

Editorial Opinion

Eliminating Our Vote

Gov. David L. Lawrence and state legislators have completely ignored college students in a recent revision of the absentee voting laws.

The new bill extends absentee voting to businessmen and workers unable to get to the polls on Election Day because their work takes them out of town. Previously only servicemen and hospitalized or bedridden veterans have had absentee voting privileges.

Becoming a regular voter is one of the requirements toward developing into a good citizen. And in order to develop the voting "habit," it would certainly seem best to begin as soon as one is eligible.

However, most college students spend their first, and even their second year of voting eligibility too far away from their election district to make the trip home. The condition is bad for those Pennsylvanians attending colleges in this state, but it is almost impossible for those attending out-of-state schools to get home.

The present voting laws prevent too great a number of college students from casting their deserved ballot. Now the state is considering dropping the voting age to 18. This would mean that practically every student would be eligible to vote but seldom would be able to, since there would be no way to return home for Election Day.

Among young voters, certainly college students should rank as the most informed and best qualified to vote intelligently. But the present laws all but prohibit these citizens from voting.

Sign Up For Europe

Students wishing to take advantage of the SGA-sponsored flight to Europe had better sign up soon or the reduced flight may not go through.

If enough people have not signed up and paid deposits to meet the down payment by Feb. 10, the flight will be cancelled, thus wrecking all hopes to ensure students a chance to get to Europe on a special rate.

The SGA has agreed to sponsor the flight so that more students will have the opportunity to travel to Europe than otherwise could afford it. It seems foolish to have this plan fall through when students can travel through Europe as well as have transportation provided for under \$1000.

If Europe happens to be a possibility on your summer agenda, make arrangements now or forever hold your peace.

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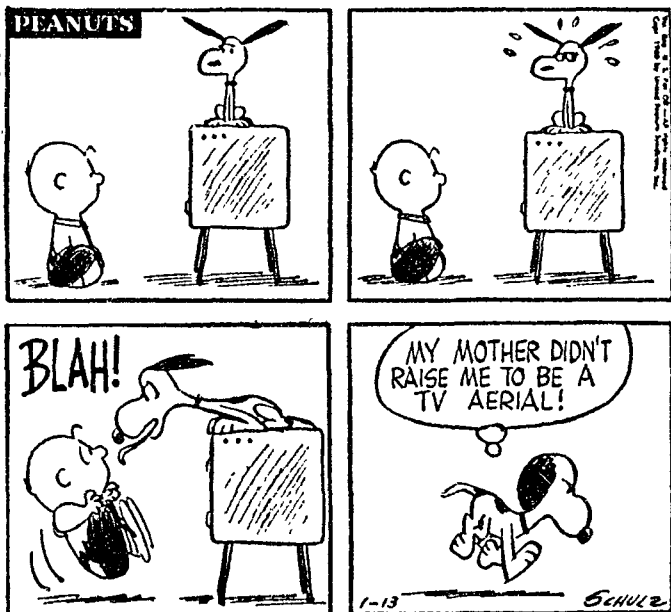
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Letters

Prof Dislikes Mental Anguish In Swastikas

TO THE EDITOR: What if this rash of swastikas is nothing more than a series of pranks? Does it occur to these jokesters that there are always those in any society who take them seriously, and use it to start a flood of trouble?

There are respected people in this community who fled the Nazi tyranny 15 or more years ago to whom the mere sight of a swastika brings back some terrifying memories. Do these jokesters have a right to inflict mental anguish on these people?

Maybe they haven't been told about the gas chambers of the last war. Then they are equally in the dark about the Nuremberg trials that brought some older "pranksters" to justice. Supposedly this was to be a "lesson to humanity."

The swastika is not the only symbol of suppression. What will these local jokesters do if they wake up some morning and find the hammer and sickle plastered on the walls of their homes?

—William Henninger,
professor of music

Exerpts from letter to the editor: In State College we say that these actions are the work of pranksters. But which kind of action is more deplorable? Can we dismiss such occurrences as unimportant because they are probably the work of pranksters?

All of us hope that the swastikas painted on the ZBT doorway were the work of a jokester. But almost as disturbing is the awareness that there are in our midst persons who are not aware of the serious consequences of such actions; persons whose sensitivity to human feelings is so deadened that they could daub this paint in "good clean fun."

Christians proclaim a Saviour who calls us to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. "Who is my neighbor?" Surely he is the man of another race, of another nation, as well as the person "just like us."

—Rev. Sam Gibson, Executive director, University Christian Association;
Rev. Gerard Ream, Roman Catholic Chaplain.

