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SHARE

The Penn State Y. M. C. A. is this week asking every man in college to "share" in its work. The "Y" at Penn State is entrusted with the Christian work on the campus and it has interpreted this to mean the presentation of a sincere message and at the same time the extension of as much service as possible to the students. The work which this organization is doing is known to all; its worth cannot be disputed, its sincerity is of the deepest sort; its ideals are high; it aims to build character, the greatest asset a man can have; it strives to help men reach outward and upward to find God as a reality.

But just now the Y. M. C. A. needs the financial support of every loyal Penn State man. Unless this support is had the Association will be seriously curtailed in the work at hand. Isn't the "Y" a worth-while organization? Has the local organization been guilty of any grave misdeeds such as were falsely connected with the International Committee during the war? You say that you're not interested in the "Y"? Then take a Share and see how your interest will increase. The Y. M. C. A. is doing a worthy work right here; it deserves the support of all. There can be but one answer—SHARE.

HARDLY FAIR

Little more than a week ago, when Penn State's athletes were giving students and visitors such a splendid example of sportsmanship and Penn State grit and spirit, the student body itself gave splendid examples of what poor spirit is like. Were this but the first offense in this direction it might be passed over lightly, but it seems that during the entire year these has been a tendency on the part of some students to indulge in petty vagrancies of conduct at affairs athletic and otherwise. There is no need to detail these various misinterpretations of propriety, inasmuch as everyone knows what they were and it may well be stated now, that the COLLEGIAN has been the recipient of a number of letters from students regarding such matters. We might well ask, "What are we coming to?" Every letter received emphasizes the lack of courtesy that seems to be prevalent at indoor meets, both to students who act in official student capacities and to students' guests.

The COLLEGIAN does not wish to always reprimand the student body on every slight point of misconduct, but the evidence in this incident has been too strong for it to go unreported. It is high time that certain members of the student body, those who were directly responsible for the noisy demonstrations at the boxing and wrestling meets over a week ago, learn the true meaning of Penn State Spirit. There is no room for rowdies at this college. True Penn State men are gentlemen in every sense of the word and it is the one desire that is ever prevalent in these men's hearts to uphold the name and honor of the college. It is the duty of every man who wishes to classify himself as such to see to it hereafter, at every occasion where students are gathered together, that any further attempts toward such commonplace demonstrations are stopped immediately. Create a sentiment against such actions that will soon weed out the undesirables who claim to find pleasure in such actions. Penn State develops men, and anyone who cannot line up with the others, had better mend his ways soon or go elsewhere.

The COLLEGIAN also wishes to remind correspondents that each letter must be signed by the writer himself, his name to be published or withheld as he desires.

SUMMER SESSION OFFERS NUMEROUS COURSES

Penn State will hold its twelfth Summer Session for Teachers beginning Monday, June twenty-seventh, and from all indications, the session will surpass those of former years. The department in charge of this phase of the college program has sent out 8,000 preliminary announcements to all parts of the state and the mailing list has not yet been completed. The main purpose of the summer session is to give the public school teachers of Pennsylvania an opportunity to broaden and deepen their knowledge of the subjects which they are teaching and in which they are interested. To attain this end the college will offer more than one hundred courses for which college credit will be given. The courses offered will prepare teachers for the examination for a Permanent State Certificate. In addition to the regular courses that will be offered, many prominent educators, lecturers, and entertainers will be here at various times during the session. It is probable that the students of the regular winter sessions will be permitted to attend the summer school and take extra work, but this has not been definitely decided. Students who are back in their schedules will be permitted to make up some of their work, as has been the custom in previous years.

