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### SOMETHING IS WRONG

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The Collegian has always taken a very active interest in the character and progress of Penn State's student government system believing that therein lies the one important phase of present day college life and ideals. But we regret to say that of late we have observed marked tendencies toward disorganization, lack of interest, and lack of the spirit and energy which should go hand in hand with the system as it is here established. Something is wrong.

Certainly we have an adequate system, a workable system, and a system which should give the students the power to decide in the matters which concern them and furthermore a system which should carry along the college spirit which Penn State has developed. And since we have the fundamental requirements then it must be something in the working out of these essentials which is wrong.

We believe this to be true because even the college spirit of which we boast seems either to be dormant or on a backward trend. We hope that it is not the latter but unless more interest is manifested in college affairs and college activities, more respect shown the upper-classmen by the underclassmen, and a closer adherence to college customs, we can come to no other conclusion than that Penn State spirit is on the decline and must be reestablished. This lack of interest in college affairs seems to be as noticeable in the upper as well as the lower classes. And right here is something to think about. What are you doing to keep up college spirit?

(Right down the line there seems to be something wrong, thru each branch of student government, and in every case something which can be easily remedied. We will not lay the blame; we are not sure that we could; but it is for everyone concerned to determine if he is to blame and to act accordingly. The Student Board and Student accordingly remedied. We will not lay the blame; we are not sure that we could; but it is for everyone concerned to determine if he is to blame and to act accordingly. The Student Board and Student i

created two years ago. Without a constitution and with only one delegate the Council has transacted the regular important business connected with it.

While on the matter of athletics we would refer to the varsity football schedule, which is hardly under student supervision although supposedly so. The schedule as recently announced seems hardly of the caliber which should be sought for a team with prospects as bright as the eleven which will represent Penn State this fall. The opponents for at least one and possibly two of the five home games are far below the class in which State could gain recognition. And in the criticism we take into consideration the assumption that the chances for a strong football team are better now than for three years past.

As regards the budget system and the class financial committees it would seem that here too something is wrong. In some cases those in charge of the finances of the classes have overstepped their authority and furthermore it would seem that the actions of the finance committees have not been regulated by the fixed set of rules which was provided for these committees last year.

Again we say, something is wrong, and it remains with every student and especially with those directly entrusted with the affairs of class and college to remedy the defects, to restore the old Penn State spirit, and to place our student government system in the position which it should rightfully hold.

## A WORD OR TWO ABOUT THE MOVIES

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At a recent student mass meeting, the president of the student body called attention to the unnecessary amount of noise and disturbance which has marked the moving picture performances of late. Probably all of us realize that this condition of affairs is nothing more than a hold-over from former years when boisterousness and cheap wit at public places of amusement were taken to indicate an unusual amount of "pep" on the part of those employing them. That such a condition should exist to-day is unfortunate in more ways than one.

With the rapid growth of the college, and also of the town, during the last few years the number of women attending the performances has increased steadily. In view of this circumstance it seems hardly fair play that these women should be denied the pleasure of visiting the only suitable places of amusement the town affords simply because a few thoughtess individuals persist in indulging in ungentlemanly remarks.

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marks.
With this thought in mind, it seems only just that we as students should do our part in living up to the standards which have been set by the management of the theatres. A fair, open-minded attitude on all occasions never goes very far amiss and in this instance we might well apply the maxim to ourselves for the benefit of all con-

Every week the "Collegian" receives a number of other college papers from the eastern colleges and universities. Appreciating the interest that the student body might have in reading such publications we have made arrangements with the librarian to have these copies placed on file in the Carnegie library newspaper room. They will be placed there each week just as soon as possible after they have been reviewed by our Exchange Editor.

Altogether fair and square is the attitude of the Student Council in recommending that the faculty make an attempt to restrict the time which a person shall spend on a quiz. If a student happens to have the next hour off following the hour, or half hour, or ten or twenty minute quiz, he is strongly tempted to stick with his paper until he is good and ready to hand it in. This is too often the case, and undoubtedly is unfair to the other fellow who is obliged to quit with the bell, whether or not he has finished. Let us be fair to the other fellow, and spend only the allotted time on any quiz.