Gazette

TODAY
AIM, 7 p.m., 214 Hetzel Union
Camera Club, 7 p.m., 214 Hetzel Union
Campus Party Clique meeting, 6:15 p.m., 212 Hetzel Union
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB Cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 Hetzel Union
Forestry Convocation, 11 a.m., 121 Sparks
Graduate Mining Seminar, 8 p.m., 24 Mineral Industries
Jr. IFC Committee, 8:15 p.m., 218 Hetzel Union
Riding Club, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly
WRA Dance Club, 7 p.m., White Hall dance studio
WRA Volleyball Intramurals, 6:30 p.m., White Hall gym
WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union

HOSPITAL
James Austraw, Jeanne Bartleson, Carol Braide, Peter Broaca, Benjamin Bronstein, Michael Connelly, David Crouthamel, Marjorie Downer, Carolyn Ellwood, Thomas Ferrer, Ann Fish, Channing Grigsby, Ann Hornbeck, William Kraft, Dee Lauvei, Judith Lobley, John Machita, Walter Martin, Hal Miller, Rosalyn Miller, Harold Rosenman, Robert Schalm, JoAnne Scott, Betty Segal, Barnett Sisman, Stephanie Silberman, Robert Smith, William Swisshelm, Loretta Syzdek, Elizabeth Taylor, Jacob Trueblood, Kathryn Wesner.

Rising Costs Kill Booklet Publication

Rising production costs have forced the cancellation of the proposed student publication, "Who's In The News at Penn State."

Sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity, the booklet was to have made its first appearance in five years this February.

"The cost to those selected for inclusion rose from \$1.25 to \$2.50 and thus made it impossible to fill the booklet" according to Jeffery Pollack, co-editor.

Pitt University Tuition To Increase Next Fall

University of Pittsburgh students will pay an additional \$5 per credit hour next fall increasing tuition from \$23 to \$28 per credit hour.

The tuition at the University is \$16 per credit hour for residents of Pennsylvania.

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



"FUNNY, BUT EVERY TIME WE HAVE A BULL SESSION HERE AT WORTHALLS THE DISCUSSION ALWAYS GETS AROUND TO GIRLS."

tongue in cheek

End of the World —But Not Here

by bobbi levine

Are you bothered by visions of atomic attack?

Do stories concerning predictions of the beginning of World War III and the annihilation of the human race worry you?

The New York Times recently carried an article about

a 16th century Frenchman named Nostradamus who predicted, among other things, that a great atomic war between "the eagle and the bear" would begin in January of 1960. The exact date has not been ascertained, but people have suggested Jan. 3, 6, 9, 11 and 14 as possibilities.

For those of you who are now worried—don't be! The world will not come to an end this year because the University does not have it scheduled on the Senate calendar, and it is impossible to schedule a calendar change on such short notice. Classes will go on as usual. No matter what happens, there will be no half-holiday.

Furthermore, we have rules to protect us. No enemy plane would dare to bomb us between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. because none of them would be permitted to fly over Pollock Rd. between these hours.

In addition, any enemy plane caught dropping bombs on the Hetzel Union parking lot without a registration sticker and a parking permit would be subject to a stiff fine by the Campus Patrol.



MISS LEVINE

No enemy plane would be allowed to drop bombs near the women's residence halls between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m. This would be a violation of the WSGA quiet hours.

Even if planes managed to make a successful drop over the Nittany dormitories the or-

inary passerby would not notice any outward change. And the residents might find that the only thing the bombing had accomplished was to make the rooms a little bigger.

In case of ground attack we would be well protected. The University has not been keeping ROTC compulsory for nothing. However, all bomb and ground attack shelters, in order to be approved for both men and women, would have to be cleared through the offices of the dean of men and the dean of women 24 hours prior to the time of the attack.

Any student who missed classes due to atomic attack would be charged with a double cut unless he had an infirmity excuse or a note from the dean's office.

However, if the rest of the world should not be so fortunate, it would then become our solemn duty to rebuild it—that is, if we could find any transportation to former centers of civilization like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

The Student Government Association would then become the sole governing body in the world. Encampment meetings would replace Summit meetings. Campus leaders would try again to secure an AM franchise for WDFM. This time they would be told—"So what if no one can hear you. There's nobody left anyway."

As survivors from the "outside world" started straggling into the University Hospital with radiation poisoning, hospital officials would say: "This type of thing is normal for this time of year."

As the crowning touch, The (Continued on page five)

Come Back Little Paintings — Lipp

TO THE EDITOR: We are happy to report that the three portraits borrowed from the South Halls have returned to their respective homes safe and sound. We very much appreciate the student cooperation that helped us solve what was an embarrassing situation.

Now it seems we have three more portraits AWOL from Willard Hall, these having been borrowed some time be-

fore the Christmas holidays. Would everyone please make another effort to look around and locate them? They could be placed back on the wall where they belong or simply deposited in any University office.

Thanks again for helping on South Halls. Now, let's see if we can find the three portraits for Willard Hall.

—Dorothy J. Lipp,
Dean of Women