

Editorial Opinion

Students' Responsibility Measured At Elections

After a volatile pre-election period, when the air hung heavy with acid cries of "fix, duty politics, unrepresentative government, lost faith" and a clamor for investigation, election days are almost upon us and controversy seems to have subsided considerably.

Both parties have apparently held their own "spring housecleaning" and the extent of campaigning is limited to routine personality and plank speeches and a few posters.

The focus of action now shifts from the politicians to the electorate. Likewise the responsibility now devolves upon the voters. It will be interesting to note how well the voters carry out this quality they have flaunted in the faces of the Assemblymen.

Student elections have consistently been marked by low participation. This year's pre-election period was more sensational than recent years' with the attacks on the political parties and on the infant SGA itself that erupted.

Thus could have one of two effects on the impending elections. Voter participation could dip to a new low. Or, conversely, the state of affairs could arouse the student electorate to the point where they will turn out in record numbers to elect the ones whom they will trust with their vested interests.

If the students are really interested in establishing an effective student government the latter will prevail.

The students will elect a president who will represent them in various official capacities and serve as the liaison between SGA Assembly and the administration. They will elect a vice president to chair the Assembly and a secretary-treasurer who plans the budget.

Each class will elect a president and the Assemblymen that they expect to represent them and initiate the action they desire.

In addition, fifth, sixth and seventh semester students will vote on a referendum asking that they give up 700 seats of their allotted 4000 for the Block "S" Club flash card section.

If the students have any school spirit they should be willing to approve this referendum. Considering the normal average of less than 80 per cent attendance of each class at a football game, they would, in reality, not even be sacrificing any seats.

This is the one time of the year that responsibility for student government falls upon the voters instead of the elected officials. Will the voters fulfill this responsibility so that they have a right to expect those whom they elect to do the same for the coming year? Or will they display the same lack of responsibility for which they have condemned the present Assembly?

Egli's Boys Honored

Bradley and Ohio State walked off with the NIT and NCAA basketball championships, but Penn State won what ranks as one of the most important trophies of them all—the Sam Schoenfeld Sportsmanship Award.

This is a tribute not only to Coach John Egli, but to every man on the Penn State squad.

In these days of high-pressure athletics where the emphasis is on money and winning, many athletic officials lose sight of the real meaning of competitive sports. But apparently Egli and his team didn't, even though the odds were against them both on the floor and in the stands during every game this year.

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Interpreting

Many Doctors Do Not Heed Medical Advice

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst Some thoughts after scanning a weeks news:

A man be a very fine physician and yet fall short of being a good advertisement for his profession.

At a medical convention in Philadelphia about 600 doctors submitted themselves to physical examinations. About half of them hadn't had one in four years. A third of them were found to have ailments they didn't suspect, including heart trouble, high blood pressure, anemia, prostrate trouble and one cancer suspect.

Any amateur can test himself for diabetes with an expenditure of a dollar and two or three minutes, but nine of the doctors had to be told they had it.

Do you suppose half the doctors everywhere don't read all this stuff we have pounded into us about regular examinations and preventative care?

World reaction to the South African massacre suggests that there is a vast potential of latent sympathy, indignation and human brotherhood still waiting to be mobilized against social injustice.

Jules Moch, who fought both the Germans and the French collaborators during World War II, and has been fighting communism within and without France ever since, gives a neat description of Soviet disarmament tactics.

The Russians won't talk about controls first. Then when some agreement is reached on disarmament procedures, they vitiate the whole thing by blocking controls. This subjects the West to public pressure for action without controls.

It's an old Communist trick, agreeing in principle to what the world wants, then smothering it with their own terms.

In Britain they are saying that it will be a strange thing if a disagreement on small nuclear tests is allowed to block the agreement on banning large tests. It will be a stranger thing if three countries agree at all when a fourth, France, is determined to go ahead with her tests.

