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SUPERVISED ELECTIONS

The agitation and suggestion of fraud which arose after the first election of the Junior class this week has shown the imperative need for some system of balloting against which no doubt can be raised. The present system of indiscriminately passing out wads of paper upon which the class writes the name of its choice for the election and the later haphazard collection of these same slips of paper so characteristic of the Penn State system gives no assurance of honesty and provides no safeguards for the election officers in case a cry of fraud arises. This system is proof against no form of dishonesty and is really an invitation for the wavering man to be dishonest. On the other hand, the election officers are constantly liable to suspicion and they have no means of proving the fairness of the election with this system. They are required to collect all the ballots offered to them as they pass through the class and have no means of knowing whether a man has voted twice or even at all.

This system not only places suspicion upon every election in which there is a discrepancy in the number of ballots cast for various offices but it affords an opportunity for disappointed losers to throw blame upon the tellers who may be "in no way to blame." This is obviously unfair to any man who may be asked to take charge of an election under our present hit-or-miss method and some system must be introduced which will safeguard the honor of the election officers as well as care for the interests of the class.

Another disagreeable consequence is that the man in charge of the election is often accused of appointing tellers who may be swayed from their duty by considerations in opposition to the interests of the class. It is a natural train of thought to suppose that stuffed ballots involve crooked tellers, and that crooked tellers are chosen with the connivance of a dishonest appointing officer. This is liable to happen at any election held under the system now in use by the classes and is extremely unfair to the men in charge of the balloting. The system must go. We must have a system with which there can be no doubts, one that is fool-proof and one which will safeguard the honor of the men involved.

One system which would minimize to a great extent the evils of the system now in vogue is the use of printed ballots. These could be distributed one to each man as he enters the balloting room, marked, and then deposited in a locked ballot box on leaving the room. The box containing the ballots is then taken in charge by a committee appointed by Student Council or some other agency of student government, to be counted. The ballots should be recounted to prove the first count and then kept for several days in case of a contested election. This method will prevent many of the evils of the present system and will minimize the opportunities for dishonesty. It would prevent much of the scandal which gathers about the names of the election officers and keep the name of the class above suspicion.

There are various systems of voting and various means of safeguarding the honesty of elections, and other methods may be offered which will provide less opportunity for fraud. The present system can not continue. It is a menace to every class which employs it and a direct invitation for criticism of the honesty of the men in charge. Penn State's student government depends upon the absolute squareness of the elections and anything which jeopardizes that student government must go. We can not afford to let any doubts arise as to the absolute fairness of our elections and all means must be used to insure a system which will be as nearly perfect as possible.

THE SALVATIONISTS

The slogan that "A Man May Be Down But He's Never Out" tells in a vivid manner the field of endeavor in which the Salvation Army does its work. Its aim is to reach the lowest elements of society, the down-trodden and neglected and despised creatures, that other benevolent organizations do not touch. Its aim is to bring light to the dark places of the earth, to uplift the weak, and lend a helping hand to the struggling who would otherwise sink in the slough of despair. An organization of this character is wholly dependent upon the support of the more fortunate citizens if it is to continue its work of aiding the unfortunate. The Salvation Army is not a rich philanthropic institution, heavily endowed, but needs the modest contributions of everyone according to his ability.

The Rehabilitation Club members have gotten vigorously behind Tag Day which will be held on Memorial Day and they deserve the support of everyone when they offer the Tags for sale at whatever you wish to contribute. A splendid way in which to celebrate the day will be to give a generous donation to this cause in the name of the soldiers and sailors who gave their lives for the sake of humanity.

CHANGE IN TIME OF ISSUE

On account of Memorial Day, the next issue of the Collegian will be published on Wednesday, June first, instead of Tuesday, May thirty-first, the regular day of issue.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS ARE HONORED BY S.I.E.

Penn State Society Will be First Student Branch Recognized by National Society

The Industrial Engineering Society at Penn State has been given the honor of becoming the first student branch of the Society of Industrial Engineers. At the recent national spring convention of the S. I. E. held at Milwaukee, Wis., the matter of establishment of student branches was approved largely thru the efforts of Prof. E. J. Kunze, head of the Department of Industrial Engineering, who introduced and advocated the idea.

The students in the Industrial Engineering Society here will benefit greatly by this change. They will enjoy all the privileges of the regular membership with the exception of voting and holding office. The local society will receive all publications of the organization which has for its purpose the advancement of the industrial engineering profession. Thru the S. I. E. the students will be able to bring in more speakers of experience in their type of work to address their meetings. Part of the membership fee attached to the organization will revert to the State College society, benefiting the students still further in this way to carry on their work.

This membership becomes effective at once and the S. I. E. Society will undoubtedly accept it at their first meeting. The present Seniors in the course will benefit by this as the Junior members may retain their membership for two years after graduation when they may join the senior society without the payment of the membership fee. Massachusetts Institute of Technology and New York University will probably be the next schools where student branches will be organized. A southern institution may also organize a student branch soon.

Professor Kunze is Vice President in charge of research of the S. I. E. He introduced the idea of student branches at the meeting last year in Philadelphia which was approved at this year's convention.

Glee Club Holds Annual Elections

At the weekly meeting of the Penn State Glee Club held last Wednesday evening in the Auditorium, officers for the coming scholastic year were elected. Results of the election showed that the following men will have charge of the activities of the musical organization for the year 1921-1922: President, C. T. Doula '22; Vice-President, E. H. Oberholzer '22; Secretary, E. H. Rolston '22; Business Manager, U. H. Noll '22; Publicity Manager, S. R. Gerber '22; D. H. Pomeroy '23, E. H. Rolston '23 and E. W. Keatley '23 were selected as First Assistant Managers.

