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## THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE

The voting yesterday showed that there is a large body of men who do not believe in the Honor System and that it does not have the support of over one third of the entire voters. If an overwhelming majority had voted to retain the system, it would indicate that the system had an excellent chance of becoming a success, but the outlook is not very bright in view of the large number who indicated their unbelief in the system by voting to abolish it. Also, it showed that the student body is nearly evenly divided in regard to the proposed amendments which were designed to strengthen the system and give it a chance of becoming a live factor in our scholastic life. As a result of the voting, the system remains the same as it was, and with the same weaknesses and flaws that permitted evasions with impunity, and with the same chances of success.

There are now two courses open; the faculty can abolish the system by a simple vote in a regular meeting if they believe that the system will not work any better in the future, or they can amend it. On the other hand, the student body may get behind the system and make a determined effort to enforce the present system. And we venture to say that if the student body does not demonstrate conclusively that it will make the Honor System work, the faculty will take the government of examinations out of the hands of the student body and install the proctor system which was used seven years ago. There is a strong possibility that the faculty will do this anyway. President Thomas stated in the mass meeting Wednesday night that if there is a large minority that is opposed to the Honor System, it is very likely that the system will not be a success. He stated that if there is a large number of students who are opposed to the Honor System at Penn State, even though there are not enough to put it out by a three quarter majority, the faculty are very likely to step in and put out the system. On the other hand the faculty may decide not to act immediately but will give the student body a chance to demonstrate that if necessary it can conduct its own examinations without any cheating. If this is the dominating opinion, the men and women of Penn State will have a final opportunity to show whether they wish to have an honor system or not. If there is cribbing, that will prove to the faculty that the student body is not willing to assume the responsibility of preventing cheating and the faculty will have no alternative but to cast out the system.

If we are permitted to have another chance to show whether or not the Honor System can be made to work, every man must put his heart and soul into the effort and squelch the first sign of cribbing that comes to his attention. The faculty of the present time can not go on! We must back the system to the limit or our honor system will be withdrawn. Those who voted to abolish the system must accept the verdict of the majority, and work for its success as long as it is in force. Thus only is there a chance of ever keeping the system. Faculty action is imminent and can only be prevented by an ever-present vigilance on the part of the student body to see that there is no cribbing. As soon as cribbing is allowed by the student body, the faculty will abolish the system.

A commendable expansion is noticeable in the activities of the theatrical organizations of the college, in the number of productions that are presented during the year and in the number of trips that have been made and that are to be made. The plays that are given in the towns and cities throughout the state are a splendid advertisement for this institution when given in the manner in which the Thespians and Penn State Players are accustomed to stage their productions, and serve to bring to the attention of the people of this commonwealth the many varied activities of the college.

The Penn State Players have shown much progress in their work and recently have inaugurated the plan of playing out-of-town engagements. Next week they plan to give a performance of their last year's success "Seven Keys to Baldpate" for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. This is a commendable feature of the Players' work and will no doubt be appreciated by every one interested in the success of the Y. M. C. A. for whose benefit the play is being given.

The annual request is necessary this year as in the past that the students do not trample down the grass on the campus especially at this time when the ground is softening up and the grass is easily ruined. It seems that after a time this request should become unnecessary as every one recognizes the fact that the grass can be easily spoiled at this time of the year by a little carelessness, but the action of the student body necessitates a notice. There is no need to go into the reasons for not walking on the grass as they are self-evident to all, and it is simply asked again that the men and women exercise a little thought in the matter and refrain from destroying our beautiful campus.

## News From Other Colleges

**SWARTHMORE**—Students have become golf enthusiasts and are using the front campus for the links. Having been careless, they have been reminded to shoot "fore" before striking the ball and to replace scalped sod after a vicious cut.

**WILLIAMSBURG**—Varsity athletes have formed a club for wearers of the "W". The membership will be limited to men who have won their "W" and to captains of minor sports teams. Coaches and several members of the faculty may also be admitted and alumni letter men will automatically become members.

**TOLEDO U.**—Plans are being made for students to wear an official button or pin in the form of a regulation emblem. These will probably be in the form of a seal and will be contributed free or at a nominal cost to all graduates. This emblem is expected to mean a great deal when persons wearing them have graduated and gone to distant places.

**TOLEDO U.**—Field Day is the latest innovation for the Freshman and Sophomore classes. A tug-of-war and track meet are scheduled for the occasion. This will be an addition to the Bag Rush to test the strength of the two classes.