March Fourth Remember the date

VIOLIN DUET RENDERED AT SUNDAY CONCERT

One of the best concerts of the season was presented by the College Orchestra in the Schwab Auditorium on last Sunday afternoon. A crowd of gratifying size and unusual sympathy made for the success of the concert. The first number offered was the march, "On To Victory" by Lowe. The march was an excellent concert selection and was played in good style. The second selection was one of von Suppe's ever popular overtures. Typical of all his compositions the brilliance of "The Beautiful Galatea" the selection played, was particularly outstanding in the present rendition. The following number was the piece de resistance of the concert, a duet by Messrs. Sherman and Witkoff, accompanied by Mrs. H. H. Hayner, Mrs. Sherman is the student leader of the orchestra. Mr. Witkoff is newly appointed concert master and Mrs. Hayner is one of the leading spirits in the musical life of the college and an excellent accompanist. Dr. J. A. "Marche Triomphale" and "Taranollo" were the selections played. "Reminiscences" by Schubert, and "Fantasia" from Verdi's Il Trovatore were then played by the entire orchestra. The last number was of a type not usually seen on concert programs, but particularly appropriate for an audience such as attends the concerts of the College Orchestra. It was the "Medley of College Songs" by Ehrlich.

LARGE AUDIENCES HEAR DR. JORDAN AT CHAPEL

"The Character David" and "The Character Daniel" were the subjects of the chapel addresses which were delivered on Sunday by Dr. Charles G. Jordan, of Volant, Pa., former clergyman and now a member of the State Legislature. Both sermons were well received by the large audiences which gathered to hear the speaker. Dr. Jordan was a commanding speaker maintaining the attention of his audience throughout and giving everyone something to think about. The speaker quoted "The Psalm of Life" by Longfellow, and said that we should make our lives sublime by making the best of the opportunities which are daily presenting themselves. We are incidentally at school, Daniel was subject to the same temptations as we are confronted with in our daily lives. He said that Daniel was both a great and good man, a real red-blooded man, capable of doing the best of public work. Greatness and goodness are not accidents but come after hours of thought, settled purpose and determination. When at school, Daniel excelled all other students in wisdom and understanding. "Wisdom," said Dr. Jordan, "is worth more than its weight in gold and gives the world a larger action in a conservative and constructive way."

"Daniel left a clean and spotless memory. He said 'I will keep undefiled I will not be a glutton I will be temperate.' He played I believe that prayer is as practical as work in your laboratories. When a man gets up against it, he prays. An instant holds out of every man's eye, 'God help me whenever in trouble.' Cromwell, Luther, Lincoln and Washington were exponents of prayer. Man's extremity is God's opportunity." The speaker then told of Daniel's severe temptations before he was cast into the lion's den. He ends this story with the words that "A man who is a saint in the eyes of history like Cromwell and Lincoln if he stands on his feet." The temptations which Robert D. Lee faced at the time of the Louisiana Lottery were related to show the soul of this great man. Dr. Jordan says, "It takes a little more backbone and a little more power but put your muscles, your mind, and your heart into the fight and you will win. Get a purpose, for it will give you the punch. Pray, and you will add power to your purpose. Maintain the faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the classroom, on the athletic field, and finally out in the world."

SPECIAL RULINGS FOR SENIOR GIRLS' DANCE

One of the big all-college social affairs of the year, the Senior girls' subscription dance, will take place at the Armory next Friday evening. Preparative arrangements have been made in preparation for the function and it promises to be a most enjoyable occasion. Special things have been made by the college and student authorities which make all persons eligible to attend. The Student Council has granted freshmen the privilege of going to the dance, while the affair will not be counted as a regular social function for the women students, who do not have to sign up a week ahead of time. Consequently, there is still opportunity for those who desire to attend to find partners. The music will be furnished by the Glee Club. Tickets may be purchased at the Athletic Store tomorrow evening from seven to eight o'clock.

