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How much of a student's time should be devoted to college activities is a debatable question but it is pretty generally agreed upon that every student should go into some line of activity. Not only does the welfare of the student body demand such participation on the part of the students but the students themselves cannot afford to miss this unequalled opportunity for personal development. Although these considerations are pretty well established in the minds of both faculty and student body here at Penn State yet the lamentable fact remains that only a relatively small number of students are taking part in activities and the vast majority of the men are neglecting their interest in college affairs. Two salient facts stand out:

1. THE SCHEDULES OF THE MEN ARE TOO HEAVY TO ALLOW REASONABLE PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES.
2. BECAUSE OF CLASS WORK AND LACK OF INTEREST A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN ARE INJURING THEMSELVES AND THE COLLEGE BY NOT PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES.

In a student body of 2000 men we have the example of three or four men holding twice the number of responsible positions that they have the time proper attention to, positions given to them because they were the only available men to receive them. Such a spectacle is indeed to be regretted. Is there no remedy for such conditions?

The COLLEGIAN earnestly believes that there is a remedy that can be applied if the Student Board will awaken to its responsibility and take definite action on this important problem. The system of assigning a certain number of points to each activity and position of responsibility in the college and not allowing any student to exceed a certain number of points is in vogue at many colleges, and has worked out successfully there. Especially here at Penn State, since this is essentially a technical institution with a large number of hours on the schedules, there should be a definite regulation of the number of activities each man could enter. The point system has proved adequate to meet this necessity in other colleges and the COLLEGIAN believes that it has the stu-

dent body supporting it in asking the Student Board to investigate this matter and take some definite action to relieve the present condition.

### Last of the Organ Recitals

The last of the series of organ recitals to be rendered this year was given last Sunday afternoon by Dreibelbeis, '17. A large audience was delighted with the program presented by Mr. Dreibelbeis. In addition to the instrumental music two solos by Wilkins' '17, entitled "Life's Lullaby" and "All Through the Night" were very admirably rendered and well received by the audience. Among the compositions played by Mr. Dreibelbeis were: Offeratory in F minor, Salome; Grand Chorus in G, Salome; Song of Sorrow, Nevin; June Barcarolle, Tchaikowsky; second Sonata for organ, first and second movements, Mendelssohn; Jubilate Deo, Silver.

### Literature on the Armament Issue

In a three-cornered debate between Cornell, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania on March 6 on the subject, "Resolved, That in view of the present situation the United States should take immediate steps to materially increase its army and navy," the result was a tie, the negative winning in each contest. The same subject is now scheduled for debate in a number of other colleges and universities. The American League to Limit Armaments, 43 Cedar street, New York City, has a quantity of literature on this subject which it offers to send gratis to college men upon application.

### A Welfare Week for State College

Beginning April 12, and ending April 19, a week known as Welfare week will be conducted by two social experts, Mr. and Mrs. Varney. Lectures are scheduled for both afternoon and evening meetings, covering many of the vital social and civic problems of the times.

Mr. Varney served as chaplain in the Spanish-American war; and is listed in "Who is Who in America". Mrs. Varney has had 12 years in Chataqua work in addition to being a college graduate.

### Inter-class Debate

The freshman debating team try-outs resulted in the selection of the following men to represent the class: Fowler, Keller, Kraybill, and Prutzman. The sophomore team will be composed of Hammond, Wilkins, Coombs, and Stover. The inter-class debate will be held in May when the literacy test for immigrants will be argued.

Dishes? Yes, that is a queer subject for a newspaper article but then, these dishes are new. They are white with bands of blue—State colors. And they are stamped with the monogram of the Woman's building. Not every year are the old dishes entirely vanquished and replaced by a whole set of new ones. But there is one thing different about these new pieces of china ware. They are heavy—too heavy it is feared to be juggled by the waiters.

The first prize of \$15.00 offered by the W. C. T. U. for the best essay on the liquor question, was won by E. Rodriguez, '15; Whiting, '17, was awarded the second prize of \$10.00. The essay of the winner will be submitted for the state contest in which a prize of \$100 is given.

The local oratorical contest of the Prohibition League was won last Wednesday evening by George G. Weber, '17. He will represent the college in the State to be held at Dickinson on April 16.

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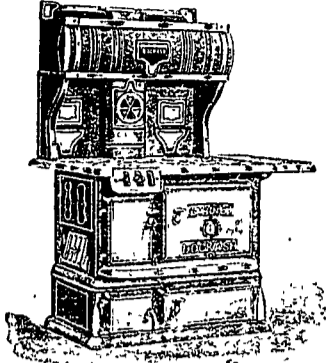
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