

Editorial Opinion

Polls Needed in Town

The tentative polling locations for the upcoming SGA election as announced by Nancy Williams, elections commission chairman, represents an improvement over last year.

Last year's election commission chairman, Robert Dufner, defied SGA's request for decentralized voting in the spring election and limited the number of polling places to five. That set-up didn't provide each student with an equal chance of voting.

Nancy Williams has indicated that polling places for students living in residence halls will be located in the dining halls.

The polling place for fraternity and town independent men will be located in the HUB. Miss Williams is also exploring the possibility of having one or more polling places in town.

We feel that several polling places should be situated in town, and suggest that Miss Williams and the Election Commission do all they can do to have some located there.

Resident hall occupants will have ample opportunity to vote since polling places will be situated in each dining hall at lunch and supper on each of the three election days.

But many students living in town may not get to the HUB once during the three election days.

Under the new system of SGA representation, students will only be permitted to vote for candidates in their particular living area.

For this system to be successful a significant voter turnout will be required in every student living area.

Alum Spirit and Support

Alumni who arrive in State College today will be able to attend a pep rally in front of Old Main this evening.

They may be in for a surprise, however, when they find that the SGA president will be there too—asking the students to demonstrate their support for a Thanksgiving recess.

Speech-making by student leaders is often reserved for party and student government meetings, but overwhelming student support for a Thanksgiving recess has prompted the SGA president to take this action.

We hope that the alumni will be interested enough to attend the rally and lend their support. Alums can often wield greater influence over the administration than students.

We also hope the student body will attend the rally en masse to register their support for the recess.

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Letters

Buckley Skeptical of Term's Success; Hits Administrative Attitudes on SGA

TO THE EDITOR: It is with a certain amount of fear, mainly of Senate Regulations rule W-6, that I write this letter, but I feel that the following things must be said.

We are now approaching the end of the first half of a term attended by the entire student body. During the past few weeks, many opinions have been expressed concerning the new system and its effects on the student body.

Aside from the pro-term system information that comes down from Old Main, what has the term system done so far?

For the most part, the only beneficial result of the term system has been a faster inflow of money. The raised fees, in hand with the advanced payment plan, has placed a financial hardship on a good number of the students. This is a result, perhaps, of Harrisburg's refusal of funds. It is also perhaps the real reason for the initiation of the term system.

According to information received from the Dean of Admissions last spring, the expected enrollment of the summer term did not exceed the enrollment in the past. This,

therefore, eliminates the "more students/unit time" idea expressed as a reason for the term plan.

As a second point, the Administration has assumed some new, rather greatly increased form of power over the student body. The refused vacation and the physical interruption of the Nittany 34 demonstration at last week's football game are examples of this. It seems to be the general opinion that they have over stepped their bounds of rule.

The crux of the situation is this: is the Administration present to serve the student body, or are the students to bend low to each and every wish of the seeming bureaucratic Old Main group?

During my three years on campus, the trend has been toward the latter. Granted, administrative control is an absolute necessity, but in the proper proportions.

Consider this point; has the student body ever been consulted on a major policy issue? The answer, to the best of my knowledge, is no. It is claimed that the SGA is a means of expressing student opinion. The

fact is that the SGA for the past few years has been an unholy farce, with no say whatsoever.

It is tolerated, but ignored. If the present rate of autocratic control continues, we will assume an Orwellian state in a few years.

Student resentment is at an all-time high. A quick look around you will prove this. Therefore, a state of equilibrium must be reached between Old Main and the students before something of a drastic nature happens that will be regretted by both parties eventually.

The above will be taken to be derogatory; it is not meant to be. Consideration of the facts will create an atmosphere of existence beneficial to both the academic and communal life of the University.

—Neil C. Buckley, '63

Editor's Note: Senate Regulation W-6 reads: "The President of the University may dismiss at any time any student whose influence is found to be injurious to the standard of morals of the student body, or whose conduct is prejudicial to the good name of the University."

