

Editorial Opinion

Mock State Election: Chance for Student Opinion

The outcome of the coming election for the governor of Pennsylvania will directly affect University students in one of their most sensitive spots—their pocketbooks.

Because students will be able to hear the views of both candidates for office during the next week when Richardson Dilworth, Democrat, and William W. Scranton, Republican, speak in Schwab, we believe they should also be able to express their evaluation of the two men through a mock election.

In the fall of 1960 during the last week of the Presidential campaign, the Young Republicans and Young Democrats on campus conducted a mock election. Amazingly high tallies were recorded with over 6,000 students voting.

Both groups have again expressed interest and willingness to organize a mock election for the state election.

We encourage them to set up such an election and suggest that the public affairs department of the recently-formed Undergraduate Student Government commission system work with these organizations in coordinating pre-election publicity and manning polls.

The election could be held Nov. 1, just prior to the state election on Nov. 6, so that students would have ample time to evaluate the relative positions of Scranton and Dilworth in their appearances here and in their campaigns throughout the state.

We realize the results of the balloting might be unfavorable to the incoming governor, but it would give one faction within the state, many members of which cannot vote on Nov. 6, the chance to express their opinion.

It would also give both candidates an indication that the students of this University are vitally interested in who governs the state.

And it would show that this interest is as strong before the election as afterward, when, if necessary, students take up the fight for higher state appropriations.

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American Image

by ann palmer

America has traditionally been characterized as "the great white father" to the modern world. I think every American is proud of this image, and rightly so.

But in traveling through Europe this summer, an irony in this situation became shockingly apparent to me. The concept of the "great white father" has become a joke abroad. The average European will readily admit that America can always be counted on to help his country in time of need.



MISS PALMER

The basic conflict seems to be in the completely ignorant attitude with which most Americans approach the European way of life. They don't care about the different customs of the various peoples.

They do not bother to find out about the European people and rarely attempt to meet them halfway in a recognition of two different ways of life. The Europeans resent this deeply.

Europeans who have visited America tell how imperative it is that they conform immediately

to the American way of life. They see very little tolerance in America to "Old World ways."

And yet, in Europe, most countries are so dependent on the tourist trade that they are compelled to recognize foreign customs—no matter how different they may be to their native practices.

I, as one who is very optimistic about the merits and future of this country, was frankly disappointed and many times disgusted by the attitude of my countrymen in Europe.

Prevalent American attitudes ranged from the haughty "I am an American and no European could even hope to approach my level" to the sickeningly condescending "Poor little foreigners. If you would only get smart and live like us Americans, life would be so much more pleasant for you."

When I returned from my trip and told friends my thoughts, they hesitated to believe them. This only tended to confirm my conviction that the "average" American is not well represented on the continent.

I talked to a Greek boy who, in the course of a conversation on the prevailing opinions of each other's countrymen in our respective nations flatly told me that "Americans are children."

"Americans in Europe are just

like children with a new toy. They play with it constantly, disregard all else that goes on around them and pout when anything interrupts their state of bliss," he said.

And sure enough, everywhere I looked I found fur-clad Americans living in the newest hotels, having private bathrooms, eating American meals at tourist-trap restaurants and acting as if the natives were non-existent.

I tried to explain. First, that Americans, if only by geographical location, are not as international as Europeans who constantly come into contact with foreign tongues, customs and peoples. Second, that because of this geographical "isolation," most Americans do not know how to cope with the situation in Europe and out of insecurity avoid it, and third, that an American has the same problems, the same hopes and the same desires as a European. Again, I received a blank look of disbelief.

Now, more than ever before, Americans traveling abroad must make an earnest effort to become a more "international" people, to try to understand the problems and strong points of each nation, to accept other nations on a level with this nation, to break out of their "shells" and relax with other people.

Americans, I feel, must immediately revise their policy of "giving" all of the time. We must also "take" from these nations. They have much to offer which this nation needs. They are reaching the saturation point with the constant American "gifts" of advice and customs.

Letters

TOCS Protest Refusal To Publicize Report

TO THE EDITOR: Must they leave town? President Walker of Penn State University has refused to release the report of a committee appointed to investigate the difficulties responsible for the resignation of a significant fraction of the University's physical department, and the administratively-forced resignation of Prof. John A. Sauer as department head.

As excuse for his suppression of the report, Dr. Walker stated that "the men who wrote it asked me not to" release it because "they said they didn't ever want to answer any questions about it. If I had released it all three of the committee members would have to leave town." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, June 29, 1962.)

We have good reason to believe that release of the report would embarrass the administration, not Prof. Sauer, or the committee.

We have both reason and evidence that the able and dedicated committee members did not request withholding of the report.

The president, in effect, accused the committee of cowardice. The chairman has now resigned from the University — to our great loss. The second of the three members is on leave. All three were committed to silence by the administration. They are honorable men, not cowards. They are silenced to protect the administration.

Today, many others who knew and spoke the truth about the physical department's difficulties have left the University because of these or similar conflicts with the administration; still others are arranging their departures, convinced that truth and decency cannot prevail here. A few believe that the university idea can still

If this week's issue of Froth is indicative of the state of humor at Penn State, we would prefer that smiles be banned on campus. —Prof Wayne

The Collegian's face is Red and 18 coeds are saddened Dept: Eighteen coeds did not go to New York to tour the United Nations with two members of the dean of men's staff; the two chaperones were from the dean of women's staff.

—Prof Wayne

Senior Hits 'Froth' Humor

TO THE EDITOR: On Wednesday morning, an eye-opener to college freshmen appeared on newstands around campus. It was the first issue of what Penn State has proudly called a high-merit magazine of college humor. Naturally, I'm speaking of the Froth and its poor attempt at satire which verges on grotesque parody of the lowest form. For a magazine supposedly edited and published on a collegiate level by mature men and women, this edition hit the depths of depravity. Any magazine which has to stoop to profanity and pornography to hold the attention of its readers does not reflect the true function of any publication.

In one specific article, the aforementioned magazine distorts the reputation of a social group on campus. If this is the best example of Penn State humor, something drastic should be done for the minds of these pseudo-humorists and their entourage.

—Ray Poplinsky, TOCS

—B. K. Williams '63

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