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With the rapidly increasing growth of the Banquet Question our college many of the conditions, customs, methods, and even mode and manner of student life that formerly existed here must, of necessity, undergo modifications or cease to exist. A few striking examples of this through a survey of the last three years are the abolishment of hazing, the acceptance of the one year rule, and the regulations concerning the cutting of classes before and after vacations. Many others are pending and await only the development of the institution and student ideals for their acceptance.

Perhaps the most apparent issue that now faces the students of the three upper classes is the banquet question. For the last five years there has been a growing tendency of indifference towards this social function. Time was when it was hailed with delight and the event took away the big majority of the classes. Objectionable features arose and these together with the inclination to hold the affair at Pitt or Philadelphia at the time of football games gradually lessened the attendance until it reached low ebb last year when the attendance was not only exceptionally poor but it proved a financial drain on the class.

Conditions this year are even more extreme. Attempts to hold banquets at Pitt, the only logical place they could be held in connection with a football game, by the sophomores and juniors were failures. Scarcity of money and growing disfavor were the two most potent factors.

At a mass meeting last Friday the three upper classes acted unanimously against holding the banquets at Washington on account of the expense. In so doing the fact was clearly brought out that this function, that has already fallen into decay in most of the eastern colleges situated as we are, will soon be a thing of the past. Living expenses here are greater than ever before. Fees and social functions, each entailing financial obligations, are on the increase and it is but the natural thing to expect that sentiment against this useless

outlay, very often prompted by a misguided sense of loyalty, is found to be so strong.

This is not a religious weekly. It is not subsidized or otherwise unduly influenced by the Y. M. C. A. It was not founded and has not been maintained for the purpose of guiding students in the way they should go. It is not under faculty supervision to any extent greater than is warranted by the fact that we most earnestly desire to graduate on schedule time. Nevertheless, at this time we are moved to say something in the way of wise counsel, to be short, advice, fully realizing its most probable fate.

The beginning of a new year brings around the custom of resolutions and the imminent beginning of a new term suggests an application. First let us hereby highly resolve that all notes and experiments will be promptly written up to avoid the scarcity of time that some of us are experiencing just now. Next we might resolve to take a more personal interest in the things that are to concern us most during the remainder of our years on earth, to be specific, our equipment for playing the game of life and our likelihood of winning. Next, let's be perfectly honest with ourselves and every one else; let's get to work and tackle everything low and hard.

Now don't misunderstand. Our ideal picture of the students of Penn State is not a panorama of two thousand young men all equipped with horn rimmed spectacles, heroic brows, halos and wings. Perish the thought! We know that the light is poor sometimes and that others times the movies are irresistible magnets, but there are other things in store for us besides the joy of living and we have to prepare.

Sunday Organ Recitals.
 A series of informal organ recitals will be given in the auditorium on Sunday afternoons from four until five o'clock, starting on Sunday, January 17th. Admission is free, and it is hoped that enough interest will be manifested by the students and townspeople to warrant them.

Opportunity will be afforded between numbers for persons to make their exits and entrances, and it is suggested that such activities be confined to those periods, out of courtesy to the performers.

The opening recital will be given by Mr. Robinson, director of music, with the college male quartet as the added vocal number. Following is the program for next Sunday afternoon by Mr. Robinson:

Allegre con moto (from Organ Sonata, Op. 27) Andre.
 Le Cygne, (The Swan) Saint-Saens.
 Evensong, Edw. F. Johnston.
 Selection, College Male Quartet.
 A-Offertory, Th. Salome.
 The Rosary, Nevin.
 Alla Menuetto. (Third movement, Sonata, Op. 7.) Grieg.
 Mr. Robinson will also give a short explanation of the mechanism of the organ and its manipulation

New Members of Board
 The Collegian board is pleased to announce the recent election to its business staff of R. T. Bright '17, and J. A. Garber '17. The board extends a hearty welcome to these new men.

Kellogg-Haines Quartet
 The third entertainment of the Y. M. C. A. course for the season was given last Saturday evening by the Kellogg-Haines quartet. The program was varied and presented many beautiful old time songs, as well as the more classical selections from grand opera. "Songs of the Sixties" were given, in which the artists were costumed in the dress of the time; and the second act of the operatic selection, "Martha", in which Miss Hartwell sang "The Last Rose of Summer", was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The cast comprised: Miss Hartwell, soprano; Miss Montague, contralto; Mr. Eichenberger, tenor, and Mr. Goldberg, bass. The piano accompaniment was given by Mr. Chute. This quartet has afforded entertainment for many audiences in the country, and will shortly complete a very successful season.

We Wonder
 How the student body regarded the transportation facilities before and after the Christmas vacation.

Whether the new locker rooms will be finished in time for the teachers next summer.

Why co-eds are never seen at Babe's.

Whether the freshmen's ears are warm.

How much money was added to the hospital fund by the recent ruling.

Whether Bellefonte will be favored with the class banquets.

When we are to have a band concert.

When the Auditorium will be properly ventilated.

Interclass Basketball
 The interclass basketball schedule will open this Wednesday evening with the game between the juniors and the freshmen, and it is expected that quite a little interest will be shown in the league this year. The teams seem to be rather evenly matched; the seniors and juniors have practically the same lineup as last year, the sophomores have discovered a couple of new men and should prove stronger than before, and the freshmen have been showing up well. Friday evening, '15 and '17 have the floor.

At the fall competition of the New York Society of Beaux Arts four complete and one incomplete designs made by students in architectural engineering at State were exhibited. All four of the completed problems received mention and were placed by the judges of the competition.

Entrees are made in these competitions from schools and architectural offices throughout the country so that it is considered that our exhibit fared very well. The students receiving mentions in this last competition were: W. H. Dawson, H. R. Lenker, P. E. Shipe and D. O. Warner.

There is some possibility that Columbia university will resume football as a varsity sport this fall.

Soccer has been admitted to Swarthmore's athletic activities.

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