

Editorial Opinion

Election Results

Two points stand out among the few conclusions that can be drawn from the spring elections results announced Thursday.

First, an unusually low number of students voted. The approximate respective voting percentages for spring elections in 1957-1958 and this year were 27 per cent and 23 per cent.

The fact that decentralized voting was discontinued after one day cannot be considered a major factor, since there was no decentralized voting at all last year. Perhaps less vigorous campaigns—as is reflected in the parties' expenses—were a factor.

Certainly quality is more to be desired than quantity in voting. But it is disappointing—especially considering the impact on a new student government—that only about one-fifth of the students saw fit to follow the campaign and cast a ballot.

A second important factor was indicated in the large amount of ticket-splitting.

Although Campus party elected all but one of their Assemblymen candidates, several of the University party piled up leads on some of their opponents.

It is heartening to know, with students directly electing many more legislators, that candidates are not mere party symbols.

Keep It Clean

Spring is in the air and along with it comes the annual Spring Week—full of fun, hard work and best of all, a spirit of working together for a common end.

Last night's float parade was the first indication of what promises to be an enjoyable and eventful week. But these events, especially Carnival, could be carried too far.

Juri Niiler, Spring Week chairman, has stressed the need for all participating groups to maintain good taste in their shows. He asked All-University Cabinet members to be on their guard for distastefulness which could result in serious consequences for the violating group.

Booths have been closed down in the past because Spring Week officials decided they were being conducted in "bad taste." Using these methods to attract patrons can hardly be worth having a booth closed down and many weeks of hard work going to waste.

It would do all groups well to observe the rules set up by the committee. Spring Week comes but once a year—so let's make it a success in good taste.

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Letters

Student Decries Drive Failure

TO THE EDITOR: "Two-day blood drive yields 165 pints; goal was 200."

Every person on the campus should be thoroughly ashamed of these figures. The first figure because of the Pennsylvania State University couldn't donate more than 165 pints of blood and the second because not more than 200 pints are expected from the students, faculty and the clerical workers of this institution.

I say every person because even we who did donate blood and those who are physically unable to do so could have done much more to influence others to at least have a try at this simple civic service.

Could the reason for this poor performance of public duty be that we are too busy studying? I don't believe so. Not more than 200 feet from the donation center is the well-known Lion's Den, which is very seldom during the day inhabited by fewer than 165 students. What is the reason these students don't participate in the program? Maybe some of them do, but the figures tell us that the great majority of them don't.

Maybe it's just that we don't realize how many of us sometime may need a transfusion. Or is it that we say that our percentage of donors is just as good as that at any other place? This last argument, like the others, doesn't hold enough water for a flea to take a bath in.

We are supposed to be a gathering of at least half-intelligent people and should be setting an example for others instead of blindly following their poor example.

The next time the bloodmobile comes to University Park, let's get behind this worthy cause. Don't say "I have (—excuse—) I can't give blood." Go somewhere and find out for sure whether or not you can. Don't say "let's go down to the Lion's Den for a coke." Say "Let's go down and give a pint." Don't say, "I have only an hour between classes. I can't give blood in that time." It takes only one hour to give the pint that may save a life. Don't say, "It's too far to walk to the card room at the HUB."

Say, "Is it too far to go to save a life?" Let's not only set a good example for others but also see if we can't add about 8000 pints of blood to the blood bank.

—William D. Nace, '61

Gazette

TODAY Block and Bridle Club banquet, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom; Lighting Seminar, 9 a.m., 212 HUB; Orientation Committee, 1 p.m., 218 HUB; Student Movies, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room.

SUNDAY Andreoles Hat Society, 10 p.m., Phi Sigma Delta; Chess Club Tourney, 1 p.m., 213 HUB; Christian Fellowship, 2 p.m., 218 HUB; Complimentary Glee Club Concert, 3 p.m., Schwab Auditorium; Delphi, 1-10:30 p.m., 214 HUB; Eastern Orthodox Society vesper services, 7 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel; Flash Card Committee, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB; Graduate Bridge Club meeting, 7 p.m., 212 HUB; Newman Club, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB; Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room; Swedborgian, 10:30 a.m., 212 HUB; William Penn Foundation, 2 p.m., HUB assembly room.

MONDAY Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 214 HUB; Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB; Freshman Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB; Philosophy Club, 7 p.m., 217 HUB; Physical Education Student Council, 8 p.m., 213 HUB.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Julia Calderon, Larry Deaven, Mary DePianta, Harry Dossender, Robert Edwards, Jack Henderson, John Jeffries, Thomas Kirshner, Donald Lloyd, Arden MacHatten, Jerry McMurdy, Linda Marks, Robert Passmore, Alphonse Sallett, John Sedan, Ronald Smith, James Stuhlmiller, Elizabeth Summers, Judith Todd, Eugene Widdoss, Evelyn Wilson.

Pi Gamma Mu to Hold Annual Initiation Banquet

Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honor society, will hold its annual initiation banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, at the Hetzel Union Building.

Tickets to the banquet may be obtained prior to 3 p.m., May 1, at the office of the Department of History, 117 Sparks.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Better get a flashlight and see what's going on back in the stacks."

—top of the mall's farewell

What Do You Say, Senior?

by Lynn Ward

Perhaps senioritis is fun.

Perhaps it's necessary for the has-beeners to latch onto senioritis to explain their sudden free afternoons and evenings as they relinquish positions of importance to the juniors.

But it occurs to use that the class about to be graduated has something to say more significant than "just 42 days to graduation; I can't wait to get out of this place!"

At least we hope so. We're about to have our own taste of Whipples afternoons and leisure hours for coffee, etc., but this doesn't entitle us to an ounce of cynicism. We've given to and taken from Penn State since the first day of Orientation Week, 1955.



No one said we should stop giving on this last leg of the four years.

Sure, the seniors are tired of the demands of activities, sororities and fraternities, and the academic routine. Four years of one pattern are bound to get boring.

But remember the enthusiasm we shared this time last year when we were moving into the positions vacated by our superiors. It was sort of disgusting to us to hear the seniors laughing about the naive ambitions of the underclassmen. We had the right to determine for ourselves the inherent values of the university system. We resented their sloppy casualness.

Seniors can so easily look back and say—don't waste your time on this or that pursuit. You'll run yourself ragged and have nothing to show for it. We had to find out for ourselves what we were to do with our senior year. The juniors are entitled to the same right.

Ask any student leader today how he would have managed his four years if he had it to do over again. Our bet is that in the final analysis he would do it the same way. He learned only by doing it.

The senior who deprecates activities and responsibilities is only a hypocrite now. Last year at this time he waited anxiously to hear election returns and appointment announcements to see if he had made his mark for his senior year. He wanted to be recog-

nized for the work he had done in his previous three years.

And soon he will take a place at the bottom of the ladder again. He will vie for the favored position, for the appointments and promotions no longer dependent on the university system he knows. The world which surrounds the university is not really an outside world, but another phase which he will have to experience for himself. He doesn't want to hear the cynic say it's not worth it all.

We mentioned before that we hoped the senior has something to do more significant than counting the days until graduation.

We have been accused of being a silent generation with little to contribute. From a casual observance of seniors about now, this may be all too true. But it's nicer to believe that there lies within these seniors a latent reserve of ideas, enthusiasm and gratefulness for the opportunity they've had in college.

Humility is the distinguishing characteristic of the reluctant senior. He's reluctant to graduate not because he's so far behind in courses that he's afraid he won't make it by June, but because he is vitally aware of all that the University has given to him. He can be as enthusiastic about the characteristics of college as the high school senior when he has just received his acceptance to Penn State.

WDFM

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