On its recent trip to Williamsport, the Glee Club sang before a large appreciative audience at the Newberry High School of that place. Plans for a previous trip but both requests were later cancelled. It has been decided to make the concert at Williamsport an annual affair to take place in the latter part of each spring. All forms are being directed toward the Commencement entertainment for it is hoped to make this concert the greatest success of the year on the Penn State musical calendar.

CO-EDS PLAN ERECTION OF RECREATION HALL

A joint meeting of the Women's Student Government Association and the Women's Athletic Association was held Wednesday evening in Old Chapel. Dean Knight addressed the girls on several matters of importance, one of which was the necessity of electing a member of the Incoming Senior class to serve on a committee for laying plans for a Recreation Hall for the Penn State girls. A committee of alumnae have started making plans to raise money to erect the proposed Recreation Hall, and the co-operation of the girls now in school is needed to further their efforts.

Plans for the participation of the women students in the inaugural parade for President Thomas next October were discussed and it is probable that there will be two floats, one depicting the work of the Home Economics department and the other representing the women's Athletics. The girls will also take part in the Memorial Day parade next Monday.

At the Athletic Association meeting following speeches were made by the managers in charge of the various sports, briefly reviewing what had been done this year and what they hoped to accomplish next year. Announcement was made of a track meet to be held Saturday afternoon at two-thirty on Stone House Field. All entrants must qualify in three events. A girls' basketball game will take place immediately after the track meet.

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On the Corner

Say, if it isn't too personal would you mind telling us how you hit that quiz that Prof. Edison served the college students with two or three weeks ago. You ought to have one or two of the questions by now. What, you haven't? Boy, page Mr. Edison!

Old man Edison certainly can manufacture fine questions but we wonder quite seriously whether he can answer similar ones just as well. You see young Edison who is a student at Massachusetts Tech, was unable to pass his father's test and he is a chip off the old block. Uh-huh, looks bad for pa, doesn't it?

Well, just to find out whether Pa Edison can knock any question cold, we prepared a list of easy ones and are willing to bet ten to one that he cannot answer more than five! They fall under the head of foolish questions up here and even a Freshman can answer most of them.

Now don't get in a hurry, you'll see them soon enough. Better get your pencil out so you can get a good start. Well, here goes.

Where is Mac Hall?
How high is up?
Will the Penn State baseball team win every game?
Who is All Star Cast and what pictures did he play in?
If a burglar gets in the cellar, will the coal shute?
How many stones are there in Old Main?
Is State College dry yet?
What is a feed?
Who discovered State College? (We don't know this one ourselves).
Will the underclassmen have drill next year?
If the bread falls, will the kitchen sink?
When are we going to get the new Gym?
Will vacation ever come?
Is a Freshman allowed to wear a dink?
How many home runs has Babe Ruth knocked?
What record did Penn State's swimming team make last year?
Why do they have street cars in State College?
If Sawdust fills the bases, will Soap Glenn up?
When did Red dye?
Is it right to be wrong?
Was Barnum right?
Which was why, and who?

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PROFESSOR KNIGHT GIVES LECTURE ON ORE MINING

Three reels of motion pictures secured by the Department of Mines through the courtesy of the U. S. Department of Interior, were shown at a lecture delivered by Professor O. A. Knight of the Metallurgy Department in Old Chapel on Tuesday evening.

The pictures illustrated the open-cut method of mining iron ore, and the various operations were ably explained by Professor Knight. In this method, steam shovels are used to dig the ore from the earth and to carry it to the cars. From the mine the ore is transferred to ports on Lake Superior where it is loaded by means of steam shovels into iron vessels of capacities ranging from eight to thirteen thousand tons. When the ore reaches the furnaces, it is unloaded from the vessels by means of electric buckets of seven ton capacity.

A panoramic view of the blast furnace was shown and the methods involved in making the finished product from the crude ore. The ore is carried to the blast furnaces from the stock pile, and after oxidation the crude iron is tapped from the furnaces and poured into ladle cars, which carry it to the mixers. Here through several operations, the crude iron is made into refined steel.

Another process illustrated was the Bessemer process in which the crude iron is formed into steel ingots from which the molds are stripped. These ingots are rolled into thin sheets by means of rollers, and are then shaped into pipes and subjected to very high pressure tests. Various machines are used in finishing and threading the product. The machinery in the plant illustrated are of the most modern type and the picture illustrated clearly the new, automatic machines which are now in use.

Professor Knight gave some figures relative to the amount of pig iron produced annually in the world. He stated

that the record for production was made in 1916 when the United States produced forty million tons, sixteen and one half million of which came from the state of Pennsylvania giving twenty-two per cent of the total amount mined in the world.

AMERICAN LEGION TO SELL FRENCH POPPIES

May 20, 1921

Dear Sir: The American Legion has chosen the Poppy of Planters Fields as a Memorial Flower to be worn by everyone on the thirtieth of May as a tribute to the soldiers of the World War who made the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle.

In order that the people of State College might have an opportunity to pay this tribute to the soldier dead and at the same time give their support to a very worthy cause the local post of the American Legion is securing a supply of red silk poppies. These poppies are made by the women and children of France of materials furnished by various organizations and the entire proceeds from their sale are to be used for the relief of war orphans in the devastated regions of France. These will be placed on sale as soon as they arrive and will be sold as follows:

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