Building is the second of several collections from the Guggenheim Museum, New York City. It will be shown for six months—an extended loan basis.

This is in accordance with the plan of the Guggenheim Foundation to make long term loans to centers where paintings of the type they feature are not commonly available to the public. This particular collection contains the work of Braque, Feininger, Kandinsky, Klee, Leger, Marc, Moholy-Nagy, Schwitters and Xceron.

In the Mineral Industries Building is an exhibition now on display from the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. It contains a series of pictures representing "God-Made Matter: Man-Made Form."

Through this program of art exhibits the Artists' Series is making an outstanding contribution in an area which many feel has been unfortunately neglected.

The University has done its part. Now students must show enough interest so that the program can be continued and, we hope, expanded.

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Safety Valve

Education, ROTC Not Compatible

TO THE EDITOR: The recommendations of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy regarding academic military affairs at Penn State I feel are unacceptable to any University's system of education.

The goal of the ROTC program is to train future officers for the military service and the means to this goal are incompatible with the means to the traditional goal of a University. Military programs are accomplished by enforcing rigid conformity to military regulation and unchallenged obedience to superior officers; whereas the University hopes to encourage sincere independence in thought and deed by offering opportunities for the expression of challenging views, and urging the development of individual free-thinkers.

How then, can these two extremely opposite means be anything but incompatible within the same system?

The Committee's recommendation that ROTC become a part of the College of the Liberal Arts would mean that this monster of conformity would be unleashed in the very "house" of its strongest adversary—into the center of democratic principles of education.

The Senate Committee's basis for the new, broadened, compulsory ROTC participation is that there is a great need for "civilian defense training" and "citizenship education."

Apparently the Committee has little faith in the adequacy of present courses in sociology, psychology, history, political science, economics, philosophy, etc.—courses which deal directly with the very basic "stuff" of the American society. These courses are specifically designed to develop individuals who will seek, who will challenge, and who will easily adapt to new circumstances. In reality, are not these courses in "citizenship"?

There is no place in a University for a military training program. Only after realizing this conclusion can we hope that our educational system will fulfill the expectations of a University.

—Roderick Happel, '59

Letter Cut

'Don't Drop FM', Lion Party Told

TO THE EDITOR: Let me first say that I appreciate the support of Lion party in seeking to obtain AM facilities for WDFM.

This is the type of support I urged in my last letter to The Daily Collegian.

However, the portion of this particular plank which suggested that in the event AM is unobtainable, FM be dropped seems rather foolish.

This rather drastic step would eliminate all campus radio, something which I sincerely believe would lower, at least somewhat, the overall stature of a university of this size.

I am the first to admit that our audience is not what it should or would be with AM facilities. However, even with our present FM facilities we do reach a surprising number of people, a good many of whom are students. The latter fact is evidenced not only by our mailing list but by telephone requests on musical shows and through correspondence.

In order to make a recommendation that FM be dropped, a complete study of the operations of the station should have been undertaken.

Did the originators of this plank realize that the individual student's yearly contribution to WDFM wouldn't buy even a pack of cigarettes?

Do the originators of this plank know WDFM's programming? Did they study what is being offered? How do they know it wouldn't pay them to dash out and purchase an FM radio? Our listeners, and I estimate that there are about 500 FM radio sets within our broadcast area, consider WDFM an oasis in the desert of local commercial radio. Rather than eliminate this extra area of possible student information, education and entertainment, let's hold on to it, and move on from there.

—Dick Schilpp, '58 WDFM Station Manager

Letter Cut

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"If ya ask me—it has always had a 'FUNNY' taste."

Interpreting the News

Now the Democrats Can Watch the Cat

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

Adlai E. Stevenson has reserved his right to help the Democratic party make an issue of the Eisenhower administration's defense policies during next year's congressional campaign.

He has declined to accept any responsibility for policy-making in connection with the President's desire to offer a new program of centralized scientific defense effort at next month's NATO meeting in Paris. He will make suggestions.

Ordinarily, when the President calls, men have to answer. Stevenson was given an out in this respect when the offer came through Secretary John Foster Dulles for a role in the State Department. The role would have been quite similar to that played by Dulles during the Truman-Vandenberg non-partisan foreign policy period 10 years ago.

Dulles, Thomas E. Dewey's choice for secretary of state if the Republicans had won in 1948, joined the department under Dean Acheson to give the appearance of a united American front in the early days of the cold war. His chief assignment was completion of the Japanese peace treaty.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower needs a strong figure from the opposition party now to reassure America's allies that proposed commitments in atomic stockpiling and scientific pooling will not wither with the end of his administration.

Europe is already nervous. Rifts with Britain and France over Suez have not been entirely healed. This is especially true in France, where America's stock remains very low.

France is also jittery because she is more or less out in the

cold while Britain snuggles closer and closer to the United States atomically.

Unless the President can give dramatic assurances at Paris, this European nervousness will be enhanced in a few weeks when Congress meets and all the vocal guns (Continued on page seven)

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- TODAY Accounting Club, 7 p.m., Phi Sigma Kappa. American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 7 p.m., 206 Ag. Eng. Computer Applications Seminar, 4:10 p.m., p.m., 209 Willard. Delta Nu Alpha, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau. Hillel Beginners Hebrew, 7 p.m., Hillel. Industrial Education Society, 8 p.m., Tau Kappa Epsilon. Marketing Club, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Nu. Newman Club Novena, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church. Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center. Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church. Neu Bavarian Schuhplattler, 7:30 p.m., 1 White Building. Outing Club Ski Division, 7 p.m., 241 Ree Hall. Phi Sigma, 7:30 p.m., 113 Frear. Pi Lambda Theta, 7 p.m., 215 HUB. Senate Courses of Study Committee, 3:10 p.m., 229 Sparks. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Michael Connelly, Martha Prasse, Hugh Ramsey, Gerald Vanim, Gerald Ziegler, Marjorie Warden, Martha Wilson, Melynda Albrecht, Stanley Patrick, Carl Grenlich, William Fabis, Charles Beu, Palmer Rush, Roy Ebersole and Robert Ranochak. TONIGHT ON WDFM 6:45: Sign on and news; 7:00: Telephone Bandstand; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Jazz Panorama; 9:00: Local, National and World News; 9:15: At Your Service; 9:30: Music of the People; 10:00: News; 10:05: Virtuoso; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