## THE GREATEST NEED OF PENNASTATE

believe that it had its faults then the same as now, but the spirit of the College at present is influencing the same as now, but the spirit of the College at present is influencing the lives of a greater number of students than in the years past and the need for better college spirit and the need for better college spirit has its foundation in our college customs and i believe the time to put true Penni State spirit in a young man is in his freshman year. To accomplish this end spirit in a young man is in his freshman year. To accomplish this freshman year To accomplish this freshman year. To accomplish this freshman year To accomplish this freshman year. To accomplish this freshman year To accomplish this freshman year. To accomplish this freshman year to accomplish this freshman year. To accomplish this freshman year to accomplish this freshman year. When the life of a college man.

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A sophomore was issuing orders to a wearer of the green when an unwritten custom on him which he did not have to obey. Then followed a short argument between the second year and third year men An example of this nature leaves anything but a good impression of our college spirit on the freshmen.

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impression of our college spirit on the freshmen many incidents of this kind occur cach year and to my mind they all tend toward undermining at least a part of the foundation upon which rests a college spirit that undergraduates, alumni, and persons who have seen and felt it, declare to be as wonderful as it is

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Thomas Charles Blaisdell, M. A., Ph.D., LL.D.

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Thomas Charles Blaisdell, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at the Pennsylvania State College, was born in Oil City. Pennsylvania, on the twenty-ninth of August, 1887. His father was a Methodist preaches and as a result Dean Blaisdell's boyhood days were spent mainly in rural districts. When spent mainly in rural districts. When spent mainly in rural districts. When spent mainly in rural districts when the presidency of Alma College, Midigan Agricultural College Dean Blaisdell was called to the faculty of the Michigan Agricultural College Dean Blaisdell was called to the presidency of Alma College is a co-education of the College Dean Blaisdell was called to the presidency of Alma College is a co-education of the College Dean Blaisdell was called to the presidency of Alma College is a co-education of the College Dean Blaisdell was called to the presidency of Alma College is a co-education of the college bear and the College of the College Dean Blaisdell was called to the presidency of Alma College is a co-education of the college of the college of the College Dean Blaisdell was called to the University of Syracuse, from which in stitution he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts It is interesting to note, in passing, that box ingerial to note, in passing, that box ingerial to note, in passing, that box ingerial the College of Alter leaving college Dean Blaisdell was called to the present in the Pennsylvania and this post he held until 1880. The year after his college in the college of Alter leaving college of Alter leaving college of the present of Lithiched Connecticut In 1890 he was made professor of English at the Allegheny High School in Pennsylvania and this post held until 1880. The year after his college interest in overy phase of educational work and holds membership of the college of the president of the professor of English at the New 20 particular of Pattern of Dagl

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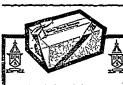
At the last mostling of the Penn State Grange held in room 109, Hortfculure Building, plans were made for activities during the coming semester. In the near future, Mr. McSparran, the State Master, will be invited here to deliver a lecture on the Grange. At the same time steps will be taken to have members of the agricultural faculty in attendance. An effort will also be made to hold this, meeting open to everyone and in all probability other features will be added to the program Dean Watts was the speaker at the last meeting. He brought forth, in his short talk, the fact that the Grange at Pen State should be the best in this section of the country, as a wonderful opportunity for Grange work is presented here.

## THE CULTIVATION OF THE ACCURACY HABIT

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comes habitually accurate, and without any special effort. On the other hand, men of loose perceptions and carless habits find it almost impossible to be accurate, no matter how hard they try. An idea of the value and method of accuracy may be gained from the following advices given by Ruskin on the simple matter of reading a book:

"You must get in the habit of looking intensedy at words, and assure yourself of their meaning, syllable by syllable—nay, letter by letter. You might read all the books in the British Museum, if you could live long enough, and remain an utterly liliterate, uneducated person, but if you read ten page



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