**DELAWARE**—A rifle range has been added to the university equipment which will be open to all students. Rifles and ammunition are to be furnished by the military department. A series of competitive matches will soon commence to select the students to represent the institution in inter-collegiate matches.

**SUSQUEHANNA**—Arbor Day was fittingly observed when two sordid trees were planted by the Seniors following the breaking of the ground for the Hanesinger Memorial building. An effort is being made to have every type of tree that will grow in the region planted on the campus.

## On the Corner

Whadduh think?

The other day  
I wuz w' d'ikin down  
Street with a Frosh  
Who asks me  
Why You dings had to  
Speak to each other?  
Mindja!  
I sez that  
Seem' as how I wuz  
A general custom for  
Us fellows to speak  
To each other  
The Frosh might as well  
Learn immediately and be  
Like us old studs.  
In a short time

Just liko that!

He only sez "Oh"  
It wuz a little "Oh"  
But it wuz sed  
With no little thought.

He wuz thinkin'!

I wondered about  
His reply  
Until we passed  
A stude to whom  
We both sed our  
Hello  
Like regular guys  
The stude  
Looked sorta  
"Amused and  
Finally mumbled  
Something in return

Then I realized  
Whiz the Frosh  
Had sed his little  
Oh!  
Be cause MANBE  
The custom of  
Speaking to ev'ry one.  
Died away some  
Of it

Has it?  
We ask 'uh  
Whadduh think?

## PENN STATE FARMER

### ELECTS NEW STAFF

Tuesday evening at a meeting held in the new office, 101 Hort Building, the staff of The Penn State Farmer chose the following men to fill the positions on the managing board: D. C. Hittsman '22, editor in chief; G. G. Gault '22, Editor; H. H. Harnett '22, Business Manager; R. D. Culbertson '22, Circulation Manager; and Miss Margaret Glosner '22, Home Economics Editor. Several underclassmen were added to the staff to fill five vacancies left by resigning members.

Business Manager Harnett tendered a report for the past year, which shows that the publication has just passed through its most prosperous year since its inception. The circulation has increased approximately five hundred, a goodly part of which was among the farmers of the state, while the student circulation is larger than ever before.

Following routine business, Dean R. L. Witts presented the customary gold chain to the retiring members of the board: J. E. Weber, Editor-in-chief; F. L. Coats, Editor; Harold Hamer, Business Manager; J. B. Kinsig, Circulation Manager; and Miss Dora V. Passmore, Home Economics Editor. Dean Witts commended the Board upon their good work and spoke of the big and bright future ahead.

After the business meeting refreshments were served. The new board took over the management immediately and are now formulating plans for a bigger and better Farmer for the next year.

### IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

BEING APPOINTED BY YP  
The Y. M. C. A. cabinet held a meeting last Tuesday evening in Old Main, when it was decided that instead of appointing a chairman in the new cabinet and allowing him to appoint the various committees, the cabinet as a whole will select the committees, of which there will be ten of five members each.

President C. T. Dodd '22, of the new cabinet, states that only two or three positions on the cabinet have been filled thus far, but that he thinks the appointments will have been made in two or three weeks.

## RURAL TEACHER IS SOCIAL LEADER, SAYS DR. SPARKS

### Unusual Opportunities for the Agr Educator Pointed Out in Country Life Club Address

At a meeting of the Country Life Club in the Horticultural Building last Monday evening, Dr. E. E. Sparks addressed the members on "The Value of an Education," in relation to pupils in the country schools, a subject deeply interesting to those students who are looking forward to becoming teachers or leaders of social welfare work in rural districts. Dr. Sparks offered "Vocational Guidance" as the phrase of the hour, heard all over the country in the way that "Dilettency," "Safety First," and such slogans were once widely quoted. He compared the ideal of a classical education with its emphasis on Latin and Greek, to the modern ideal of a more practical one with its emphasis on the preparation of the student for the life he is to live. In a humorous fashion, the speaker related some of his experiences as the product of an almost wholly abstract education when, after graduation, he was obliged to secure a living.

When he had secured a position as a country school teacher, he became acquainted with conditions as they existed in the old time rural school, with its dull daily routine and monotonous character of the work. Today, it has changed for the better. Teachers are seeking to present school work in a more attractive manner. It is being offered no account is taken of the fact that the farmer's son expects some day to engage in agricultural work. If he does not attend college, he has no chance to learn much of his intended vocation. In this respect, then, vocational work is a protest against the uniform school routine.