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FACULTY MEMBER WRITES CONCERNING HONOR SYSTEM

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The Professor must absent himself from un-averse of his class. I am not unaware that the original consultation of the Honor System contained no such damning provision; for Section One of Article Two reads: "The member of the faculty in charge of the examination remains in the room or leaves at his option, but shall not act as a proctor." (The italics are mine). But in the course of years this provision has been so changed and amended, as Section Two of Article Five prescribes—but so twisted, so perverted so "interpreted" by a former Honor Committee as to mean—I quote from the Faculty Minutes—"The instructor cannot remain in the room during the examination without the consent of the students." (The italics are again mine). In these events a greater trustworthiness in the whole history of interpretation. Two and two shall no longer make four, but three and a half, or seven, what you will.

I am not here casting any aspersions on the members of the present Honor Committee. They are men of honor, every one, they have not tried to make out that black and white, they have not by any interpretation asserted that the provisions of the original Honor Constitution were to be taken in a "flexible" sense. What I am asserting is, that, granted in former years you had an Honor Committee with imagination, a proctor of the Constitution of the so-called Honor System could be "interpreted" to mean exactly the opposite from what it purported to read. Year after year, the President of the Honor Committee appears before some meeting of the Faculty, usually early in the College year. Year after year he requests that the Faculty give their support to the so-called Honor System. He says, "The nature of things, if the Honor Committee leaves the Faculty meeting, seemingly all unconscious of the fact that the so-called Honor System is a system of the student body, and that it would be quite germane to appeal to the members of the student body to support their so-called Honor System." In the nature of things, if the Honor System is to be supported, its provisions must be executed by those who have never yet executed them. For so far as I have been able to learn, no member of the student body these past seven years, has ever been brought before the Honor Committee on information furnished by a member of the student body; such information, when an action has ever been taken, has always come from some member of the Faculty. By its very wording, the makes the Honor System rendered as functioning impossible, for in the Fifth Section of Article One, we read, "If a student detects any dishonesty in a quiz or an ex-

amination, he shall at once quietly inform the offending party of the detection. If an honest student is paying strict attention to his work, he will be quite apt to be all oblivious of any dishonesty that is going on about him, if a dishonest student detects any dishonesty, it is hardly to be expected that he will punish. But, for seven years this provision on which vitally the whole System rests, has gone unexecuted, and for the very sound reason that in years past we have had no student who was such a prig, or such an ass, as to rise from his place in an examination, tap his classmate on the shoulder, and say to him, "Johnny, you're cheating, you must be good and live up to the Honor System." And knowing boy nature as well as I do, I am not expecting during the present year, or the next seven years, to see any student who will be such an ass or such a prig as to do anything of the kind.

The interests of the man who cheats in other parts of examination, moreover, have been guarded with such consummate skill by the committee who first submitted Section Five of Article One, that it is only a second offense that can be laid before the Honor Committee, which second offense may be the hundredth committed by the man in question, but which, if it is to be laid before the Honor Committee, must be the first observed by a fellow student who has already warned the culprit and who must at the same time call the attention of some third student to the offense. The Section to which I have referred is worthy the pen of a Machiavelli; it is safety for the cheat raised to the nth degree. The committee of our so-called Honor System, in view of the growth of the College, have rendered the abolishing of the System by the student body a very difficult, if not well-nigh impossible task. For, in accordance with Section Three of Article Five, it can only be voted out "by a three-fourths vote of the mass meeting consisting of two thirds of the regularly enrolled students of the College after at least one month's public notice of such meeting." Two-thirds of our present enrollment is in the neighborhood of two thousand students—and not a building on the

Campus to hold so many! For one, I shall hope that Doctor Sawtelle will become yearly one of the preachers to this College, but I cannot but feel, that had he known conditions here, as they are, his appeal while it would have been none the less strong, might have been couched in very different terms. I cannot but think that instead of telling us that—if the students of this College put out the Honor System, they put out honor, he would have called upon them in tones that would have electrified them, to arise and put out the unclean thing from amongst them, and put on honor by abolishing an impossible System that has never been one save of Dishonor. I am Very Truly Yours,
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