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A BIG DECISION

When Student Council voted to recommend the abolishment of the Honor System, at its meeting last Tuesday evening, it did a mighty big thing for the college. About a month from now the entire student body will have the same opportunity and we can sincerely hope that they will also, as a united body, recognize the serpent in their midst and throw it out. It may seem somewhat violent to some students that this attitude has been so suddenly forced upon them, but it is unquestionably the only reasonable one to take. We have too long preached and stormed that students follow the one real, honest, upright path in their relationship with one another. We have too long learned that such wrangles will avail us nothing. Therefore it was highly necessary for Student Council to take some action on the matter, and it resulted in a unanimous belief for a cleansing action on the whole proposition.

Penn State Spirit? How often that very phrase has been maligned, and by the very ones who thought they were exhibiting the only true type of Penn State Spirit. Friend, does not Penn State Spirit include everything? Does it not include the honest, straightforward, unflinching attitude of the upright man? Then this recent action is but the very essence of Penn State Spirit! It shows that we must come to an understanding as to just what we are going to do. It has been too plainly demonstrated that this thing we call an Honor System is but a sad farce.

We might as well face up to the proposition right away. We have long thought that there was something wrong with the system at this college. Now we know that there are a number of things in our minds there is but one code of honor, that established by a student body upheld by that body and executed by its supporters. It is an idealistic form, probably too idealistic at present, but unquestionably one that conforms to the highest teachings of Christian manliness. In this code, it is every man's chosen privilege to enter examinations, as he does all other work, with the knowledge that his personal honor is at stake in all he does. He needs no pledge to sign; he requires no watching; he needs not to report a fellow, because he is essentially honest. Of course it is argued that cheats will also creep in such places where but honest men should be, but such a fellow, when seen by other students, would receive their personal wrath, would be ostracized to such an extent that he could not remain in college of his own volition. Under such circumstances there would be a real Honor Code. Otherwise not. However, until we do have a student body that can handle things in such fashion, it were better that we had none at all rather than one conducted in slipshod fashion.

It is the only salvation. Penn State does not lose one iota in honor when she casts from her a thing that is nothing more than a direct stab at her honor. We cannot lose by departing from a thing that is not honorable. Abolish it. The COLLEGIAN hopes to be able to present to the students at regular intervals during this next month, the opinion of the foremost students in the college and members of the faculty regarding the system at Penn State and just what should be done with it.

THE Y. M. C. A.

Elsewhere in these columns appears the budget for the Penn State Y. M. C. A. This is published merely to show what the association is doing here. It is essentially a Penn State organization, endeavoring to serve the students as best it can and receiving what cooperation the students will give. It also at the same time is endeavoring to build character into the students while they are in college so that when they go into the world, men will be able to recognize that most valuable asset—a dependable character. The "Y" is sincere in all its attempts and even if at times it fails to measure up to the ideals set for it by some people, it should be remembered that as an organization it is attempting to render real service to as many as possible. It deserves the support of the students as a part of college life and the same can be said of many other organizations. Boost, don't knock.

MOTIVE POWER CLUB PLANS ACTIVE YEAR

The Motive Power Club, which was reorganized several weeks ago, is planning some very interesting meetings for the balance of the semester. At each of the regular monthly meetings short talks and lectures will be delivered by members of the faculty and also by student members of the club. The time will be divided equally between the faculty and student speakers and when possible, both will speak on the same subject. The program for the next few months is as follows—

- March 15—Professor A. J. Wood and M. E. Richardson '21, will speak on the same subject, "Mechanics of Curve Resistance"
- April 19—Professor O. K. Harlan will speak. He has not yet selected his subject. At the same meeting, J. D. Bonter '22, will speak on "Current Railway News."
- May 17—Professor E. M. Torrance will give a talk on the "Water

Spoon." At this meeting elections of officers for the next semester will be held.

The majority of the students taking the course in Railway Mechanical Engineering have had considerable experience in railroad work before coming to college and therefore are well qualified to speak on subjects concerning the course.

ENGINEERING NOTES

The Department of Mechanical Engineering received an important gift recently from Harrison Steam Boiler Works for determining the amount of condensing water, feed water or condensation flowing from various pieces of apparatus. These gifts will be placed in the new mechanical laboratory. M. L. Cover '07, M. E., who is Superintendent of the Rail and Bloom Mill of the Lorain Steel Company, was a visitor at the college on Friday for the purpose of inspecting the new Mechanical Engineering Laboratory.