Gazette

TODAY Center Stage, 9 p.m., 'The Dark at the Top of the Stairs' Friends of India, Film, 'The Tiger and the Flame,' 7 p.m., MI Auditorium Theatrical Show, 'Kiss Me Kate,' 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Schwab UCA Forum Series, 'The Christian and the Problems of Contemporary Culture,' 9:15 p.m. Eisenhower Chapel Winter Courses Banquet, 12 noon, HUB ballroom

TOMORROW Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Elections Committee, 2 p.m., 212 HUB Chem-Phys Student Council, 2 p.m., 215 HUB Emerson Society, 6:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel lounge Lutheran Student Association, 6:30 p.m., Student Center Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly Theatricals, 'Kiss Me Kate,' 8 p.m., Schwab University Party Candidates, 7 p.m., 215 HUB

MONDAY APhiO, 7 p.m., 212 HUB Elections, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., HUB cardroom Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 203 Engineering 'A' Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, HUB dining room 'A' 4-H Executives, 7 p.m., HUB Freshman-Sophomore Dance Committee, 7 p.m., 214 HUB IFC-Panhel Sing, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom IFC, 7 p.m., HUB assembly IUFC, 7 p.m., 217 HUB Leonides, 6:45 p.m., 203 HUB Penn State Model RR Club, 7 p.m., 216 HUB Placement, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 212, 213, 214 HUB Prof. Snarf Contest, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., HUB main floor SGA, 8 p.m., 213 HUB Tri-Sigma, 4 p.m., HUB main lounge HOSPITAL

Marilyn Agresti, Nancy Allen, Gretchen Creiser, Donald Currie, Lea Davidson, James Dault, Edward Goldstein, John Hanish, John Hill, Michael Horowitz, Kathryn Kavanagh, Hidehiko Kido, Edward London, David Lupton, Roger Pelton, Judith Shibley, Allen Siedle, Barbara Strauss, Elaine Sweeney, Judith Todd, Penelope Sweeney.

Duo Tickets Available Tickets for the "Froshmore Duo", the combined freshman-sophomore dance will be available at the Hetzel Union desk on Monday. The dance is open to freshmen and sophomores and their dates only. Tickets are free.

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



Letters

Election Method Queried

TO THE EDITOR: Again it seems that a very small percentage of students voted in the recent elections. Naturally, we can't expect every student to go to the polls, but perhaps there could be a greater turnout at the polls if a few changes were made in the election system.

Many students have changed colleges since September. Since matric cards do not record these changes until the following September, these students cannot vote in the elections of their new colleges in the spring election without going through bothersome red tape.

The result is that the student doesn't vote. If the polling place of each college were equipped with a list of all students in that particular college, then a student could vote upon presentation of a

matric card, and check by his name on the list.

Many students would like to know something about the platforms of candidates for representative positions in their particular college. If a couple of sentences regarding the candidates main "ambition" if he were elected were posted beneath his picture—if necessary, instead of a long activity list, students would really know what they were voting for.

As it stands now, Penn State can hardly call its political system, "student government" as it represents the choices of such a small percentage of students. However, with just a little more effort and the institution of the changes above, I feel that student government could really be a strong and effective organization. —Barbara Burgin, '63

Haber's Activity List Hit

TO THE EDITOR: Dick Haber, one of the SGA presidential candidates, has listed men's debate team as the second activity on his campaign posters. This is a misrepresentation of fact. It is also extremely unfair to the men who are actually on the squad.

Mr. Haber did come out for debate during his sophomore year, but he made no effort to contribute anything to the squad and quit after a semester. Debate involves plenty of research, individual responsibility and just plain hard work—as Leonard Julius, Ted Haller or last year's SGA President Jay Feldstein can tell you.

It is not an activity for someone who is interested only in getting a hat or a list of activities to put on a campaign poster and I resent the fact that Mr. Haber seems to have tried to make it just that.

I think Haber's action was an injustice to the men now on the

squad because they, on the other hand, have contributed much time and effort to the success of Men's Debate and to the reputation of the University as a whole.

I am not trying to campaign for one party or the other. But I hope Mr. Haber will henceforth list only those activities to which he has made honest and worthwhile contributions.

—Vernon Barger, Men's Debate, '60

Summer Term--

(Continued from page three) for tuition payment, for all sessions at the first registration date.

Registration and payment of fees for the last three sessions can be completed according to the following schedule. Mid-session, June 29, 30 or July 5; second six weeks session, July 29, 21 or 25 and post session, August 10, 11 or 15.