Letters

Of Aristotle, And Atherton

TO THE EDITOR: Do you recall the story of the young monk who was expelled from a medieval monastery for suggesting that rather than search the works of Aristotle for the answer to the question, "How many teeth are there in a horse's mouth?" one might simply count the teeth in a horse's mouth?

Some erudite soul apparently searched the literature and submitted a space-filler for Tuesday's Collegian informing us that Atherton Hall was named for former Penn State president Atherton.

If this person had decided to check this against reality by going to Atherton Hall, he would have discovered that the building is named for and dedicated to the wife of President Atherton, Francis Washburn Atherton, and that the name of the hall in its complete form is Francis Atherton Hall.

Perhaps the Collegian is becoming just too aesthetic?

—Katherine McManus, '63

'Prayer' Offered For Thanksgiving

TO THE EDITOR: A Hopeful Prayer

Our Prexy, who are on campus, hallowed by thy words Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in frat, as it is on campus.

Give us these days, our Thanksgiving home; And forgive us our demonstrations, as we forgive our administrations, Lead us not into cutting classes, but deliver us from studies; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, And the decisions for Sentimentalities.

—Robert Smith, '63

WDFM Schedule

- FRIDAY
- 3:55 Financial Tidbits
- 4:00 The Philadelphia
- 5:00 News
- 5:05 Music at Five
- 6:00 News
- 6:05 Dinner Date
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
- Spotlight
- News
- Light Classical Jukebox
- SGA Report-Folanski
- Marquee Memories
- News
- 10:00 Ballet Theater
- 12:00 Night Sound
- 2:00 News
- 2:05 Sign-off

Interpreting

Berlin Strength

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The United States—using three jeeps backed up by tanks to demonstrate her determination—has in effect thrown her military might behind the warning to the Soviet Union not to try to close the last access route to East Berlin.

Yesterday's demonstration was deliberate and the result of the highest sort of policy decision in Washington.

The Communists had been testing the limits of America's expressed determination to defend Western occupation rights in Germany.

By doing so, they opened the door for direct, physical emphasis on all the words which have been passed heretofore. Washington immediately took advantage of the opportunity, answering an appeal from the American commander in Berlin for instructions.

Whatever form the instructions may have taken, their effect is to stop temporizing at the border. It was another indication, already referred to in this column, that the Kennedy administration is now leading from strength and is no longer willing to keep on

eating dust from Communist aggression.

There must be, of course, a prayer that no American or no Communist policeman will make a foolish mistake now. But the event offers a certain amount of evidence that the Communists are well disciplined against just the sort of mistake that could lead to real shooting—that their game is bluff, not war.

Indeed, the opportunity to make the demonstration at just the right time should enhance the ability of the United States to continue her search for a solution of the German problem which will take the world off the tenterhooks of fear.

A big, strong nation, fully demonstrating ability and determination to defend its dignity at all times, avoids the danger to its leadership of being called a coward if it seeks to use reason instead of force.

Letters

'University Family' Querried

TO THE EDITOR: In an institution of this size it is quite easy to forget that the student body is composed of individuals.

In fact, I often wonder whether or not Penn State has changed from a University to a mechanically run "diploma factory." The students feel that it is time to warn the administration that we are more than mere tools in this factory.

We are grateful human beings who would like to share turkey with parents who sup-

ply this factory with tools. Many people will travel thousands of miles this year—simply to be home for Thanksgiving. Why can't we, who are relatively close to home, do likewise?

This is the administration's chance to show the heart (or lack of it) at Penn State. Is our school, although large in size, still one big family; or is it simply a diploma factory, intent on nothing but production?

—Gerald W. Parr, '65

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Gazette

TODAY

- Alumni Homecoming, 8 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- Alumni Registration, 1 p.m., HUB first floor
- Home Ec Extension, 9 a.m., 212 HUB
- Interlandia, 7:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom

- Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
- Navy Recruiting, 9 a.m., HUB ground floor
- Navy Testing, 11 a.m., 218 HUB
- P.S. Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB
- UNICEF, 9 a.m., HUB ground floor