Y. M. C. A. EXTENDS HELP TO STUDENTS

Organization Undertakes Many Activities for the Betterment of Penn State

The budget of the local Y. M. C. A. appears in another column in order that the students may know how this organization expends the money used locally. The Y. M. C. A. is situated at Penn State or any other institution of similar nature has a very definite and at the same time a very definite field of service. There are some three thousand students at Penn State and the aim of the "Y" this year has been to serve this body of students in as many ways as possible. It has attempted to establish a feeling of Christian fellowship through this effort to serve and primarily is interested in the lives of the students as they come here for the first time as Freshmen.

The program for this year as attempted by the Penn State Y. M. C. A. had its start long before the opening days of the college. The Student Development committee conceived the idea that a certain welcome should be extended to the new men before they get to college. With this in view a number of Sophomores were lined up to write to the new men welcoming them to Penn State and offering them whatever help might be needed. Altogether about five hundred Sophomores responded to this call and practically every Freshman received a cordial welcome before he arrived at State College. Following in the wake of this letter, a letter from the Y. M. C. A. accompanied a Student Handbook went to every Freshman welcoming him from the standpoint of the Christian Association and giving him a few pointers as to the easiest and best way to make his first few weeks more comfortable and homelike.

The Handbook has been an annual publication sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. for number of years and fills a great need in the lives of students. The information it contains is of such nature that it is a book of reference for all classes and is a valued possession of all students. For the last two years it has been distributed gratis to all members of the student body. For a number of years the Handbook has not only been distributed gratis but a certain percent of profit to the institution.

Campus Service

This has been one of the most important branches of the local work this year. With the opening of college, there was plenty for this department to do. Rooms were located and listed, Registration cards were checked in the Registrar's office, baggage was checked and information supplied to all those who came, and a helping hand of good fellowship was extended to all. Under the auspices of this committee, a cafeteria tent was established for the first few days in order that the students might have a place to secure meals until permanently located.

The first Friday night of college, one of the most successful Freshmen receptions ever held was tendered to the new men on the Penn State campus. About two thousand students availed themselves of this opportunity to get acquainted and spent a very enjoyable evening, singing Penn State songs and listening to the Old Penn State spirit. A series of entertainments and socials has been run at various times during the year, an attempt being made to do something for this nature every Saturday night. Daily in October, four homes in town were secured and a number of Freshmen girls had the privilege of a social function early in the year, thus combating any spirit of loneliness that might have been prevalent.

The field for this work is great and the only limit there is to the extent to which it may enlarge is the capability of the Y. M. C. A. to secure the amount of money available. With this end in view a larger amount of money is placed at the disposal of the campus service department next year and even more can be expected in the line of campus service next year.

Campaigns

Early in December, J. Stitt Wilson of California led a series of meetings on Christian Democracy and although

the results were not as widespread as some former campaigns, there is still to be felt a certain amount of good which was accomplished by those meetings. In the very near future all the efforts of the association, cooperating with the churches of the town, will be directed along the lines of vocational guidance in the form of a Life Work Recruiting Campaign which will attempt to show the students of Penn State that there is something for which they can devote their lives with greater returns than money or fame. It will be an attempt to show every student that there is great demand for Christian leadership both in this country and in foreign lands.

A number of smaller instances of activity might be cited in order that the students may know what the Y. M. C. A. is actually doing. There remains but one number in the most successful musical and entertainment course ever offered at Penn State. This is an attempt on the part of the local association to fill a need in the lives of students. There are at present about thirty student groups in the various fraternities and rooming houses of town which are being operated by students under the auspices of the "Y." While the new engineering unit has in the course of construction, the Industrial Service branch of the local Christian Association started an English class among the Spinnars working on the building. The results of this work were very gratifying. Plans are also made whereby work of this nature may be done at the Rockview Penitentiary in the near future. Several deputations have been made to towns over the state and several more are planned. These are of a different type than ever attempted before in that they aim to take the students to the High School boys' community and reports indicate that much good has been accomplished. The work of the local Y. M. C. A. is of such a nature that it must deal with the students if it is to succeed. Unless the workings of an organization are fully understood, a certain amount of fiction will develop and this opportunity is taken to acquaint the students with some of the work of the Association.

