

# 'Electric' Voting

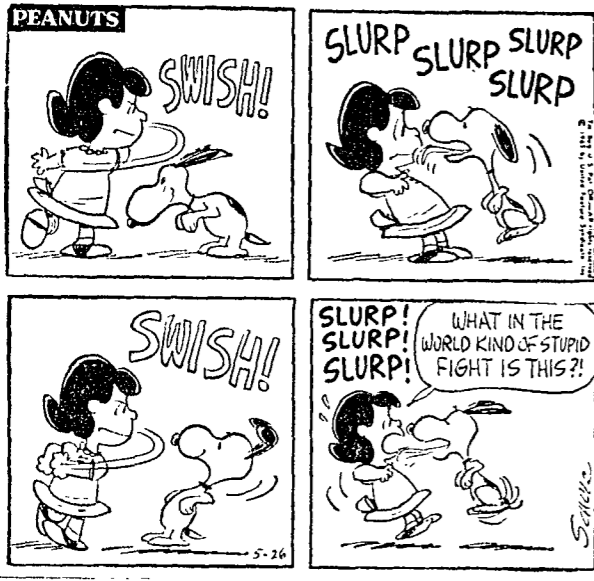
Electronic voting machines—a new step for the Undergraduate Elections Commissions—instead of the "antiquated" IBM machine tally, are promised for the spring term's elections of class officers and USG officials. Although not the essence of automation, the new voting machines will probably end what Commissioner Katz yesterday called "spoon-fed elections."

Each year it seems there are numerous "unwritten" incidents of voting violations. Although they hardly reach the point of "stuffing the ballot boxes," these violations are a very real obstruction to the democratic process.

Silly as it might seem, college students do try to violate elections laws. Electric voting machines, although not solving the fundamental problem, could eliminate the violation itself.

It is unfortunate that the voting next spring must be limited to the Hetzel Union Building. Voting in the residence halls has in the past been a convenience to many students and the restriction of voting booths to one locality might hinder the voter turnout.

The streamlining job the elections commissions has accomplished under Katz and formerly Ed Crossmen has with what its had to work with—including campus political hassles—come up with a more efficient, equitable system. All that's left now is for the students to use it.



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## About A Student Extortionist

By RICHARD G. SPAGNOLI  
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It all began when a student got so desperate he was willing to sacrifice his college career and scar his life forever. He was willing to do this to himself by attempting to extort a professor in order to obtain a higher grade. And this wasn't an ordinary criminal. He was a college student who supposedly had superior intelligence and who one day may be a leader in this society.

A black painted suitcase containing notes a professor had compiled for five years was lying on the floor outside his office. Five years of notes, five years of hard work, was the extortionist's bait.

The theft was quick and unnoticed and it wasn't until the professor received a call at his home that evening did he realize the suitcase and five years of work were missing. The voice on the other end of the line was almost comical, "Did you lose something, Professor Frey?"

"No, I don't think so. Did you find something of mine?"

"Yeah, your notes."

"Oh, thank goodness. I would appreciate it if you would drop them off in Boucke tomorrow."

"You can have your notes on my conditions!"

The professor was silent. He was silent because it isn't very often that a professor gets a call like this. It isn't often that a college professor is extorted by a probable leader in tomorrow's society. In this moment of silence the professor thought this whole situation must be a joke, but when cold sweat came to his brow, he knew the voice on the line was serious.

"Yes, go on," the professor said disturbingly.

"You will take a copy of the Management 110 final to the corner of Douglas Drive and Rt. 322 tonight and leave it under a rock on an old car seat along the road. If the copy you leave is the same as the final tomorrow, you will get your notes back. If not, forget about them."

The State Police and the Campus Patrol were called. A stake-out was planned. The professor took a copy of the final and put it under the rock on the seat like the voice said. He did this to catch a criminal. He did this to stop the extortionist from doing this sort of thing again. And this professor even paid the cops' wages after midnight out of his own pocket.

