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We have Extended Student every reason to Government believe that the student body of Penn State enjoys as much democracy in the government of its own affairs as is given in any American college. As a result, we have organized a democracy in which every man has a part not only in choosing those who are to represent him in the governing bodies, but also in the final approval or disapproval of all matters of consequence relating to his own welfare in regard to college life. In consideration of this fact, we are forced to admit that we not merely have unparalleled opportunity, but heavy responsibility, in this democracy of ours, to inculcate into each and every citizen of it, the elements of character which shall make of him the voter who demands and effects politics, which are clean and primarily concerned with the true needs of the people, setting aside selfish and dishonest motives.

As college men and women, we are brought face to face with the fact that if we are to become leaders for the good of our fellow men, we must develop those characteristics needed in useful citizenship, and put them into practice while still in college. Constant improvement in our systems of election are giving the mass of the student body more voice in the choice of the men who are chosen to lead them. More and more we are choosing more representative men for positions of responsibility, in lieu of those borne on the crest of a wave of popularity. Directly we are developing intelligent and clean citizens for intelligent and clean government. For the continuance of these commendable policies a breastwork of principle must surround our every phase of college life. No chain is stronger than the weakest link; no platform is sound with a rotten plank. There must be a steady balance and adjustment in connection with healthy growth. Cannot our system of self government be extended to include our scholastic life?

Dishonesty in examinations has not as such entered into our self government, but it does develop

the characteristics that result in corrupt politics and their support by the type of man who has acquired the habit of securing things that do not belong to him and who in view of his own dishonesty has no other choice than to support the man of his own calibre. From a dishonest voter he becomes a dishonest and corrupt politician, to whom office is only the means to dishonest gains.

Primarily, the fault of dishonesty lies with us, for no other policy but honesty is ever justified and especially when by disregarding it defeat the very purpose of our education, namely to train ourselves, not merely to pass our examinations. However, there are certain other factors which contribute to the spirit of dishonesty, heavy assignments, faulty methods of teaching which emphasize absurd details, and also may be mentioned quizzes and examinations on Monday morning. These are contributing evils, and their eradication would be a big step forward.

In summation of the entire situation, we believe that the Honor System would check the existing evil of cribbing and afford an opportunity for the growth of a healthy and clean spirit in regard to honesty in examinations and thus build up those personal attributes which make for honest and effective participants and leaders in a clean and useful government, with the welfare of all at heart.

Riveting the decisions that were made Campaign Conservation during the Mott meetings is the important work that faces each one of us. Most careful preparations have been made to conserve these remarkable results. On successive week day nights, Dean Holmes will speak at 6:30 in the Old Chapel on the "Successive Steps in Christian Life". This bible study course has received very favorable notice elsewhere. Dr. Mott personally urged each man who made a decision to take this course. Success or defeat depends upon the spiritual nourishment you receive. New habits need to be formed. It will take heroic courage for many a man to break completely with the past and he will need every bulwark to hold him fast to his registered decision.

Next Sunday will be Church Sunday when every man will have brought home to him the importance of church membership in the church of his choice. Mike Dorizas of the University of Pennsylvania will speak at both chapels next Sunday morning. The town clergyman will have office hours in Main Building, the schedule to be found at 273 Main. The following Sunday "Dad" Elliott will be here for the week end. The chapel speakers for the following Sundays have been most carefully selected with this thought in mind, to undergird the men. All this will make it easier for every man to do right and any man who slips back must blame himself and only himself. It will mean that he has not kept faith by careful training, which means that he has not had sufficient food, air and exercise to nourish him spiritually.

Departmental Notes.

Three interesting lectures were given before the students and faculty of the School of Engineering during the last week. Mr. F. H. Rindge spoke on "The Human Side of Engineering" at 2:30 p. m. Friday, February 5th; Prof. J. W. Roe spoke on "The Engineer as a Leader" at 11:20 p. m. Saturday; Mr. C. R. Towson on "The Engineering of Men", Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. Biebel of the Westinghouse company was in State College last week for the purpose of securing men from the senior electrical engineering class to fill several positions with his company.

Friday afternoon, February 10th, will be College Grange day. Mr. John A. McSparren, master of state grange, will be present and will lecture in the Old Chapel at 1:30 p. m., which is the regular hour for the general lecture required of juniors and seniors in the School of Agriculture. The upper-classmen will occupy the seats assigned them and all other seats in the chapel will be available to other classes and to visitors. The meeting will continue during the afternoon and it is possible that a meeting will be arranged for the evening. An invitation has been extended to all grangers in Center county to join with the college students in the exercises of this day.

Coming Organ Recital

On Sunday, February 14, at 4 p. m. we are promised one of the rarest treats of the season in the line of musical concerts. Prof. E. C. Woodruff will be the virtuoso on this occasion and a glimpse at his program reveals the reason for calling this particular occasion a genuine treat. The program is exceedingly well balanced, the standard numbers comprising Read's "Prelude and Melody in F"; Bach's "Praeludium et Fuga in G"; and Merkel's "Christmas Pastoral". The more popular, so called, numbers include Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" and Dvorak's "Humoreske". Every selection is of a high order and all music lovers of State College should take advantage of this unusual opportunity. The program in full, with the order of the selections, follows:

Triumphal March, Dudley Buck; Prelude and Melody in F, Edward Read; March of the Magi, Th. Dubois; Praeludium et Fuga in G, Johann Sebastian Bach; Humoreske, Op. 101, No. 7, Anton Dvorak; Spring Song, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy; Christmas Pastoral, Gustav Merkel; vocal solo, Ave Maria (Millard), Miss Rodriguez.

Opportunity to enter or leave will be given between each number and the audience is requested to use these opportunities only.

Reexamination Dates

In accordance with an action of the council of administration, the assistant registrar announces that all reexaminations in first semester subjects are to be held on Wednesdays, March 3 and 10, and Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 1:30 p. m. The schedule of the reexaminations will be posted as soon as it can be prepared.

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