Projected Expansions

A number of projects for the future are under consideration. The first of these is a larger community service. There are unlimited opportunities for students to reach out and help the people in a real and lasting way. Two requisites are necessary for this work—a portable motion picture machine and a Ford Run are under way whereby these can be secured. In the near future a building for this organization and activities of similar nature will be needed. It will be the duty of the Y. M. C. A. to take it upon themselves to secure the money needed for this building. The Silver Bay conference demands that Penn State be better represented and it is hoped to send about forty men this year. An extra effort will be made to locate and to secure the funds.

The program as outlined and the projects in view are large and the scope is broad enough to warrant the increase which has been made in the budget. At all times the Y. M. C. A. at Penn State aims to build character in men and to save the students as they desire and need.

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E. W. GERARD.

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DR. PATTEE LECTURES ON EDGAR ALLAN POE

The second semester series of Tuesday evening lectures began Tuesday evening with a lecture on Edgar Allan Poe by Professor Pattee, of the English Department. Poe is undoubtedly the most romantic personality in American literature, and more is written today of the man than of his works. The tragic part of this state of affairs is that much of that written about him is influenced by Rev. Griswold's biography which is a prejudiced and very unjust treatise of the man. Professor Pattee brought out the fact that Poe is man without time or place in the catalogue of American Authors and accounted for it, in a measure, by describing the circumstances of his birth and early life. Born in Boston on January 20, 1809, of parents who were valet actors, he was adopted by the Allans, a good old southern family, at the death of his parents. When he was six years old he went to England with the Allans where he stayed until he was eleven years of age. Upon his return to America he was sent to school at Richmond and later to the University of Virginia.

Poe remained in the University for only a single year and was then withdrawn by his foster-father because he had contracted a large gambling debt. His university life had been very free and loose and Poe had traveled with "good" bunch, but throughout the whole year he had stood at the head of his classes and was looked upon as the intellectual leader in his crowd. After his withdrawal from the university, Poe joined the army and was later sent to West Point. His stay at the Point however lasted only a little longer than at the university and he finally resigned in having himself expelled for disobeying orders. The remainder of Poe's life was spent in New York or Philadelphia, in which latter place he died. After his expulsion from West Point he began his first literary work. He edited the "Southern Literary Messenger," until he was dismissed for unsteadiness, and later two or three magazines in New York.

Poe was essentially a magazine man. He holds the unique position among literary men as being the only man who never earned a penny except by his pen. His first works were poems and were for no other purpose than to portray beauty. Later in his life he wrote a great deal of prose. Poe was the first to lay out definite rules for the short story, in which he excelled. While Hawthorne brought situation to the story, Poe contributed impression. Every one of Poe's works leaves a definite impression on the mind of the reader. Poe was also the father of the detective story, for which his marvelous analytical mind was singularly adapted. No discussion of Edgar Allan Poe would be complete without a word concerning his criticism. His lack of funds and a paper medium through which he could express his views prevented his working out any system for criticism.

As a result all of Poe's criticism was fragmentary. Poe's criticism was for the most part of a constructive character, but when he was dealing with an enemy or a woman, it is said, he was very unfair. There is no doubt, that if Poe had had the means, he would have done the last word in American critical work.

1922 LAVIE STAFF HAS WORK WELL UNDER WAY

With over two-thirds of the material for the 1922 La Vie already in the hands of the publishers, Editor C. T. Douds is more than pleased with the progress that has been made. The remainder of the material is about completed and will be sent in the latter part of next week and the reading of the proof will commence shortly after that. The contract for the engraving, printing and binding has been let to The Grit Publishing Company of Williamsport who have been so successful in putting out the La Vies for several years back. The publishers will commence work on the work in book immediately and have promised the completed work by the first week in May. The La Vie this year will be the largest year book ever put out at Penn State and will have a section devoted to every college activity. The engravings and art work are all new and the originality and the cleverness of the artists exceeds the work in any other annual ever put out at this college.

D. J. PRICE WILL ADDRESS ENGINEERS

Mr. D. J. Price, who is Engineer in charge of the Development Work for the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, at Washington, will address the engineers on the subject of "The Development Work of the Bureau of Chemistry," Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Price will discuss for example, such subjects as the manufacture of syrup from sweet potatoes, the products which it is possible to derive from corn cobs, the dehydration of fruits and vegetables, and processes relating to the utilization of various waste products and the engineering factors involved in the development of new processes and new products and the placing of them on the market. This lecture should be of interest, not only to the engineers, but to the chemists as well. The lecture will be given in Room 200 of Engineering D.

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