No one stopped to pick up the real copy of the final. Perhaps the criminal got scared and realized that his own desperation led him to this particular extreme. Perhaps he realized the foolishness of such an attempt or perhaps it was a test to see if he had the ability to extort a college professor—a test that was to be a beginning of a series of similar attempts.

The professor has his notes now but he is still not satisfied. A person who could risk his integrity in such a criminal manner for a mere grade in a course is the kind of human being that would not hesitate to do it again either within the educational community or out of it.

This is what made this professor and many of his colleagues angry. And this is why a teacher was willing to sacrifice five years of work.

But the frustrating and dismal fact of this whole matter is that the extortionist is still at large.

# AAUP President Calls Who Can Evaluate? Column 'Irresponsible'

TO THE EDITOR: The American Association of University Professors has long been known for its support of academic freedom and especially for its insistence on the right to free speech and to freedom of the press.

In fact, the most recent issue of the AAUP Bulletin, which contains a tentative statement on student rights, recommends that a student press should have freedom of expression, but that its "editors and managers should subscribe to canons of responsible journalism."

It was indeed ironic that coincident with the publication of this statement, the Daily Collegian should have given striking evidence of its lack of responsibility and of its inability to distinguish between free speech and an irresponsible statement.

The editor of the Daily Collegian has courageously seen fit to make apology for its unwarranted attack. It is to be hoped that in the future no one in the University community—faculty, administration, or students—will be subjected to irresponsible and damaging criticism. If the Daily

Collegian wishes to exercise its privileges of free speech, it must also accept the responsibilities that go with that privilege. It will do so only when its editors and staff have learned to distinguish between legitimate criticism and tasteless, malicious commentary.

Lois Boe Hyslop, President  
AAUP Penn State Chapter  
•Letter cut

## TODAY ON CAMPUS

- Ad Hoc Committee on Student Freedom, 7 p.m., 301 Boucke
- Chess Club, 7:30 p.m., Hetzel Union Building Main Lounge
- College Bowl, 7 p.m., 213-1a HUB
- Education Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 213 HUB
- Froth Business Manager and Editor applications, 212 HUB
- HUB Fine Arts Committee, 8:45 p.m., 214 HUB
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- Lutheran Student Council, 9 p.m., 213 HUB
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- Penn State Sports Car Club, 7:30 p.m., 214-216 HUB
- Phi Chi Theta, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- SURE, 9:45 p.m., 215 HUB
- TIM Mixer, 6:30 p.m., Heister Hall
- Woodycrest Tutoring, 8:45 p.m., 215 HUB

TO THE EDITOR: Your columnist's remarks about Professor Brewster disturbed me greatly. I have never met the man in question, but it strikes me that a man's reputation is being injured on remarkably scant evidence.

My recommendation is that USG try a course in statistics (which they will no doubt classify as "dull") and try to gain some insight into the limitations of statistical procedures. More important, USG ought to recognize that their evaluations, in the final analysis, rate only popular appeal and immediate effect.

What measures do they propose for a follow-up to ascertain the long lasting effects of a course?

Really, are undergraduate students qualified to evaluate anything more than whether they can understand what a man says and whether he treats them courteously? Analyze the column devoted to Professor Brewster

in the USG brochure and you will find his profile to be highly acceptable. If I trusted the statistical procedure, I would recommend student-take the course. It is my suspicion, however, that Professor Brewster is a far better man than even the brochure makes him seem to be. His stamina and goodwill must both be commended if he is willing to tackle the impossible job of teaching this course for many, many years in lecture halls too large to allow for student-teacher exchanges.

I hope this letter makes it clear to Professor Brewster that some of us are on his side. I hope the "intelligent, more perceptive" students your columnist refers to can understand the lack of sophistication in the columnist's interpretation.

Gerald M. Phillips  
Associate Professor of Speech  
•Letter Cut

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