Students who are being trained as leaders in vocational education represent the first attack on the old system of education, and those who specialize in agricultural educational work have a great field open before them. Dr. Sparks emphasized the importance of the teacher's task, as a leader of youth, with the numerous opportunities of doing good to the individual and to the community. "The teacher's work is hard, the reward in money is small, but other rewards overshadow this deficiency. Probably no other man, excepting the minister, enjoys the admiration and respect of so many people. It is this friendship, and the knowledge that he is doing a great work, that enables the teacher to be happy in his chosen profession."

## APPLICATION FOR SUMMER COURSE SHOULD BE FILED

All students wishing to take work in the summer session of the college should make application on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Cards for this purpose can be obtained at the office of the Dean of the School in which the student is enrolled. Freshmen should apply at the office of the Dean of the School in which they will be enrolled next year. At the same time there will be distributed to those who wish to procure a copy, the new catalogue for the Summer Session. Those who wish to receive special advice or information concerning this work can request the same from their Dean or from the Director of the Summer Session. Home Economics students are requested to apply at the office of Miss Chace. It is most important that all who wish to take studies in the Summer Session should file their application within the set time in order to insure themselves of this privilege.

## DIL THOMAS TO SPEAK ON "THE USE OF FREEDOM"

President Thomas will have charge of both chapel services this Sunday and expects to speak on the subject, "The Use of Freedom." As the audience will probably include many students' fathers, the sermon will be made appropriate to the occasion.

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## FRATERNITY NINES MUST PAY FEE OF ONE DOLLAR

Because of recent purchase of new baseball equipment, consisting of bases, catcher mitts and masks, etc., it is necessary that each fraternity in the fraternity baseball league be assessed one dollar to help defray the expenses and all fraternity managers are requested to send the required fee to F. B. Banks '22, at the Delta Upsilon House immediately. Diamond No. 2 cannot be secured for fraternity baseball games any longer, since it will be devoted exclusively to the lacrosse and soccer men, and this loss will necessitate the playing of games on Saturday at one thirty p. m. on the other diamonds.

Games scheduled for tomorrow and next week are as follows:  
Saturday, April 30  
Alpha Chi Sigma vs Sigma Chi—Diamond No. 1  
Phi Sigma Kappa vs Kappa Theta—Diamond No. 3  
Delta Sigma Chi vs Alpha Chi Rho—Diamond No. 4  
Monday, May 2  
Sigma Chi vs Phi Sigma Pi—Diamond No. 1  
Alpha Gamma Rho vs Delta Sigma Phi—Diamond No. 3

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Kappa Delta Rho vs Tau Sigma Tau—Diamond No. 4  
Wednesday, May 1  
Phi Kappa Sigma vs Omega Epsilon—Diamond No. 1  
Phi Gamma Delta vs Theta Xi—Diamond No. 3  
Alpha Zeta vs Kappa Sigma—Diamond No. 4  
Games played last Monday resulted as follows:  
Delta Upsilon—3  
Phi Kappa Psi—0  
Sigma Nu—10  
Tau Sigma Phi—5  
Phi Kappa Alpha—3  
Delta Tau Delta—1

## Y. M. C. A. CABINETS

**ARE PLANNING HIKE**  
The old and the new Y. M. C. A. cabinets are planning a joint hike celebration, to take form of an all-night hike next week to a cabin in the mountains. There is a strong chance that either "Felix" Vogel '15, a well known alumnus of Penn State, who has hiked in China for the past several years, or else Tom McConnell '12, another popularly known alumnus of this institution, who has hiked in China for some time, will go along to lighten the festivities. The party expects to start Saturday afternoon, May seventh, and return some time Sunday.

## MUSIC NOTES

With President Thomas as the speaker at Chapel next Sunday, special music for the affair has been arranged by the Department of Music. The prelude will be "The Old Refrain," by Fritz Kreisler, played by Mrs. Robinson at the piano, with organ embellishment. The full College Chorus will render a "Te Deum Laudamus" by J. R. Thomas, with incidental solo and quartet by Misses Fulton and Erb, and Messrs. Haude and Blanchard. A second anthem, "God Hath Appointed a Day," by Berthold Tours, with solo and quartet, will be sung by Misses Dun and Thompson and Messrs. Roxby and Douglas. Both are brilliant musical numbers and will find the chorus at its best. At the Father's Day Mass meeting in the Auditorium, the Varsity Male Quartet will feature several of their latest successes.

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